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

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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 18 MARCH 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.22PM

WELCOME

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE OPENED THE MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

“NGARRGMA WURUNDJERI KULIN MIRAMBEEKAL BIK WENEROP DAREBIN BAGUNGBUL ARWEET DHARRO BA GANGOOKAL NANGGIT BAMBUTH BA YALINGBU.

I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE STAND HERE TODAY, THE WURUNDJERI PEOPLE, AND PAY MY RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST AND PRESENT, AS WELL AS TO ELDERS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO MAY BE WITH US TODAY.”

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Steph Amir
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tim Laurence
Cr. Kim Le Cerf
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina

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
Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance
Avi Maharaj - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services (6.32pm)
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer
Michelle Martin – Council Business Officer (6.26pm)
Chad Berbari - Service Desk Support Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Julie Williams and Cr. Susanne Newton were both on approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Lina Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in Urgent Business Item 7.1 – 2019 ALGA National General Assembly and MAV State Council Meeting Motions on Aged Care Services.

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE READ A STATEMENT EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND, AND TO ALL PEOPLE OF MUSLIM FAITH.

COUNCIL OBSERVED A ONE-MINUTE SILENCE IN HONOUR OF ALL VICTIMS.

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-001

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf

SECONDED: Cr. S Amir

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

CARRIED

5. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Brian Sanaghan, West Preston**

Why are you threatening the members of the Northcote Park football club with withdrawal of Council services until they have dismantled the poker machines to which they are legally entitled. Are you aware that you may be committing a criminal offence?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question.

As outlined in the Electronic Gaming Machine Policy, adopted on 3 December 2018, Darebin City Council is committed to reducing the harm to Darebin residents from poker machines (EGMs – electronic gaming machines) in our community. This is in recognition that \$225,000 a day, or \$80 million per year, is lost to EGMs across Darebin - causing real and significant harm to our community.

Council's policy includes supporting Darebin clubs that wish to divest themselves of EGMs. We support clubs to develop transition plans in order that they may continue to access Council facilities and resources and provide a community benefit to their members.

Council seeks to look at sustainable and viable alternative revenue sources for clubs, many of whom have been caught in a cycle of dependence on EGMs in order to survive.

In relation to Northcote Park Football Club, Council has been working closely with the club to undertake transition planning over a four year period and with the aim of seeing the Club divest itself from owning electronic gaming machines and relying on their revenue.

- **Nola Dillon, Resident**

Once again I am advising you of the blatant disregard for the 1hr Parking signs in Clunes St Kingsbury.

There is, on a daily basis a large Van and a Black Nissan parked DIRECTLY in FRONT of the above mentioned sign, these two vehicles are opposite the Exit to a Car Wash business. I was told by Council that the two above mentioned vehicles have a permit to park in front of the sign, can't understand why Council would issue a permit for this, the two vehicle belong to residents from the Ministry Of Housing Units, they have allocated parking spaces. I live on the opposite side to the 1hr signs, there are 7 cars in my family, plus, a boat, a trailer and a large work truck, it is a daily struggle to park in front of our house, if our drive is full as the Student and people getting the tram park in front ALL DAY. When I asked Council for resident parking signs, I was told I could PAY for a permit enabling me to park in front of my home all day, i have been a Rate Payer for over 50 years and am disgusted to be treated like this, AND if I wanted a parking space in front of my home I would need to arise VERY early to beat the Students and other persons who can park ALL DAY at no COST!!!! and the majority of people who park there DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA, I would appreciate Council do something for the Rate Payers Why can the Ratepayers not have Resident parking signs, IF!! the Traffic Controller was up and down Clunes Street frequently, Council would get enough revenue for illegal parking to PAY for said signs. Think about it!!!

A reply in the affirmative would be great.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thanks for letting us know. Our officers will inspect and follow through with marking up and issuing infringements if an offence is detected. You can also report these through our customer service centre – we attend all reports and follow through in the same way.

Thanks also for raising the question about parking permits and restrictions. We know there is not enough space for everyone to park exactly where they want every time they want to and this is going to get more challenging as car numbers increase. It's clear we must change something about how we share parking between everyone in Darebin and we are in the middle of reviewing the parking strategy which includes looking at how to best manage permits and restrictions.

We expect to be able to share a draft Parking Strategy with the community for feedback in May or June. Our officers will let you know when this is released. In the meantime, we're not intending to make local changes except where there's a safety need.

- **Gabriel Kulk, Macleod**

My name is Gabriel Kulk, I live in the Springthorpe estate which has about 950-1000 dwellings, last Thursday there was a group of people who met in relation to parking congestion adjacent to the La Trobe University boundary. This problem has existed since August 2016. When the Council met with representatives of our community as well as La Trobe University to deal with the matter.

It is now 31 months, the situation is very very unsafe. Every weekday, cars are parked alongside both sides of the street bordering onto La Trobe University. The problem is created for La Trobe University and the Council has done nothing for 31 months.

Why has this been allowed to occur for such a long time, sooner or later there will be an accident and a child will get hurt, an elderly person will be knocked down there will be a disaster in that suburb.

Why aren't you doing something about this? And may I ask what the members of my ward Councillor Laurence, Councillor Greco and I see that Councillor Newton who is not here; these are our representatives - what are they contributing to resolve this problem?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for those questions relating to parking. As noted before Council has been working on a new parking strategy and that work continues and we hope that it will contribute with resolving some of these pressures across the whole of Darebin. I will get someone to get back to you in relation to the specifics of the area that you are talking about and they can do that tomorrow.

- **Nalliah Suriyakumaran, Preston**

My name is Nalliah Suriyakumaran and I am the chairperson of the Darebin of the Ethnic Community Council and I want to acknowledge the beautiful statement Madam Mayor made in relation to the New Zealand disaster, I want that message to be all around Darebin through a banner or something so all of us can hopefully be reassured as ordinary people the leadership of the Darebin Council is completely with ordinary citizens and committed to the values that all of us hold. I am hoping that your statement can be around Darebin so all of us can read it. The thing that I am hoping that you would consider is having a memorial service for the terrible tragedy and invite all of the citizens to come and share in on that.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question in relation to Council action in the face of the tragedy in New Zealand. I can let you know that we are looking at a way of communicating that expression I made in my statement to all residents within Darebin both through something in the local paper and through a banner and we will also be working closely with stakeholders on all other things that we can do to assure our community, that they are safe and they are included and they are very much valued as members of our community. Thank you.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, could you please advise if the following masterplans have reference community groups?

