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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

English

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Arabic

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT TOWN HALL, 284 GOWER STREET, PRESTON ON MONDAY 23 MAY 2022

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.10 PM

The Mayor advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

- Cr. Lina Messina (Mayor) (Chairperson)
- Cr. Trent McCarthy (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr. Emily Dimitriadis
- Cr. Gaetano Greco
- Cr. Tom Hannan
- Cr. Tim Laurence (arrived at 6.32pm)
- Cr. Susanne Newton
- Cr. Susan Rennie
- Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rachel Ollivier - Acting Chief Executive Officer Jodie Watson - General Manager Governance and Engagement Sam Hewett - General Manager Operations and Capital Shadi Hanna - Acting General Manager Community Vanessa Petrie – Acting General Manager City Sustainability & Strategy Chris Ryan – Manager Property & Asset Strategy Steve Tierney – Manager Park & Open Space Jess Fraser – Manager Equity & Wellbeing Stephen Mahon - Coordinator Council Business Rachna Gupta Singh - Senior Council Business Officer Georgina Steele – Council Business Officer Milan Nagda – IT Support Officer

Other Attendees

John Watson – Municipal Monitor

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waters 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.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Following disclosures of conflicts of interest were made:

- Councillor Newton declared a general conflict of interest in Item 8.2 Northcote Golf Course Shared Use Agreement on the basis that she owns a property in the subject area and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she may have or may be perceived to have.
- Councillor Laurence declared an indirect (general) conflict of interest in Item 8.2 Northcote Golf Course Shared Use Agreement created by a close association as he had relatives who have moved to this area and have a residential amenity issue in this matter.
- The General Manager Operations & Capital declared a general conflict of interest in item 8.14 Contract Award CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel due to a close association (as a relative) to one tenderer and a close association (as a friend) to one tenderer. He noted that he had disclosed these conflicts prior to the commencement of the procurement process and that a Conflict of Interest Management Plan had been completed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer which set out the process and actions that were put in place to appropriately manage the conflict
- Mayor Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in item 8.10 Aged Care Reforms due to her business interests in the aged care sector.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Coordinator Council Business advised Council that since the distribution of this agenda, Council had held a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday 18 May 2022. The minutes of this meeting had been finalised and distributed to Councillors and placed on Councils webpage. Accordingly he sought to have them confirmed by Council. The revised officer recommendation is shown below:

Revised Officer Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 18 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-097

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

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council held on 18 May 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

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

• Claire Layden of Reservoir

Can you please provide an update on the planned works at the Boldrewood Pde/ McMahon Rd intersection (under the previous Streets for People program)? Given that the design was planned to occur during 2021-22, I would like to know the timeline for the works to be undertaken and when the local community can expect to be informed about this project.

<u>Response</u>

Designs for the intersection of Boldrewood Parade and McMahon Road have been delayed due to a drainage design issue which is currently being resolved. The area is subject to flooding, and it is necessary to complete the drainage design work first before designs for the intersection can be finalised.

Once the drainage issue is resolved, you and your neighbours will be contacted in the next couple of months via a letter in your mail box with proposed designs and a request for feedback.

• Jason McCall of Thornbury.

The Keon Park Football Netball Club have been trying to gain access to a tenancy for grounds and facilities at Donath Ground 1 for over 2 years. We are a club that has almost 100 Club members and expecting another 100 once our AFLW, FIDA & Masters Football programs have a home to work from.

Can you please advise why we can't share a Winter tenancy at Donath Ground No 1 where we previously worked with the co-tenants there for over 30 years up until the mid 1990s?

Lastly, what other ground/facility options are available to us so we can get our programs up and running for the Community? TW Blake Park? CH Sullivan Memorial Park?

<u>Response</u>

As per Council policy for a seasonal allocation the Club need either written support, affiliation and/or a license with their state sporting body and/or league.

Council Officers have been liaising with the Club regarding this request and have provided this advice. Officers will continue to liaise with the Club to discuss venue options for proposed programs

• Serena O'Meley of Reservoir

- 1. Darebin Council's Senior Biodiversity Officer position has been vacant for around one month. This is a crucial position for Darebin's re-wilding program. Can you please confirm when this position will be advertised?
- 2. Darebin Nature Trust no longer has sufficient participants with a deep understanding of biodiversity and/or with environmental experience. Noting that there are currently four positions open for Expressions of Interest, what steps will Darebin Council take to recruit additional people with these skill sets to DNT?

<u>Response</u>

- 1. While the position is vacant, a person has been appointed to act in the role so as not to lose continuity of work. This is common practice in the sector and the individual in question is highly qualified in the field. This question was taken on notice and Officers will get back to Serena.
- 2. Council has access to several highly qualified and experienced experts on staff and through the engagement of consultants when necessary. The DNT augments that knowledge by providing a sounding board and 'critical friendship' to Council so that it's work is well informed. The current DNT bring a rich diversity of experiences and knowledge to the table which is highly valued by Council. In considering further applications to the DNT, Council will seek to ensure that the skill set of future members compliments existing members and staff.

Serena O'Meley made a submission on Item 8.6 – Renaming of the former Ruthven Primary School Site.

• Matthew Zammit of Thornbury

Re : Discussion held during the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 April 2022 regarding the Reservoir Leisure Centre Feasibility Study.

- 1. What indicators and data collection were used by Darebin Council to determine that many new migrants in this area may not have experienced swimming before?
- 2. In light of the Towards Equality Framework, does Darebin Council submit that the prior skills and experience, however assumed, of one particular group in the community should be a determinant for the provision of public amenities to the community as a whole?

<u>Response</u>

1. Lifesaving Victoria and Royal Life Saving Australia data and reports identify that multicultural communities in Australia are at greater risk of drowning due to cultural differences in swimming ability and water safety knowledge. This includes visitors, international students and residents who were born overseas.

Cheddar and Oakhill neighbourhoods have higher proportions of residents born overseas. Therefore, it is likely that there are new migrants in the surrounding community who have a lower level of swimming proficiency.

2. No, however I can confirm that Council plans and delivers community infrastructure in response to the needs of the entire community.

• Libby Neesham of Northcote

- 1. What evidence is there that justifies the recommendation to keep golf at this location and make only a small amount of the land available to the wider community as per the Option A recommendation.
- 2. Would it not be better to spend no extra money and put the operator on a 12 month lease? Retaining Golf at this location is not inline with the Darebin 2040 strategic priorities.
- 3. Have the Wurundjeri Land Council and/or the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee agreed that the recommendation to Council is the best use for the site at this stage?

