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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

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

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



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### Nepali

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2020**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6PM**

**WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Mayor Rennie opened the meeting with the following statement:

*Ngarrgma Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung guljin gurringanyinu bik wenerop Darebin dharri. Ngarri yana ngarnga bik, baan ba ngarrgu. Gahgook-al Nanggit Bambuth, Yalingbu ba gama-dji.*

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

**1. PRESENT**

***Councillors***

Cr. Susan Rennie (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Susanne Newton (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco (arrived 6.02pm)

Cr. Tim Laurence

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Julie Williams

***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Claudio Cavallo - Acting General Manager Governance and Engagement

Kerry McGrath - General Manager Community

Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Governance, Council Business and Civic Services

Lisa Thomas-Bates - Governance Project Officer

Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

David Lee - IT Service Desk Officer

**2. APOLOGIES**

Nil

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-010

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

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 3 February 2020 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.

#### QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

- **Chris Erlandsen, Preston**

In August 2020 is the 50th anniversary of the opening of Preston Market and Council should be in no doubt of the importance of this asset to the Darebin community and my questions are:

When is Council planning to celebrate and promote this important milestone and how is Council planning to do this?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Thank you for those questions Chris. Yes we are definitely planning to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Preston Market. Specific dates for the celebrations are yet to be finalised but it will occur during August and early September.**

**Detailed plans are still being developed and we're discussing how best to celebrate with Preston Market traders and management as well as Preston Central traders. We want to make sure that what Council does complements and strengthens everyone's efforts.**

**Even though the detail is still being worked out, I can confirm that we do expect to promote celebrations via a social media campaign and a range of other communication channels.**



- **Geoffrey Richards, Reservoir**

### **Rubbish**

Rubbish dumping in East Street, there are two small bin signs and the warning about the fine. Can additional and I think larger signs be placed along East street?

Similarly, in Storey Reserve there are no rubbish warning signs at all. Can large signs be placed, at least one in the Reserve? At the end of it an L shaped laneway running through to Northern Hay Street, can additional signs be placed there? I think they need to be a bit bigger than the ones that are there now. I know that's visually a problem then.

### **Tree replacements**

Two trees were removed in front of 32 Storey Road on the nature strip and two driveways were installed on that single block development. I understood at least one replacement tree would be placed on the nature strip. There was a tree planted inside the property.

Could we check how two driveways were permitted and will there be a tree replacement on the nature strip and at whose expense?

Other trees were removed in recent times, one from outside 3 East Street and another one in front of 39 Northern Hay Street. Are there replacement plans for these trees?

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

**Thank you for those questions. As we received this questions after 3 o'clock we will take them on notice and provide a written response to you.**

- **Maria Poletti, DADA President**

If the levy is only 10% how does Council plan to make up the difference?

Are you planning to use rates or are you planning to continue the legacy of overdevelopment in Darebin and the consequent lack of open space, condemning residents to a severe lack of amenity so that developers, who have not contributed to a Developers Contribution Levy for many years will continue to line their pockets at our expense?

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

**Ms Poletti thank you for that question. As your question relates to a matter that will be considered by Council later in the agenda I will not pre-empt the Council's decision.**

**If there are specific questions relating to the technicalities, I will get the Officers to follow up with you.**

- **Adrian Quilty, Reservoir**

Don Street Reservoir is only a small street, I have requested for some speed humps on the road. It's got that many flats in it now and has become a speed way. We have cars and trucks parked in the street, which causes congestion. Can Council investigate this issue as it makes access difficult for residents

Further the trees in Banff street were removed up to Invermay Street. However from Invermay Street to Don Street the trees have remained, and they are hanging over the

houses. We have asked the sweepers to attend, but they only come if requested, can this be addressed?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for those questions. We will take those on notice and make sure someone follows up on those issues with you.

- **Melissa Spooner, Reservoir**

What steps will Council take to ensure that large scale killing of Darebin animals by the RSPCA does not continue for the remaining eight and a half years of Council's contract with the RSPCA?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question. Council's commitment to ensuring that all animals that can be rehomed are released from the pound is unwavering.

**Response from General Manager, City Sustainability and Strategy Ms Rachel Ollivier**

Through you Mayor Rennie,

It might be helpful to run through some of the things that we do around animal management.

Council does have a pound that is managed by the RSPCA.

There are some animals that we receive that don't ever go to the pound, for example we receive enquiries from the community and we often let people know about options like talking to rescue groups. We also refer very young kittens that we receive, directly to the Cat Protection Society who are rescue groups that are specifically set up for those sorts of things.

If we get to then the pound contract, I've had a look at that contract in some detail and their job is to deliver on Council's Policies, so the contract that we have set up is designed to implement your policy. The way they go about that is they have a three-person panel that does an assessment of all the animals that come in. Their aim is to re-home and treat animals wherever possible.

I don't have the figures for the last year in front of me, but I do have the figures for the second quarter of this financial year, October 2019 – December 2019. And I do know that in that period, 212 cats were received by the pound, many of them from Council's Animal Management officers, some of them directly dropped off by residents. And of those, just under 27% were euthanised. The vast majority of those, were assessed as feral or untreatable for a medical reason, or assessed as untreatable for a behavioural reason. The assessment process is undertaken by vets and I have reasonable confidence that they are taking that assessment seriously. We have specifically put some of these concerns to the RSPCA and they have assured us that their approach and purpose of their assessments is to identify where animals are genuinely untreatable.

- **Kathleen Chapman, Reservoir**

Why will Council not reinstate its rescue program as it was operating prior to the RSPCA, when this program was proven to be successful, saving several thousand lives in the few

years it was in operation.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question Ms Chapman, I will ask Ms Ollivier once again to respond.

**Response from GM City and Sustainability Ms Rachel Ollivier**

Through you Mayor Rennie,

Essentially, Council needs to choose how to run its operations, and certainly for a while it ran some animal collection activities inhouse, and also worked with rescue groups to refer animals to them.

