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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 20 MAY 2019**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 1.01PM

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.”

THE CHAIRPERSON, MAYOR RENNIE WELCOMED THE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG CITIZENS JURY WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING.

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Kim Le Cerf
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer
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
Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer
Michelle Martin - Council Business Officer

2. APOLOGIES

Cr. Steph Amir and Cr. Tim Laurence are on an approved leave of absence.

3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-061

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 29 April 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.

- **Valerie Moore, Fairfield**

Is Council working towards implementing a bio-degradable bin collection and treatment service. NSW has implemented this in many shires and I believe some Melbourne councils are using it.

Council provides a special bin with bio-degradable bags into which all food scraps, bones, plant material and much more can be collected for treatment at a special processing factory where it is turned into re-saleable compost fertiliser. Program called FOGO (food organics/garden organics).

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for the question – it's certainly timely! We are considering a report at today's meeting that proposes rolling out a food waste recycling service city-wide as part of our green waste recycling service. An officer will get in touch after today to let you know what Council has decided.

- **Naomi, Preston**

In light of a devastating result for climate action at yesterday's federal election, will the Darebin Council consider joining other countries in declaring a climate emergency? As it is only through local government action, and the determination of the community, that the changes we must make immediately to prevent this existential crisis can be achieved.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Darebin Council was the first government in the world to declare a climate emergency. It was one of the first initiatives of the current Council. We made the decision on Monday 21 August 2017. We have been really heartened how many governments around the world have now also declared a climate emergency including the Cities of Yarra, Ballarat and Moreland in Australia, and global cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Greater London.

Just weeks ago the conservative led government in the UK also declared a climate emergency, where there is strong bipartisan support for climate action.

The science is unequivocal, we have a short period of time to cut emissions or we will be facing significant global security, agricultural and economic challenges. To solve this problem means switching all our power to renewable energy, it means moving away from petrol driven vehicles and gas in our homes and it means cutting the amount of waste we generate and cleaning up how we dispose of it.

We call on the Australian government to make this unavoidable transition to low carbon quickly and to harness the power of business and industry to achieve it – by setting the rules so that clean businesses of the future can thrive and so that existing businesses change their business models quickly which will also establish them as leaders in a global economy.

The Paris targets aren't fast enough to solve the problem – aiming for these targets is like aiming to hold back a bushfire with 3 tankers when the experts say that you need 9. We must work faster than the targets suggest.

To that end we are working on a number of fronts to cut emissions. Today Council is considering a proposal to further roll out of the solar savers program which is helping around 1000 households put solar power on their roofs, as well as a proposal to roll out of a new food waste recycling service.

Both of these proposals would cut emissions significantly. We are also currently consulting on a proposed parking strategy which would help make it easier for people to walk, cycle and catch public transport. We have also established Climate Emergency Darebin which is a group of experts in our community to help us with the big task of embedding an emergency response in our own activities, to help our community do the same, and to contribute to a rapid response Australia wide.

I will ask an officer to get in touch with you tomorrow to let you know what the outcome of our decisions today are.

- **Naomi, Preston**

I would like to know plans the Council has for tree planting across Darebin. In the face of increasing temperatures, what is the Council doing to create a green canopy to future proof against hotter, longer periods of weather, and how can the community contribute to this?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for your question as Council also is keen to continue increasing the municipality tree canopy to address Climate Emergency and future proof against hotter weather. This is important to Council.

Council has a significant tree planting program expecting to plant more than 1500 street trees and 300 park trees in Darebin in the current year. Several thousand trees and shrubs will be planted in Bushland areas.

The Urban Forest Strategy has an aim of increasing the canopy coverage on public land from 13.8% to 25% by 2025. Council is well on track to achieve this target as the municipality canopy coverage has increased to over 16% since 2013.

The community can contribute to increasing the canopy coverage in Darebin by planting more trees on private property, watering newly planted street trees during dry spells and not removing trees on private property where possible.

Council has recently introduced a local law to protect significant trees on private property. Trees over 8m tall and with a circumference greater than 100cm cannot be removed with a permit.

Council's draft 2019/20 budget is proposing to allocate a further \$700,000 for tree planting in park reserves and streets next year.

- **John Berriman**

On 12 June 2018, 342 days ago, the Darebin Council unanimously passed a motion, Resolution Minute No 18-169, re the Strathallan Open Space.

The motion asked for five actions to be undertaken by the Council Officers.

They are:

1. To request that the Valuation Report as prepared by the VGV should be made available to all affected third parties
2. To request the VGV to seek a second valuation and involve the Land Monitor
3. That a copy of the correspondence forwarded to the VGV to be sent to:

Mr Colin Brooks MP, State Member for Bundoora and

Mr Richard Wynne MP, Minister for Planning.

4. Requests that Officers investigate the detailed terms associated with the contract of sale for the acquisition of the Strathallan Golf Course land by La Trobe University from the State Government
5. and further, researches the details of any communications used to announce the sale.

On 24 September 2018, 238 days ago, The Darebin Council unanimously passed a motion, Resolution Minute No 18-261, re the Strathallan Open Space. That:

1. Council officers report back on progress in relation to the possible acquisition of the Strathallan Golf Course for use as open space, recreation and conservation purposes and retention the Strathallan Golf Course.
2. Furthermore, that the officers' report includes an up to date timetable for the possible staged acquisition via our open space reserve.

Would you please advise the status of each of the actions agreed by the Council?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much Mr Berriman, Councillors are aware of the history of this matter, in terms of responding to each action specified I will take these on notice. I do note that in the interim the Minister for Planning has confirmed that the land is to remain public open space which follows Council advocacy. I am advised that Officers will provide a report to Council on this matter in coming months which will be comprehensive.