<u>Response</u>

I will take question 1 as a comment and question 2 as a suggestion for Council's consideration. We will consider this matter tonight.

In regards to question 3, in the report to Council is an update on engagement with the traditional owners.

• James Dawson of Thornbury

- 1. If a portion of the golf course is to be partitioned away for general use, would Council consider this to be done in a more considered manner by someone with expertise in golf course architecture and planning?
- 2. State Government has offered to support Darebin Council with \$200,000 to develop a comprehensive vision for the future of Northcote Public Golf Course.
- 3. Why are the recommendations coming from Parks department and not Sport and Recreation? Its a sporting venue!

<u>Response</u>

We have received similar suggestions and we will consider this matter tonight. You are welcome to stay for the debate if you like.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rachel Ollivier

I can confirm that the two teams within Council, Recreation and Sport and Parks and Open Space work very closely on this project. We always have one department that takes clear responsibility and coordinates but I can assure everyone it is a combined effort.

• <u>Corinne Davis of Brunswick</u>

How will the Council protect social sports from cohorts who aren't interested in cohesive community programs?

<u>Response</u>

I will take your question as a comment about how important it is to protect social sports. I have also asked a Manager to contact you about this question tomorrow.

Rachel Goldlust of Preston

How does Darebin council justify keeping a 9 hole course, subsidised by ratepayers, who overwhelmingly want access on a regular basis to the golf course?

<u>Response</u>

I have taken your question as a comment and invite you to stay for the debate and decision tonight.

• Araleena Issa of Reservoir

I understand from the agenda that the Council are proposing to open only 1 small fairway to the public and spend just under a million on the rest of the golf course for elite users.

- 1. My question is on what grounds has the council chosen to completely ignore 10,000 of their constituents?
- 2. Secondly which Northcote golf club members have made donations or somehow supported projects conducted by the council in the last 5 years?
- 3. Thirdly which council members have personal or business relationships with Northcote golf club members?

Response from General Manager Operations and Capital to first question.

I would firstly like to correct a small error in the report on page 138. We refer to a petition that was received by Council with 2289 signatures, in fact Mayor there was a petition submitted to Council with over 9400 signatures and a separate survey with 2277 signatures. It wasn't our intent to mislead but if we have we apologies. There was indeed a petition with almost 10,000 signatures.

The Mayor responded to questions 2 and 3

- 2. We will need to take this question on notice.
- 3. All Councillors and Officers have an obligation to declare any conflicts associated with decision making.

• Craig Burton of Northcote

This is a huge opportunity and an important decision that should be taken fairly an could you please run this solicitation more broadly.

1. Why won't Council put out a Darebin-wide solicitation (letterbox - residents only) with clear and equal options for this land?

It could show visual mock ups with new uses so it's not just golf, less-golf and no-golf? It would include a fair evaluation of user-days per hectare for golf, and for other recreational areas in Darebin, and for the proposed alternatives on the land of Northcote Golf Course. The decision should be to simply get more Darebin people into more recreational space.

<u>Response</u>

We will take your question as a suggestion.

The approach to community engagement is contained within the report presented to Council tonight and the decision of Council will inform next steps.

• Rachit Srivastava of Northcote

Where are the proposed pedestrian access points to the new public parkland?

<u>Response</u>

There will be one at Mayer's Park and one near Beavers Bridge. There will be additional access points determined through the fence analysis.

• Phil Goad of Northcote

There is a recommendation on the shared use of the Northcote Golf Course in tonight's meeting.

The increased "parkland" would mainly be to the benefit of Moreland residents.

- 1. Why are we spending Darebin ratepayers money to benefit Moreland residents? The golf course is slowly being shortened to where it is only a pitch and putt course showing a total lack of understanding of golf by decision makers, or is it a means to an end.
- 2. Is it really worth spending 1 million dollars on a poor compromise? It will cost nothing to leave as is, a sporting ground in the area with plenty of park land surrounding it. The cost to maintain the current is the same as the projected cost to maintain the new. Please forget the politics and show a bit of fiscal responsibility!!
- 3. Is Council really that hard up to find things to spend a million dollars on?

<u>Response</u>

- 1. Council's primary focus is on improving the quality of life for the Darebin community. Whilst there may be a secondary benefit for residents of other localities, the primary benefit is for residents of Darebin.
- 2. I will take this question as a comment. Thank you
- 3. I will take this question as a comment. Thank you

• Nick Verginis of Brunswick

- 1. What is the financial position of the Northcote Golf Course operation and the options being considered?
- 2. Is it insolvent and running at a net loss covered by Darebin ratepayers?
- 3. What revenue modelling has been undertaken if a hospitality and venue-hire social enterprise ran the Clubhouse with mini-golf, outdoor cinema/concerts etc on Holes 1+2?

<u>Response</u>

- 1. This information is contained within the council report and has been made available on the your Say Darebin website.
- 2. The current operating model for the Golf Course means that the course is subsidised by Council by approximately \$150k per year.
- 3. There has been no modelling undertaken at this stage

• Matthew Faulkner of Thornbury

- 1. At the Southern end, where a proposal is put to remove an entire golf hole, there remains abundant unused land surrounding both sides of the Merri Creek. This land represents far more unused area than the removal of an entire section of the golf course will ever provide. How does the Council justify this (and its expense) in light of abundant public park space already being available?
- 2. How will Council guarantee that this might continue along the full stretch of the proposed public areas. In particular, how can Council guarantee that the elderly residents at Veronica Gardens will not be constantly disrupted, especially after hours?
- 3. At the Woolton End of the proposed Golf Course Access, there is a spillway/tributary to the Merri Creek (Bracken Creek). In 2020, a child tragically drowned here. This area regularly, and spectacularly, flash floods, often without warning. How does Council propose to ensure that no further drownings will occur once open access is granted at all hours of the day?

<u>Response</u>

This item is listed on tonight's agenda and your comments and questions have been acknowledged and officers will respond to you after the matter is determined.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rachel Ollivier

With reference to your advice regarding the drowning of a child in the vicinity of the Woolton End of the proposed golf course access we were unaware of this tragic event and I have asked our General Manager Operations & Capital to follow this matter up to ensure that appropriate consideration be given to mitigating risks of this nature.