At the moment, the RSPCA is playing that role for us. They are doing it in a special purpose facility which is not a facility Council has got or actually has ever had. And they are doing it with appropriately qualified staff which is really important for this kind of service.

Certainly, my expectation is that the RSPCA would work with both their foster networks, and rescue groups appropriately. We've had a number of conversations with a range of rescue group representatives, and the RSPCA to try and make sure that it is working and where it's not working we will keep pursuing that. I am sorry to hear that there are still some issues with that relationship, as it is certainly my expectation that it should work easily and properly and of course we want rescue groups in our community helping with that challenge.

- **Lisa Greenwood, Northcote**

Why isn't priority funding being allocated for the Heidelberg Road Redevelopment Corridor in order that this Council can work with the City of Yarra and relevant community groups to create a plan that sets building heights and standards, protects our parks and waterways, encourages safe and reliable commuting and avoids choking emissions, When will this funding be forthcoming?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you for your question Ms Greenwood. I am going to ask Ms Ollivier to respond.

**Response from GM City and Sustainability Ms Rachel Ollivier**

Through you Mayor Rennie,

I can confirm that Council Officers are working with the City of Yarra on the development of controls on the Heidelberg area. The matter hasn't yet come to Council, but we can certainly let you know about the upcoming process. Council has very clear policies around sustainability and liveability and our job is to implement that in the work that we do.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Officers will ensure that you are updated on the process.

- **Marcia Lewis, Northcote**

Regarding the Planning Scheme Heidelberg Road

- 1) Why has Darebin not worked alongside Yarra City Council to provide a collaborative submission, and also not informed or consulted the Darebin Community?
- 2) If Darebin Council is going to pursue this issue on the northern side, is it also going to request an interim heritage and design development overlay?

**Response from GM City and Sustainability Ms Rachel Ollivier**

Through you Mayor Rennie,

It is true that we have been collaborating, which is why the background studies have been done together. Essentially this is technical work that allows us to pull together research that will be important for justifying whatever Council decides to do. And with that background research it makes sense to collaborate with neighbouring Councils.

What we haven't been doing together is the decision-making process. Each Council will have to make a specific change to their planning scheme and that will be a separate decision. The City of Yarra has gone first, and our decision will follow. We are anticipating bringing the matter before Council for a decision in a few months' time.

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

I think it is worth noting that City of Yarra started this work prior to us so they have actually been a step ahead of us for the whole part of this process. We do anticipate arriving at the same point and it is important that we do this work in collaboration because what gets built or approved on one side of the road has an impact on the likely hood of similar approvals on the other side of the road.

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-011**

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

**That** Public Question Time be extended for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

- **Peter Thompson, Reservoir**

- 1) Could a temporary bollard be installed at Victoria Police Station in Reservoir?
- 2) Does Council require an additional Drainage Inspector?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

Thank you, Mr Thompson. We will get someone to get back to you with answers to those questions.

- **Kathleen Chapman, Reservoir**

What specifically in the contract, holds the RSPCA accountable to Darebin's No Kill Commitment? Given that we have seen a soaring rate in the kill rate.

**Response from GM City and Sustainability Ms Rachel Ollivier**

Through you Mayor Rennie,

**I am reasonably confident that it references Council's policy and commitment to a No Kill of healthy animals, which we also interpret as treatable animals. At a broad level, the contract with the RSPCA references council's policy which gives us the confidence and ability to ensure animals are treated in line with our Policy**

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**We will be able to follow up with full details, noting that staff have been keen to meet with you and that offer of a meeting remains. Thank you.**

- **John Nugent, Epping**

Mayor Rennie, I have been coming to the Council meeting for the past 21 years, and in that time, I have never met a more biased Council to me and the questions I have asked. My sole purpose was to improve the northern end of the city and help the disadvantaged children with improved facilities. As I cannot see any improvements in this Council and in the Council ways until October when there is an election, I doubt I will be back until then.

Mayor Rennie, do you think I have made the right decision?

**Response from Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

**Mr Nugent, thank you for your question which I will take as a statement. Mr Nugent it is up to you whether you ask questions. I understand that you have been frustrated because you have repeatedly asked similar questions and got similar answers. Whether you continue to attend Council Meetings is your decision.**

**Pursuant to the Councils *Governance Local Law 2017* the response to a question from the public taken on notice must be recorded in the minutes of the next Ordinary Council meeting.**

**At the Council meeting held on 3 February 2020, the following questions were taken on notice by the Chairperson, Mayor Rennie**

- **John Nugent, Epping**

(1) Mayor Rennie, this question was asked on the 6 November 2019 and to this date I have not received a satisfactory reply. The question is about me not being allowed to ask Council questions about the Donath-Dole Masterplan. Firstly, I believe my democratic rights have been taken away from me by this Council. In the letter given to me it does not state a time period? Mayor Rennie do I have a right to appeal against this decision? And Mayor Rennie since I asked this question another 3 months have elapsed.

(2) Mayor Rennie this question was asked on 2 December 2019. I have been receiving correspondence that the South East corner of Donath West is in the Masterplan. Could you please advise in simple plain English and not a bureaucratic letter that doesn't explain anything. What has been planned for the South East Corner at Donath

Reserve, Donath West.

**A WRITTEN RESPONSE DATED 19 FEBRUARY 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO JOHN NUGENT BY RACHEL OLLIVIER, GENERAL MANAGER CITY SUSTAINABILITY AND STRATEGY.**

- (1) I appreciate that you may not agree with our approach and this decision. You may wish to raise your concerns with the Victorian Ombudsman who can be contacted at [www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au) or via telephone on 9613 6222.