- Robinson/Capp Masterplan
- Pender Park Masterplan
- Batman Park Masterplan
- Mayer Park Masterplan
- Bill Lawry and Oldis Gardens Masterplan
- Bundoora Park Precinct Masterplan
- Fairfield Village Streetscape Masterplan

If not, why not?

Also why is there more masterplans in the southern part of the city than the northern part of the city?

Could you please advise why?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your questions Mr Nugent, I am hoping you have a list of those so that we can make sure that we can get you an accurate response to all those different ones, whether some of them have community reference groups and some don't and it may have to do with where their own masterplan is in the process, but we will provide you with a thorough response to those.

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Could you please advise what can be done to relieve the pressure on Cheddar Road? As you would well know, Cheddar Road has gone from a dual road to a single road. Driving down here tonight the cars were from Keon Parade to Jinchi Road Reservoir. Also traffic drivers shoot up side streets and cause traffic delays in Johnson Street Keon Park.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you also for that question Mr Nugent, we will get further information about exactly what Councillors are doing in relation to that space and will get back to you shortly.

- **Robin Vote, Preston**

Mayor Rennie,

I represent Does Council Care an unaligned and unfunded group of Darebin Residents concerned about the future of Darebin Councils home care services for older residents.

A reason, often cited, by Councillors and Council officers that Council may withdraw from service provision is the impact of National Competition Policy on Council's ability to compete with private companies.

Does Council Care has been campaigning hard for over a year to have Council aged services exempted from the policy.

At last our group and Council seem to be on the same page – working toward a solution.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that submission.

- **Batul Gulani, Taylors Hill**

My name is Batul Gulani and the suburb where I live is Taylors Hill. On the 17 March we had an event over here organised under the Shiam Muslim Management Committee. The name is Amaf Sadrition with the support of Darebin City Council. I am just here to thank them as they were so supportive of us. Our community nearly had to postpone the event but we continued that and we are so very blessed that the Darebin City Council especially the Mayor has helped us a lot with her presence and support from the local police, I wanted to say thank you to everyone who participated in the event, the hallkeepers, brother Aziz, brother Surian and all those who supported us. So yes it was a hard time for us to proceed with our event but with your help it has made it easy for us.

RESPONSE FROM CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING IN AND SHARING THAT WITH US.

6. PETITIONS

6.1 PARKING IN SOUTH CRESCENT AND ROBERTS STREET

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-002

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

That the petition:

“We the residents of South Crescent are writing to lodge a request for parking restriction during business hours along the residential side (North) of South Crescent.

Currently the high density of parked cars on both sides of the road between Simpson Street and Parsons Street contributes to a dangerous narrowing of the road for car and bike users and for children travelling to and from school.

The impact of commuter parking congestion also leads to lack of available on – street parking for residents and their visitors (some elderly and frail) and trade workers and contractors.

We request timed parking restrictions similar to those already in place in other areas adjacent to the train stations as this would promote commuter parking on the South side of the street, thereby alleviating the on road congestion and promoting a safer environment for all road users.”

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer

.CARRIED

6.2 COUNCIL'S ROLE IN PROVIDING AGED CARE SERVICES

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-003

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That the petition:

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

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

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

be tabled and referred to the Chief Executive Officer.

CARRIED

Cr. Lina Messina declared an interest in the following Urgent Business item describing the interest as an indirect interest as a result of conflicting duty as she is employed by an aged care service provider.

Cr. Lina Messina left the meeting prior to discussion at 6.46pm.

Cr. Kim Le Cerf temporarily left the meeting at 6.46pm and returned at 6.47pm.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-004

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to “ALGA National General Assembly and MAV State Council Meeting Motions on Aged Care Services” be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

CARRIED

7.1 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING MOTIONS ON AGED CARE SERVICES

Author: Manager Governance and Performance

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council’s approval to submit a proposed motion to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly on 16 to 19 June 2019 (Appendix A) and a proposed motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 17 May 2019 (Appendix B).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through the MAV State Council meeting and ALGA National General Assembly, Council has an opportunity to advocate for issues and promote initiatives that impact on the livelihood and wellbeing of the Darebin community. Council has identified proposed motions for consideration at these meetings that align with the priority areas identified in Council’s strategies and in the 2017–21 Council Plan.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-005

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

That Council resolves to:

- (1) submit the motion attached at **Appendix A** to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly
- (2) submit the motion attached at **Appendix B** to the May 2019 Municipal Association of State Council meeting.

CARRIED

Chad Berbari, IT Service Desk Officer left the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 6.55pm.

Cr. Lina Messina returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 6.55pm.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME FOR THE HIGH STREET NORTHCOTE BUSINESS PRECINCT

Author: Coordinator Economic Development

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's declaration of intent to declare a special charge for the High Street Northcote Business Precinct 2019-2024 for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of High Street Northcote.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special charge for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the Northcote Business Precinct has been in place for 20 years. The current special charge scheme expires on 30 June 2019.

The funds collected from a special charge scheme assist precincts to market and promote the businesses within the precinct, and are also used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. Over the past five years the High Street Northcote special charge has contributed to improving centre branding and social media presence and raised customer awareness.

This report proposes commencing the formal process for the renewal of the High Street Northcote Business Precinct Special Charge Scheme.

The next steps would be advertising of Council's intention to declare a special charge and seek submissions from property owners and businesses liable to pay the proposed special charge.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-006

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

That Council:

- (1) Having otherwise considered all relevant matters, commences the statutory process under the *Local Government Act 1989* to reintroduce a Special Charge to and for the properties defined in the High Street Northcote Business Precinct for the encouragement of business and commerce (**Appendix A – Map**). This Special Charge to raise an amount of \$88,745 per annum for a period of five years commencing on 1 July 2019 and ending on 30 June 2024. That amount is multiplied by the Consumer Price Index provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year for years two, three, four and five of the Scheme.
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- (2) Apply criteria to be used as the basis for levying the special charge:
- i. For the period of the scheme, it is proposed that the special charge will be assessed as follows:

Properties allocated to the “primary” special benefit (as shown below) are charged \$480.00 per annum (plus any CPI increase annually in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme) including:
 - 203 to 385; 200 to 360, 360A High Street (inclusive)
Properties allocated to the “secondary” special benefit (as shown below) are charged \$235.00 per annum (plus any CPI increase in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme) including:
 - 176 to 198; 387 to 409; 372 to 392 High Street (inclusive)
 - 2A and 4A Mitchell Street (inclusive)
 - The property known as Northcote Central Shopping Centre Secondary (corner of High and Separation Streets Northcote)
- (3) Give public notice to be given in the Preston and Northcote Leader newspapers, of Council’s intention to declare a Special Charge at its ordinary meeting to be held on 11 June 2019; in accordance with the Proposed Declaration of the Special Charge **(Appendix B)**.
- (4) Send separate letters enclosing a copy of the public notice to the owners and the occupiers referred to and set out in the listing of rateable properties in Appendix A to the Proposed Declaration of the Special Charge advising:
- a) Of Council’s intention to declare the Special Charge at its ordinary meeting to be held on 11 June 2019;
 - b) The amount for which the property owner or the occupier (being a person who as a condition of a lease under which the person who occupies the property is required to pay the Special Charge) will be liable; and
 - c) The basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Charge will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with the Act
- (5) Advises the Northcote Business Association of this resolution.
- (6) Authorises the appropriate members of Council’s staff:
- a) To carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under the Act; and
 - b) To prepare a funding agreement between Council and the Northcote Business Association to formalise the administrative operations of the Special Charge
- (7) Approve the agreement specified in paragraph 6(b) of this resolution and it be subsequently submitted to Council for approval and sealing before the proceeds of the Special Charge, or any part of them, are paid to the Northcote Business Association for the purposes for which the Special Charge has been made.

CARRIED

8.2 PRESTON BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Author:** Coordinator Economic Development**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

This report recommends ceasing the Preston Business Advisory Committee and supporting businesses in Preston Central to establish a trader led Business Association.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2008 Council sought to support the businesses in Preston Central by managing and administering the special rate levy with the advice from Preston Business Advisory Committee (PBAC).

Over the past 10 years the PBAC has worked to ensure businesses in Preston Central are represented and to ensure their ideas and priorities are incorporated into various promotional and marketing activities, events and programs. These have showcased the diverse range of businesses, helped to attract visitors and activated the precinct. More recently the PBAC has played a key role in development of a refresh of the branding for the Preston Central and social media promotions campaign.

The current Preston Central special rate levy expires at 30 June, 2019 and Council will consider a renewal for an additional five years at a future meeting. In order to allow the businesses that pay the special rate levy to have more control over their aspirations for Preston Central, it is timely that Council assess the future of the committee. Officers recommend disbanding the current advisory committee to Council and instead assisting the business community to establish a Preston Central business led association which can advocate directly to Council. Consultation with current PBAC members as well as local businesses indicates support for this approach.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-007**MOVED:** Cr. L Messina**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That Council:**

- (1) Acknowledges the work undertaken by the Preston Business Advisory Committee and its members over the past ten years.
- (2) Disbands the Preston Business Advisory Committee as at 18 March.
- (3) Continues to administer the special rate levy until such time as a Business Association is established.
- (4) Supports the establishment of a business association for Preston Central.

CARRIED

Chad Berbari, IT Service Desk Officer returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 7.01pm.

8.3 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL RATE SCHEME FOR THE FAIRFIELD VILLAGE BUSINESS PRECINCT

Author: Coordinator Economic Development

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's declaration of intent to declare a special rate for the Fairfield Village Business Precinct 2019-2024 for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of Fairfield Village.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special rate for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the Fairfield Village Business Precinct has been in place for 20 years. The current special rate scheme expires on 30 June 2019.

The funds collected from a special rate scheme assist precincts to market and promote the businesses within the precinct, and are also used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. Over the past five years the Fairfield Village special rate has contributed to improving centre branding and social media presence and raised customer awareness.

This report proposes commencing the formal process for the renewal of the Fairfield Village Business Precinct Special Rate Scheme.

The next steps would be advertising of Council's intention to declare a special rate and seek submissions from property owners and businesses liable to pay the proposed special rate.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-008

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council:

- (1) Having otherwise considered all relevant matters, commences the statutory process under the *Local Government Act* 1989 to reintroduce a Special rate to and for the properties defined in the Fairfield Village Business Precinct for the encouragement of business and commerce (**Appendix A – Map**). This Special Charge will commence on 1 July 2019 and end on 30 June 2024, and raise an amount of \$66,000 per annum, multiplied by the Consumer Price Index Rate provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the previous financial year for years two, three, four and five of the Scheme.
- (2) Apply the criteria to be used as the basis for levying the special rate:
 - i. For the period of the scheme, it is proposed that the special rate will be assessed as follows:

Properties allocated to the “primary” special benefit will be subject to a special rate of 0.00066645 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value of the property (plus any CPI increase annually in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme).

Properties allocated to the “secondary” special benefit will be subject to a special rate of 0.00049984 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value of the property (plus any CPI increase annually in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the scheme).

The manner in which the special rate is assessed (that is, the criteria to be used as the basis for levying the special rate) is: For the first year and subsequent years of the proposed special rate – each commercially zoned property included in the special rate is to pay the amount calculated in **Appendix B** of the respective property’s Capital Improved Value.

- (3) Give public notice in the Preston and Fairfield Village Leader newspapers, of Council’s intention to declare a Special rate at its ordinary meeting to be held on 11 June 2019; in accordance with the Proposed Declaration of the Special rate (**Appendix C**).
- (4) Send separate letters enclosing a copy of the public notice to the owners and the occupiers referred to and set out in the listing of rateable properties in **Appendix A** to the Proposed Declaration of the Special Rate advising:
 - a) Of the intention of Council to declare the Special Rate at its ordinary meeting to be held on 11 June 2019;
 - b) The amount for which the property owner or the occupier (being a person who as a condition of a lease under which the person who occupies the property is required to pay the Special rate) will be liable; and
 - c) The basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Rate and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Special Rate will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with the Act.
- (5) Advises the Fairfield Village Traders Association of this resolution.
- (6) Authorises the appropriate members of Council’s staff:
 - a) To carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under the Act; and
 - b) To prepare a funding agreement between Council and the Fairfield Village Traders Association to formalise the administrative operations of the Special rate
- (7) Approve the agreement specified in paragraph 6(b) of this resolution and it be subsequently submitted to Council for approval and sealing before the proceeds of the Special rate, or any part of them, are paid to the Fairfield Village Traders Association for the purposes for which the Special Rate has been made.