• Melanie Del Monaco of Thornbury

- 1. What process does Council undertake to ensure the quality and accuracy of the reports because there are a number of errors and omissions.
- 2. What environmental impact assessment or analysis has been undertaken on these options? Especially Option A and the impact on tress and tree removal and and vegetation required to reconfigure the site to enable a 9 hole golf course to remain?
- 3. What analysis has council done on the cost benefit ratio of Option A? Especially in spending almost \$1 million dollars to retain a 9 hole golf course on the site that operates at a significant loss to council, whilst providing only a tiny amount of the space for broader community use?

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rachel Ollivier

- 1. Essentially one of my jobs as the Chief Executive is to be responsible for the quality of the advice in public reports and so anyone that has feedback for us I would welcome it and I will follow it up appropriately with our team.
- 2 & 3. This Item is listed on tonight's agenda for consideration by Council, your comments and questions have been acknowledged and will be fully responded to by Council Officers and Council will determine this matter this evening.

• Sarah Davey Moor from Northcote

What is the cost to ratepayers of running the Northcote Golf Course each year and will this cost be higher or lower under the recommended option? I know there is some detail in the report but there is not a break down of the specific costs associated with the use of the Golf Course at the site and there is a real lack of cost benefit analysis and transparency.

My follow up question would be there is figures in there but there is not broad or specific information that breaks those costs in the level of detail I would have thought should be provided to inform such an important decision as this one.

Response from Acting Chief Executive Officer, Rachel Ollivier

The report that is in the papers does include costs for the current operating costs as well as option A and option B that are covered in the report. You can see the nature of those options that essentially provides cost information for Councils consideration tonight.

Your comments / questions are acknowledged and will be fully responded to by Council Officers after Council has determined the matter

• Carl Crotty of Thornbury

Has there been any consideration given to restricting golfing hours to enable recreational use of the entire course at certain times of the day - for example late afternoon / early morning - rather than having the facility exclusively allocated to golf?

<u>Response</u>

This items is listed on tonight's agenda for consideration by Council. Your comments / questions are acknowledged and will be fully responded to by Council Officers after Council has determined the matter

• Libby Smith of Thornbury

More than 2000 responses to the consultation mentioned "Temporary Sharing" where the golf course is retained but the space is used for golf at set times and open to the community at other set times. Given this option would involve minimal financial outlay to set up, and could be trailed and tweaked fairly easily, why did Council not include this as an alternative option?

In the Darebin Council Your Say FAQs, Council promised to differentiate responses from 'impacted users' versus 'people with an interest'. It is clear that more people from outside Darebin were interested in retaining golf, than those in Darebin, and the opinions of people living close to the course do not seem to have been given priority. Why has this differentiation not been reported as promised?

Response from General Manager Operations and Capital

A range of options, as many as 8 significant options were considered and Council was briefed a number of times. The more we started to understand the feedback from the Community the more we landed at two preferred options which are included in the report. Of course, it is open to Council to make any decision it wishes including an option we haven't thought of.

• Catherine from Thornbury

Regarding the Consultant's report on the future shared use of the Northcote Golf Course:

Does Council commit to closely working with residents adjacent to the Northcote Golf Course prior to making any changes to current usage, in order to ensure mitigation of the immediate and often detrimental impacts of such changes?

Previous periods of usage other than for golf have created issues such as trespassing, vandalism, compromised privacy, toileting, and noise late at night among other problems. Residents are not at liberty to leave the area to avoid this as other park-goers and golfers are.

To date council has demonstrated minimal interest in considering the experiences of residents (including those in Leinster Grove, Veronica Gardens Retirement Village, and the Merri Green estate on Beavers Rd) who live adjacent to the areas of the course where general access is now proposed. Can Councillors assure us it will be a priority to consider the impacts of proposed changes on these properties and people, and that Council Officers will work with us to minimise these impacts prior to changed use commencing?

<u>Response</u>

This item is listed on tonight's agenda for consideration by Council. Your comments / questions are acknowledged and will be fully responded to by Council Officers after Council has determined the matter

• Charlotte Few of Thornbury

- 1. What enquiries have been made by Council for external funding opportunities (grants, etc.) to support returning the golf course to a green space available to all? (Noting that the Commonwealth government has already committed \$6 million to the restoration of Elsternwick Golf Course as a nature reserve and the newly elected Labor government has committed to a further ~\$12 million.)
- 2. Noting the overwhelming response from Darebin residents seeking a shared space, can Council explain why Option A is recommended which proposes the sharing of a very small portion of the land as opposed to pursuing Option B (for only a slightly greater cost) which would make available a much greater portion of the land for all to use?
- 3. Can Council explain why, despite a huge level of support from local residents and the promise of a true consultation, the proposed option is that which was presented by the golfers at the commencement of the consultation process and none of the other suggestions for opportunities submitted by residents, including the establishment of revenue streams through social enterprises, hiring of spaces, etc, have been noted as considered in the paper to Council?

Response

We would expect to seek support from other levels of government for whatever direction Council sets for this site. I will take question 2 and 3 as comments. Council will make the decision tonight.

• Tristen Harris of Northcote

- 1. Council's Your Say FAQ stated that just 14% of golfers are women and that quote "A full gender and equity impact assessment will be completed for any proposals." Where is that assessment?
- 2. How does the creation of two single-use silos at Northcote Golf Course meet the requirement of Council's Breathing Space Strategy on p54 to make all spaces 'multiuse'?

Response

We have conducted both a gender and equity impact assessment. It is summarised in the public report, but not included in full. I'll take your question as a comment. Council always seeks to make spaces multiuse.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-098

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

That the Public Question Time be extended for a further 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

• Emma Jenkin of Northcote

My observation when the course was open to the public was that women picnicked, walked, exercised and ran in this space. It is acknowledged that women are underrepresented in public spaces and have limited exercise options. Can you please outline the analysis you have completed on the gender equity of the proposed council solution? What is the gender split on the use of space and the cost of the per person per gender per visit?

<u>Response</u>

Yes Council has conducted a gender impact assessment on the options. We haven't analysed it in the way that you have asked about. A Manager will contact you this week to discuss in detail.