Peter Roberts

The Strathallan Golf Club has received a Rates Notice reflecting a 500% increase in the Rate Charges for the prior year (approx. \$4,000-2017/18 & \$24,000-2018/19). The subsequent Objection, as advised in correspondence issued 8th May 2019, has been allowed in part via a reduction of the original site valuation figure, as assessed by a valuer engaged by the DCC, of \$13.5 Mil. to \$12.2 Mil.

A resulting Appeal will be lodged by the Golf Club at VCAT on or before 10 June 2019.

Is Council satisfied that the revised valuation figure (as determined by the DCC valuer) of \$12.2 Mil. is a reasonable and defensible valuation attributed to the Strathallan Golf Course land?

On behalf of the Strathallan Golf Club I'll be sending a letter to all Councillors, during the course of this week, raising concerns with respect of the Objection Review process and the disconnect between the various positive and supportive Motions as passed by Council compared with the resulting outcomes. With respect of the Strathallan Open Space land, both factors are having an adverse impact on the overall Objective of Darebin City Council, the Community Groups and the broader Community, to ensure the long-term security of the usage & zoning of this significant environmental/recreational area.

Are Councillors prepared to fully consider the matters to be raised within the letter & subsequently work with the Community Groups to achieve the shared Objective of ensuring the preservation of the Strathallan Open Space, as currently zoned and utilised, for future generations?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Yes, the valuation for 100 Main Drive Bundoora of \$12.2 million is reasonable and defensible.

Council's contract valuer initially valued this property at \$13.5 million as at 1 January 2018. Valuation has been amended down to \$12.2 million on 6 May 2019 in response to the notice of objection.

As per the Valuation Objection Process from the 2018 Valuation Best Practice Guidelines, an objector who is dissatisfied with the decision of the valuer can refer the matter to VCAT for a review of the decision. If there is no referral then the objection is concluded.

Councillors will consider the matters raised within the letter. As Councillors have not yet received a copy of this letter, no specific response can be provided.

Council supports that the land occupied by the Strathallan Golf Club continues to be public open space and retains its Public Park and Recreation zoning.

- **Hanh, Preston**

Question

I am a resident of Darebin for more than 30 years. Recently I have seen a lot of trees cut down. I have heard of the development, 5-storey building being built between the Police Station and the Library. This development will affect the trees, parking spaces and the population. Will the children running around near the Library be safe? A lot of people are not happy about that idea.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much for that question. In respect of trees, Council recently passed a Tree Protection Local Law which means that trees on private property are afforded more protection than in the past. If any resident now wants to cut down or significantly prune a tree with a circumference of more than 100 cm they must apply to Council for a permit and there are penalties for people that chop down trees without that. That is a new tree protection law that we didn't have in Darebin in the past and we do hope it will make a difference to our canopy cover.

In respect to the block of land between the Police Station and the Library, Council is investigating a social housing project on that land and that would be built using the air rights above the car park and it is not anticipated to significantly impact on car parking on that site.

Question

That building, is it set to be built, is it definite?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

It is a community housing project that has been proposed and we are seeking expressions of interest from housing providers to see what they would be interested in building. No final decision has yet been made on what will occur on the site.

Question

At the moment we see a lot of trees, Council changed the trees around, which we are happy with. As the trees grow older, the base makes the walkway uneven. Does Council send someone out to check the street or do we have to report it?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question Hanh. Council has a regular program of inspecting all footpaths, but it is also helpful if residents do alert us if they believe there is a problem with any footpath. We are also, in terms of tree selection, careful to avoid trees that might impact on footpaths because some species of trees have more significant impacts on footpaths than others.

- **John Berriman**

I am aware of the Governance guidelines of Council which talk about transparency, they talk about efficiency and effectiveness. Is Council satisfied that after 348 days there appears to be no action on the motion that was passed last June and the one action you mentioned was in fact not the result of anything done by Council but was a result of the Planning Minister writing to the University? I am very frustrated that normal guidelines of Governance appear to be ignored on this issue.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question Mr Berriman, as I stated, a report is coming to Council so there has been a significant amount of work being undertaken. When that report comes to Council I am certain there will be further information we can provide to you. In the meantime Council did advocate very strongly along with the Strathallan Golf Club and the Save Strathallan Open Space Group to get that commitment from the Minister that the land would remain open space. I do know that it has taken too long and it is a very frustrating and a difficult situation for the club.

We are very pleased that the Minister made that commitment that it would remain public open space. I will make sure we get in touch with you to progress this more quickly, noting that I did meet with you and Peter last month.

- **Jeremy Johnson, Reservoir**

What plan does the Council have in supporting schools to be more environmentally sustainable?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much Jeremy for that question. Darebin Council works closely with a number of schools in our area and some of that work involves waste education and recycling education. Last year we had an initiative where school students were invited to think about and design a logo to be used in our recycling initiatives. There are also a number of ways in which Council Officers reach out to schools and we will follow up with further information about those to you.

- **Ahmed Moussa, Campbellfield**

What is the plan of the City of Darebin to reduce Islamophobia?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you very much for that question in relation to reducing Islamophobia. Council works very hard to ensure that Darebin is a safe space for people from all communities. We recently passed a motion endorsing a Memorandum of Understanding with the local Mosque. We have a long-standing relationship with the Mosque to ensure we have good relationships and that they can come to us with any issues. We know Islamophobia is an issue in the community and tonight many Councillors here are going to the annual Ramadan iftar dinner at the East Preston Islamic College to reach out and extend support.