I confirm our previous advice that you are welcome to attend Council Meetings and ask questions on any topic as long as they are up to two, are not derogatory, insulting or offensive. However, in accordance with our advice in our correspondence dated 2 July 2019, Council will not respond to correspondence or requests made in person or by telephone by you in relation to actions or matters at the Donath and Dole Reserves that you have previously raised and have been answered.

In regard to the time period, please be advised that there is no end to the time period, it is ongoing as it relates to your raising of issues that have been previously answered by the organisation.

- (2) This question has been answered previously, and to summarise, I advise that the master plan outlines Council's long-term plans for the whole park, including this corner. Council's long-term plans for this corner are to keep it substantially the same. I specifically draw your attention to our correspondence dated 12 September 2019 on this specific question.

- **Paul Walsh, Ivanhoe Grammar School**

I would like to know how many people protested (regarding the use of the Village Common for formal PE)?

**AN EMAIL RESPONSE DATED 27 FEBRUARY 2020 WAS PROVIDED TO PAUL WALSH BY FELICITY LEAHY, MANAGER RECREATION AND LIBRARIES.**

There were no protests per say in regard to this matter, however Council did receive two complaints from local community members; one of these being from a member of the Springthorpe Residents Group.

## 6. PETITIONS

Nil

## 7. URGENT BUSINESS

### ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** an Urgent Business item relating to Off Road Motorcycles be admitted to the agenda and heard at Item 7.1.

**CARRIED**

### 7.1 OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLES

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence  
**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** Council;

- (1) Notes that the current situation of off road motorcycles along the Northern section of Darebin Creek between the Plenty Rd and Tunaley Parade is a public health risk with motorcycle riders accessing the footpaths and shared paths in Kingsbury and Reservoir on a daily and nightly basis putting lives in danger and destroying fencing and landscaped grass areas.
- (2) Resolves to taken immediate action to repair park fencing and to request the off road bike unit of Victoria Police in Kinglake is used to stop this large scale public health threat.
- (3) Refer local police requests for the funding of two off road police motor cycles to the Safety Committee and to the 2020-2021 budget if there are not funds available in the current Council budget.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

## 8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 8.1 SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Author:** Coordinator Planning and Reporting

**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a six-month progress update for Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June 2019 to 30 November 2019.

The attached reports provide the following information for each Community Advisory Committee:

- committee summary
- progress of key issues and challenges
- progress of activities and outcomes
- future plans.

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

**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina

**That** Council notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June 2019 to 30 November 2019, attached at **Appendix A**.

Cr. Greco sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend the motion, as follows:-

That Council:

- (1) Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June 2019 to 30 November 2019, attached at **Appendix A**.
- (2) As part of the review of the terms of references for the remaining Advisory Committees, receives a report on how to improve the effectiveness of the committees that ensures their advice formally informs Council policies and decision making processes. In preparation of the report Advisory Committee members should be consulted on their views.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

The motion was put and carried.



**Council Resolution**

**MINUTE NO. 20-012**

**MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy**

**SECONDED: Cr. L Messina**

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the six-month progress update from the Community Advisory Committees for the period 1 June 2019 to 30 November 2019, attached at **Appendix A**.
- (2) As part of the review of the terms of references for the remaining Advisory Committees, receives a report on how to improve the effectiveness of the committees that ensures their advice formally informs Council policies and decision making processes. In preparation of the report Advisory Committee members should be consulted on their views.

**CARRIED**

**8.2 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Author:** Manager Governance and Performance

**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mr Terry Richards, one of the Audit Committee's external members, completed his final term of appointment on 31 December 2019. Mr Richards served the full four-year term on the committee and was extended for an additional year by Council resolution in February 2019.

An expression-of-interest for a new external member was advertised in *The Age* on 20 January 2020 and in the *Preston Leader* and *Northcote Leader* on 21 January and 22 January respectively. A selection panel comprising the Mayor, Cr Le Cerf and the General Manager Governance and Engagement has recommended a preferred candidate for appointment to the committee. Details about the selection process are attached in **Appendices A–C** (Confidential).

The current term of Ms Lisa Tripodi, another of the Audit Committee's external members who chaired the committee during 2019, expires on 31 July 2020. In July 2020, Ms Tripodi will have served the full four-year term on the committee. Given that a new external member is to be appointed to the committee in early 2020 (subject to Council resolution), it is proposed that Ms Tripodi continue as an external member of the committee for an additional period to 31 December 2020, to allow for continuity and consistency of approach for the current governance matters under consideration.

**Recommendation**

**That Council:**

- (1) Appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to the Audit Committee from the date of resolution to 31 December 2021.
- (2) Extends the appointment of Ms Lisa Tripodi to the Audit Committee from 1 August 2020 to 31 December 2020.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-013**

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

**That Council:**

- (4) Appoints Craig Geddes to the Audit Committee from the date of resolution to 31 December 2021.
- (5) Extends the appointment of Ms Lisa Tripodi to the Audit Committee from 1 August 2020 to 31 December 2020.

**CARRIED**

**8.3 PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF ROAD  
REAR 100 TO 102 HUGHES PARADE AND ADJOINING 2  
WELLMAN STREET, RESERVOIR****Author:** Property Officer**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To seek approval to commence the statutory procedures for the proposed discontinuance of the right-of-way/road adjoining 100 and 102 Hughes Parade and 2 Wellman Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in the statutory plan in **Appendix A** and in orange in the aerial view in **Appendix B** (Road).

In 2017, Council received an enquiry from the owner of 102 Hughes Parade, Reservoir, requesting the discontinuance and sale of the 3.05-metre-wide road adjoining their property.

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

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

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-014****MOVED:** Cr. J Williams**SECONDED:** Cr. L Messina**That Council:**

- (1) Commences the statutory procedures under section 206 and clause 3 of Schedule 10 to the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to discontinue the Road adjoining 100 and 102 Hughes Parade and 2 Wellman Street, Reservoir, shown hatched in the statutory plan at **Appendix A**.
- (2) Gives public notice under sections 207A, 82A and 223 of the Act of the proposed discontinuance in the appropriate newspapers and on Council's website and in such notice, states that if discontinued, Council proposes to sell the land from the Road to the adjoining property owners by private treaty and transfer to itself any land from the Road not sold.