• Mark Tregonning of Thornbury

The increase in public use of the land currently known as the Northcote Golf Course is of enormous interest to the Darebin community, as demonstrated by it being the subject of the biggest petition you have ever received. That petition and the subsequent "Your Say" survey showed that a very high proportion of Darebin residents want much greater non-golf access to the land - for walking, wild bush, picnics, playing, running etc. The majority of comments on the large "Unlock Northcote Golf Course" facebook page supported significant changes to the use the of the land to allow a wider group of people access to it.

Most of the opposition to change in use of land came from a small number of golfers, most of whom live outside of Darebin.

Yet the proposal being offered to Council only allow public access to *one* of the fairways in a nine hole golf course, a tiny proportion of the land. And *none* of the land is to be reserved for non-golf use.

Given these facts, how can any Councillor justify the current proposal for Northcote Council as representing the wishes of Darebin residents?

<u>Response</u>

I'll take your comments as submission. You are welcome to stay if you would like.

• Yvette Walker of Thornbury

Has the Council compared the social, economic, environmental and cultural benefits of maintaining the golf course to providing it for community open space? If so, how and what data has emerged?

Response

The report to Council outlines information about benefits and costs of the options under consideration tonight.

• Kathleen Kemp from Northcote

What were the results of the gender impact assessment, I don't feel all the option have been considered?

My second question is regarding the long term use of this land and whether, for example continuing to use water from Merri Creek is going to be possible in a time a climate change? How can we support Biodiversity along the Merri Creek?

<u>Response</u>

Council will be considering this matter later on tonight.

• Vanessa Walker of Northcote

Noting that it is Councils priority to improve life for Darebin residents, why then are Council Officers recommending an option that seems to prioritise the interests of a very small number of golf players over the aspirations of at least 10,000 local residents, from diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities?

<u>Response</u>

We will take your questions into consideration when we debate later on this evening.

• Jen Jewel Brown of Northcote

Jen Jewel Brown made a submission on the Northcote Golf Course matter.

• Louise Kenney-Shen of Reservoir

Can Council provide rundown of the data pool for collection of data that lead the RLC feasibility study, including when the data was provided and any efforts made to ensure

frequent users of the facility were aware of consultations taking place and ensuring accessibility for all users?

What data was used to determine that new migrants, how this data has lead Council to decide that a small portion of the community dictates what the usership should and should have access to and whether that is in line with Councils accessibility guidelines in service provision?

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

We will take these questions on notice.

• John Nugent of Epping

I lodge a complaint with Council on the 31/3/22. I received a reply back on the 14/4/22 that the Acting CEO was not replying to my complaint, as the former CEO advised me by letter on the 2/7/19 (this letter was about Donath Reserve). On the 26/4/22 I submitted a letter to the Customer Service Team (C.S.T) for a meeting with the Acting CEO and General Manager for Governance & Engagement on the 29/4/22 I received a letter from the C.S.T advising that the A/CEO and G.M for Governance and Engagement will not meet with me.

Mayor Messina., my question is – If the A/CEO and General Manager will not reply to my letters or meet with me, how can one move on? And how can the problem be solved?

• John Nugent of Epping

Last meeting you advised me that your Managers by the end of the week will ring me. As yet not one Manager has rung me.

On 26/4/22 I asked this question re fallen light on no.1 Oval Donath Reserve. This light fell down in July 2019. Nearly 3 years ago. (no letter received) I was advised by Customer Service Team Leader it would be another 3 weeks. Mayor Messina my question is, I have little faith that this light will be fixed in 3 weeks' time. Why doesn't Council replace all three out of date lights that could injure the public if they fall and replace them with update lights and Council could have spares for other lights for other grounds.

Response from Chairperson, Mayor Messina

The Mayor advised Mr Nugent that she was unaware of these matters and that she would contact Mr Nugent later in the week. She additional noted that the questions Mr Nugent did not ask would be included in the minutes and taken on notice.

Question 3 from Mr Nugent

This is the third time I have asked this question. And to save confusion, I want to know the following:

How many men and women work in the Customer Service Building?

How many men and women work in the Solaris Building?

How many men and women work in the 350 High St Building?

How many men and women work in the Customer Service Department in Northcote & Reservoir?

How many men and women work inside the Reservoir Department?

Also how many men are Managers and how many women are Managers in these premises?

• Lindsay Newton of Northcote

I understand two wealthy and powerful organisations where involved in the process of developing the proposals for the Northcote Golf Course and I am concerned that Council has allowed them to override the wishes of Darebin residents. These two organisations are Golf Australia and the office of Kat Theophanous, MP for Northcote. Can Council Officers please explain how these groups were involved and how the affected the process?

<u>Response</u>

The Mayor advised that Golf Australia had met with her and the General Manager Operation & Capital as there had been commentary saying that Golf Australia had not had the opportunity to speak with Council. I requested a meeting with them, and wanted to address some comments from the community suggesting that Council was receiving funding from Golf Australia and I can assure you that is not the case. That was the extent of Golf Australia having a conversation with me as the Mayor.

In terms of your second question, that was an announcement made in the public arena, through The Age that there was some financial contribution from the State Member to address the design of the course. I can assure you that is all that has been discussed and everything has been in the public arena.

• Lauren of Thornbury

Lauren made a submission on the Northcote Golf Course matter

• Geoffrey Love of St Kilda – Submission

Geoffrey Love made a submission on the Northcote Golf Course matter

A resident of Darebin asked the following questions in relation Item 8.7 – Naming of Unamed Laneway -Kalamata Place

- 1. Regarding Item 8.7, regarding the naming of unnamed laneway to Kalamata Place, are Councillors aware that over 40,000 Victorians from Greek decent came through Kalamata migrating to Victoria through the City of Darebin, from Clifton Hill all the way to the Preston area?
- 2. Is Council aware that Kalamata is 1941 fed and looked after and evacuated the first indigenous officer in the Australian Defence force, Captain Reg Saunders. We would like to honour him at Kalamata Place.
- 3. Is Council aware that there is a laneway in the City of Moreland named Sparta Place and that we are hoping to acknowledge the Greek residents in the Darebin City Council area of their ancestral home, Kalamata.

<u>Response</u>

The Mayor advised that these questions would be taken as statements and that Council will be considering this item later this evening.

• Grant from Thornbury

My first question relates to a lot of assumptions we have heard here tonight, it annoys me to hear that there is a general feeling that the people that are asking the questions assume that

they speak for the majority of the community. I know this community very well and I do not believe that you got it right. Everyone I speak to, almost are for the Golf Course live in Darebin and have lived here for many years. I have lived here since 1966.