In addition, we have an Interfaith Committee, which is an advisory committee to Council made up of various faiths and they consider things that happen in our municipality and to ensure that community members are safe and welcome. I have been a member of that advisory committee and there are always one or two Councillors who attend and who inform Council's decision-making. Following the terrorist attack in New Zealand, Council met with the local leaders of the Mosque to offer our support and make sure that anything they needed or needed to make the community safer were put in place. We continue to work with schools – we have a close relationship with the East Preston Islamic College and we would love to hear your ideas. So if there are things that you think we should be doing, please let us know because we really listen to the community in respect to things that would make all members of our community more welcome and safe in Darebin.

- **Emily Hughes, Northcote**

The Darebin Young Citizens Jury made a budget submission regarding the 2019-2020 budget. In the submission we talked on many areas, however I would like to talk on and further question how the Darebin Council is taking steps to reduce youth unemployment and youth under employment.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Emily, thank you very much for your question. Darebin Council is committed to ensuring that young people in Darebin have access to quality employment. We have a number of traineeship and apprenticeship positions.

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie referred the question to the CEO, Sue Wilkinson for further response.

Response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson

Thank you for the question. Council does quite a lot in terms of partnering with employment businesses to help support youth employment, particularly local youth employment. But the truth is there is more that we could be and should be doing. We have a number of traineeships and a number of apprentices and I know Council would like to make sure that we have more. One of the things I have my staff working on at the moment is to look at ways we might support young people working in Council as a career. I find working in Council a very rewarding career and I would like to share that with young people too. Another thing Council is doing is Council has a \$200,000,000 budget and one of the things we know is if we can direct our spending, things that we buy and equipment we hire, and the companies that we use, if we can direct that to a more local environment, then actually what we will do is create jobs. So that is another piece of work that we are looking at right now. We are trying to find whether there are ways to require people who do work for us to also take the same approach and have lots of young people who are local working for us.

EXTENTION OF QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 19-062**

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

That Question and Submission time be extended for 15 minutes.

CARRIED

- **Valerie Moore, Fairfield**

This is more of a complaint than a question, it is after the fact. It is regarding the cutting down of beautiful trees, we can't understand why? About a year ago a truck arrived on a Saturday morning and proceeded to damage trees in the park next to me. I asked what they were doing and they said "these trees give you an itch". Somebody presumes they create allergic reactions. They are beautiful trees (Lagenaria) and they use to be filled with birds. But they came down that Saturday morning and I was told this Council wanted to get rid of Lagenaria's all over the Darebin area, I am not sure if they have done that or not. I am voicing my disappointment. These are 20 year old trees and it is sad to see them go down. I am asking why did you cut them down and I don't understand it.

Valerie Moore confirmed that it is in Susan Ryan Park.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question, I would say that it is not Council practice to cut down trees because they cause an itch or an allergy. Council's practice is to only remove trees that are unwell or cause a potential safety hazard but we will follow up with you in respect to that particular instance so you can get better information around why those trees were removed.

- John Nugent, Epping

A prominent Australian passed away last Thursday, I noticed that on the Council building, there was no flags at half-mast. Why not?

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie referred the question to the CEO, Sue Wilkinson for response.

Response from the CEO, Sue Wilkinson.

Thank you for the question Mr Nugent. On the passing of the former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, the flags were lowered to half-mast once we had direction from the State Government to do so. There is actually a Flag Act that directs all of this. So once we received notification, they were lowered to half-mast.

- **Mariam Masser, Doncaster**

How can the Council assist young adults to find affordable and safe housing?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

Thank you for that question which is also very timely tonight because we are considering a matter directly relating to youth homelessness, Council does a lot of advocacy in this space, we are aware that it can be very difficult in housing and Darebin particularly has become less and less affordable, particularly for people on lower incomes. I would encourage you to listen to the debate on the matter, in relation to Item 8.2 – Proposed lease to Kids Under Cover, which will provide an excellent example of some of the work that Council does in this space.

Responses to Public Questions taken on notice at the Council meeting on 29 April 2019.

At the Council meeting held on 29 April 2019, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie

- **John Nugent**

Question: Could you please advise what was spent in the 2018–19 Budget on capital works in the northern part of the city from Dundas Street onwards and what was spent on capital works in the southern part of the city?

A written response dated 20 May 2019 was provided to John Nugent by Rachel Ollivier, General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy.

Of the \$20.483 million spent on capital works to the end of March 2019, 60% was spent in the north of the municipality and 23% was spent in the south. The remaining funds (17%) are spent across the municipality, for example on renewal and replacement programs for assets such as vehicles and mobile garbage bins.

- **JOHN NUGENT**

QUESTION: ALSO WHAT WILL BE SPENT IN THE PROPOSED 2019–20 BUDGET IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AREAS?

A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 20 MAY 2019 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.

\$48.529 MILLION IS ALLOCATED FOR CAPITAL WORKS IN THE DRAFT 2019–20 BUDGET. 45% OF THIS IS ALLOCATED TO WORKS IN THE NORTH OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND 36% IS ALLOCATED TO WORKS IN THE SOUTH AND THE

REMAINING 19% IS PROPOSED TO BE SPENT ON WORKS ACROSS THE MUNICIPALITY.