CARRIED

With leave of the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie, Cr McCarthy proposed altering the order of the agenda.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-009**

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

That Council alter the order of the agenda to hear Item 8.5 for Council's consideration and then to continue with Item 8.4 and the others as per the original order.

CARRIED**8.5 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE: DAREBIN SOLAR SAVER**

Author: Climate Action Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek Council's declaration of intent to declare a Special Charge for the next Solar Saver round.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of Council's Climate Emergency Plan. The proposed Special Charge scheme includes 147 properties and would add 780.4kW of solar to Darebin. The program was open to all residents and low income residents, renters, pensioners and social housing residents have been prioritised.

The proposed Special Charge scheme totals \$967,652.80 (\$1,463,920.45 gross including GST and pre STC claim) and these funds will be paid back to Council through the Special Charge scheme over 10 years. No interest is charged. These payments are more than offset by participants' savings on their energy bills, and therefore the program provides financial and environmental benefits.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-010**

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

That Council:

- 1) Gives notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge in accordance with section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)* as follows:
 - (a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the

- tenth anniversary of that day.
- (b) The Special Charge be declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which project:
 - i. Council considers is or will be a special benefit to those persons required to pay the Special Charge (and who are described in succeeding parts of this resolution); and
 - ii. Arises out of Council's functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district.
 - (c) The total:
 - i. Cost of performing the function described in paragraph 1(b) of this resolution be recorded as \$967,652.80; and
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$967,652.80, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution
 - (d) If Council receives a rebate from the Victorian Government Solar Homes Program for any of the properties listed in **Appendix B**, the value of the Solar Homes rebate will be credited to the property owner's outstanding amount on their rates notice for Solar Saver.
 - (e) The Special Charge be declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as Appendix B to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
 - (f) The following be specified as the criteria which form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
 - i. Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
 - (g) The following be specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
 - i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which a Householder Agreement has been executed, totalling \$967,652.80, being the total cost of the scheme to Council;
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
 - (h) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will, subject to a further resolution of Council, pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
 - i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.

- 2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the proposed Special Charge, as a result of the expenditure proposed by the Special Charge, in that the properties will have the benefit of a solar energy system being installed.
- 3) For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied:
 - (a) Considers and formally records that only those rateable properties included in the Solar Saver scheme as proposed will derive a special benefit from the imposition of the Special Charge, and there are no community benefits to be paid by Council; and
 - (b) Formally determines for the purposes of section 163(2) (a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Special Charge to which the performance of the function or the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- 4) Give public in the *Northcote Leader* and *Preston Leader* newspapers of Council's intention to declare, at its ordinary meeting to be held on 29 April 2019, the Special Charge in the form set out above.
- 5) Send separate letters, enclosing a copy of this resolution, **Appendix B** to this report, and the public notice referred to in Paragraph 4 of this resolution, are to be sent to the owners of the properties included in the scheme, advising of Council's intention to levy the Special Charge, the amount for which the property owner will be liable, the basis of calculation of the Special Charge, and notification that submissions and/or objections in relation to the proposal will be considered by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act.
- 6) Hearing of Submissions Committee be convened, at a date and time to be fixed, to hear persons who, in their written submissions made under section 223 of the Act, advise that they wish to appear in person, or to be represented by a person specified in the submission, at a meeting in support of their submission.
- 7) Manager Environment and Sustainable Transport be authorised to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under sections 163A, 163(1A), (1B) and (1C), 163B and 223 of the Act.

CARRIED

8.4 REVIEW OF PLANNING CONTROLS PRESTON MARKET**Author:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend an integrated, place focused and planning led approach to planning and design in the Preston station and Preston market area that engages with the community. Given the multiple state and local agencies involved, this report recommends Council confirm its commitment to an integrated, place focused approach and also that it seeks formal commitment from the state government to this at a principle level and in regards to some specific outcomes and mechanisms. The recommendation in this report is not intended to impede the facilitation of core rail infrastructure works to be delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is significant state and local government work in progress in the Preston Station and Preston Market area to review planning controls and in this area the state government has also prioritised (but not yet confirmed) level crossing removals in this area. Planning work in progress includes the Review of the Planning Controls at the Preston Market strategic site which the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) is leading and working in partnership with Council on, and Council's work reviewing the structure plan (planning controls) for the wider Central Preston area

Council has been advocating for the four level crossings to be removed as a single project and welcomes the prioritisation and delivery of these works. They have the potential to be transformative for the Preston precinct.

In order for this transformative potential and the community benefits to be realised, it is critical that the Level Crossing Removal site, the Preston Market strategic site and the adjacent public and private sites are viewed as an interconnected place, and a place led approach occurs for the planning and design. Collectively this area plays a gateway function in the wider precinct, which is forecast to experience rapid population growth over the next 20 years and beyond.

Any future development in this area has the potential to benefit the wider Central Preston precinct if informed and led by a proper planning process, alternatively if unplanned there is a real risk that future development could prejudice future plans for Central Preston and the Preston Market precinct.

This report recommends that Council confirm its commitment to an integrated approach and that Council also seeks state government commitment to ensuring the Preston Market site, railway land adjacent to the Preston Station and adjoining private land are planned and designed as one. This recommendation is not intended to impede the facilitation of core rail infrastructure works to be delivered by the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP).

To achieve an integrated place approach to planning in this area, this report recommends that Council seek specific inclusions in any future planning consideration by the state government relating to the level crossing removals and that Council seeks support for broadening upcoming community engagement at the Preston Market Strategic site.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
 - a) call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b) indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXR, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
 - c) seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d) note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning write to the VPA to adjust their scope of work to:
 - a. incorporate integration with any station and urban design outcomes for any integrated rail project and provide advice to Council on future planning for land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road
 - b. broaden the next phase of community engagement planned for the Review of Planning controls at Preston Market to also understand community views on the land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road;
 - e) seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.
 - f) seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:
 - a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.
 - b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only
 - c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that it maximises retention of car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers

- d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above

Motion

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

That Council defer this item to be considered at a Council briefing, with a report to be presented to the next Council meeting.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
- a) Call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b) Indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXR, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
 - c) Seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d) Note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning write to the VPA to adjust their scope of work to:
 - a. incorporate integration with any station and urban design outcomes for any integrated rail project and provide advice to Council on future planning for land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road
 - b. broaden the next phase of community engagement planned for the Review of Planning controls at Preston Market to also understand community views on the land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road;
 - e) seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.