Can Council please ignore the assumptions that have been made here tonight when you have your discussions?

If we are referring to the cost of running the course, then I would ask that we should make a comparison with the Darebin parklands as to how much that costs us to maintain, because that would be a fair comparison.?

<u>Response</u>

That Mayor advised that Council would take these questions into consideration when it debate the matter later on this evening.

7. PETITIONS

Councillor McCarthy presented approx. 800 drawing and comments that had been submitted electronically by students from 4 local schools in relation to Northcote Golf Course land and their vision for what should happen on that site with a request to table them in the Council meeting.

The Mayor advised that these drawings and submissions would be tabled and taken on record as submissions and not as petition.

8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

8.1 2021–22 QUARTER THREE COUNCIL PLAN ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT INCLUDING FINANCIALS ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 2020* 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.

The 2021-22 Quarter Three Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report (**Appendix A**) provides an overview of Council's performance in delivering the year one actions that will contribute to the completion of the four-year strategic actions in the Council Plan 2021-25. Also included in this report is a high-level progress update for the Capital Works program, a status update of Council resolutions and the Financial Report ending 31 March 2022.

Overall, the quarter three results indicate that the organisation is progressing well to achieve the majority of the year one Council Plan Action Plan by 30 June 2022. Council's work has delivered significant community benefit and key achievements are detailed in this report.

There has been an impact from COVID-19. In regards to the financial performance, the COVID-19 impact is substantially the same as was reported at Q2. In regards to delivery of the Council Plan, while deferral of some actions has been necessary, overall the four-year

Council Plan remains achievable, assuming disruptions reduce.

Key progress statistics for the third quarter are;

- 15% (44) of year one actions have been completed, up from 8% (23).
- 66% (190) of year one actions are in progress, down from 78.3% (224).
- 1% (3) of year one actions have not started but are expected to commence in the fourth quarter.
- 3% (9) of actions are slightly off track.
- 14% of year one actions have been deferred to year two (39 actions) due to the impacts of COVID-19 on Council services and resources. This is an increase of seven actions since quarter two.
- One action has been discontinued.

Council committed close to \$62 million to the 2021-22 Annual Capital Works Program. As of 31 March 2022, out of total of 62 projects, 53 were on track and nine had been completed. See **(Appendix A)** for the overview of the capital works projects.

Since 1 January 2022, 39 Council resolutions have been made by Council and its Delegated Committees. Of these, 14 resolutions have been completed (36%) and 25 are in progress (64%). See **(Appendix A)** for further information.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Notes the 2021-22 Quarter Three Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (**Appendix A**)
- 2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix B**) for the 9 months ended 31 March 2022.
- Notes the deferred actions in the 2021-22 Quarter Three Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (Appendix A) and that these have been referred to the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan development process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-099

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes the 2021-22 Quarter Three Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (Appendix A)
- 2) Notes the Financial Report (in **Appendix B**) for the 9 months ended 31 March 2022.
- Notes the deferred actions in the 2021-22 Quarter Three Council Plan Action Plan Progress Report including Project Report (Appendix A) and that these have been referred to the 2022-23 Council Plan Action Plan development process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

7.28 pm Councillor Newton declared a general conflict of interest in the following item on the basis that she owns a property in the subject area of the Northcote Golf Course and whilst the ownership is an interest she holds in common with hundreds of property owners and it is arguable that her interest does not exceed that of the interests held by other residents, ratepayers and electors, she had determined that she will remove herself from any debate and decision making on the issue as a precaution against any general conflict of interest she may have or may be perceived to have.

Councillor Newton left the meeting at 7.28 pm.

7.29 pm Councillor Laurence declared an indirect (general) conflict of interest in the following item created by a close association, as he had relatives who have moved to this area and have a residential amenity issue in this matter.

Councillor Laurence left the meeting at 7.29 pm.

Submissions

The following persons made submissions in relation to item 8.2 – Northcote Golf Course Shared Use Recommendation.

- Ruth Liston
- A representative of Leesa Marie Spencer
- A representative of Bill Jennings
- Melanie Del Monaco
- Tim Holdsworth (on behalf of Northcote Community and Golf Hub)
- Libby Smith
- Geoffrey Love
- Luke

8.2 NORTHCOTE GOLF COURSE SHARED USE RECOMMENDATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Community engagement on the future shared use of the Northcote Public Golf Course site took place between November 2021 and February 2022 in response to a previous Council resolution. This included the opportunity for public feedback via a survey that was open for 5 weeks between 4 November and 2 December 2021, and two public hearing sessions on 14 and 16 February 2022.

There was significant public interest in the future use of the site, and responses were varied and from a wide-reaching audience. The key themes that emerged were that both golf and other park uses were important to our community, as were issues of equity and inclusivity. This report presents several options and recommends an option for shared use of the site that would increase open space and retain a 9-hole golf course. After Council's decision, the next steps would be to tender for a golf course management operator and to commence design for any physical works at the site. Tendering may establish an initial 2 or 3 year contract, with the contract option for Council to extend beyond that. Council would make a future decision about a contractor in late 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council

