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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2018**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

WELCOME

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

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

The Chairperson also welcomed students from the Walker Street School, who attended the meeting.

1. PRESENT***Councillors***

Cr. Kim Le Cerf (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Alan Cochrane – Manager Finance

Felicity Leahy – Manger Recreation and Libraries

Sally Moxham – Manager Environment and sustainable Transport

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Jennifer Paterson – Property Manager

Jim Barrett – Coordinator Planning and Reporting

Michael Pogemiller – Coordinator Reservoir Leisure Centre

Jody Brodribb - Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Alexis King - Council Business and Governance Officer

Hemamali Hettihewa - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-269

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 September 2018 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted, with an amendment to the Assembly of Councillors for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 27 August 2018, to reflect that Cr. Messina arrived at the Briefing at 6.45pm.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Isabela Rottura - Reservoir**

Is the council going to do anything to address the high crime rate of assaults in and around Northland Shopping centre?

You may have seen an interview I did with channel 7 news of my daughter being assaulted in the Hoyts toilets, Northland. There is a lot of assaults in and around this area and I have proof of this on video that I obtained from a bashing site that this gang of girls uploaded. The constant gangs that hang around the bust stop at Northlands is very intimidating to everyone that uses it.

My question is, will the council contribute to fix this problem by establishing a police centre there to help people feel safe?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thank you for your question. I am truly sorry to hear about this incident and can understand the ongoing distress this has caused your daughter and family. I understand that Victoria Police is investigating the incident.

Council works closely with Northland Centre Management, security and Victoria Police to address safety issues in and around Northland Shopping Centre. This work occurs through the Northland Precinct Action Group, or NPAG.

The group works collaboratively to make Northland a safer place with a focus on proactive and preventative interventions.

Council will table the issues you have raised for discussion at the next NPAG meeting in November, and will work to identify opportunities to improve safety at Northland Shopping Centre.

- **Brian Sanaghan – West Preston**

My question is to the CEO.

CEO has the submission from the Falcons FC to Council for a grant of \$300k been distributed to all Councillors and is it available to ratepayers via the minutes.

Has due diligence been done on the submission?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thank you for your question Mr Sanaghan, which I will answer.

A summary of the submission is contained in the public report that is being considered at the Council meeting tonight.

The submission made from the Darebin Falcons was in the form of a discussion paper and has been shared with the Councillors.

The full discussion paper has not been made part of the report. However, the Darebin Falcons have been contacted and have given permission for this document to be shared publicly and officers will provide a copy to you.

As part of the due diligence process, officers have met with the Falcons on several occasions to understand the context of the request as well as the risks and implications of either supporting or not supporting entering into a partnership agreement.

Documents included in this review include:

- Darebin's Women's Sports Club Incorporated Annual Report 2017
- Darebin's Women's Sports Club Incorporated Financials
- Darebin's Women's Sports Club Incorporated Strategic Plan

This is consistent with Council's approach when entering into funding agreements with community organisations.

The funding proposal was considered in light of the Darebin Leisure Strategy Action Plan 2015 - 2020 that aims to achieve greater equity for women and girls in sport with a target of a 15% increase in female membership in organised sport by 2020 (from 2015) and at least 30% of organised sport participants are women and girls by 2020.

- **Anne Laver - Northcote**

The Streets for People Plan will help reduce the speed of traffic and the rat-running along the Mernda Line which is a good thing however, residents who live next to the train line with less need to a car have been given priority parking over those who have no choice but to drive to the train stations.

The report makes no mention of the requests to retain parking at the Train Stations.

When asked where those who live over 500 metres from the train station were going to be able to park I was informed to just use the local streets, which of course would upset those residents and also many of these streets have restricted parking therefore preventing one from parking and going to work.

For me I need to be able to park to enable me to attend the Council meetings and other meetings. I guess if I could not attend some people at the Council not be unhappy about this but I feel this is unfair to me and others who have no choice but to drive.

Therefore I ask, will the Council retain the number of car parking spaces at the train stations?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thanks Anne, I understand that this question relates to the item that is on Council's agenda for discussion tonight.

If Council were to adopt the Streets for People plan for the Northcote-Thornbury corridor in tonight's agenda it would be expected that a small number of car parks would be removed. These would mostly be in locations where street trees are proposed to be added.

There are sufficient car parks on street through this corridor to accommodate the needs of commuters, visitors to the nearby shops and residents.

I can also clarify that the Streets for People plan on today's agenda doesn't propose to change the existing parking restrictions in this area.

Separate to the Streets for People work, I can let you know that we are also currently in the early stages of developing a Parking Strategy to take a look at how to best manage parking across Darebin City.

As part of this we'll definitely be looking at what's needed near train stations, taking into consideration the need to balance competing demands between residents and train commuters as well as equity and how parking and transport will change in the future.

The parking strategy is progressing in this financial year and we're planning extensive engagement and opportunities for community to get involved.

It is also worth being aware that off-street car parking at train stations is provided and managed by Public Transport Victoria.

- **Anne Laver - Northcote**

It is disappointing the Council are increasing the swimming fees at the Reservoir Leisure Centre, especially in the light of the fact the Centre has been closed for repairs so often in the past year.

Will the Council consider a refund or reduction in fees in memberships during the periods that the Leisure Centre is inoperative, especially the Hydro Pool?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Ann, thank you for your question. Council is voting tonight on proposed new and amended fees for Reservoir Leisure Centre fees. These proposed new and amended fees fall into three categories:

Firstly, proposed new fees. These are for

- Reintroduction of the Personal Training service
- Group Fitness Multi-Visits Pass; and
- Family Swim pass.

Secondly, a Proposed Fee with no increase. This is for Workcover membership and there is no change from 2017/18. This fee was accidentally omitted from the 2018/19 fee schedule.

Thirdly, Proposed Fees with 2.5% CPI increase. These three changes relate to certain Swim School fees, which were incorrectly included in the 2018/19 fee schedule without CPI increase, while other Swim School fees did increase by CPI for 2018/19. There are three of these swim school fees which are proposed for amendment.

In relation to the unfortunate times when an element of the Leisure Centre is unavailable. When this happens, members are advised of the closure -- and they are offered the ability to suspend or cancel their membership without charge for the period when a facility is unavailable. Alternatively, members are able to use NARC facilities during the service interruption.

In recognition of the ongoing facility issues that have caused service interruptions, and to say thank you to the loyal RLC members, a number of free activities have been held on site in recent months. This includes a Members Breakfast, giveaways, and free activities.

Of course we all want the RLC to be fully functioning all the time, and that's why we are currently conducting a feasibility study for a major project to upgrade and/or redevelop the RLC so it meets members needs now, and into the future.

- **Faysar Nasr - Reservoir**

As there are four in favour of removing the restrictions on the south side why is the recommendation (extract from submission p.70) "that from a parking management perspective that the two hour restrictions be removed on the north side and the two hour restrictions be retained on the south side to accommodate the residents' needs in Queen Street."

I believe this is an error in the submission by the Transport Engineer, can this be confirmed and rectified before the members of the council vote?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thank you for your question Faysal.

Council will consider this item later tonight. I have sought clarity from officers and can confirm that the recommendation of the option that parking restrictions be removed from the North side of Queen Street was intentional. The transport engineer has advised that the reasons for this are:

- Firstly, as there are more parking spots available on the North side of the street than on the South side this option means that more parking spaces would be unrestricted.
- Secondly, that more residents would benefit as on the North side of the street residents are not eligible for parking permits (given they reside in dwellings constructed after 2004). By contrast, on the South side of the street a number of residents would be eligible for parking permits.

As I mentioned we'll consider this item later tonight. You are welcome to stay for the debate and decision if you like.

- **Marion Harper – Darebin Progress Association**

My question relates to the apparent confidential nature of the VPA draft report on Preston Market Planning Review which is being submitted to the Planning Minister without this community's awareness of its content. Our concern is with the so called 'confidential' nature of this report.

We note that the consultation with the VPA was widely publicized as a 'community consultation'. Indeed many of our colleagues in the community participated in this consultation and their input makes up much of this report.

We consider any proposal to submit this community consultation report to the Minister without community access to that document is wrong, is undemocratic, is further instance of the 'dumbing down' of the public which seems to be gathering strength, including here in Darebin. No explanation for the report to be secret and confidential has been reported to the community, no justification for this has been explained. How will the community assess if their views were accurately transmitted to the Minister?

There is mounting concern in Darebin that there is a growing lack of openness and transparency being promoted by this Council, we well remember when the Heritage Report was first suppressed by Council without explanation, then released after much community angst.