- f) seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:
- a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.
 - b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only
 - c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that it maximises retention of car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers
 - d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above.

Amended Motion

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

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (1) d) be amended as follows

That Council

- (1) d) *Note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning:*
- a. *Revokes the decision of 6 August 2017 made under section 9 of the Victorian Planning Authority Act (2017) and reinstate Council as the Planning Authority for the Preston Market Site.*
 - b. *Confirms that Council would proceed with the review of Planning controls*

The mover and seconder rejected the amendment.

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
- a. call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b. indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based

- approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXP, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
- c. seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d. **Note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning:**
 - a. **Revokes the decision of 6 August 2017 made under section 9 of the Victorian Planning Authority Act (2017) and reinstate Council as the Planning Authority for the Preston Market Site.**
 - b. **Confirms that Council would proceed with the review of Planning controls**
 - e. seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.
 - f. seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:
 - a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.
 - b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only
 - c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that it maximises retention of car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers
 - d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST.

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
 - a. call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b. indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXP, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
 - c. seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d. note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning write to the VPA to adjust their scope of work to:
 - a. incorporate integration with any station and urban design outcomes for any integrated rail project and provide advice to Council on future planning for land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road.
 - b. broaden the next phase of community engagement planned for the Review of Planning controls at Preston Market to also understand community views on the land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road;
 - e. seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.
 - f. seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:
 - a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.
 - b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only.
 - c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that it **maintains existing** car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers.
 - d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED.

Cr. Le Cerf proposed a further amendment to the mover and seconder that point f. c) be amended as follows:

*support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that **there is no net loss of car parking** currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers.*

The mover and seconder accepted this further amendment.

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
 - a. call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b. indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXP, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
 - c. seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d. note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning write to the VPA to adjust their scope of work to:
 - a. incorporate integration with any station and urban design outcomes for any integrated rail project and provide advice to Council on future planning for land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road.
 - b. broaden the next phase of community engagement planned for the Review of Planning controls at Preston Market to also understand community views on the land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road;
 - e. seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.
 - f. seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:
 - a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.

- b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only.
- c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that there is no net loss of car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers.
- d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-011

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

That Council:

- (1) Writes to the Premier, Local Members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, and the Ministers for Planning and Transport Infrastructure to:
 - a. call on the State Government to confirm that it will proceed with the four level crossing removals in Preston within its term of Government.
 - b. indicate Council's continued strong support and advocacy for the level crossing removals in Preston, Council's commitment to an integrated place based approach, and its willingness to work in partnership with state government agencies (including LXP, VPA and VicTrack) in planning the future of this precinct.
 - c. seek a formal confirmation from the State Government that Council will be retained as the Planning Authority and the Responsible Authority for the development of planning controls and facilitation of any potential development sites for surplus railway land, and therefore consideration of this would go through an open, transparent and consultative planning process.
 - d. note that the VPA is currently tasked with reviewing planning controls for the Preston Market site and to request that the Minister for Planning write to the VPA to adjust their scope of work to:
 - a. incorporate integration with any station and urban design outcomes for any integrated rail project and provide advice to Council on future planning for land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road.
 - b. broaden the next phase of community engagement planned for the Review of Planning controls at Preston Market to also understand community views on the land surrounding the Preston station, through to St George's Road;
 - e. seek formal confirmation from the State Government to ensure an integrated approach to the planning and design for any of the core rail infrastructure works which includes engagement with the community to inform design on critical urban design elements such as new station buildings, proposed public spaces.
 - f. seek a commitment from the state government that any planning approval exemptions, planning scheme amendments or associated documents it may consider to facilitate the level crossing removal works should:

- a. require that the Urban Design of the Preston Station Precinct integrates with the Preston Market site and the broader Preston Precinct and is referred to the Responsible Authority (Council) and the Victorian Planning Authority.
- b. facilitate core rail infrastructure works only.
- c. support the continuous operation of the Preston Market during and throughout construction by ensuring the footprint of the land required for the works at Preston Station is minimised and especially that there is no net loss of car parking currently used by Preston Market customers, business operators and workers.
- d. not allow for development decisions to be locked in that are not related to core rail infrastructure such as sale of public land or development adjacent or in the airspace above.

CARRIED

8.6 CT2017187 - CONTRACT AWARD FOR OPEN SPACE RELATED SERVICES

Author: Coordinator Arboriculture Planning

Reviewed By: General Manager Operations and Capital

PURPOSE

To seek endorsement to award Contract No. CT2017187 – Open Space Related Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Darebin plays an important role in planning and managing a diverse open space system. A range of parklands, linear parks, sporting reserves, historic parks, conservation areas, urban spaces and streetscapes are highly valued by the community. This open space system offers a range of settings and opportunities to meet community needs.

Due to the amount of work carried out there is a requirement to engage a panel of suitably qualified and experienced contractors to provide a variety of open space related goods and services on behalf of the City of Darebin.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Awards Contract CT2017187 for the Open Space Related Services to a panel of successful tenderers as listed below:

for the contract sum of \$_____ (GST inclusive) for the period March 2019 to June 2023, including a contract period of three years fixed, with two one-year options (a five-year period).

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-012****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf****That Council:**

- (1) Awards Contract CT2017187 for the Open Space Related Services to a panel of the following successful tenderers: Active Tree Services, Amgrow, Arbor Survey, Aussie Drain, Burstons Plumbing, Centraltech Systems, Conservation Collective, Green Earth, Ecodynamics, Environmental Tree Techniques, Envirotechniques, Globe Growing Solutions, GMHS, R&N Gray, Green Water Aus, Greenturf Management, Habitat Land Management Landlinks Environmental Services, Melbourne Chainwire Fencing, Merri Creek Management Committee, Mickleham Soils, Naturelinks Landscape Management, Oasis Turf, Programmed Property Services, Revegetation Works, RodJen (City & Rural Trees), Rootcontrollers, Sevron, Squeaks Garden (Ray Molloy), State Wide Turf Services, Ten Buuren Irrigation, The Fencing Man, The Tree Co, TreeServe, UDLM Group and Victorian Green Works, for the contract sum of \$27,837,116 (GST inclusive) for the period April 2019 to April 2024, including a contract period of three years fixed, with two one-year options (a five-year period).
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the options to extend on behalf of Darebin Council