- 1) Endorses 'Option A' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning the southern most hole, retaining a 9-hole golf course, developing a new northern park, delivering a new eastern boundary path and unlocking approximately 5.72 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (*Appendix B*).
- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course including options that might further activate the course for those looking to participate in golf and non-golf pastimes.
 - b. the condition of the buildings on the site and how these buildings could be used to activate the space and encourage further shared use.
- 3) Calls for a review of fencing of the site to determine how access and security can best be managed for shared use.
- 4) Writes to The Hon. Ros Spence MP to thank the State Government for its contribution towards this project, continues negotiation on grant terms and conditions and seeks a further State Government funding contribution to the capital development of the site as endorsed by Council.
- 5) Incorporates necessary funding into the proposed 2022-23 Budget which will be considered by Council at a meeting in June 2022.
- 6) Commences work related to the recommended option including the reconfiguration of one fairway, changes to tees and greens and other capital improvements for delivery of shared use of the space in the 2022/2023 financial year.
- 7) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the community engagement and publishes the Northcote Golf Course Community Engagement Report (*Appendix A*) on the Your Say page.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- 1) Endorses 'Option A' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning the southern most hole, retaining a 9-hole golf course, developing a new northern park, delivering a new eastern boundary path and unlocking approximately 5.72 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (*Appendix B*).
- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course including options that might further activate the course for those looking to participate in golf and non-golf pastimes.
- 3) Commissions a report to examine
 - a. the condition of the buildings on the site and how these buildings could be used to activate the space and encourage further shared use; and,
 - Deportunities for private investment or a public/private partnership to develop a commercial and/or social enterprise venture for the site including hospitality and events;
- 4) Calls for a review of fencing of the site to determine how access and security can best be managed for shared use.
- 5) Writes to The Hon. Ros Spence MP to thank the State Government for its contribution towards this project, continues negotiation on grant terms and conditions and seeks a further State Government funding contribution to the capital development of the site as endorsed by Council.
- 6) Incorporates necessary funding into the proposed 2022-23 budget (\$100,000 for the buildings' business case plus costs associated with option A) which will be considered by Council at a meeting in June 2022.
- 7) Commences work related to the recommended option including the reconfiguration of one fairway, changes to tees and greens and other capital improvements for delivery of shared use of the space in the 2022/2023 financial year.
- 8) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the community engagement and publishes the Northcote Golf Course Community Engagement Report (*Appendix A*) on the Your Say page.

Amendment

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

That point 2 of the motion be amended as follows:

- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. Terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course including options that might activate the course for golf prior to 3pm with non golf options after 3pm.

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and carried.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy, Messina and Rennie (4)

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco and Williams (3)

Amendment was incorporated into the motion which became the substantive motion before the Council.

Further Amendment

MOVED: Cr. T McCarthy SECONDED: Cr. T Hannan

That point 1 of the substantive motion be amended as follows

 Endorses 'Option B' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning golf infrastructure south of the Bracken Creek; reconfiguring holes to the north of the Bracken Creek to retain a 6-hole golf course, developing an open space south of the Bracken Creek; delivering a new eastern path and unlocking approximately 9.11 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (Appendix C).

The mover and seconder of the motion did not consent to the amendment.

The amendment was put and lost.

LOST

For: Cr's. Hannan, McCarthy and Rennie (3)

Against: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Greco, Messina and Williams (4)

Further Amendment

MOVED: Cr. J Williams

That Council:

- 1) Endorses 'Option A' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning the southern most hole, retaining a 9-hole golf course, developing a new northern park, delivering a new eastern boundary path and unlocking approximately 5.72 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (*Appendix B*).
- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. Terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course, including options that might activate the course.
- 3) Commissions a report to examine
 - a. the condition of the buildings on the site and how these buildings could be used to activate the space and encourage further shared use; and,
 - Deportunities for private investment or a public/private partnership to develop a commercial and/or social enterprise venture for the site including hospitality and events;
- 4) Calls for a review of fencing of the site to determine how access and security can best be managed for shared use.
- 5) Writes to The Hon. Ros Spence MP to thank the State Government for its contribution towards this project, continues negotiation on grant terms and conditions and seeks a further State Government funding contribution to the capital development of the site as endorsed by Council.
- 6) Incorporates necessary funding into the proposed 2022-23 budget (\$100,000 for the buildings' business case plus costs associated with option A) which will be considered by Council at a meeting in June **2022.**
- 7) Commences work related to the recommended option including the reconfiguration of one fairway, changes to tees and greens and other capital improvements for delivery of shared use of the space in the 2022/2023 financial year.
- 8) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the community engagement and publishes the Northcote Golf Course Community Engagement Report (*Appendix A*) on the Your Say page.

Amendment lapsed for want of seconder.

The substantive motion before the Council viz.

That Council:

- 1) Endorses 'Option A' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning the southern most hole, retaining a 9-hole golf course, developing a new northern park, delivering a new eastern boundary path and unlocking approximately 5.72 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (*Appendix B*).
- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course including options that might activate the course for golf prior to 3pm with non golf options after 3pm.
- 3) Commissions a report to examine
 - a. the condition of the buildings on the site and how these buildings could be used to activate the space and encourage further shared use; and,
 - Opportunities for private investment or a public/private partnership to develop a commercial and/or social enterprise venture for the site including hospitality and events;
- 4) Calls for a review of fencing of the site to determine how access and security can best be managed for shared use.
- 5) Writes to The Hon. Ros Spence MP to thank the State Government for its contribution towards this project, continues negotiation on grant terms and conditions and seeks a further State Government funding contribution to the capital development of the site as endorsed by Council.
- 6) Incorporates necessary funding into the proposed 2022-23 budget (\$100,000 for the buildings' business case plus costs associated with option A) which will be considered by Council at a meeting in June 2022.
- 7) Commences work related to the recommended option including the reconfiguration of one fairway, changes to tees and greens and other capital improvements for delivery of shared use of the space in the 2022/2023 financial year.
- 8) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the community engagement and publishes the Northcote Golf Course Community Engagement Report (*Appendix A*) on the Your Say page.

was put and carried.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-100

MOVED: Cr. G Greco SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- 1) Endorses 'Option A' for shared use of the Northcote Golf Course site including decommissioning the southern most hole, retaining a 9-hole golf course, developing a new northern park, delivering a new eastern boundary path and unlocking approximately 5.72 hectares of park land for broader community shared use (*Appendix B*).
- 2) Seeks briefings from officers on:
 - a. terms and conditions of a new golf course management contract for the course including options that might activate the course for golf prior to 3pm with non golf options after 3pm.
- 3) Commissions a report to examine
 - a. the condition of the buildings on the site and how these buildings could be used to activate the space and encourage further shared use; and,
 - Deportunities for private investment or a public/private partnership to develop a commercial and/or social enterprise venture for the site including hospitality and events;
- 4) Calls for a review of fencing of the site to determine how access and security can best be managed for shared use.
- 5) Writes to The Hon. Ros Spence MP to thank the State Government for its contribution towards this project, continues negotiation on grant terms and conditions and seeks a further State Government funding contribution to the capital development of the site as endorsed by Council.
- 6) Incorporates necessary funding into the proposed 2022-23 budget (\$100,000 for the buildings' business case plus costs associated with option A) which will be considered by Council at a meeting in June 2022.
- 7) Commences work related to the recommended option including the reconfiguration of one fairway, changes to tees and greens and other capital improvements for delivery of shared use of the space in the 2022/2023 financial year.
- 8) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the community engagement and publishes the Northcote Golf Course Community Engagement Report (*Appendix A*) on the Your Say page.