Consultations are expensive and paid for by our community, either through rates or taxes and are therefore our property.

Council needs to recognize where its responsibility lies in this matter if they are to demonstrate that community consultation is not simply a tactic to divert responsibility for hard decisions.

Will Council represent its ratepayers by calling on the VPA to immediately release this Report to our community?

Will Council, if it does agree to this representation, make the letter/email available to the community?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Thanks for your question Marion.

Transparency is certainly something that is important to me personally and to this Council and that is one of the reasons why we established the guiding principles at our 3rd of September meeting for Council's work in regards to Preston Market so it was clear what positions we were advocating for. These are public and give you a good understanding of what Council is committed to in terms of the Preston market.

In regards to the VPA's Recommendations Report to the Minister, it is important to understand that this is not a Council report and we have no authority to release it. It's a decision for the Minister for Planning and it's not at either Council or VPA's discretion. We understand the Minister will consider it in due course.

I note there is an item on tonight's agenda regarding this specifically about releasing it and depending on the outcome of that, if the motion is to be supported then any letter that is sent to the Minister is of course available to the public to see

- **Robin Vote – Preston**

A group of Darebin residents concerned that Council may withdraw from aged care service provision has been circulating a petition for several months in 2018. Signed petitions have been tabled at Council meetings on a monthly basis ever since.

How many signatures does Council acknowledge receiving to date?

In future the numbers of petition signatures tabled at meeting must be shown in the Council meeting minutes so that residents are made aware of the importance of the aged care service issue in the community.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

We will have to take that on notice, in regards to the number of people who have signed that petition.

In response to the second question, we had a discussion around what is recorded when a petition is presented in Council and at the moment the Local Law doesn't require us to put in the number of petitioners within the petition, but that is something that we are looking at through the review of our Local Law.

- **Josephine Gambaro on behalf of Joesph Gambaro - Reservoir**

We have become aware that there's a development proposal at 1019 High Street, Reservoir.

To date there's never been a sign out the front of the property informing the public about the proposal, so the public can have their say, what is Council going to do to enforce developers to abide by procedure of planning permits instead of building town houses in a single dwelling area.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

That is concerning to hear that there hasn't been advertising of that development and I am sure that the CEO will make sure that is followed up tomorrow so we would like to get some further details so that we can follow that up.

- **Dulcie Hook**

Mayor and Councillors,

In her letter of 5 October to Residents, Ms Cathy Henderson, General Manager Community said, "For this consultation period, the review panel will be issuing a discussion paper."

However it seems the Discussion paper received has been written and issued by Darebin Council – not the Panel (Rhonda Galbally and Peter Allen). The "Review of the needs of older people in Darebin" referred to in the Discussion paper was prepared by another outside researcher, Jeanette Pope, who had assistance from three Council people.

Many of us in the Community are concerned Council is more interested in providing social activities for us rather than the needed items such as the heavy shopping, house work, meals.

It seems Councils aim is to control this whole process to get the result you want. You are spending a massive amount of rate payer's funds (\$250,000), not necessarily for the needed benefit of rate pater/residents.

Question:

Are you prepared honestly to listen to and act for the needed benefit of the 'Aged and Disability' people in Darebin?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

In response to some of the concerns you raised, I can assure you apart from the Mayors message that was at the front, that I wrote, every other word within that document was written by the independent panel Rhonda Galbally and Peter Allen. This process is about not about controlling anybody, it is about going out into the community and hearing what the older people need now and into the future.

There are a number of questions that Rhonda and Peter have posed at the back of the discussion paper to hopefully stimulate some of that discussion and thoughts and that I would encourage everybody in the community get involved. There are a number of ways that you can make your views heard and that is on the website, popping into a session that are happening all over the place and that have started as of last week and you can also make a written submission at any time as well.

- **John Nugent**

My question is about Item 8.3 on tonight's agenda.

I know my club would welcome to submit a submission on children for single parent homes, diverse homes, children to play football and of course young girls.

If we are fair, we should give all clubs a go.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

Obviously we have relationships with all clubs across Darebin and if there are needs or a partnership that Council can establish with them to assist them with anything that they are going, then the door is always open to have those conversations.

Mr. Nugent then asked a further question regarding getting assistance from the Mayor with putting together a submission and the Mayor advised that the club is welcome to make a submission and have a conversation with Council regarding that submission.

At this point in the meeting, Brian Sanaghan began interjecting from the gallery. Despite numerous requests from the Mayor for him to refrain, he did not do so. As a result, Mayor Le Cerf requested Mr Sanaghan to leave the Chamber. He failed to do so. Mayor Le Cerf subsequently adjourned the meeting until Mr Sanaghan left the chamber.

AJOURNMENT – 6.29pm

The Chairperson, Mayor Le Cerf, adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes.

The meeting recommenced at 6.34pm.

EXTENSION OF QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-270

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

That Question and submission time be extended for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

- **John Nugent**

Madam Mayor,

I refer to a letter received from Rachel Ollivier re – Dole Donath Master Plan. In the letter it states “A Community reference group has been formed to assist Council in prioritising future action associated with the Master Plan”.

Madam Mayor, this is totally unfair to me personally. When they first called for consultation for the Master Plan I gave my opinion. Now it appears the Dole Reserve is finished – part of Donath West is finished – Johnson Street half pipe, a half basketball court, seats, table. Central West finished with bbq shelter seats and tables. All this was done by the Council not the reference group.

The Reference group was formed about when the budget was released this year.

I had a meeting with the former Manager of Recreation and advised her and two people from Planning what I believe that need be done around oval No. 1.

I firmly believe that this is a slap in the face by Council if we have to wait for the Reference group. Why can't this be done now?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

The Mayor advised that this question would be taken on notice and that Council officers would be in touch to get further information about the matter.

- **Keith Coffey**

I spoke to one of the Council managers about a group of young mothers and their baby who were meeting at the Hub in Dole Avenue, after a few months they were told they would have to pay \$27.00 an hour that is why they asked me to inquire about it I have not had any response and the group never had any response. They are disgusted that young mothers are not looked after in the company of other young mums and it looks like Council doesn't care.

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

The mayor acknowledge that it was a shame that the group was now being charged a fee when they did have use of the facility for free.

The mayor advised that this question would be taken on notice and the relevant General Manager would be in touch to discuss it further.

- **Keith Coffey**

If the Council pay \$250,000 for the two experts why do they need two research experts at cost to rate payers when they Council staff that work with the Aged care people know about the needs of the people in their care?

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

The \$250,000 is for the whole project, not just payment for the panel members, and the cost of additional research and other project costs are part of that project budget.

- **Chris Erlandsen**

It's not so much about supporting the residents or the reference group, it is more about the process and if the Council thought that there was going to be something that would be released are you going to be criticising or complaining or objecting about the process? (In relation to the confidential VPA report on the Preston Market)

Response from Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf:

I touched on this in my response to Marion earlier. The report that Council considered at our last meeting was a recommendations report that was developed by the VPA, it wasn't a Council report so we don't have any authority to release that report. It was a recommendations report that goes to the Minister for Planning.

It is up to the Minister for Planning to release that report. In normal circumstances advice that is given to the Minister like that is confidential and not available to the public and not usually available to Council's. So we had an option of whether we received that report confidentially and provided feedback based on our guiding principles or to not receive the report at all. So we received the report and considered it confidentially.

Submissions to Agenda Items

The following people made submissions to items listed on the agenda and were thanked by the Chairperson, Mayor Le Cerf, for their submissions:

- Anne Laver made submissions in relation to Item 8.1 (Annual Report 2017-18) and Item 8.4 (Recycling Promotion).

EXTENSION OF QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-271

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

That Question and submission time be extended for a further 15 minutes.

CARRIED

- Con Papastergio made submission in relation to Item 9.1 (Response to Petition Regarding Parking Restrictions in Queen Street, Reservoir)
- Corey Sheehan made submission in relation to Item 9.1 (Response to Petition Regarding Parking Restrictions in Queen Street, Reservoir)
- Faysal Nasr made submission in relation to Item 9.1 (Response to Petition Regarding Parking Restrictions in Queen Street, Reservoir)
- Sarah Brady, President Darebin Womens Sports Club make a submission in relation to Item 8.3 (Darebin Falcons)

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 24 September 2018.

At the Council meeting held on 24 September 2018, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Le Cerf:

- **Megan Burke**

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

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

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

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

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

Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy has provided the following written response, dated 4 October 2018.