CARRIED

8.7 2019 ALGA NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND MAV STATE COUNCIL MEETING MOTIONS

Author: Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

This report seeks Council's approval to submit 10 proposed motions to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly on 16 to 19 June 2019 (Appendix A) and nine proposed motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 17 May 2019 (Appendix B).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Through the MAV State Council meeting and ALGA National General Assembly, Council has an opportunity to advocate for issues and promote initiatives that impact on the livelihood and wellbeing of the Darebin community. Council has identified proposed motions for consideration at these meetings that align with the priority areas identified in Council's strategies and in the 2017–21 Council Plan. These include motions that cover the topics of energy, waste and climate emergency; infrastructure funding; aged care services; community safety; affordable housing; diversity; rate capping; tree protection; homelessness; and promoting the work of local government.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to:

- (1) submit the motions attached at **Appendix A** to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly.
- (2) submit the motions attached at **Appendix B** to the May 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

Motion

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

That Council resolves to:

- (1) Submit the motions titled:
 - a) Advocacy to Relieve Infrastructure Stress for Local Government
 - b) Awareness Campaign
 - c) Climate Emergency
 - d) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing
 - e) Improving Energy Performance Standards for all Australian Homes
 - f) National Advisory Body on Population, Migration and Interculturalism/Diversity

- g) National Grey-Spot program and Road User Pricing
- h) Nursing Service
- i) Waste Recycling

to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly.

(2) Submit the motions titled:

- a) Awareness Campaign
- b) Rate Capping
- c) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing
- d) Less Car Dependancy Society and Cycling Infrastructure
- e) Nursing and Medication Management Subsidy for Home Care Packages
- f) Tree Protection
- g) Waste Recycling
- h) Advocacy for Homeless Women Aged 50+

to the May 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

Cr. Laurence proposed the following amendments to the mover and seconder:

- (1) g) *National Grey-Spot Program and Road User Pricing, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to ALGA:*
 - Support funding for other infrastructure to ensure safe walking routes for older pedestrians such as:*
 - *Rest areas and seats*
 - *Mobile battery charge stations*
 - *Crossing refuges*
 - *Water fountain*
- (2) b) *Rate Capping, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to MAV:*
 - *Rate cap exemptions tied to specified and means tested social justice projects to address the needs of disadvantage residents and postcodes.*
- (2) c) *Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, subject to the title being amended to 'Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Public, Social and Affordable Housing', and subject to the inclusion of the following information in the submission made to MAV:*
 - *public housing numbers*
 - *homeless and temp housing measures.*

This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council resolves to:

- (1) Submit the motions titled:
- a) Advocacy to Relieve Infrastructure Stress for Local Government
 - b) Awareness Campaign
 - c) Climate Emergency
 - d) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing
 - e) Improving Energy Performance Standards for all Australian Homes
 - f) National Advisory Body on Population, Migration and Interculturalism/Diversity
 - g) National Grey-Spot program and Road User Pricing, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to ALGA:
Support funding for other infrastructure to ensure safe walking routes for older pedestrians such as:
 - Rest areas and seats
 - Mobile battery charge stations
 - Crossing refuges
 - Water fountain
 - h) Nursing Service
 - i) Waste Recycling

to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly.

- (2) Submit the motions titled:
- a) Awareness Campaign
 - b) Rate Capping, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to MAV:
 - Rate cap exemptions tied to specified and means tested social justice projects to address the needs of disadvantage residents and postcodes.
 - c) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, subject to the title being amended to 'Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Public, Social and Affordable Housing', and subject to the inclusion of the following information in the submission made to MAV:
 - public housing numbers
 - homeless and temp housing measures.
 - d) Less Car Dependant Society and Cycling Infrastructure
 - e) Nursing and Medication Management Subsidy for Home Care Packages

- f) Tree Protection
- g) Waste Recycling
- h) Advocacy for Homeless Women Aged 50+

to the May 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-013

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

That Council resolves to:

- (1) Submit the motions titled:
 - a) Advocacy to Relieve Infrastructure Stress for Local Government
 - b) Awareness Campaign
 - c) Climate Emergency
 - d) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing
 - e) Improving Energy Performance Standards for all Australian Homes
 - f) National Advisory Body on Population, Migration and Interculturalism/Diversity
 - g) National Grey-Spot program and Road User Pricing, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to ALGA:
 - Support funding for other infrastructure to ensure safe walking routes for older pedestrians such as:
 - Rest areas and seats
 - Mobile battery charge stations
 - Crossing refuges
 - Water fountain
 - h) Nursing Service
 - i) Waste Recycling

to the 2019 Australian Local Government Association National Assembly.

- (2) Submit the motions titled:
 - a) Awareness Campaign
 - b) Rate Capping, subject to the inclusion of the following point in the submission made to MAV:
 - Rate cap exemptions tied to specified and means tested social justice projects to address the needs of disadvantage residents and postcodes.
 - c) Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Affordable Housing, subject to the title being amended to 'Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Public, Social and Affordable Housing', and subject to the inclusion

of the following information in the submission made to MAV:

- public housing numbers
 - homeless and temp housing measures.
- d) Less Car Dependant Society and Cycling Infrastructure
- e) Nursing and Medication Management Subsidy for Home Care Packages
- f) Tree Protection
- g) Waste Recycling
- h) Advocacy for Homeless Women Aged 50+

to the May 2019 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.

CARRIED

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**10.1 DAREBIN COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT RESERVE****Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 390

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Resolves to establish a \$1 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram.*
- (2) *And that the creation of this sustainable transport reserve be included in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors** 8 March 2019**Date of Meeting:** 18 March 2019

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) *Resolves to establish a \$1 million sustainable transport reserve to assist with attracting funds to extend the route 11 Tram.*
- (2) *And that the creation of this sustainable transport reserve be included in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.2 DAREBIN COMMUNITY LANGUAGES**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 391**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council, in the interests of social inclusion resolves to expand the number of community languages in the council Agenda and publications to include Punjabi, Nepali, Urdu, and Spanish that are all listed within the top 13 NESB Languages in Darebin in the latest ABS statistics.