**CARRIED**

**8.4 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS****Author:** Corporate Affairs Coordinator**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The new Councillor Media and Social Media Policy 2020 provides guidelines to support all Councillors engagement with the media and social media. This Policy updates the 2014 Council Media Policy.

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**That** Council adopts the Councillor Media and Social Media Policy and Protocols 2020.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-015**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Adopts the Councillor Media and Social Media Policy and Protocols 2020.
- (2) Guiding principles 3 reads, "Corporate media and social media will not be used to promote Councillors' individual, personal, business or political interests, including interests as a candidate in an election."

**CARRIED**

Crs. Greco, Laurence and Williams requested that their opposition to this item be noted.

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**8.5 PROMOTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT OUTCOMES AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Author:** Manager Recreation and Libraries

**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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Ms Sarah Bradley, President of the Darebin Women's Sport Club addressed Council in relation to this matter.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the outcomes and achievements from the first year of the partnership agreement between Council and the Darebin Women's Sports Club (also known as Darebin Falcons), and the upcoming extension options and timelines on the current 2-year agreement.

The Darebin Falcons have submitted an annual report on the partnership outcomes for Year One (2019) of the *Promoting Women and Girls in Sport* Partnership Agreement. All funding agreement targets and expectations have been met and exceeded.

In 2020, the Darebin Falcons will celebrate 30 years in women's sport. In 2019 the Darebin Falcons have delivered a sophisticated and innovative suite of programs and activities that directly address gender equity, social and cultural inclusion in sport.

The Falcons are Darebin's largest sports club with 750 playing members (over 300 greater than the next largest club). Their success creating its own challenges in relation to wait lists for some programs and facility and playing field capacity.

The current agreement expires on 1 December 2020, Council will need to consider extension options after the 2020 Council election.

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

**That** Council notes the first annual report on the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement between the Darebin Women's Sports Club (also known as the Darebin Falcons) and Darebin City Council.

Cr Greco sought the support of the mover and the seconder to amend the motion as follows:-

That Council:

- (1) Notes the first annual report on the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement between the Darebin Women's Sports Club (also known as the Darebin Falcons) and Darebin City Council.
- (2) Receives a report detailing the objectives, programs and outcomes it expects from the club that will achieve an increase in the participation of CALD and socio-economically disadvantaged women and girls, especially from marginalised groups, as part of the 2020 year two partnership agreement.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment.

The motion was put and carried unanimously.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-016**

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

**That** Council:

- (1) Notes the first annual report on the Promoting Women and Girls in Sport Partnership Agreement between the Darebin Women's Sports Club (also known as the Darebin Falcons) and Darebin City Council.
- (2) Receives a report detailing the objectives, programs and outcomes it expects from the club that will achieve an increase in the participation of CALD and socio-economically disadvantaged women and girls, especially from marginalised groups, as part of the 2020 year two partnership agreement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8.6 SOLAR SAVER, SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME  
DECLARATION - NON-RESIDENTIAL BATCH 2**

**Author:** Commercial Solar Officer  
Coordinator Solar Saver

**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

The report considers the declaration of a Special Charge Scheme for the second batch of the Non-residential Solar Saver program. This batch includes nine installations, adding 308kW of solar capacity to Darebin. These are comprised of diverse participants, including community groups, faith-based organisations and commercial businesses.

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 non-residential properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme.

No objections were received in response to the public notification process.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-017**

**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, declares 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 properties participating in the Solar Saver scheme, which:
    - 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 \$355,491.33 (gross including GST and pre STC: \$545,134.52);

- ii. Amount for the Special Charge to be levied be recorded as \$355,491.33, or such other amount as is lawfully levied as a consequence of this resolution.
  - d) The Special Charge is declared in relation to rateable land described in the table included as **Appendix A** to this report, with the amounts specified in the table included as confidential **Appendix B** to this report 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 an Agreement has been executed, totalling \$355,491.33, 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 those required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to them that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to those 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 those who are liable to pay the Special Charge is 100%.
- (4) 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:
- a) 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.
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- b) 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.
  - c) All those 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.
- (5) Where a participant wishes to withdraw from the Scheme, agrees to such withdrawal where the participant has given written notice of their desire to withdraw from the Scheme before Council has incurred any expenditure in relation to the participant's solar system.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8.7 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C186 OPEN SPACE LEVY - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

**Author:** Senior Strategic Planner

**Reviewed By:** Chief Executive Officer

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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

Amendment C186 proposes to increase the open space levy rate for all subdivisions of three or more lots within the municipality. Subdivisions of two lots that are assessed as not being able to be further subdivided will continue to be exempt from the open space levy.

The Amendment was placed on public exhibition from 14 November 2019 to 16 December 2019 (4 weeks). 43 submissions have been received. Late submissions are expected and will be heard up until the date of the Council meeting.

Submissions were received from the development community, residents, community groups, industry bodies and local and state government. The majority of submissions were from the development industry (29 out of 33 objections), rather than from members of the Darebin community.

Many of the objections raised were anticipated and addressed by the *Open Space Contributions Review Report*. Commonly expressed sentiments included:

- The submitter regards the 10 per cent rate is too high:
  - it will impact development feasibility, construction quality and housing affordability
  - it will deter developers from developing in Darebin.
- The submitter regards a blanket rate is inappropriate:
  - the rate should be applied on a sliding scale
  - the rate will penalise small scale developments
  - the rate should be applied based on need and location
  - the levy should be spent in the area where it is collected

Officers have assessed each of these issues and advice to Council is provided in the body of this report.