Thank you for your question submitted to public question time at the 24 September 2018 Council meeting regarding parking issues in William Street Preston. I am writing to advise that the Mayor answered your question at the meeting and to confirm her response as follows:

"I will arrange for our Environment and Transport Manager to get in touch to make sure we have fully understood your concerns in this case. However, what I can say tonight is that in busy commercial areas like this, on street parking is usually sought after by customers, staff in businesses and local residents. Council sets restrictions to manage competing demands and in commercial areas to ensure that car parks do turn over regularly.

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

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

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Sally Moxham Manager Environment & Sustainable Transport on 8470 8442.

- **Alex Conte**

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

Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy has provided the following written response, dated 4 October 2018.

Thank you for your question submitted to public question time at the 24 September 2018 Council meeting.

I understand that our Economic Development team have been in touch with you to discuss your query regarding the use of the boathouse at Edwardes Lake Park and whilst we don't have any immediate opportunities at the boathouse, we are currently exploring longer term plans for the park including the best role and use for the boathouse.

I note also that the Economic Development team have contacted you and were able to discuss your ideas and plans to relocate your business and to provide you with additional information about operating a food van in Darebin , together with other opportunities for local businesses to get involved in Council run activities.

I understand they explained that to be considered for these opportunities, and to operate your van on any council owned land you would be required to apply for an additional permit called an 'Itinerant Trader' which has a pro-rata fee attached of 6/12 months.

Please feel welcome to contact the Health Protection team on 8470 8658 when you are ready to transfer your registration and we can arrange this with you .

Thank you again for your questions and I hope the above is of assistance.

- **Carolyn Lunt,**

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

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

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

Phil Tulk, Manager Parks and Open Space has provided the following written response, dated 8 October 2018.

Thank you for your question regarding the plant Pennisetum.

Responding to each of your suggestions -

- a) Council cannot ban the sale and distribution of Pennisetum as local governments are only responsible for the implementation of weed control on public land. Council will cease planting Pennisetum in future planting projects. Currently Bushland Management do not plant this species and this will be implemented across all departments and projects.
- b) Council is developing weed postcards on the top 20 priority weeds. Pennisetum and Araujia are the first two to be developed. They will be placed at customer service centres, libraries, Darebin Festival and community events. Council also is reviewing its current weed strategy and this will look at best practice community education regarding environmental weeds.
- c) Council provides indigenous plants to the public at community events such as the Kite Festival to encourage sustainable gardening and the planting of non-invasive species. Currently Council funds and supports the 'Learning Grounds Program' delivered by Merri Creek Management Committee. This program, run through Schools incorporates information on Conservation Land Management. If the school participates in the program and incorporates Conservation Land Management activities in the curriculum Council funds indigenous plants to the value of \$200. An assessment is made at the schools to identify whether any environmental weeds are present and if so, and the school is willing to remove, Council funds a further \$200 in replacement plants.

There will be a public forum as part of the review of Council's integrated weed management strategy in mid-November. Council would value your input into this review and will keep you informed.

If you require further information or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss further please contact me on 8470 8720.

- **Peter Thomson**

'Those who care Coalition' (Fledging)

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

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

Jess Fraser, Manager Equity and Wellbeing has provided the following written response, dated 3 October 2018.

Thank you for meeting with us yesterday regarding your Public Question Time question at the Council meeting on 24 September 2018.

Council is strongly committed to facilitating the provision of affordable housing in our City and supporting the housing and homelessness sector to support the wellbeing of people experiencing homelessness.

In regards to the provision of Council land to provide caravans for crisis/emergency accommodation, Council has a number of concerns regarding this model relating to the safety and security of tenants, the limited regulatory framework available and that it does not necessarily provide a long term, dignified solution to homelessness. Further to this, feedback from the homelessness sector and people experiencing homelessness indicates that caravans are not identified as a viable option.

While Council does not support providing Council land for caravans, we are committed to working with the housing sector to explore innovative and creative ways to utilise Council land and assets to support affordable housing options. Council is currently exploring whether Council-owned land at 52-60 Townhall Avenue in Preston should be offered on a long term lease, for the purpose of delivering affordable housing, and further options will be considered in the development of Council's next Housing Strategy. We welcome your input into this consultation process and your ongoing advocacy on the issues of homelessness.

In regards to short term measures to support people sleeping rough, Council makes regular referrals to local services who provide outreach to people sleeping rough in Darebin to assist with their wellbeing needs and where possible, support with accessing housing.

If you have any questions please contact me on 8470 8594.

Dumped Rubbish

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

Vito Albicini, General Manager Operations and Capital has provided the following written response, dated 8 October 2018.

Thank you for your question raised at the Council meeting on 24 September 2018. Council appreciates your feedback. At the Council meeting you raised the following question:

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

Council has investigated your concerns and can advise you that our records indicate that the dumped rubbish around the old Reservoir library building has been removed. Furthermore the recent dump rubbish you reported at the Council meeting was removed the next day.

Council however do take note of your comments regarding rubbish in the area and Council Officers will constantly monitor and remove rubbish as part of Council's maintenance regime for the library grounds. The gardens beds around the building have also been cleaned up and will be monitored by Council's Parks maintenance Officers as part of their routine maintenance program.

Thank you again for your feedback and should you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Mr Bryce Newstead, Coordinator Open Space & Horticulture on 8470 8736.

- **John Nugent**

Preston Market Parking

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

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

Clearways on High Street

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

Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy has provided the following written response, dated 8 October 2018.

Thank you for your interest in some of the transport challenges facing our Municipality. You have asked why travelling north along High St, through Northcote and Thornbury are not clearways, but High St Preston and Reservoir are clearways. I can confirm that:

- High St southbound: a Clearway is in operation south of Dundas Street during commuter peak
- High St northbound: Clearway in operation until Separation Street during commuter peak

- High St North of Separation Street: No Stopping in operation until Dundas Street during commuter peak

With regard to Clearways, this is a VicRoads decision and it is suggested that you send your query directly to them. You can write to them at the following address or alternatively you can log an online enquiry at the following site:

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/contactus/feedback-and-enquiries>.

VicRoads Head Office Administration
60 Denmark Street
Kew VIC 3101

Preston Market Parking

You have also asked about the lack of parking at the Preston Market during finals time at the Preston Oval and the impacts on the shop owners in the vicinity. The car park at the Preston Market is owned by the operators who set the rules around the restrictions to car parking, and Council has a role in enforcing the restrictions that they put in place. In terms of major events being held in Central Preston, it is important that we work with businesses to see how they can leverage this additional visitation to their advantage.

If you require further information regarding parking at the market please do not hesitate to contact Paul Edwards, Coordinator Civic Compliance on 8470 8421.

Thank you again for your questions and I hope the above is of assistance.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-272

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Cr. Laurence to make a statement.

CARRIED

Cr Laurence made a statement regarding his health, return to work programs and called on the Minister for Local Government to provide rules regarding councillors taking extended leave during a council term to deal with serious illnesses.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-273

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

That Council resolve to resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

6. PETITIONS

6.1 TABLING OF PETITION – AGED CARE SERVICES

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-274

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

That the petition containing 184 signatures:

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

We urge Council not to abandon its role in providing the above aged care services in view of the Federal Government’s privatisation agenda of aged care services. We are proud that Darebin City Council is a long-standing provider of high quality aged care services and has built a strong and trusted reputation as a preferred provider with elderly residents and their families in the community.

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

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be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

6.2 TABLING OF PETITION – PARKING IN STOREY ROAD, RESERVOIR

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-275

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

That the petition with 29 signatories:

“Storey Road Reservoir is a narrow residential street with very long blocks:

- *On the southern side approx. 80metres long, on the northern side approx. 68 metres long.*
- *Each time a house is sold, between 4 & 6 apartments are built on each block.*
- *Many of the residents of those dwellings park in the street.*
- *This means that the street is clogged with cars.*

- *Add to this the trucks & vehicles of building workers and you have traffic chaos.*
- *Often it is almost impossible to back out of a driveway because cars and trucks are parked close to driveways and all along the street.*

My request to Darebin Council:

- (1) *That parking be restricted to one side of storey road*
- (2) *That, in future, two parking spaces must be provided on site for each apartment in new blocks of apartments.*

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Le Cerf, Cr. Laurence proposed altering the order of the agenda.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-276

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

That Council alter the order of the agenda to hear Notice of Motion Items 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 and then continue with the remaining agenda item as per the original order.