6. PETITIONS

Nil

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 YOUTH SERVICES STRATEGY 2019 - 2021

Author: Coordinator Youth Services

Reviewed By: General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of the Youth Services Strategy 2019-2021 and to provide a final progress report on the Young Citizens Jury Solutions Implementation Plan 2018-2019.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Youth Services Strategy 2019-2021 is Council's key strategic document in regard to young people. It provides clear strategic direction to guide and focus Council's work with, and for, young people who live, work, study, socialise and/or play in the City of Darebin.

The principle of co-design and youth led has underpinned every aspect of the Strategy's development. Over 1000 young people's voices have been heard in the development of the Strategy, and the Young Citizen's Jury has been co-leading its development every step of the way. Darebin young people are passionate change makers, at the forefront of progressive thinking and policy. They are highly engaged in social issues and have a strong sense of social justice.

The Youth Services Strategy comprises three parts:

- A comprehensive background report (**Appendix A**);
- A public facing, youth friendly Strategy, the primary audience being young people aged 12 to 25 years (**Appendix B**), and
- A two year action plan (still to be developed).

The Young Citizens Jury was established in September 2017. The Jury developed a Solutions Implementation Plan 2018-2019 and the Jury has been working with Youth Services staff, local agencies, schools and external contractors to inform the implementation of the Plan. The Solutions Implementation Plan is due to expire June 2019.

This report provides the final overview of the work undertaken by the Young Citizens Jury over 2019 with the Solutions Implementation Plan 2018-2019 Final Report (**Appendix C**). The Jury will continue to co-lead the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Youth Services Strategy 2019-2021.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-063

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the Youth Services Strategy Background Report and Youth Services Strategy 2019 -2021.
- (2) Notes the Young Citizen Jury Solutions Implementation Plan 2018 -2019 Final Report.
- (3) Thanks the members of the Young Citizens Jury for their invaluable contribution and congratulates the Jury on their achievements since the Jury's establishment in September 2017.
- (4) Thanks the Youth Citizens Jury representatives, Darebin Information Volunteer Resource Services (DIVRS) and Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network (INLLEN) for their participation in the Youth Services Strategy Reference Group.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 PROPOSED LEASE TO KIDS UNDER COVER OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AT 1 SPRING STREET PRESTON**Author:** Social Planner**Reviewed By:** Coordinator Strategic Planning

PURPOSE

To commence the statutory process and to advise the community of Councils intention to lease Council land at 1 Spring St, Preston for 3 years to not-for-profit organisation, Kids Under Cover for the purposes of providing housing for young people.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kids Under Cover is a not for profit organisation dedicated to preventing youth homelessness by providing a unique combination of studio accommodation in family backyards and education scholarships.

The pilot project seeks to prevent homelessness by extending formal care from 18 to 21. It is theorised that homelessness can be reduced in part by the increased preparedness for adulthood that an extra three years in care brings to the young person. A similar model in the UK reported the probability of homelessness among Out of Home Care clients reduced by 50%.

Understanding Council's commitment to supporting young people and ensuring Darebin is an inclusive and affordable place to live, Kids Under Cover approached officers with a request for Council to consider a partnership to deliver the Village 21 initiative in Darebin. This would require Council to provide Kids Under Cover with suitable Council-owned land to establish the village through a peppercorn lease arrangement.

The time limited pilot project provides an opportunity to contribute to reducing youth homelessness while Council considers the long term use for the site.

The time limited aspect of the project also presents certain risks that would need to be mitigated to ensure the pilot is a success.

Council owned land at 1 Spring Street, Preston, has been identified as a potential site for the implementation of the Village 21 pilot program. The Site is currently vacant and was originally acquired for the purposes of providing the former Preston Bowls Club with a car park.

As required by the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*, notice of Council's intention to use the land for another purpose (other than what it was acquired for) would be required, should Council decide to proceed with the proposal.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-064**

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

That Council:

- (1) Commences the statutory process, under section 190, 192 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, to give effect of its intention to:
 - a) Use the land for another purpose (other than that for which it was originally acquired, being car parking for the former Preston Bowls Club) and;
 - b) Enter into a lease with Kids Under Cover for the purpose of providing temporary relocatable housing accommodation for young people.
- (2) Gives public notice under Section 190, 192 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* seeking public submissions in relation to Council's intention to:
 - a) Use the land for another purpose (other than that for which it was originally acquired, being car parking for the former Preston Bowls Club) and;
 - b) Enter into a lease with Kids Under Cover for the purpose of providing temporary relocatable housing accommodation for young people.
- (3) Notes any public submission that requests to be heard in relation to their submission will be presented at a Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting prior to a further report being presented to Council for a final decision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE

Author: Diversity Policy Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager Community

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement of a renewed and strengthen 'Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Twenty years on from Darebin City Council's initial "Statement of Commitment to Aboriginal Australians" (1998), this updated Statement of Commitment renews, strengthens and formalises Council's long-standing commitment and relationship with Traditional Owners and the diverse Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

This update is even more necessary in light of:

- Council's clear commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the *Council Plan 2017-2021*, and the recognition of their right to self-determination;
- Key national or State developments such as the *Uluru Statement from the heart* (2017), the *Close the Gap Statement of intent* (2008), the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* (2006) recognising specific Aboriginal cultural rights and the Victorian State Government's treaty-development process.
- The evolution of local and national understanding of Australia's history and increased recognition of past injustices (invasion, dispossession, colonisation, forced removal) and their ongoing effect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to this day, despite their strengths and resilience.

The Statement was developed in consultation with the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation. It has been formally approved by both parties.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-065

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy

SECONDED: Cr. K Le Cerf

That Council;

- (1) Endorse the updated "Statement of Commitment to Traditional Owners and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people" for signature by the Mayor and representatives from the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Michelle Martin, Council Business Officer temporarily left the meeting during discussion of the above item at 2pm.