Council received three submissions specifically relating to the provision of social and affordable housing. The issues relate to:

- the challenge of balancing competing needs for public open space and affordable housing; and
- whether to provide an exemption for specific developments proposing a significant amount of social and/or affordable housing.

*Breathing Space: The Darebin Open Space Strategy* and assessment of the level of need for affordable housing in the municipality highlight that there are extreme shortfalls in both public open space and affordable housing. Ideally, new developments would provide both sufficient open space *and* sufficient diverse and affordable housing to meet the needs of our growing community.

However, the issues within the current planning context are complex. The options for considering how these two public goods interrelate were explored and it is considered inappropriate to provide a blanket exemption for all developments proposing to provide affordable housing.

While a general exemption for affordable housing is not recommended, officers recommend that Council support an exemption of the State Government's Public Housing renewal program (PHRP) sites at Walker Street, Northcote and Oakover Village, West Preston from the increase to the open space levy. These sites are unique among submitters because all the following are true: there is a requirement for a development plan, the contract development is at an advanced stage in regards to the public-private partnership, and large scale social housing is planned for the sites. Because of this, we would expect the result of increasing the levy at this time, in these circumstances, would reduce the number of social housing units that are delivered.

Council has advocated for many years to significantly increase public housing and for public land at these sites to be retained in public ownership. While the state government has decided to progress with the Public Housing Renewal Program which would result in sale of public land, and which is not what Council has been advocating for, this is not a decision of Council. Given the state government's decision to proceed, allowing a lower rate of open space levy for these sites could assist in maximising public and social housing that is delivered through these projects.

This report provides an overview of the content of the submissions, the proposed officer responses, and proposed changes to the amendment documentation for Council to consider endorsing, which would form the basis of Council's position at the Panel hearing. The report recommends that the Amendment continue to the next stage of the planning scheme amendment process, which is to refer all submissions to an independent Planning Panel for consideration.

The Manager City Futures, advised Council that a supplementary report had been circulated which addressed late submissions that had been received. The Manager further advised that an additional submission had been received from the Victorian Planning Authority after the supplementary report had been distributed and that this had been circulated to Councillors.

A submission on this matter was made by Mr. Joe Spitera

7.55pm Crs. Laurence and Messina left the meeting.

7.56pm Cr Laurence returned to the meeting.

7.58pm Cr Messina returned to the meeting.

**Council Resolution**

MINUTE NO. 20-018

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

**That** Council, having prepared and exhibited Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme under section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:

- (1) Formally considers all written submissions received in response to Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (2) Endorses the officer's response to submissions outlined in this report and attached at **Appendix C (as amended)** and recommended changes to the Amendment, including the changes as attached at **Appendix B** of this report, to form the basis of Council's submission to an independent Planning Panel.
- (3) Requests that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider submissions to Amendment C186 to the Darebin Planning Scheme.
- (4) Refers all submissions to the Panel to be appointed by the Minister for Planning.
- (5) Authorises the Manager City Futures to support any changes to Amendment C186 that may be required as part of Council's submission to the Panel.
- (6) Writes to all submitters to inform them of Council's decision to proceed to the Panel stage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING****Council Resolution**

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

**8.30pm** That the meeting be adjourned for a five minute break.

CARRIED

**RESUMPTION OF ADJOURNED MEETING****Council Resolution**

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

**8.39pm** That the meeting be resumed.

CARRIED

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

Nil.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. G Greco  
**SECONDED:** Cr. K Le Cerf

**That** the Council Agenda be reordered to hear Notices of Motions 10.6 and 10.9 followed by the remaining Notices of Motions as per listed in the Council Agenda.

**CARRIED**

## 10. NOTICES OF MOTION

### 10.6 SUPPORT REFUGEES DETAINED AT MANTRA HOTEL

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 458

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

**“That Council:**

1. *Welcomes the 59 refugees currently being detained at the Mantra Bell Hotel in Preston as residents to our City*
2. *Applauds the advocacy work being carried out by Darebin Advocates for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (DARAS), DECC and other groups in supporting and regularly visiting the refugees.*
3. *Notes that Cr. Rennie, in her role as Mayor, and Cr. Greco, chair of Council's Welcoming Cities Committee visited Mantra recently to meet with a number of refugees and asylum seekers being held there and that this visit was warmly received and greatly appreciated.*
4. *Commits to work in partnership with the above mentioned groups to constructively support the detainees and to provide administrative and coordination assistance in advocating for the needs of the refugees and that Council receive regular updates on this work.”*

**Notice Received:** 11 February 2020

**Notice Given to Councillors** 17 February 2020

**Date of Meeting:** 24 February 2020

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-019**

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

**That Council:**

1. *Welcomes the 59 refugees currently being detained at the Mantra Bell Hotel in Preston as residents to our City*
2. *Applauds the advocacy work being carried out by Darebin Advocates for Refugees and Asylum Seekers (DARAS), DECC and other groups in supporting and regularly visiting the refugees.*
3. *Notes that Cr. Rennie, in her role as Mayor, and Cr. Greco, chair of Council's Welcoming Cities Committee visited Mantra recently to meet with a number of refugees and asylum seekers being held there and that this visit was warmly received and greatly appreciated.*
4. *Commits to work in partnership with the above mentioned groups to constructively support the detainees and to provide administrative and coordination assistance in advocating for the needs of the refugees and that Council receive regular updates on this work.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**10.9 COMMUNITY CONCERNS****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 461**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council:*

- (1) Receives a Council report in April 2020 that details what actions/activities Council is undertaking to ensure that any risk of embedded institutional racism or unconscious bias is addressed and does not occur.*
- (2) In preparation of the report Council consults with relevant local community stakeholders on their perceptions or any experiences of institutional racism or unconscious bias with Darebin Council.”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020**

**Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020**

**Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020**

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence**

**That Council:**

- (1) Receives a Council report in April 2020 that details what actions/activities Council is undertaking to ensure that any risk of embedded institutional racism or unconscious bias is addressed and does not occur.
- (2) In preparation of the report Council consults with relevant local community stakeholders on their knowledge of institutional racism or unconscious bias within Council and also seeks the advice of the Victorian Multicultural Commission and other experts on strategies and actions regarding this subject matter.