CARRIED

10.1 COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 374**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council resolves to record and place all Councillor Briefings on the web cast to address current community concerns of excessive secrecy by this Council.*

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

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

Motion

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

That Council resolves to record and place all Councillor Briefings on the web cast to address current community concerns of excessive secrecy by this Council.

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

That Council receives a report to record and place all Councillor Briefings on the web cast to address all community concerns.

This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS

Amended Motion

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

That Council receives a report to record and place all Councillor Briefings on the web cast to address all community concerns.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

10.2 SCHEDULING OF FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 375**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to return to two meetings per month as the recent reduction in meetings has failed and is leading to long meetings given the workload of an active and democratic Council.

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Motion

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

That Council resolves to return to two meetings per month as the recent reduction in meetings has failed and is leading to long meetings given the workload of an active and democratic Council.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

10.3 INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS IN LA TROBE AND CAZALY WARDS**Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 376

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council officers report back to the next Council meeting with a six year plan to address infrastructure gaps in La Trobe Ward and Cazaly Ward that the current 4 year Council Plan is inflicting our most disadvantaged wards and residents.*

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors** 4 October 2018**Date of Meeting:** 15 October 2018

Motion

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

That Council officers report back to the next Council meeting with a six year plan to address infrastructure gaps in La Trobe Ward and Cazaly Ward that the current 4 year Council Plan is inflicting our most disadvantaged wards and residents.

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

That Council officers report back to the next Council meeting with a **ten** year plan to address infrastructure gaps in La Trobe Ward and Cazaly Ward that the current 4 year Council Plan is inflicting our most disadvantaged wards and residents.

This was accepted by Cr. Laurence and Cr. Williams.

During discussion regarding acceptance of Cr. Greco's amendment, Cr. Laurence called for a motion of dissent to the Chairpersons ruling.

The Chairperson, Mayor Cr. Le Cerf, vacated the Chair during the motion to dissent. Cr. Messina, Deputy Mayor, assumed the Chair.

Motion

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

That the Chairpersons ruling be dissented from.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.

Mayor, Cr. Le Cerf resumed the Chair.

THE AMENDED MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIRPERSON IS AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council officers report back to the next Council meeting with a **ten** year plan to address infrastructure gaps in La Trobe Ward and Cazaly Ward that the current 4 year Council Plan is inflicting our most disadvantaged wards and residents.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-277

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

That Council alter the order of the agenda to hear Item 8.3 (Promoting Women and Girls in Sport – Funding Proposal), then Notice of Motion Items 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 and then continue with the remaining agenda item as per the original order.

CARRIED

8.3 PROMOTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT - FUNDING PROPOSAL**Author:** Acting Manager Recreation and Libraries**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

Darebin Council is committed to increasing the participation of girls and women in sport. This report sets out a proposal from Darebin Falcons for a partnership agreement with Darebin Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council Plan and the Darebin Leisure Strategy set out Council's commitment to increase the participation of girls and women in sport.

The Darebin Falcons have led the way in women's football and they play a very important and unique role in the community, fostering sport run by women for women at all levels. Their participation in elite competition is important as is their promotion of the empowerment of women and girls.

The Darebin Falcons are the only independent women-run club who have a team in the elite VFL Women's competition.

The recent large scale changes in women's AFL, including costly requirements and standards for playing at elite levels, mean the club must increase its income significantly. As a result, the club is at significant risk of having to withdraw from the elite VFL competition.

Darebin Falcons have put together a proposal for a transitional six-year partnership agreement with Council, which includes funding from Council to support the club as they progress towards financial sustainability. A range of specific benefits to be provided to the community by the club would be part of the agreement.

Council does not currently have operational funding agreements in place with sports clubs, although the Council provides support to sports clubs in other ways. The Darebin Falcons' trailblazing role and their alignment with key Darebin Council aspirations are both unusual. This report recommends that, given the very specific circumstances, Council enter into a two year agreement with Darebin Falcons, with the potential to extend the agreement.

If Council chooses not to enter into an agreement, the Darebin Falcons advise they will have to wind up their VFLW team. Instead, the current elite arm of the club will become the women's component of an existing AFL (men's) club, outside of Darebin.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Agree in principle to a two year partnership agreement with the Darebin Falcons, with possible extension for a further two years.
 - (2) Include in the partnership agreement requirements that Darebin Falcons will provide specified benefits to the Darebin community, including:
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- a) Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
 - b) Programs to encourage girls' and women's participation in sport and leadership
 - c) Programs to encourage social inclusion and social justice
 - d) Participation in Council programs, for instance through providing guest speakers or coaches for activities.
- (3) Include in the partnership agreement a requirement for Darebin Falcons to provide an annual report against performance targets, with financial report and an updated strategic plan.
 - (4) Include in the partnership agreement an annual payment by Council of \$80,000 for the two years of the initial term, and that in the event the agreement is extended, that the annual payment will be \$80,000 and \$60,000 for the third year and fourth year respectively.
 - (5) Requests that a Councillor briefing be held on the community benefits and performance targets, prior to the partnership agreement being executed.
 - (6) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Agree in principle to a two year partnership agreement with the Darebin Falcons, with possible extension for a further two years.
- (2) Include in the partnership agreement requirements that Darebin Falcons will provide specified benefits to the Darebin community, including:
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- (5) Requests that a Councillor briefing be held on the community benefits and performance targets, prior to the partnership agreement being executed.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that points (7) and (8) be added to the motion as follows:

- (7) Establishes a city wide sporting club partnership agreement program to support other sporting clubs that agree to promote participation of girls, women and targeted disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in sporting activity in the Darebin community
- (8) Calls for expressions of interest from sporting clubs seeking assistance to promote the participation of girls, women and disadvantaged groups in sporting activities across Darebin.

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

Amendment

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

That Council:

- (7) Establishes a city wide sporting club partnership agreement program to support other sporting clubs that agree to promote participation of girls, women and targeted disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in sporting activity in the Darebin community.
- (8) Calls for expressions of interest from sporting clubs seeking assistance to promote the participation of girls, women and disadvantaged groups in sporting activities across Darebin.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST. THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION BEFORE THE CHAIR IS AS FOLLOWS:

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Agree in principle to a two year partnership agreement with the Darebin Falcons, with possible extension for a further two years.
- (2) Include in the partnership agreement requirements that Darebin Falcons will provide specified benefits to the Darebin community, including:
 - a) Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
 - b) Programs to encourage girls' and women's participation in sport and leadership
 - c) Programs to encourage social inclusion and social justice
 - d) Participation in Council programs, for instance through providing guest speakers or coaches for activities.
- (3) Include in the partnership agreement a requirement for Darebin Falcons to provide an annual report against performance targets, with financial report and an updated strategic plan.
- (4) Include in the partnership agreement an annual payment by Council of \$80,000 for the two years of the initial term, and that in the event the agreement is extended, that the annual payment will be \$80,000 and \$60,000 for the third year and fourth year respectively.

- (5) Requests that a Councillor briefing be held on the community benefits and performance targets, prior to the partnership agreement being executed.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-278

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

That Council:

- (1) Agree in principle to a two year partnership agreement with the Darebin Falcons, with possible extension for a further two years.
- (2) Include in the partnership agreement requirements that Darebin Falcons will provide specified benefits to the Darebin community, including:
 - a) Advocacy for girls' and women's sport and leadership
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- (5) Requests that a Councillor briefing be held on the community benefits and performance targets, prior to the partnership agreement being executed.
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise and execute the partnership agreement.

CARRIED

Jody Brodribb, Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.54pm and returned at 7.55pm.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-279

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

That Council alter the order of the agenda to hear Item 9.1 (Response to Petition regarding Parking in Queen Street, Reservoir), then Notice of Motion Items 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 and then continue with the remaining agenda item as per the original order.

CARRIED

**9.1 RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING PARKING
RESTRICTION IN QUEEN STREET RESERVOIR****Author:** Transport Engineer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To update Council on actions in relation to a petition received by Council on 21 May 2018 requesting the removal of two hour parking restrictions in Queen Street, Reservoir.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There has been both a petition received by council officers for the retention of all parking restrictions and a contrary petition received to Council for the removal of all parking restrictions, officers surveyed all Queen Street properties between High Street and Arlington Street with the following four options for the residents to choose between:

- (1) Removal all restrictions
- (2) Remove parking restrictions on the northern side only
- (3) Remove parking restrictions on the southern side only
- (4) Leave the parking restrictions as they are

Of the twenty nine letters sent out, there were seventeen responses received. Nine responses were in favour of removing all restrictions, four were in favour of removing the restrictions on the south side and four in favour of keeping restrictions as they are.