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-014**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**

That Council, in the interests of social inclusion resolves to expand the number of community languages in the council Agenda and publications to include Punjabi, Nepali, Urdu, and Spanish that are all listed within the top 13 NESB Languages in Darebin in the latest ABS statistics.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.3 DONATH AND DOLE RESERVE MASTER MASTERPLAN**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 392**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to invest adequately to fully fund the Master Plan by allocating \$400,000 in the 2019-2020 draft budget.

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

That Council resolves to invest adequately to fully fund the Master Plan by allocating \$400,000 in the 2019-2020 draft budget.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.03pm.

10.4 ATHLETIC TRACK SEATING AND SHELTER**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 393**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council resolves to invest adequately to construct seating and shelter for spectators at the newly refurbished Athletic track at Edwardes Park Lake in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 201****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

***That** Council resolves to invest adequately to construct seating and shelter for spectators at the newly refurbished Athletic track at Edwardes Park Lake in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

Ingrid Bishop, General Manager Governance and Engagement returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 9.08pm.

**10.6 STOREY ROAD, NORTHERNHAY ROAD LINK PARK
SOLAR LIGHTING****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 395**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

***That** Council That Darebin Council resolves to make this park a safer pedestrian link by fully funding solar powered lighting in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

***That** Council That Darebin Council resolves to make this park a safer pedestrian link by fully funding solar powered lighting in the 2019-2020 draft budget.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.7 HOMELESSNESS CRISIS LOCAL ACTION PLAN**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 396**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to allocate \$500,000 in the 2019-2020 draft budget for a homelessness Officer to work on a pilot program with homelessness volunteers and local charities to develop a proactive subsidised program to place people from our over 1,500 local homeless into accommodation by connecting with our local residents who collectively have 10,000 empty rooms the City of Darebin.

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

That Council resolves to allocate \$500,000 in the 2019-2020 draft budget for a homelessness Officer to work on a pilot program with homelessness volunteers and local charities to develop a proactive subsidised program to place people from our over 1,500 local homeless into accommodation by connecting with our local residents who collectively have 10,000 empty rooms the City of Darebin.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.8 JOHN HALL LIGHTING**Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 397**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council resolves to allocate \$350,000 in the draft budget for 2019-2020 to ensure adequate lighting for training at John Hall reserve.

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

That Council resolves to allocate refer \$350,000 to the draft budget for 2019-2020 to ensure adequate lighting for training at John Hall reserve.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.9 PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE PENSIONER RATE REBATE**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 398**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that the current Pensioner rate rebate of \$150 was last increased by Council in 2014 and that the rebate is not indexed to reflect inflation increases.*
- (2) *Includes in the 2019-2020 Draft Council budget an increase in the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$50.00 (from \$150 to \$200).*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

- (1) *Notes that the current Pensioner rate rebate of \$150 was last increased by Council in 2014 and that the rebate is not indexed to reflect inflation increases.*
- (2) *Includes in the 2019-2020 Draft Council budget an increase in the Pensioner Rate Rebate of \$50.00 (from \$150 to \$200).*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.10 PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEES**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 399**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that only 2 apprentices and 6 trainees are currently employed by Council out of a total workforce of approximately 1300 staff.*
- (2) *Considers doubling the number of apprentices and trainees that are included as part of the 2019-2020 Draft Council Budget.*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) *Notes that only 2 apprentices and 6 trainees are currently employed by Council out of a total workforce of approximately 1300 staff.*
- (2) *Considers doubling the number of apprentices and trainees that are included as part of the 2019-2020 Draft Council Budget.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.11 PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ESTABLISHING A NEW BRANCH OF THE DAREBIN LIBRARY NETWORK IN THE NORTH EAST OF RESERVOIR

Councillor: Gaetano GRECO

NoM No.: 400

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the increase in population density in Reservoir in recent years and need to increase the number and range of Council services in the northern end of the city.*
- (2) *Considers including funds in the 2019-2020 budget to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a new branch of the Darebin Library network in the north east of Reservoir.*

Notice Received: 5 March 2019

Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019

Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) *Notes the increase in population density in Reservoir in recent years and need to increase the number and range of Council services in the northern end of the city.*
- (2) *Considers including funds in the 2019-2020 budget to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a new branch of the Darebin Library network in the north east of Reservoir.*

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND LOST

10.12 RESTORATION OF ABORIGINAL MURAL**Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 401**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 18 March 2019, it is my intention to move:

That Council notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the iconic aboriginal mural on St. Georges Road and receives a report for consideration as part of the 2019-2020 budget process on how the reproduction of the mural can be restored.

Notice Received: 5 March 2019**Notice Given to Councillors 8 March 2019****Date of Meeting: 18 March 2019**

Motion

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

That Council notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the iconic aboriginal mural on St. Georges Road and receives a report for consideration as part of the 2019-2020 budget process on how the reproduction of the mural can be restored.

Cr Le Cerf proposed to the mover and seconder the following amendment:

That Council:

- (1) notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the iconic Aboriginal mural on St. Georges Road*
- (2) notes that reproduction of this mural has been budgeted for in the 2018–19 Budget*
- (3) receives a briefing when the restoration has been completed.*

This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the iconic Aboriginal mural on St. Georges Road*

- (2) notes that reproduction of this mural has been budgeted for in the 2018–19 Budget
- (3) receives a briefing when the restoration has been completed.

Cr. McCarthy proposed a further amendment to the mover and seconder that the word 'iconic aboriginal' be replaced with the 'Northcote Koorie'.

This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the Northcote Koorie mural on St. Georges Road
- (2) notes that reproduction of this mural has been budgeted for in the 2018–19 Budget
- (3) receives a briefing when the restoration has been completed.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-015

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

That Council:

- (1) notes the deterioration and fading of the reproduction of the Northcote Koorie mural on St. Georges Road
- (2) notes that reproduction of this mural has been budgeted for in the 2018–19 Budget
- (3) receives a briefing when the restoration has been completed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 Session – 20 February 2019
- Council Briefing Session – 27 February 2019
- Councillor Briefing Session – 4 March 2019
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee – 6 March 2019
- Climate Emergency Darebin Advisory Committee – 6 March 2019
- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group – 7 March 2019

Recommendation

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 20 and 27 February and 4, 6 and 7 March 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Motion

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 20 and 27 February and 4, 6 and 7 March 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting, subject to the following amendments to the Assembly of Councillors for 27 February:

- (1) the day is to be changed from Monday to Wednesday
- (2) Cr. Le Cerf is to be noted as an apology for this briefing.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-016