8.4 FOOD WASTE RECYCLING SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION**Author:** Environment Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy**PURPOSE**

To seek Council's endorsement of the model for the implementation of a city-wide food waste recycling service to users of Council's green waste service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Food waste makes up approximately 38% of Darebin's kerbside household waste sent to landfill. Introducing food waste recycling is one of the single biggest opportunities for quickly reducing carbon emissions from services that Council manages. It also supports the circular economy through the creation of nutrient rich compost, used by Victorian farmers.

Council's Action Plan 2018-2019 commits Council to '*Finalise a model for the introduction of a city-wide food waste recycling service*'. Council conducted a six month food waste recycling trial in 2018. The results of the trial and lessons from similar trials at other councils have been used to inform the development of Darebin's final model for roll out of the service.

Darebin has good coverage of the City with its green waste service at 61% of households, which means that most standalone households use the service. This report proposes introducing food waste recycling as part of this service. Officers propose introducing food waste recycling as part of this service in Spring 2019-20. All Darebin households with a green waste bin will be able to put all types of food waste into their green bin alongside their garden waste. Residents who don't currently have a green waste bin will be able to sign up if they wish to in line with the normal green waste service eligibility and charges.

Residents will be encouraged to set up a kitchen 'food scraps' bin to store their food waste before putting in into the green waste bin for collection by Council's kerbside collections team. Many residents will use a bin or bowl they already have, and this approach will encourage reuse. Council is not proposing providing a new caddy for residents as part of this roll out.

Officers expect this approach to be welcomed by residents and that it will generally be seen as an improvement to the service.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-066****MOVED:** Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams**That Council:**

- (1) Introduces a city-wide food waste recycling service to residents by offering food waste recycling as part of Council's green waste service, to be introduced in spring 2019.
- (2) Thank participants in the 2018 food waste recycling trial, which has helped understand challenges and refine plans for a city wide roll out.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 2018–19 QUARTER 3 PROGRESS REPORT**Author:** Corporate Planner**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

To provide a comprehensive update on Council's progress over the period to 31 March 2019 regarding:

- The implementation of the 2018–19 Council Plan Action Plan
- The 2018–19 capital works program
- The status of Council resolutions
- The quarterly financial statements.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* to prepare a Council Plan containing the strategic objectives of Council, strategies for achieving those objectives and indicators to monitor the achievement of those objectives.

In accordance with Council's commitment to continuous improvement and transparency, attached is an integrated progress report that provides in detail an update not only on the Council Plan actions, but also the capital works program and the financial statements. The report covers the period from 1 July to 31 March 2019.

To comply with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the report includes the following comparisons for the three months ended 31 March 2019:

- Actual and budgeted operating revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted capital revenues and expenses
- Actual and budgeted movements in the balance sheet
- Actual and budgeted movements in the cash flow statement.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-067**MOVED:** Cr. S Newton
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the 2018–19 Quarter 3 Progress Report.
- (2) Notes the year-to-date financial results against budget and endorses the Financial Report 9 months ended 31 March 2019 (commencing at page 63 in **Appendix A**), including the capital works budget adjustments.
- (3) Endorses the change in scope for the Melbourne Farmers Market in Alphington from the provision of a shade structure to the provision three-phase power to the site for the same project cost of \$37,000.

CARRIED

Michelle Martin, Council Business Officer returned to the meeting during discussion of the above item at 2.10pm.

**8.6 SOLAR SAVER SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME
DECLARATION (BATCH 3)****Author:** Climate Action Officer**Reviewed By:** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy**PURPOSE**

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Solar Saver program is a key action of the Council Plan and Council's Climate Emergency Plan. Key aspects of the program include:

- The program is open to all residential rate payers for solar systems up to 10kW
- Council undertakes procurement of good value solar systems and installation with 10 year warranties
- Council declares a Special Charge and pays the upfront cost of the solar system and installation for participants when the solar systems are installed
- Solar Saver participants pay the Special Charge over a 10 year period to reimburse Council's upfront payment – which is more than offset by savings on their energy bills.

The proposed Special Charge Scheme includes 146 properties and would add approximately 775kW of solar capacity to Darebin, doubling the total of Council's previous similar programs. The program was open to all residents. Low income residents, pensioners and residents with low proficiency in English have been prioritised.

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

One household has withdrawn from this Special Charge, which has slightly reduced the overall cost and amount of panels to be installed. The total cost of this Special Charge is now \$961,049.05 (net – post STCs, ex GST; the gross amount is \$1,493,667.12 – pre STCs, inc GST).

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-068****MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy**That Council:**

- (1) Having complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ("Act"), and otherwise according to law, declare a Special Charge ("Special Charge") under section 163 of the Act as follows:
 - a) A Special Charge is declared for the period commencing on the day on which Council issues a notice levying payment of the special rate and concluding on the