As there is some level of support for three of the options above, and most of the support received to have the restrictions reduced, it is recommended that from a parking management perspective that the two hour restrictions be removed on the north side and the two hour restrictions be retained on the south side to accommodate the residents' needs in Queen Street.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the following approach:

- (1) The two hour parking restrictions be removed from the north side and the two hour parking restrictions be retained on the south side of Queen Street.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-280**MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

That Council defer the report.

CARRIED

10.4 PUBLIC HOUSING IN RUCKER WARD**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 377**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that Rucker Ward has the lowest ratio of public housing in our City.*
- (2) *Officers report back to the next Council meeting on the consultation and statutory planning steps required if council was to form a view to rezone and transfer Council owned land in the Northcote Plaza car park and the Helen Street car park to the State Government for public housing.*

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Motion

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

- (1) Notes that Rucker Ward has the lowest ratio of public housing in our City.
- (2) Officers report back to the next Council meeting on the consultation and statutory planning steps required if council was to form a view to rezone and transfer Council owned land in the Northcote Plaza car park and the Helen Street car park to the State Government for public housing.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

10.5 CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF THE VPA'S CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT REPORT ON PRESTON MARKET PLANNING REVIEW**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 378**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that community engagement has been an important part of informing the VPA Draft Recommendation Report on Preston Market and that the community has a right to know what is contained in the report before it is submitted to the Minister for Planning.*
- (2) *Writes and calls on the Minister for Planning and the CEO of the VPA to immediately release to the public the confidential draft Recommendation Report prepared by the VPA in relation to the planning controls and future opportunities review of the Preston Market site.*

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that community engagement has been an important part of informing the VPA Draft Recommendation Report on Preston Market and that the community has a right to know what is contained in the report before it is submitted to the Minister for Planning.
- (2) Writes and calls on the Minister for Planning and the CEO of the VPA to immediately release to the public the confidential draft Recommendation Report prepared by the VPA in relation to the planning controls and future opportunities review of the Preston Market site.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED. THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR LE CERF USED HER CASTING VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE MOTION. THE MOTION WAS DECLARED CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-281

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that community engagement has been an important part of informing the VPA Draft Recommendation Report on Preston Market and that the community has a right to know what is contained in the report before it is submitted to the Minister for Planning.
- (2) Writes and calls on the Minister for Planning and the CEO of the VPA to immediately release to the public the confidential draft Recommendation Report prepared by the VPA in relation to the planning controls and future opportunities review of the Preston Market site.

CARRIED

Cr. Amir temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.48pm.

10.6 REQUEST FOR PERMANENT MAXIMUM MANDATORY HEIGHTS OVER EXISTING FOOTPRINT OF THE PRESTON MARKET**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 379**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council as a matter of urgency writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that the interim height controls which apply a maximum mandatory height control of 9 metres to the existing footprint of the Preston Market be made permanent.

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-282**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council as a matter of urgency writes to the Minister for Planning requesting that the interim height controls which apply a maximum mandatory height control of 9 metres to the existing footprint of the Preston Market be made permanent.

CARRIED

Melinda Viksne, Manager Governance and Performance temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.54pm and returned at 8.55pm.

Cr. Laurence temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 8.54pm and returned at 8.56pm.

10.7 EXTEND FREE EXERCISE IN THE PARK PROGRAM TO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 380**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council receives a report in November on options to extend the Free Exercise in the Park Program to include public and social housing estates in Darebin.

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Motion

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

That Council receives a report in November on options to extend the Free Exercise in the Park Program to include public and social housing estates in Darebin.

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

That Council receives a report in December on options to increase participation in the Free Exercise in the Park Program by residents of public and social housing estates in Darebin.

This was accepted by Cr. Greco and Cr. Williams.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council receives a report in December on options to increase participation in the Free Exercise in the Park Program by residents of public and social housing estates in Darebin.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-283

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

That Council receives a report in December on options to increase participation in the Free Exercise in the Park Program by residents of public and social housing estates in Darebin.

CARRIED

10.8 NEW LIBRARY FOR NORTH EAST SIDE OF RESERVOIR**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 381**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 15 October 2018, it is my intention to move:

That Council receives a report in December on the feasibility of establishing a new branch of Darebin Library network in the North East side of Reservoir preferably around Keon Park or the Kingsbury precinct area.

Notice Received: 2 October 2018**Notice Given to Councillors 4 October 2018****Date of Meeting: 15 October 2018**

Motion

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

That Council receives a report in December on the feasibility of establishing a new branch of Darebin Library network in the North East side of Reservoir preferably around Keon Park or the Kingsbury precinct area.

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

That Council receives a report in ~~December~~ on the feasibility of establishing a new branch of Darebin Library network in the North East side of Reservoir preferably around Keon Park or the Kingsbury precinct area.

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

THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Cr. Amir returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.08pm.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2017–18

Author: Coordinator Planning and Reporting

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the Annual Report 2017–18, which includes a summary of the organisation's achievements over the previous financial year and meets all of the relevant legislative requirements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989* and regulations require each Council in Victoria to prepare an annual report for each financial year that contains a report of operations and the audited financial and performance statements.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-284

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Darebin City Council Annual Report 2017–18, attached at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Notes that the report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 28 September 2018.
- (3) Notes that a copy of the Annual Report 2017–18 was made available for public inspection at the Customer Service Centre two weeks prior to this meeting, compliant with 133(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- (4) Notes that, in compliance with 134(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a public notice was placed in *The Age* on 1 October 2018, in the *Preston Leader* on 2 October 2018 and in the *Northcote Leader* on 3 October 2018, advising the report will be discussed at the Council meeting of 15 October 2018 and noting the place where copies of the report can be obtained.
- (5) Notes that the report has been presented to Council within one month of providing the report to the Minister for Local Government, satisfying Section 134(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, and Section 22(1) of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.
- (6) Notes that the report was prepared in accordance with all relevant legislation, including the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Amendment (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

CARRIED

8.2 STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROGRAM – CORRIDORS 1 AND 2**Author:** Transport Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement for the design and delivery for the Streets for People - Northcote-Thornbury corridor project, and to select the next Streets for People corridor / project for detailed investigation this financial year.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Two key pieces of work associated with Council's 'Streets for People' program have now been completed.

The first is the development of the final Northcote-Croxton-Thornbury corridor strategy for the inaugural Streets for People project. The recommended corridor interventions better manage: vehicle speeds and volumes; walkability; bike access and movement; and increase street greening in order to achieve the project's vision being "*to create a neighbourhood that is safe, green, clean and welcoming.*" The corridor interventions were developed with a significant level of input from the community and key stakeholders, which included four stages of consultation.

The Northcote-Croxton-Thornbury corridor strategy is now ready for detailed design and delivery starting this financial year. Adopting the recommendation would authorise officers to start implementation of this work in 2018-19 which is provided for in the 2018-19 budget at \$350,000. Completing implementation of the recommendations would need to be done in future years and the cost is estimated at \$550,000, which would be included in the draft 2019-20 budget for consideration by Council. Matching funding of \$900,000 has been committed by VicRoads for this project over two years.

Secondly, a feasibility study has been completed for eight additional 'Streets for People' corridors located throughout Darebin. The study outlines a best-practice approach to minimise conflict between road users and increase confidence for people walking and cycling. For each corridor, a conceptual framework design has been developed and indicatively costed.

Based on future levels of change and emerging development in the Preston Central area (Future Preston), it is recommended that the Gower Street/Cramer Street corridor be selected for community and stakeholder engagement and further design this financial year. Note that the recommendation in this report does not commit Council to progressing with implementation of the works arising from consultation and design. A decision about whether to proceed with works would be made at a future time and would need to be weighed with priorities for investment across the City and across a range of services.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Streets for People Northcote-Thornbury Corridor Strategy attached as **Appendix A**, and commences implementation of recommendations this financial year.
- (2) Adopts the Gower Street/Cramer Street corridor as the second Streets for People project and requests that officers proceed with community and stakeholder engagement and further design during 2018-19.
- (3) Makes the Streets for People Northcote / Thornbury Final Strategy and the Streets for People Feasibility Study documents publicly available via the Darebin website.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 18-285**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Streets for People Northcote-Thornbury Corridor Strategy attached as **Appendix A**, and commences implementation of recommendations this financial year.
- (2) Adopts the Gower Street/Cramer Street corridor and Northern Reservoir corridor for the Streets for People project and requests that officers proceed with community and stakeholder engagement and further design during 2018-19.
- (3) Makes the Streets for People Northcote / Thornbury Final Strategy and the Streets for People Feasibility Study documents publicly available via the Darebin website.