Cr Newton sought the consent of the mover and seconder to amend the motion as follows:-

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the recent adoption of "Towards Equality Darebin City Council's Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework 2019-2029"
- (2) Receives a Council Briefing in April 2020 that details what actions/activities Council is undertaking to increase diversity and inclusion and reduce risks associated with unconscious bias.
- (3) In preparation for the briefing, Council consults with community stakeholders including the Victorian Multicultural Commission on their experiences of council practices as they relate to achieving the goals set out in "Towards Equality."

The mover and seconder did not consent to the amendment.

**Amendment**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the recent adoption of "Towards Equality Darebin City Council's Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework 2019-2029"
- (2) Receives a council briefing in April 2020 that details what actions/activities council is undertaking to increase diversity and inclusion and reduce risks associated with unconscious bias.
- (3) In preparation for the briefing, council consults with community stakeholders including the Victorian Multicultural Commission on their experiences of council practices as they relate to achieving the goals set out in "Towards Equality."

The Amendment was put and carried.

Crs. Greco and Laurence requested that their opposition to this amendment be noted.

The Amendment became the substantive motion before Council and was put and carried.

**Council Resolution****MINUTE NO. 20-020**

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

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the recent adoption of "Towards Equality Darebin City Council's Equity, Inclusion and Human Rights Framework 2019-2029"
- (2) Receives a council briefing in April 2020 that details what actions/activities council is undertaking to increase diversity and inclusion and reduce risks associated with unconscious bias.
- (3) In preparation for the briefing, council consults with community stakeholders including the Victorian Multicultural Commission on their experiences of council practices as they relate to achieving the goals set out in "Towards Equality."

**CARRIED**



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**10.1 JOINT CONTRACT FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF  
NORTHCOTE AND RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE****Councillor:** Tim LAURENCE**NoM No.:** 453

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council officers prepare a report for Council detailing any possible cost savings from creating a joint contract for both the redevelopment of Northcote and Reservoir Leisure Centres by seeking an extended capital contract to be executed to as joint design and construction projects.”*

**Notice Received:** 11 February 2020**Notice Given to Councillors** 17 February 2020**Date of Meeting:** 24 February 2020

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr. T Laurence**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco

**That** Council officers prepare a report for Council detailing any possible cost savings from creating a joint contract for both the redevelopment of Northcote and Reservoir Leisure Centres by seeking an extended capital contract to be executed to as joint design and construction projects.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

9.22pm Cr Messina left the meeting.

9.25pm Cr Messina returned to the meeting.

**10.2 SPORTS GAMING TRANSITION FUND****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 454**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

***“That:***

- (1) *A meeting of all sports clubs impacted by the proposed gaming ban be organised within the next two weeks to gather from the clubs the current and future financial impacts of the clubs to assist in planning of a consideration of a sports gaming transition fund further facilitate the transition away from funds sourced from the gambling industry which was adopted in Council’s June 2017 motion.*
- (2) *All Councillors be invited to attend the meeting.”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020****Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020****Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020****Motion****MOVED: Cr. T Laurence****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That:**

- 1) A meeting of all sports clubs impacted by the proposed gaming ban be organised within the next two weeks to gather from the clubs the current and future financial impacts of the clubs to assist in planning of a consideration of a sports gaming transition fund further facilitate the transition away from funds sourced from the gambling industry which was adopted in Council’s June 2017 motion.
- 2) All Councillors be invited to attend the meeting.

Cr Williams sought consent from the mover and the seconder to amend the motion as follows:-

**That:**

- (1) A meeting of all sports clubs impacted by the proposed gaming ban be organised within the next two weeks to gather from the clubs the current and future financial impacts of the clubs to assist in planning of a consideration of a sports gaming transition fund further facilitate the transition away from funds sourced from the gambling industry which was adopted in Council’s June 2017 motion.
- (2) All Councillors be invited to attend the meeting.
- (3) Officers to report back to Councillors on the impact for clubs that are still involved in receiving financial support to their clubs.

The mover and seconder consented to the amendment

The amended motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

**Council Resolution**

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

**That** the meeting continue after 10.00pm for 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

**10.3 GAMING VENUES****Councillor: Tim LAURENCE****NoM No.: 455**

Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

***“That Council:***

- 1) *Reaffirms its commitment to lessen the impact and number of pokies machines in our city.*
- 2) *Acknowledges that current rate collections on private gaming land and land owned by Woolworths makes the Darebin Council a financial beneficiary of local gaming harmful impacts.*
- 3) *Officers provide a report to Council on 16 March 2020 detailing:*
  - *the total quantity of rates collected from gaming venues and Woolworth business premises in Darebin since June 2017*
  - *the expected gaming and Woolworths land holdings rate revenue in 2020-2021*
  - *options available for Councils consideration for disinvestment from gaming related revenue and options available for Councils consideration for diverting revenue from all those gaming revenues to a robust gaming addiction recovery program that includes counselling, food aid and temporary shelter for families made homeless from gaming impacts.*
  - *community or government partners to deliver support to local families impacted by gaming harms.”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020**

**Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020**

**Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020**

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. T Laurence**

**SECONDED: Cr. G Greco**

**That Council:**

- 1) Reaffirms its commitment to lessen the impact and number of pokies machines in our city.
- 2) Acknowledges that current rate collections on private gaming land and land owned by Woolworths makes the Darebin Council a financial beneficiary of local gaming harmful impacts.
- 3) Officers provide a report to Council on 16 March 2020 detailing:
  - the total quantity of rates collected from gaming venues and Woolworth business premises in Darebin since June 2017

- the expected gaming and Woolworths land holdings rate revenue in 2020-2021
- options available for Councils consideration for disinvestment from gaming related revenue and options available for Councils consideration for diverting revenue from all those gaming revenues to a robust gaming addiction recovery program that includes counselling, food aid and temporary shelter for families made homeless from gaming impacts.
- community or government partners to deliver support to local families impacted by gaming harms.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

**10.4 DAREBIN COUNCIL 2020 ELECTIONS****Councillor: Trent MCCARTHY****NoM No.: 456**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council resolves to conduct the 2020 Darebin Council elections by attendance voting, as per Section 41A(2A) of the Local Government Act 1989.”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020****Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020****Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020**

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

**That** Council resolves to conduct the 2020 Darebin Council elections by attendance voting, as per Section 41A(2A) of the Local Government Act 1989.