- tenth anniversary of that day.
- b) The Special Charge is declared for the purpose of defraying any expense incurred by Council in relation to the provision of solar energy systems on 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 \$961,049.05;
 - ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$961,049.05, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
- d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to all rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix A** to this report, in the amount specified in the table as applying to each piece of rateable land.
- e) The following list is specified as the criteria that form the basis of the Special Charge so declared:
- Ownership of any land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution.
- f) The following is specified as the manner in which the Special Charge so declared will be assessed and levied:
- i. A Special Charge calculated by reference to the size of the solar energy system being installed and the particular costs of installation at each property participating in the Solar Saver scheme, in respect of which a Householder Agreement has been executed, totalling \$1,584,165.96, being the total cost of the scheme to Council
 - ii. To be levied each year for a period of 10 years.
- g) Having regard to the preceding paragraphs of this resolution and subject to section 166(1) of the Act, let it be recorded that the owners of the land described in paragraph 1(d) of this resolution will pay the Special Charge in the amount set out in paragraph 1(f) of this resolution in the following manner:
- i. Payment annually by a lump sum on or before one month following the issue by Council of a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act; or
 - ii. Payment annually by four instalments to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in a notice levying payment under section 163(4) of the Act.
- (2) Considers that there will be a special benefit to 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%.
 - c) Directs that notice be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge, and the reasons for the decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, the reasons for the decision of Council to declare the Special Charge are that:
 - i. There is no objection to the Scheme, and it is otherwise considered that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from all property owners and occupiers
 - ii. Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to its functions of advocating and promoting proposals which are in the best interests of the community and ensuring the peace, order and good government of Council's municipal district
 - iii. All persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit of a solar energy system being installed at the property.
- (4) Where a Householder wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, Council agrees to such withdrawal where the Householder has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the Householder's solar system.

CARRIED

8.7 INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL RATE LEVY FOR PRESTON CENTRAL 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 scheme for the Preston Central Business Precinct 2019-2024 for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of Preston Central.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A special rate for the purposes of marketing, promotion and development of the Preston Central 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 used to market the precinct as a whole to attract new visitors and shoppers. Over the past five years the Preston 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 Preston Central 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. 19-069**MOVED: Cr. L Messina****SECONDED: Cr. J Williams****That Council:**

- (1) Having otherwise considered all relevant matters, commences the statutory process under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to reintroduce a special rate to and for the properties defined in the Preston Central Business Precinct for the encouragement of business and commerce (**Appendix A – Map**). This special rate will commence on 1 July 2019 and end on 30 June 2024 (five years), and raise an amount of \$110,000 per annum, for a total of \$550,000,000 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) Applies 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 0.00031815 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).

- ii. 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) Gives public notice in the Preston and Northcote Leader newspapers, of Council's intention to declare a special rate at its ordinary meeting to be held on 12 August 2019 in accordance with the proposed declaration of the special rate (**Appendix C**).
 - (4) Sends 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 12 August 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) Authorises the appropriate members of Council's staff to carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under the Act.

CARRIED

8.8 ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY**Author:** Coordinator Community Participation and Development**Reviewed By:** General Manager Community**PURPOSE**

To request Council endorsement for the submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety was announced in September 2018 following a number of publicised cases of negligence and abuse which has in turn created public concern about the aged care system. The intention of the Royal Commission is to understand how the aged care system currently works; determine the extent of the issues in the aged care system and make recommendations for improvement.

Key timelines for the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety:

- Submissions close – end of September 2019
- Interim report due - 31 October 2019
- Final report due – 30 April 2020

The scope of the Royal Commission is defined by the Terms of Reference and includes:

- a) Residential Aged Care
- b) Home Care
- c) Dementia Care
- d) Young people living in residential aged care.

Council's submission is intended to reflect Council's role as advocate, and as a provider of aged care services through the Commonwealth Home Support Program.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-070**

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses the draft submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety as presented, which addresses themes including:
 - a) Commonwealth Home Support Program block funding should be continued beyond 2022;
 - b) Future funding models and regulations must continue to allow Victorian local governments opportunity to provide locally planned and delivered services to their local communities;

- c) Future funding models must address the needs of socially disadvantaged residents and the particular needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities;
 - d) Regulations should be reviewed to maximise the amount of Home Care Package (HCP) funds that are spent on direct services to older people; and
 - e) The national My Aged Care intake system must be improved, and difficulties addressed, to provide genuine support to those in need of services.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive to finalise the submission to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety.

CARRIED

8.9 PROPOSED SALE OF DISCONTINUED ROADS
-REAR LEAMINGTON/BARTON STREETS;
-REAR MASSEY AVENUE/LAWLEY STREET AND
-REAR HUGHES PARADE/LUDEMAN COURT, RESERVOIR

Author: Property Officer

Reviewed By: General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to complete the statutory procedures into the proposed sale of land from the following discontinued roads:

- (1) A 3.05-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 100 Leamington Street and 93–95 Barton Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** and referenced as Lot 22 on Title Plan 013555S (**Appendix G**)
- (2) A 3.05-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 8 Massey Avenue and 7 Lawley Street, Reservoir, shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix C** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix D** and referenced as Lot 10 on Title Plan 0936581T (**Appendix H**)
- (3) A 3.05-metre-wide former road adjoining the rear of 72 Hughes Parade and 11 Ludeman Court, Reservoir shown hatched on site plan in **Appendix E** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix F** and referenced as Lot 6 on Title Plan 010422E (**Appendix I**).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On 3 December 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 proposals was given in the *Preston Leader* and *Northcote Leader* newspapers on 23 and 24 January 2019 respectively. Notification was also given on Council's website. The notice period ended on 8 March 2019. No submissions were received.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') and having received no submissions in respect of the proposals under section 223 of the Act:
 - a) Directs that the land shown as Lot 22 on Title Plan 013555S in **Appendix G** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 100 Leamington Street, Reservoir
 - b) Directs that the land shown as Lot 10 on Title Plan 0936581T in **Appendix H** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 8 Massey Avenue, Reservoir
 - c) Directs that the land shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan 010422E in **Appendix I** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 72 Hughes Parade, Reservoirin accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the Land from the discontinued roads.