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 20 and 27 February and 4, 6 and 7 March 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting, subject to the following amendments to the Assembly of Councillors for 27 February:

- (1) the day is to be changed from Monday to Wednesday
- (2) Cr. Le Cerf is to be noted as an apology for this briefing.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-017

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

That Council notes the Reports by the Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

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

- Leave of absence 26 February to 1 March 2019
- Council Briefing
- Mayer Park Project Control Group Meeting
- Climate Emergency Communications and Community Engagement Workshop
- East Preston Islamic College (EPIC) Early Learning Centre opening
- Darebin Education Committee - Chair Briefing
- Podcast launch at BCHS
- One on One with the CEO
- MP visit to Decibels Youth Music Centre
- Darebin Creek Management Committee MOU discussion
- 2019/20 Planning and Annual Budget Briefing
- Arab Cultural Event – Intercultural Centre
- St Joseph's Northcote Primary School chat
- Northern Councils Mayor & CEO Meeting briefing
- Interview with Johnny Abo from EI Telegraph on
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC) briefing
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC) meeting
- Darebin Community Awards Advisory Committee Meeting
- Northern Business Association Awards business breakfast
- Women in the North Go to the Movies - International Women's Day 2019
- 2020 Campaign Launch - Local Women Leading Change
- Darebin Domestic Animal Management Reference Group Meeting
- Active and Healthy Ageing Advisory Board Workshop on Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety
- Molly Hadfield Social Justice Oration - in celebration of International Women's Day
- Weekly catch up Mayor and Deputy Mayor

- One on One with the CEO
- Interview briefing ahead of 7:30 report interview
- Darebin Bowls Club Briefing
- Interview with ABC 7:30 report
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Council Briefing Session
- Northern Community Church of Christ meet & greet
- One on One with the CEO
- VLGA Leading the Agenda: Treaty panel discussion
- MP/Mayor/CEO visit to Recreation Centres
- Mayer Park Project Control Group Meeting
- Darebin City Council Meeting with Robin Scott MP - Preston Station
- Council Sub Committee Meeting
- 2019 Taranta Festival performance
- Exhibition Launch: 'Those Monuments Don't Know Us' & 'Healing Practices'
- Merri Community Childcare Centre & Kindergarten - RAP Launch Celebration
- Multicultural Fair Diversity Festival 2019
- 2019 Victorian Mosque Open Day - Preston Mosque - Islamic Society of Victoria
- AGAPI House Aged Care Opening
- Grow Your Own Way – Water Ballet Northcote Aquatic & Recreation Centre
- Let's Take Over – Northcote Town Hall
- JS Grey Kindergarten – Day in the Park
- DCAN Film Panel Discussion

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

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

- Briefing to discuss SSAGD committee
- Councillor briefing 27 February 2019
- Regular catch up with CEO
- Meeting with Principal of Newland's Primary School to discuss local transport and littering issues
- Visit to DIVRS to see the new council-supported Fruit Squad truck
- Multi-council press conference at Parliament House regarding recycling
- Meeting with Senator Janet Rice
- Budget briefing 4 March 2019
- Launch of the VLGA's "Local Women Leading Change" resource at Kensington Town Hall

- International Women's Day seminar at La Trobe University
- Planning Committee meeting
- Councillor briefing 12 March 2019

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Reservoir Leisure Centre Project Meeting with General Managers and staff
- Chaired Welcoming Cities reference a group meeting
- Meeting with CEO
- Council briefings X3
- Planning and Annual Budget Briefing
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Planning Committee meeting
- Preston Mosque Open Day
- Islamic Museum Open Day
- Harmony week council celebration at Preston Town Hall

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Attended council meeting
- Attended council budget briefings
- Attended council planning meeting
- Attended Reservoir pool re complaints
- Attended Johnston street re complaints
- Attended Mahoney rd re planning complaints
- Consultation regarding intercultural centre with DEEC
- Consultation regarding intercultural centre with ethnic community members
- Consultation with la Trobe residents regarding planning issues
- Consultation with Cazaly Ward residents regarding planning issues
- Consultation with Rucker Ward residents regarding planning issues
- Attended Dole stadium and reserve re resident complaints
- Consultation regarding sporting facilities in La Trobe ward
- Attended Premiers Gala dinner for diversity week with Darebin and Whittlesea leaders
- Attended Preston Mosque open day
- Attended Diversity Week event at Preston Town Hall

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

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

- Darebin Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Meeting regarding Alphington Microgrid project
- Meeting with Local Government Victoria regarding Timor Leste
- Meeting regarding managing conflict
- Meeting with staff regarding Darebin Creek Management Committee MOU
- Planning and Annual Budget Briefing
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Climate Emergency Darebin Meeting
- NBAA Business Breakfast
- Planning Committee
- Council Briefing
- Meeting regarding Climate Emergency Council to Council Resource
- Council Meeting

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Planning Committee Meeting
- Council Briefings
- Budget Briefings
- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee
- Pender's Park Project Control Group
- Visit to Islamic Museum of Australia as part of the Victorian Mosques Open Day
- Launch of Melbourne Innovation Centre Otter St site and relaunch of the Melbourne Polytechnic Collingwood Campus
- Melbourne School Strike 4 Climate
- Northcote Community Climate Forum with School Strike Organisers
- Meeting with CEO
- National Youth Commission Hearing in Preston
- DCAN Film Screening at Preston Library
- Victorian Transport Infrastructure Summit
- Lewis St, Thornbury Street Party

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council Briefings 2019
- Budget Briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Individual resident complaints and emails.
- Taranta Festival
- Metropolitan Transport Waste Forum x 2
- Women's Advisory Committee
- Metropolitan Waste Resource Recovery Forum
- Strategies Policy Advisory Group
- Technical
- NBAA Business Breakfast
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Melbourne Innovation Otter St, Collingwood Opening
- Harmony Multicultural Festival
- Greek Festival
- Victorian Mosque Open Day
- Meeting with the Mayor
- Environmental Film Festival
- Waste Recovery Forum
- Preston Business Advisory Committee
- Meeting with Mayor
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin
- 90 Year Birthday Celebration Bell Primary School
- Bundoora Homestead "Lucky" exhibition
- People of Preston Launch
- Special Council Meeting
ALTO Italian Business Leaders of Tomorrow

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

Cr. Newton is on an approved leave of absence.

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

Cr Williams is on an approved leave of absence.

14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Nil

15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.07pm.