CARRIED

Cr. Messina temporarily left the meeting prior to the commencement of the above item at 9.29pm and returned during discussion at 9.32pm.

Allan Cochrane, Manager Finance temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.35pm and returned at 9.36pm.

EXTENSION OF TIME - 9.41PM**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-286**

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.01pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

8.4 RECYCLING PROMOTION**Author:** Environment Officer, Water, Waste and Litter**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

This report responds to Council's resolution of 13 August 2018 that Officers provide information outlining current and future activities to promote recycling in Darebin, including investigating the use of stickers for kerbside bins.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An important part of Council's recycling and waste program is its recycling education work. This report outlines Council's Recycling Education Campaign being delivered in 2018-19.

It is likely that the materials that can go into yellow-lidded recycling bins will change either during the 2018-19 year, or in mid-2020 and the Recycling Education Campaign has been designed to allow information to be updated quickly if needed. This is due to the challenges the Australian recycling sector has been facing, which have resulted in some uncertainty in the sector and new entrants into the recycling market. Council's recycling processor has recently advised officers that some items may no longer be recycled under Council's current contract with them. Officers are now seeking clarity on these items, in order to provide new education information to our community on what items can/can't be recycled.

In 2018, the key education messages have been:

- Council's recycling collections are continuing as normal.
- Prevent waste – buy only what you need.
- Buy products that contain recycled content and if possible, are made locally.

These messages will continue through 2018-19 with an additional focus on 'Recycle Right', which targets key behaviours and materials that are commonly recycled incorrectly.

The 2018-19 Recycling Education Campaign (which commenced 27/9/2018), includes:

- A call to action via an online recycling pledge and quiz
- A series of videos to launch and support the campaign and for ongoing use on social media, Council's website and YouTube channel
- A film night with the Preston Library and face to face outreach during Senior's Week and at Darebin shopping strips, libraries, Preston Market and other activities
- Regular social media (Examples in **Appendix E**)
- Squeeze, squash, flatten fridge magnets in 20 community languages (Example in **Appendix D**)
- An A to Z Waste and Recycling Guide (**Appendix A**) and a Quick Guide reference for use inside the house (**Appendix B**)
- Newspaper ads promoting what goes in your recycling bin and recycling information (Examples in **Appendix C**)
- Articles in the Darebin Community News, and Sustainability News.

In 2018-19, Council is also reviewing its waste and litter strategy and preparing for a roll out of food waste recycling services across the City that will inform future year's recycling education work.

The State Government is also currently planning a three-year community education campaign that will help support local government's recycling objectives. This work has arisen from their recently released Recycling Industry Strategic Plan, which outlines actions and programs to improve the Victorian recycling industry given the challenges in the recycling sector at a national and global level.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Recycling Education Campaign as outlined in this report, including the activities and events and the provision of current and future recycling education information and activities.
- (2) Reiterates its call for the State Government to deliver effective and targeted product stewardship programs which do not increase cost burden on local government and supports local recycling markets.
- (3) Reiterates its call for greater focus and spending by State and Federal governments on waste avoidance and reduction education, information and programs.
- (4) Includes the roll-out of stickers for kerbside recycling bins municipality wide following the commencement of the next recycling contract term.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-287

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Recycling Education Campaign as outlined in this report, including the activities and events and the provision of current and future recycling education information and activities.
- (2) Reiterates its call for the State Government to deliver effective and targeted product stewardship programs which do not increase cost burden on local government and supports local recycling markets.
- (3) Reiterates its call for greater focus and spending by State and Federal governments on waste avoidance and reduction education, information and programs.
- (4) Includes the roll-out of stickers for kerbside recycling bins municipality wide following the commencement of the next recycling contract term.
- (5) Includes articles in different languages in the Darebin Community news and a series of videos in different languages to launch and support the campaign and for ongoing use on social media, Council's website and YouTube Channel.

CARRIED

Cr. Newton temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.41pm and returned at 9.43pm.

8.5 PERSONAL TRAINING RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES**Author:** Centre Coordinator Reservoir Leisure Centre**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To recommend the introduction of personal training at Reservoir Leisure Centre and to amend several Reservoir Leisure Centre fees and charges for 2018/19.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To achieve a full service health club offering, the Reservoir Leisure Centre (RLC) is seeking to re-introduce Personal Training as a core product for members.

A benchmarking review of leisure and fitness centre business practices identified Personal Training as a core service and a key tool to assist with member retention.

Personal Training can be delivered by existing RLC Gym staff members; their minimum qualifications (Certificate IV in Fitness) meet the requirements to deliver this service. This is a risk free offering, as no expenditure will be created without offsetting income.

In order to provide the Personal Training service, new fees need to be approved by Council.

This report also seeks to amend several fees to other RLC services; subsequent to the adoption of the Budget 2018/2019 to correct identified omissions and/or errors.

Recommendation

That Council:

(1) Amend the 2018/19 fees and charges schedule to include the following fees:

a. Personal Training Fee Schedule – New Fees

- i. Personal Training Session (30 Minutes) - \$50.00
- ii. Personal Training – 10 Session Pass - \$450.00
- iii. Personal Training Membership 1 – Direct Debit \$80.00 (per fortnight) 1 Personal Training Session per week; no minimum term
- iv. Personal Training Membership 2 – Direct Debit \$160.00 (per fortnight) 2 Personal Training Sessions per week; no minimum term
- v. Personal Training Starter Pack (3 sessions, first time users only) - \$99.00
- vi. Small Group Personal Training (3 – 6 participants) - \$12.50

b. Family Swim Passes – New Fees

- i. Family Swim Pass – 1 Adult & 3 Children - \$12.65
- ii. Family Swim Pass – Concession – 1 Adult & 3 Children - \$10.15

- c. WorkCover Memberships – No Change from 2017/18
 - i. Aquatic WorkCover 3 Months - \$215.00
 - ii. Aquatic WorkCover 12 Months - \$580.00
 - iii. Health Club WorkCover 3 Months - \$430.00
 - iv. Health Club WorkCover 12 Months - \$995.00
 - d. Group Fitness Multi-Visit Passes – New Fees
 - i. Group Fitness Multi-Visits Pass – 20 Visit - \$270
 - ii. Group Fitness Multi-Visits Pass Concession – 20 Visit - \$216
- (2) Amend the 2018/19 fees and charges schedule to update the following fees which were recorded incorrectly:
- a. Swim School Fees
 - i. Swim Lesson – LTS* – Debit Fortnightly – 44 Wks - \$27.70
 - ii. Swim Lesson – Adult – Term Payment – 44 Wks - \$15.40
 - iii. Swim Lesson – Adult – Debit Fortnightly – 44 Wks - \$30.80
- * Learn To Swim

Motion

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

That Council:

(1) - (2) As per officers recommendation.

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (3) be added to the motion as follows:

(3) Develop an appropriate communication strategy to explain the correction, omission and introduction of new services

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

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

(1) - (2) As per officers recommendation.

(3) Develop an appropriate communication strategy to explain the correction, omission and introduction of new services

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-288

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

That Council:

- (1) Amend the 2018/19 fees and charges schedule to include the following fees:
 - a. Personal Training Fee Schedule – New Fees
 - i. Personal Training Session (30 Minutes) - \$50.00
 - ii. Personal Training – 10 Session Pass - \$450.00
 - iii. Personal Training Membership 1 – Direct Debit \$80.00 (per fortnight) 1 Personal Training Session per week; no minimum term
 - iv. Personal Training Membership 2 – Direct Debit \$160.00 (per fortnight) 2 Personal Training Sessions per week; no minimum term
 - v. Personal Training Starter Pack (3 sessions, first time users only) - \$99.00
 - vi. Small Group Personal Training (3 – 6 participants) - \$12.50
 - b. Family Swim Passes – New Fees
 - i. Family Swim Pass – 1 Adult & 3 Children - \$12.65
 - ii. Family Swim Pass – Concession – 1 Adult & 3 Children - \$10.15
 - c. WorkCover Memberships – No Change from 2017/18
 - i. Aquatic WorkCover 3 Months - \$215.00
 - ii. Aquatic WorkCover 12 Months - \$580.00
 - iii. Health Club WorkCover 3 Months - \$430.00
 - iv. Health Club WorkCover 12 Months - \$995.00
 - d. Group Fitness Multi-Visit Passes – New Fees
 - i. Group Fitness Multi-Visits Pass – 20 Visit - \$270
 - ii. Group Fitness Multi-Visits Pass Concession – 20 Visit - \$216
- (2) Amend the 2018/19 fees and charges schedule to update the following fees which were recorded incorrectly:
 - a. Swim School Fees
 - i. Swim Lesson – LTS* – Debit Fortnightly – 44 Wks - \$27.70
 - ii. Swim Lesson – Adult – Term Payment – 44 Wks - \$15.40
 - iii. Swim Lesson – Adult – Debit Fortnightly – 44 Wks - \$30.80

* Learn To Swim
- (3) Develop an appropriate communication strategy to explain the correction, omission and introduction of new services

CARRIED

Jody Brodribb, Acting Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.54pm and returned at 9.56pm.