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-071**

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

That Council:

- (1) Having given public notice of the proposal under section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989* ('the Act') and having received no submissions in respect of the proposals under section 223 of the Act:
 - a) Directs that the land shown as Lot 22 on Title Plan 013555S in **Appendix G** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 100 Leamington Street, Reservoir.
 - b) Directs that the land shown as Lot 6 on Title Plan 010422E in **Appendix I** be sold by private treaty to the owners of 72 Hughes Parade, Reservoir.in accordance with Council's Sale of Minor Council Property Assets Policy.
- (2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign all documents relating to the sale of the Land from the discontinued roads.
- (3) Requests that Officers undertake further consultation with the owner of 7 Lawley Street, Reservoir about the proposed sale of the land shown as Lot 10 on Title Plan 0936581T in **Appendix H**.

CARRIED

8.10 AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**Author:** Manager Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present a revised charter for the Audit Committee for approval.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Darebin Audit Committee provides objective advice and assistance to Council and the Chief Executive Officer on risks, controls and compliance frameworks and its external accountability and responsibilities.

The work of the Audit Committee provides the organisation with the highest standards of governance and risk management with regard to the resilience and sustainability of our operations, services and finances.

In accordance with good governance practice, a review of the Audit Committee Charter has been undertaken in consultation with internal stakeholders and Audit Committee members.

The revised charter incorporates some minor amendments to the wording and structure of the document, for improved clarity. There are no substantial changes to the duties or responsibilities of the committee.

The revised charter was endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting of 25 March 2019.

Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Approves the revised Audit Committee Charter (**Appendix A**).

Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Approves the revised Audit Committee Charter (**Appendix A**)

Cr. Greco proposed to the mover and seconder that point (1) read as follows:

*Approves the revised Audit Committee Charter (**Appendix A**) subject to an amendment to require a change to the payment arrangements for the Chairperson such that no member fee payment will occur if they do not attend a meeting without leave from the Committee.*

This was accepted by the mover and seconder.

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- (1) Approves the revised Audit Committee Charter (**Appendix A**) subject to an amendment to require a change to the payment arrangements for the Chairperson such that no member fee payment will occur if they do not attend a meeting without leave from the Committee.

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

Council Resolution**MINUTE NO. 19-072**

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

That Council:

- (1) Approves the revised Audit Committee Charter (**Appendix A**) subject to an amendment to require a change to the payment arrangements for the Chairperson such that no member fee payment will occur if they do not attend a meeting without leave from the Committee.

CARRIED

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

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

11.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee is an Advisory Committee appointed, pursuant to section 139 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), to assist Council in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to internal control mechanisms and external reporting requirements.

Meetings of the Audit Committee were held on 27 August 2018 and 3 December 2018. Summary minutes of these meetings are attached to this report as **Appendix A** and as the confidential attachment **Appendix B**.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-073

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

That the report of the Audit Committee meetings held on 27 August 2018 and 3 December 2018 be received for noting.

CARRIED

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:

- Bundoora Homestead Workshop, Café Services – 2 April 2019
- Council Briefing Session – 23 April 2019
- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee – 30 April 2019
- Council Briefing Session – 6 May 2019

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-074

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

That the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 2, 23 and 30 April and 6 May 2019 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

CARRIED

13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-075

MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

That Council note the Reports by Mayor and Councillors.

CARRIED

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE, MAYOR

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

- DIVRS - Honouring Volunteer Presentation
- Decibels - Shadow Minister Mental Health Announcement of New Service in Cooper
- Sustainability Matters
- Bike Fleet give away launch – Reservoir East Primary School
- Councillor Briefing
- Salon Art Gallery in Reservoir - a Regent Renaissance
- One on One with CEO
- One on One with Deputy Mayor
- Metropolitan Central MAV Representatives, Mayors & CEO's Session
- AHAAB Meeting
- Whale by Fleur Kilpatrick - Opening Night
- LGPRO - Panel Discussion - Local Government, it's relationship at State and Federal levels (Panel Member)
- A Celebration of the Red Gums (Eucalyptus Camaldulensis) on the 30th Birthday of their planting
- VFLW Season Launch Party
- Darebin Arts Centre Open Day
- Sylvester Community Garden lunch
- Community Engagement Meeting – Jeanette Pope
- Council Briefing
- Briefing - Strathallan Golf Club
- Briefing - Parking Strategy
- Briefing - Special DAAC meeting
- CE Office Birthday Lunch
- Briefing - Climate Emergency Darebin dinner
- Strathallan Golf Club meeting with the Mayor
- DAAC/Council Aboriginal Event planning
- Parking Strategy Workshop

- Climate Emergency Darebin Filming in the Mayor's office
- One on One with CEO
- CEO Employment Matters Committee
- Climate Emergency Ambassador Dinner
- Meeting between Darebin City Council & Kat Theophanous Member for Northcote
- Meeting with Joseph Camilleri
- Friends of Merri Creek Mother's Day Tree Planting
- Meeting with Newly Appointed Members of the Audit Committee
- Media interview - The Age
- One on One with the CEO
- One on One with the Deputy Mayor
- Dinner prior to Planning Committee meeting
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Rate : Hearing of Submissions 13 May 2019
- Connecting for Healthy Communities Forum
- Invitation to Assistive Housing Launch
- Briefing - Traffic Management
- Final Libraries After Dark Steering Committee meeting
- Photo Opportunity – Cazaly Ward Councillors
- Parliamentary Secretaries Darebin Site visit Invitation from Outlook Victoria
- Parking Strategy briefing with The Age
- Wishin - New Office Celebration
- Mayors Writing Awards Announcement 2019
- MAV State Council Meeting
- One on One with the CEO
- Lunch prior to Ordinary Meeting of Council (afternoon session)
- Council Meeting (afternoon session)
- Ramadan Dinner with Darebin Interfaith Council, EPIC & VicPol Muslim Assoc
- Budget Briefing Session
- CEO Employment Matters Committee - Review of the CEOs performance against agreed KPIs

REPORT OF CR. STEPH AMIR

Cr. Amir is on an approved leave of absence.