The motion was put and lost.

**LOST**

**10.5 ETHICAL PAPER PLEDGE****Councillor: Trent MCCARTHY****NoM No.: 457**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council:*

- 1) *Notes its adoption of the Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy in 2019 and recent calls for an immediate end to logging in water supply catchments and a moratorium on all other native forest logging following the recent catastrophic bushfires.*
- 2) *Agrees to sign the Ethical Paper Pledge ([ethicalpaper.com.au](http://ethicalpaper.com.au)).”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020****Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020****Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-021****MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy****SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- 1) Notes its adoption of the Social and Sustainable Procurement Policy in 2019 and recent calls for an immediate end to logging in water supply catchments and a moratorium on all other native forest logging following the recent catastrophic bushfires.
- 2) Commits that all paper products purchased by council will be 100% recycled from post-consumer waste, sustainably certified (to Forest Stewardship Council standard or stronger) and will not contribute to native forest logging.

**CARRIED**

10.25pm Cr. Amir left the meeting

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. K Le Cerf****SECONDED: Cr. G Greco****That** the meeting continue after 10.30pm for 30 minutes.**CARRIED**

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**10.7 FULL REDEVELOPMENT OF RESERVOIR LEISURE CENTRE****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 459**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

*“That Council requests an Urgent Briefing requesting the full redevelopment of the Reservoir Leisure Centre as set out in option 4 in the previous Options Analysis.”*

**Notice Received: 11 February 2020****Notice Given to Councillors 17 February 2020****Date of Meeting: 24 February 2020**

Cr Greco sought leave of the Council to amend his notice of motion.

Leave was granted by Council.

<b>Motion</b>
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**MOVED: Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

- (1) Makes an in principle decision to fully develop the Reservoir Leisure Centre (RLC) as set out in option 4 of the Options Analysis report presented to Councillors.
- (2) Receives an urgent report that includes the following:
  - a) A road map of the various stages and time frames necessary to achieve a full redevelopment of RLC;
  - b) Financial modelling on how the RLC can be fully developed including projections on borrowing funds;
  - c) Identifiable risk associated with the full development and strategies to address them;
  - d) An outline of any implications the RLC development will have for the proposed development of NARC and other major projects and strategies to address these risk factors;
  - e) Any other material considerations.
- (3) Receive a report in time to be considered as part of Council’s 2020-2021 budget deliberations.

The motion was put to and lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

**LOST**



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**10.8                      \$100,000 COUNCIL DONATION TO BUSHFIRE APPEAL****Councillor:              Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.:                460**

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 24 February 2020, it is my intention to move:

***“That Council:***

1. *Notes the in-kind support provided by Council to Victorian Councils affected by the bush fires.*
2. *Agrees in principle to make a cash donation of \$100,000 towards the bushfire appeal and seeks advice from appropriate bodies on the most suitable recipients.”*

**Notice Received:    11 February 2020****Notice Given to Councillors    17 February 2020****Date of Meeting:    24 February 2020**

10.32pm    Cr Williams left the meeting.

10.35pm    Cr Amir returned to the meeting.

10.37pm    Cr Williams returned to the meeting.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-022****MOVED:                Cr. G Greco**  
**SECONDED:        Cr. T Laurence****That Council:**

1. Notes the in-kind support provided by Council to Victorian Councils affected by the bush fires.
2. Agrees in principle to provide ongoing assistance of at least \$100,000 in kind support towards bushfire recovery efforts and receives a briefing from Officers in 6 months which details the activities Council has been involved in.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **11. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Nil

## 12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

### 12.1 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS HELD

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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:

- 2020 – 21 Annual Budget Planning Day – 8 February 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 10 February 2020
- Councillor Briefing – 17 February 2020

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 20-023**

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

**That** the record of the Assembly of Councillors held on 8 and 10 February 2020 and attached as **Appendix A** to this report, be noted and incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

**CARRIED**

### 13. REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 20-024

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

**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:

- Salon Art Gallery in Reservoir - a Regent Renaissance
- Mayor/Councillor Briefing - Mantra Refugee Meeting
- Mayoral Briefing - Darebin Sports Club Breakfast
- Meeting with CEO Your Community Health
- Mayoral Briefing - St Martins Northcote Town Hall
- Mayoral Briefing - Community Climate Action Series
- Mayer Park PCG Meeting
- Darebin Sports Club Breakfast
- One on One with Deputy Mayor
- Mantra Asylum Seekers Visit
- Council Budget Workshop
- Launch of the Community Climate Action Series - 2020 Season
- Audit Committee - Selection Panel - Short List Applicants
- LXP – Visit to South East Corridor
- Mayor / CEO catch up
- Council Briefing
- Prototype announcement - Minister Crime Prevention - Ben Carroll
- Mayor's message (Discussion & Filming)
- Cr Williams one on one lunch
- Cr Messina one on one catch up
- Mayor / CEO phone catch up
- National Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous People event
- Meeting between Darebin City Council & Kat Theophanous MP
- 'Meet, greet and eat' Reservoir Views Primary School