8.6 VICROADS SURPLUS LAND**Author:** Senior Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with background information regarding the surplus VicRoads land located at 1–11 McMahon Road, Reservoir, shown red in **Appendix A** (Land) and to advise Council that the Minister for Planning intends to rezone the Land from Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to the General Residential Zone (Schedule 2) (GRZ2), should Council advise they have no interest in the Land.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

VicRoads notified Council in 2014 that it had identified the Land as being surplus to its requirements. In October 2015, Council resolved that it had no strategic interest in acquiring the Land and that it would request the Land be transferred at no cost to Darebin City Council. VicRoads declined Council's request for the transfer.

In January 2018, the Minister for Planning advised he had received a request from VicRoads for the Land to be rezoned and was interested in understanding whether Council had any interest in purchasing all or part of the Land. The Mayor provided a response in April 2018 indicating Council's 'in-principle' interest in retaining the Land as open space, subject to a strategic assessment of the Land.

Based on an assessment of the biodiversity value of the Land and its lack of suitability for development, it is proposed that Council does not support the rezoning and encourages the retention of the Land as open space.

Recommendation

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that:

- (1) Council does not support the proposal to rezone the Land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir from Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- (2) Council proposes a surrender of the Land to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or a transfer of the Land to Council at no cost, in order to ensure the retention of the Land as open space.

Motion**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that:

- (1) Council does not support the proposal to rezone the Land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir from Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- (2) Council proposes a surrender of the Land to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or a transfer of the Land to Council at no cost, in order to ensure the retention of the Land as open space.

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

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that:

- (1) Council does not support the proposal to rezone the Land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir from Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- (2) Council proposes a surrender of the Land to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or a transfer of the Land to Council up to \$140,000 in accordance with Council's valuation, in order to ensure the retention of the Land as open space.

And to request that:

- (3) Council has the first right of refusal in any future negotiation.

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

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that:

- (1) Council does not support the proposal to rezone the Land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir from Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- (2) Council proposes a surrender of the Land to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or a transfer of the Land to Council up to \$140,000 in accordance with Council's valuation, in order to ensure the retention of the Land as open space.

And to request that:

- (3) Council has the first right of refusal in any future negotiation.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-289

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning to advise that:

- (1) Council does not support the proposal to rezone the Land at 1-11 McMahon Road, Reservoir from Public Park and Recreation Zone.
- (2) Council proposes a surrender of the Land to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) or a transfer of the Land to Council up to \$140,000 in accordance with Council's valuation, in order to ensure the retention of the Land as open space.

And to request that:

- (3) Council has the first right of refusal in any future negotiation.

CARRIED

Michael Pogemiller, Coordinator Reservoir Leisure Centre and Felicity Leahy, Manager Recreation and Libraries left the meeting at 10.04pm.

ADOPTION OF SEVERAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS 'EN BLOC'

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-290

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

That Council agree to consider the adoption of the 'Recommendations' contained in Report Item Nos 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-291

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

That the 'Recommendations' contained in Report Items 8.7, 8.8 and 8.9 be adopted 'en bloc'.

CARRIED

EXTENSION OF TIME – 10.20

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-292

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

That the Council meeting continue after 10.31 for 30 minutes.

CARRIED

8.7 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE ADJOINING THE REAR OF 66 STATION STREET, FAIRFIELD**Author:** Senior Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To complete the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance and sale of the right-of-way/road adjoining the rear of 66 Station Street, Fairfield, shown hatched on the site plan in **Appendix A** and shown highlighted orange on the aerial view shown in **Appendix B** (Road).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, an enquiry was received from the owner of 66 Station Street, Fairfield, following a town planning application. The owner requested the discontinuance of the Road to enable its inclusion into a proposed development at the site.

Consultation with the owners of 66 Station Street, Fairfield confirmed the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance with the property owners confirming their interest by signing in-principle agreements to purchase the land from the Road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the discontinuance of the Road in accordance with current policy.

On 21 May 2018, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the proposed discontinuance and sale of the Road to the adjoining property owners, as well as transferring to itself any land from the Road that was not sold.

The process provided the community and all abutting property owners with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the *Northcote Leader* on Wednesday 6 June 2018 and in the *Preston Leader* on Tuesday 12 June 2018. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on Friday 13 July 2018, with no submissions received.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-293**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining the rear of 66 Station Street, Fairfield, shown hatched on **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 site plan in **Appendix A** and coloured orange on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report is no longer required for access to the adjoining properties;
 - (2) Discontinues the road in accordance with section 206 and schedule 10, Clause 3 to the *Local Government Act 1989*;
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- (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 owner of the adjoining property at 66 Station Street, Fairfield, in accordance with Council policy, and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner;
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owner of the adjoining property; and
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED
REFER MINUTE NO. 18-289

8.8 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND FROM A DISCONTINUED ROAD ADJOINING 146 ELIZABETH STREET, 19 FURZER STREET AND 74 MCNAMARA STREET, PRESTON**Author:** Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To complete the statutory procedures into the proposed sale of Council owned land from a discontinued road at the rear of 146 Elizabeth Street, 19 Furzer Street and 74 McNamara Street, Preston (Land).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, an enquiry was received from the owner of 146 Elizabeth Street, Preston requesting to purchase the Land from the discontinued road adjoining the rear of their property. Investigations revealed that the road was discontinued by the City of Coburg in 1977; however, not all parcels of land were sold at that time, with the City of Coburg taking title to the unsold parcels of land.

The unsold Land was transferred to Darebin City Council in 1995. The Land appears to have been enclosed by the adjoining properties at 146 Elizabeth Street and 74 McNamara Street, Preston for many years.

Consultation with abutting property owners confirmed the feasibility of the proposed sale, with the property owners of 146 Elizabeth Street and 19 Furzer Street, Preston confirming their interest by signing in-principle agreements to purchase the Land from the discontinued road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the statutory process.

On 21 May 2018, Council resolved to commence the statutory procedures and give public notice of the proposed sale of the Land to adjoining property owners. The process provided the community and all abutting property owners with the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the *Preston Leader* and *Northcote Leader* newspapers on 12 and 13 June 2018 respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 13 July 2018, with no submissions received.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-294**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**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 146 Elizabeth Street, 19 Furzer Street and 74 McNamara Street, Preston, shown hatched on **Appendix A**, contained within Certificate of Title Volume 9821 Folio 463 and shown as Lots 1 and 2 on Title Plan TP960012Y **Appendix C**:

- (1) Directs that the land from the road be sold by private treaty to the owners of 146 Elizabeth Street and 19 Furzer Street, Preston, respectively, in accordance with Council Policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner;
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owner of the adjoining property; and
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED
REFER MINUTE NO. 18-289

8.9 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE ADJOINING 1 BROUGHTON AVENUE, RESERVOIR**Author:** Property Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To complete the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance and sale of the right-of-way/road adjoining 1 Broughton Avenue, Reservoir, shown hatched on the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** (Road).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, an enquiry was received from the owner of 1 Broughton Avenue, Reservoir following a town planning application, requesting the discontinuance of the Road to enable its inclusion into a proposed development at the site. Investigations revealed that although the owner of 1 Broughton Avenue is the registered proprietor of the Road, it remains a 'road' on title. The Road is not in Council's Register of Public Roads and appears to have been enclosed by the adjoining property owner at 1 Broughton Avenue for many years.

Consultation with the owners of 1 Broughton Avenue, Reservoir confirmed the feasibility of the proposed discontinuance, with the property owners also confirming their interest by signing an in-principle agreement to purchase the land from the Road at market value, as well as meeting all reasonable costs associated with the discontinuance of the Road in accordance with current policy.