CARRIED

For: Cr's. Dimitriadis, Hannan, McCarthy and Messina (4)

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

Abstained : Cr Rennie (1)

8.45 pm The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a brief break

8.57 pm The meeting resumed

8.57 pm Councillor Newton and Laurence returned to the meeting

8.3 EARLY YEARS INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING FRAMEWORK

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is developing an Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework 2021-2041 (the Framework); a high-level strategy that will guide future decision making and associated actions aimed at ensuring Darebin's children and their families have equitable access to the facilities and high-quality early years services they need to thrive.

It focuses on facilities used for maternal and child health, kindergarten, long day childcare, occasional care, playgroups and toy libraries and sets out principles and strategic actions to meet Darebin's early years infrastructure needs over the long term. It responds to kindergarten supply and demand modelling completed with the Department of Education and Training (DET), supply and demand modelling for other early years services and a review of current Council infrastructure.

The Framework (Attachment A) incorporates feedback received through engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and a public consultation process

An outcome of the consultation is the change of name from Early Years Infrastructure Plan to Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework as it better reflects the strategic purpose of the document and aligns with the Community Infrastructure Plan (in development).

Overall, the results of the engagement indicate that the principles and actions outlined in the Framework are strongly supported by the community.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework 2021-2041 (Attachment A).
- (2) Receives a report on the delivery of the Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework through the annual Council Plan Action Plan reporting process.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-101

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

That Council:

- (1) Adopts the Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework 2021-2041 (Attachment A).
- (2) Receives a report on the delivery of the Early Years Infrastructure Planning Framework through the annual Council Plan Action Plan reporting process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 DEFIBRILLATORS IN DAREBIN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to a Council resolution from 28 March 2022 which sought to understand the location of all Council-owned defibrillators in Darebin and gaps, the benefits and opportunities of registering all the defibrillators located at council buildings with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry and feasibility of relocating defibrillators on council assets to be externally located, so that they are accessible to the public 24/7.

A preliminary desktop analysis was undertaken and has identified that there are currently twenty-nine (29) defibrillators located on Council owned buildings. This is out of a total of (123) Council-owned buildings examined. In addition, there are twenty-seven (27) registered defibrillators in the Darebin municipality which are located on private, retail and community service premises.

Currently only one (1) defibrillator on a Council building (at Reservoir Neighbourhood House) is located externally and available to the public 24/7. The other twenty-eight (28) defibrillators are located internally and can be accessed during business hours.

As part of the DeFib In Your Street pilot project, Council is working with St John Ambulance to increase improve access to defibrillators in Reservoir and increase community awareness and education through the provision of free CPR and defibrillation training and advice for 18,000 people and 3000 free places in CPR courses. Through this program, St Johns will relocate a total of three defibrillators on Council owned buildings in Reservoir to an external location at no cost to Council. Council also will co-fund the purchase of one additional 24/7 externally accessible defibrillator for Reservoir.

The initial assessment has identified that twenty-five (25) defibrillators can be relocated externally, pending a further site assessment and consultation with tenants of the proposed locations. This includes sites in Reservoir, Preston, Northcote, Bundoora, Fairfield and Thornbury and would provide for a 24/7 accessible defibrillator.

This report recommends that the 25 defibrillators be relocated. The cost would be \$10,625, however could be accommodated within the operating program budget for 2022-23.

Council officers have commenced the registration process with the with Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry and all defibrillators on Council owned property are expected to have been registered by the date of Council's meeting on 23 May. Registering the location of these defibrillators with Ambulance Victoria will support access of community to the defibrillators across Council buildings when they need them.

Officer Recommendation

That Council

- (1) Note the outcomes of this report, including that there are currently twenty-nine (29) defibrillators located on Council owned buildings, including one defibrillator at Reservoir Neighbourhood House located externally and available to the public 24/7.
- (2) Note that registration is in progress of all twenty-nine (29) defibrillators located at Council owned buildings in Darebin with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry.
- (3) Relocate twenty-five (25) defibrillators to the exterior of Council owned buildings, subject to further site assessment and consultation with building tenants.
- (4) Continue to support and promote the St John Ambulance Defib in your Street program to the Darebin community.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-102

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

That Council

- (1) Note the outcomes of this report, including that there are currently twenty-nine (29) defibrillators located on Council owned buildings, including one defibrillator at Reservoir Neighbourhood House located externally and available to the public 24/7.
- (2) Note that registration is in progress of all twenty-nine (29) defibrillators located at Council owned buildings in Darebin with the Ambulance Victoria Defibrillator Registry.
- (3) Relocate twenty-five (25) defibrillators to the exterior of Council owned buildings, subject to further site assessment and consultation with building tenants.
- (4) Continue to support and promote the St John Ambulance Defib in your Street program to the Darebin community.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 INTOWORK GOVERNANCE REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Inner North Training Group (now IntoWork) was established in 1983 by the predecessor Councils of Brunswick, Coburg, Fitzroy, Northcote and Gatic as a key partner. IntoWork was incorporated by the Councils' predecessors as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee with the objective of providing industry training and placement services in the communities that they represented, Melbourne's "Inner North". IntoWork is registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

Darebin City Council, Moreland City Council and Yarra City Council were each a 'Member Council' of IntoWork and collectively controlled IntoWork.

In February 2019 the CEO's of the Member Councils initiated a Governance Review of IntoWork to establish the ability to realise the Member Council's strategic objectives, manage the risks to Council and determine the future options for the Member Council's relationship with Into Work. This review was bound by a confidentiality agreement and an information barrier between officers involved in the review and all other officers including officers representing Member Councils on the Into Work Board.

Through the review the Member Council's considered an alternative that would return the benefit of IntoWork to its original purpose. The Member Council's considered the Inner North Community Foundation as the most appropriate organisation to receive and deliver benefit to the inner north community, as it was established by IntoWork in 2007 as a "means of ensuring that the corporate success of IntoWork could be translated into a perpetual social, economic and financial contribution to the local community."