- National Climate Emergency Summit
- DECC Solemn reflection on bushfires
- Penders Park PCG informal meeting with Mayor
- 41st Annual Festival - Greek Community of Northcote
- Thornbury Bowls Club event
- Audit Committee - Interviews of Shortlisted Applicants
- Cr. Amir one on one lunch
- Mayor / CEO Catch up
- Council Briefing
- Mayoral Briefing - Penders Park / Croxton West
- Catch up with Petra Begnell – North East Healthy Communities
- Climate Council Victoria interview
- Local Government Working Group on Gambling (LGGWG)
- Final Evaluation Report for Graffiti Data Management System
- Mayoral Briefing - Ivanhoe Grammar
- Mantra Welcome to country by Aunty Di Kerr
- Mayoral Briefing - Strathallan
- DECC Steering Committee Meeting
- Moon Rabbit Bulk Foods launch event
- Friends of Edwardes Creek AGM
- Solidarity Gathering - Chinese Community
- Roundtable Discussion – Office of the Lord Mayor
- Meeting - Mayor of Yarra
- Councillors Lunch
- Mayor / CEO catch up
- Dinner prior to Council Meeting
- Council Meeting

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

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

- Climate emergency panel at MPavilion
- Budget workshop day
- LGRP south-east visit
- Regular catchup with CEO

- Councillor Briefing 10 Feb 2020
- Regular catchup with Mayor
- Council briefing 24 February 2020
- Merri Creek management committee meeting, Whittlesea
- Moon Rabbit bulk buy launch party
- Speaking re: LGBTIQ inclusion at women's conference
- Meeting with new General Manager Kerry McGrath
- Informal lunch to support Chinese community

**REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO**

No report received

**REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY**

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

- Darebin Nature Trust Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Speaker at National Climate Emergency Summit
- Climate Emergency Australia workshop at National Climate Emergency Summit
- Council budget Workshop
- Speaker at Victoria Transport Infrastructure Summit
- Speaker at Victorian Greens Women's Conference
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Meeting with CEO Sue Wilkinson
- Pre-NCE Summit and Workshop Meetings
- NAGA Strategic Planning Workshop

**REPORT OF CR. KIM LE CERF**

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

- Council Budget Workshop
- Field trip to south east level crossing removals (Pakenham Line) including meeting with City of Glen Eira
- Councillor Briefing x2
- National Climate Emergency Summit, including local government workshop

- Audit Committee Interview and Selection Panel
- Friends of Baucau Planning Meeting
- Darebin Creek Management Committee Strategic Planning Day
- Council Meeting

### **REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA**

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

- Council meeting – 3 February 2020
- Councillor Briefing Sessions
- Darebin Sports Club breakfast at PCO
- Meeting with Residents
- Meeting with Various Business Owner
- Meeting with resident on Aged Care issues
- Function support to Chinese community- Preston
- Function supporting Chinese Community at Shark Finn City
- Melbourne Transport Forum
- Consultation with Preston traders
- Melbourne Transport Forum Executive Meeting
- Various Meetings EMT, Mayor
- Melbourne Local Government Waste Forum
- Meeting with Plastics Ocean Australia
- Meeting with Waste Company

### **REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON**

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

- Darebin Nature Trust meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- National Climate Emergency Summit
- Dedicated Councillor and officer session at National Climate Emergency Summit
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- Presentation to Harvard Women's Leadership Program at Victoria's Parliament House about the Pathways to Politics for Women program
- Visit to new stations and level crossings in Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Hughesdale including meeting with Glen Eira officers

- Council Budget workshop
- Darebin Sports Club Annual Breakfast and announcement of awards eg Sports Club of the Year
- Weekly meetings with Mayor Rennie

### **REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS**

- Cr. Williams reported on her attendance at the following functions/activities:
- Council Meeting
- Darebin Sports Clubs Breakfast
- Council Budget Workshop weekend
- Council Briefing
- Catch up with the Mayor
- Meeting with Officers form Darebin Animal management
- National Anniversary of Apology to Australia's Indigenous People
- Preston Town Hall DECC bushfires appeal
- Council Briefing
- Final Evaluation Report for Graffiti Data Management System
- Preston Support Chinese Restaurants
- Councillors Lunch to support the Preston Chinese Restaurants
- Council Meeting
- Attended to matter and discussions with residents regarding:  
School open day at Preston High school, Plenty Valley Christian College, council elections, sporting clubs, waste management recycling, NDIS, refugees and other constituent matters.

### **REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE**

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

- Budget Briefing day
- Council Meeting
- Councillor Briefing
- Council internal session on Graffiti
- Meetings with Sports Clubs
- Meeting with dog user group
- Meeting with Residents re unsightly house
- Meeting with Kingsbury Residents re motorcycle noise



- Meeting with Reservoir Residents re motorcycle noise
- Meeting with Resident on NDIS issues
- Meeting with Residents on Public Housing Issues
- Function to show support to Chinese Community
- Consultation with Muslim Community
- Consultation with Thornbury Traders
- Visited Residents on Street maintenance issues
- Attended Tamil Community event in Dandenong
- Visited residents on Planning Issues
- Attended solidarity protest to support Tamil family
- Visited fire affected areas in North East Victoria
- Darebin Sports Club breakfast at PCO

Cr. Laurence reported on his attendance at the following functions/activities for 3 February 2020 Council Meeting.

- Council Meeting – 2 December 2019
- Resident Consultation Preston
- Resident Consultation Thornbury
- Consultation Re: Refugee Issues
- Trader Consultations Keon Parade
- Trader Consultations Broadway
- Consultation residents Re: Donath Reserve
- Diwalia celebrations at VTHC – Minister for Local Government and local Indian Community members
- Consultation with residents on traffic issues in La Trobe Ward

#### **14. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

#### **15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 10.42pm.