Due to the owners of 1 Broughton Avenue being the registered proprietor of the Road, the (non-occupying) adjoining property owners were not approached in the first instance. The statutory process will provide all adjoining property owners the opportunity to make comment on the proposal.

Public notice of the proposal was given in the in the *Northcote Leader* on Tuesday 25 June 2018 and in the *Preston Leader* on Wednesday 26 June 2018. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on Friday 27 July 2018, with no submissions received.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-295**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

Having given public notice of a proposal to discontinue the road adjoining the rear of 1 Broughton Avenue, Reservoir, shown hatched on **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 site plan in **Appendix A** and coloured yellow on the aerial photo in **Appendix B** to this report, is no longer required for access to the adjoining properties;

- (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 owner of the adjoining property at 1 Broughton Avenue, Reservoir, in accordance with Council Policy and transfer to itself any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner;
- (5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of any land from the discontinued road to the owner of the adjoining property; and
- (6) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all other acts to enable any land from the road not sold to the adjoining property owner to be transferred to Council.

CARRIED
REFER MINUTE NO. 18-289

8.10 PROPOSED TRANSFER OF ROADS AND RESERVES FROM A DEREGISTERED COMPANY**Author:** Property Manager**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

This report provides information regarding a number of roads and reserves within the City of Darebin (City) that the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) is proposing to transfer to Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recently Council was approached by ASIC regarding a number of roads and reserves within the City shown highlighted yellow on the site plan in **Appendix A** and the aerial view in **Appendix B**, which are reserved for public purposes. The roads and reserves are registered in the name of a (now) deregistered company and ASIC proposes to transfer title to Council for nil consideration.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-296**MOVED:** Cr. T McCarthy**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- (1) Resolves to accept title to the roads and reserves shown highlighted yellow in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute relevant documents to facilitate the agreement for the transfer of the roads and reserves shown in **Appendix A** to Darebin City Council.
- (3) Authorises for the Chief Executive Officer to sign the relevant Transfer of Land documentation.

CARRIED

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

ITEM - 9.1 RESPONSE TO PETITION REGARDING PARKING RESTRICTION IN QUEEN STREET RESERVOIR - HAS BEEN MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE DOCUMENT.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion Items 10.1 to 10.8 have been moved to another part of the document.

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Nil

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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

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

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

An Assembly of Councillors record was kept for:

- Councillor Briefing - Streets for People – 25 September 2018
- CEO Annual Performance Review – 26 September 2018
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group – 26 September 2018
- Climate Emergency Darebin – 27 September 2018

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-297

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 25, 26 and 27 September 2018 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-298**

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

That Standing Orders be suspended to allow Cr. Greco to make a statement regarding nominating for the next State election..

CARRIED

Cr. Greco formally advised Council that he decide to nominate as an independent candidate for the state seat of Preston at the State Election to be held on 24 November 2018. Cr. Greco has notified the CEO of his decision to nominate and will take a leave of absence from Council in accordance with the adopted 'Election Guidelines for Councillors'.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 18-299**

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

That Council resolve to resume Standing Orders.

CARRIED

Cr. Tim Laurence left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 10.23pm.

Jennifer Paterson, Property Manager left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 10.23pm.

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 18-300

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

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF, MAYOR

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

- Briefing on Gender Equity in Sport, Short Film Launch
- Meeting with Friends of Baucau and Darebin's Neighbourhood Houses regarding East Timor delegation
- Briefing on Streets for People project
- 3KND Radio Interview
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting – Annual Performance Review
- Never Again – a community memorial for Liep Gony on Steps of Parliament
- Wurundjeri Council Meeting to brief on renaming of Batman Park process
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee Meeting
- Filming for Age Friendly Darebin video
- Discussion with Williamson Community Leadership Program participant on Social Connectedness
- Interview regarding the Climate Emergency on podcast Climate Conversations
- Council Briefing Session
- Ceremony celebrating the handover of Galeena Beek to Wurundjeri Aboriginal Corporation
- Meeting of Darebin Creek Management Committee Governance Subcommittee
- Northern Alliance Supporting People Seeking Asylum Meeting
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Mural Public Art Commission Meeting
- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting #3
- Morning Tea at Matchworks
- Community Meeting hosted by Ged Kearney MP – Women and Homelessness
- Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum Executive Meeting

- Bill Lawry State Government Funding Announcement with John Eren MP, Minister for Sport
- Climate Emergency Darebin Project Planning Meeting
- Meeting with CEO of Summer Foundation
- Meeting with the Preston Police
- Briefing regarding Strathallan Golf Course
- Regular Catch Ups with CEO
- Regular Catch Ups with Deputy Mayor
- Regular Catch Ups with Media and Communications

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Council briefings
- Meeting with Ian Smith re: biodiversity
- Climate emergency conference: talk by Jeremy Heimans
- Darebin Nature Trust meetings #2 and #3
- Meeting with Steve Marshall re: water management
- Councillor-only meeting
- Octopus schools selection meeting
- Regular meeting with CEO
- Visit to resident's house to discuss planning matters
- Meeting with councillors from other municipalities re: pokies
- Meeting with Luke Bo'sher (Summer Foundation)

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Ruthven Project - CRG Meeting
- Friends of Baucau Film night
- Councillor Briefing
- Progress Association AGM
- Koori Night Market Closure
- Meeting with CEO

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Attended ordinary meeting of council
- Attended international student function
- Attended media announcement on Reservoir Level crossing removal
- Attended La Trobe ward meeting
- Met with and consulted residents on:
 - Ruthven Park,
 - Affordable housing,
 - Preston Market,
 - Tram 11; and
 - Sports club issues
- Met with Federal and State MPs regarding various local issues

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Streets for People briefing
- Councillor Briefing
- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee Meeting, Project Budget Meeting and Engagement Workshop
- Melbourne Innovation Centre AGM and Board Meeting
- Ministerial Announcements of Funding for Bill Lawry Oval and Mayer Park
- Darebin Nature Trust Committee Meeting
- Meeting with Lidia Thorpe MLA
- Darebin Environmental Reference Group
- CEO Annual Performance Review

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Launch of 31st Edition of O'Logos
- Preston Business Advisory Committee

- Radio interview Hellenic Drive 3 October 2018- 3xy
- Radio Interview Hellenic Drive 10 October 2018- 3xy
- Radio Interview 3KND 8 October 2018
- Meeting with Charles Pakha 3KND
- Meeting with Mayor
- Meeting with CEO
- Opening of the Spotlight Store Preston
- Bill Lawry Oval Funding Announcement
- Bikes Breakfast Preston Market
- Speech at Preston Market Italian Day
- Pop up Street stand Future of Preston
- Opening Darebin Music Feast
- Meetings with the Leader re appearance The Voice Italy winner 2015
- Meeting with Il Globo re appearance The Voice Italy winner 2015
- Company Directors Course
- Councillor Briefing
- Opening Darebin Music Feast
- Bundoora Homestead Art Centre- Speech
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Streets for People briefing
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- 'Ladies in Black' Friends of Baucau film fundraiser for women's networks in Baucau
- Darebin Disability Advisory Committee
- Councillor Briefing
- Ruthven Project – Community Reference Group Meeting
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Streets for People briefing
- Baucau film fundraiser

- Council briefing
- Mayer Park debriefing meeting with Marc Chung
- Mayer Park consultation session
- Mayer Park community reference group
- Darebin Community Police day
- CEO annual performance review employment matters committee
- Dinner with CED members
- MAV representatives, mayors and CEOs Metro central meeting
- Thornbury Bowls Club “this girl can” event
- Meeting with Cathy Henderson and Jessica Fraser
- Darebin Speakeasy Prize Fighter
- CED project planning meeting
- CED engagement workshop
- Meeting with Tony re Mayer Park CRG
- Emails and phone calls with residents

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Preston primary performance
- Councillor Briefing
- VCAT hearing Mendip Street
- Women’s football presentation
- Preston Bullants AFC Best and Fairest
- Council Meeting with Merri Health
- Preston Advisory Committee
- Future Preston Pop up stand
- Junior club presentation day
- Council Briefing
- Homeless and housing meeting at united church Preston
- Informal Briefing – streets for People Project
- CEO Annual Performance Review
- Held meeting with residents regarding:
 - Building concerns
 - Graffiti,
 - Council budget,

- Future of Preston,
- Queen street parking,
- Concerns of council using round up,
- AH Capp Reserve,
- Preston market parking,
- Structural Engineering issues located at the old Dysons bus depot.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.