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Council Briefings
- AHAAB Meeting

- Darebin Arts Centre Open Day
- DAAC/Council Aboriginal Events Planning
- Climate Emergency Ambassadors' Dinner
- Planning Committee
- Special Rate Hearing of Submissions Hearing
- Assisted residents with
 - Planning issues
 - Traffic management
 - Council budgeting information

REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF

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

- Delegation to Timor Leste with Friends of Baucau and Darebin Neighbourhood House Network:
- Meetings with local NGOs (Women's Association in Baucau, Umapas, CFHD, Rede Feto, Alola, TimorAid)
- Meetings with international NGOs (Caritas Australia, World Vision, UNDP)
- Meetings with village leaders, local community and community groups in six villages (Suco Bucoli, Triloca, Bahu, Buibau, Samalari, Calibada)
- Workshop with village leaders, local NGOs and community groups to build relationship, understand challenges and identify opportunities to support each other
- Meeting with President of Municipality of Baucau
- Meeting with Vice President of Timor Leste Parliament
- Meeting with Central Government Department responsible for decentralisation
- Meeting with Australian Ambassador to Timor Leste
- Cultural events at Canossian Sisters Training Centre and Afalyca Arts Centre
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting – Special levy for Fairfield Village and High St, Northcote
- Meeting to discuss Climate Emergency Council to Council resource
- Meeting with Darebin Neighbourhood House Managers

Cr. Le Cerf's Report for 29 April 2019 Council meeting:

- Climate Emergency Darebin discussion
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Council Meeting
- Mural Launch for Noble Peace Prize Winners, ICAN
- Rucker Ward Meet and Greet
- Council Briefing

Cr. Le Cerf's Report for 8 April 2019 Council meeting:

- Budget Briefing
- Audit Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions – Tree Protection Local Law
- Councillor Dinner
- Meeting with VLGA: Woman in Local Government
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Executive Sub-committee Meeting
- Open Space Strategy Briefing with officers
- Council Briefing
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Meeting
- Climate Emergency Darebin Committee Meeting

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

Cr. Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Sustainability Matters Event
- Council Briefings
- MAV Metropolitan Central Meeting
- Facilitation of panel discussion following performance of the play WHALE
- Filming for Climate Emergency Short Film
- Briefing and facilitation of Climate Emergency Ambassadors Dinner
- Meetings regarding Climate Emergency Councils Link Up
- NAGA Advocacy Working Group Meeting
- NAGA Executive Meeting
- Meeting with Melbourne Farmers Markets and Alphington Food Hub
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Hearing of Submissions Committee Meeting
- Inner Northern LLEN AGM

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA

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

- Council briefings
- Budget Briefings
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Sustainability Matters Forum
- Metro Waste Resource Recovery Forum Briefing

- Parking Strategy Workshop
- Metro Waste Resource Recovery Local Government forum
- Hearing Of Submissions
- VU IFTAR Dinner
- Northcote City Football Club Meet N Greet – Ged Kearney
- FFV Community Luncheon
- Meeting with the Mayor
- Meeting with various business owners in Darebin

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Darebin Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting
- Active and Healthy Ageing Board Meeting
- VFLW Season Launch Party - Darebin Falcons
- 'Whale' Climate Emergency Play at Northcote Town Hall
- Darebin Arts Centre Open Day
- Councillor briefing x2
- Parking Strategy Councillor Workshop
- Women's Iftar with Senator Janet Rice in Coburg
- Iftar Dinner with Leila Chalk and Forty Four Degrees Legal
- Climate Emergency Ambassador Dinner
- Bundoora Homestead Art Centre – launch of Prima Materia and Verge – speech made on behalf of the mayor
- Weekly catch ups with Mayor Rennie
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Special Rate for Fairfield: Hearing of Submissions 13 May 2019
- Meeting with Angie and Lea from Reservoir Neighbourhood House and community members re: community gym program at Reservoir Leisure Centre
- VLGA Board Governance and Risk Committee meeting and welcome to new independent directors
- International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOBIT) Day Flag Raising Ceremony – speech made on behalf of the mayor
- Paisley Park Early Learning Centre Bundoora - first birthday celebration – speech made on behalf of the Mayor
- La Trobe University Hockey Club Coterie afternoon
- Ramadan Dinner with Darebin Interfaith Council, East Preston Islamic College & Victorian Police Muslim Association

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

- Council Meeting
- Council Briefing x 2

- Darebin Arts Centre Open Day
- Parking Strategy Workshop
- Planning Committee
- Special Rate : Hearing of Submissions
- Photo for the purchase of 421 High Street Preston
- Attended to matter and discussions with residents regarding:
- Darebin RSL gaming machines, graffiti, Bell street level crossing, sporting fields, rubbish, recycling, Council rubbish bins, Compost bins, Tyler street small business.

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

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-076

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 2.45pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Report Item 14.1 which had been circulated separately to Councillors.

RE-OPENING OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 19-078

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

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

CARRIED

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 2.51pm.

15. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 2.52pm.

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