A confidential report was provided to Council at its meeting on 22 March 2021 to provide:

- Comprehensive background on the arrangements with IntoWork and the Inner North Community Foundation.
- An outline of the terms that had been established with IntoWork.
- An outline of the proposal to determine the beneficiary of these terms through the Inner North Community Foundation.
- An outline of the proposal that Council (along with the other two Member Council's) relinquish its interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30 year commitment from IntoWork to the Inner North Community Foundation valued at \$6.8 million and operational funding for core staffing costs valued at \$7.4 million (based on 2.5% Federal CPI average).

From this decision, the Member Councils and IntoWork commenced discussions with the Inner North Community Foundation to secure an agreement with all parties. Agreement was reached and completed in December 2021. The Agreement provided for the matter being maintained as confidential until such time as a collective announcement had been made which all parties were required to endorse. A key consideration for each Member Council was the transparency of decision making.

The announcement was made on 28 April 2022. At the Council meeting on 20 March 2021 Council resolved that a further report be provided to Council upon the execution of this decision. This is now possible given the announcement has been made, in accordance with the legal agreement between all five parties which required the outcome to remain confidential until the announcement.

9.04 pm Councillor Hannan returned to the meeting

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes that its decision made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd).
- (2) Notes that the Council resolution made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 22 March 2021 is provided publicly in this report under previous Council resolutions.
- (3) Notes that for the purpose of public transparency, this report provides an overview of the information related to Council's decision on 22 March 2021 and action taken execute the agreement.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-103

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes that its decision made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd).
- (2) Notes that the Council resolution made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 22 March 2021 is provided publicly in this report under previous Council resolutions.
- (3) Notes that for the purpose of public transparency, this report provides an overview of the information related to Council's decision on 22 March 2021 and action taken execute the agreement.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.6 RENAMING OF THE FORMER RUTHVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report recommends that Council commence the process of renaming the former Ruthven Primary School Site. It recommends Council start community consultation which would commence the statutory process for the proposed naming in accordance with:

- The Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and
- The Naming rules for places in Victoria Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016, and
- Council's Community Engagement Plan.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorses, for inclusion in the voting poll, the following names for the former Ruthven Primary School site at 74-76 Glasgow Avenue, Reservoir, bounded by Glasgow Avenue to the South, Wilson Boulevard to the West, Hurley Street to the North and Tracey Street to the East:
 - a. Nganga Nyinguwa Park "gan-ga nee-in-gah-wa" (see & do)
 - b. Wat Ganbo Park "what gan-bow" (we are one)
 - c. Biik Guljin Wayi Park "bik gul-jin way-ee" (land people us)
- (2) Commences the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016;
- (3) As part of its community engagement process gives notice of the voting poll for the preferred name by way of
 - a. an online survey,
 - b. on Council's webpage.
 - c. Posters to be placed at the main entrances to the Park and via circulation to local networks;
- (4) Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll and recommendation for Council to consider proposing the name for the former Ruthven Primary School site at 74-76 Glasgow Avenue; and
- (5) Formally thanks the Wurundjeri Corporation and, in particular, the Wurundjeri Elders who provided Council with the proposed naming options.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-104

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

That Council:

- (1) Endorses, for inclusion in the voting poll, the following names for the former Ruthven Primary School site at 74-76 Glasgow Avenue, Reservoir, bounded by Glasgow Avenue to the South, Wilson Boulevard to the West, Hurley Street to the North and Tracey Street to the East:
 - a. Nganga Nyinguwa Park "gan-ga nee-in-gah-wa" (see & do)
 - b. Wat Ganbo Park "what gan-bow" (we are one)
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- (2) Commences the statutory process in accordance with the requirements of the Geographic Place Names Act 1998 and the Naming rules for places in Victoria – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016;
- (3) As part of its community engagement process gives notice of the voting poll for the preferred name by way of
 - a. an online survey,
 - b. on Council's webpage.
 - c. Posters to be placed at the main entrances to the Park and via circulation to local networks;
- (4) Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll and recommendation for Council to consider proposing the name for the former Ruthven Primary School site at 74-76 Glasgow Avenue; and
- (5) Formally thanks the Wurundjeri Corporation and, in particular, the Wurundjeri Elders who provided Council with the proposed naming options.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 NAMING OF AN UNAMED LANEWAY - KALAMATA PLACE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the outcome of the statutory process for the proposed naming of the unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury, including the supplementary information in the submissions received.

This report recommends that Council endorse the name Kalamata Place. However, Council could also choose to abandon the proposal to name the unnamed laneway and consider the suggestions detailed in the submissions received.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Endorse Kalamata Place as the name for the unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury and lodge the naming proposal with the Geographic Names Victoria (GNV);
- (2) Delegates the Manager, Property and Business Improvement to lodge the application to the Geographic Names Victoria for the naming of the unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury to Kalamata Place.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-105

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

That Council:

- (1) Endorse Kalamata Place as the name for the unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury and lodge the naming proposal with the Geographic Names Victoria (GNV);
- (2) Delegates the Manager, Property and Business Improvement to lodge the application to the Geographic Names Victoria for the naming of the unnamed laneway between 2 Gooch Street and 1 Raleigh Street, Thornbury to Kalamata Place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.8 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Effective risk management to mitigate risk and drive continuous improvement is required to be embedded in Council through the principles of the Local Government Act 2020. The leadership of risk for Council is led by Council itself.

The current Risk Management Policy and Framework were endorsed by the CEO on 29 June 2021, with the endorsement of the Audit and Risk Committee and provided to Councillors through a briefing on 18 October 2021.

The CEO endorsed 2021 Risk Management Policy has since been updated to incorporate the high-level Risk Appetite Statements and is being presented to Council for adoption.

The Risk Management Policy is transitioning from an operational policy approved by the CEO to a policy adopted by Council to support Council's leadership in risk management.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

(1) Adopt the Risk Management Policy

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan SECONDED: Cr. T McCarthy

That Council:

(1) Adopt the Risk Management Policy

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTE NO. 22-106

8.9 GOVERNANCE REPORT - MAY 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The matters covered under the Governance Report for the month of May 2022 are:

- Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefing and other informal meetings of Councillors.
- Reports by Mayor and Councillors.
- Responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council Meeting held on 26 April 2022.
- Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January to 31 March 2022.
- Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2021 and 21 March 2022.
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Minutes 8 April 2022.
- Bi-annual progress reports on the activities of the Darebin Nature Trust, Climate Emergency Darebin, and the Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Task Force.
- Extension of the 'Electoral Advertising Signage and Electioneering Policy' for 2 years.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report May 2022.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at Appendix A to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 26 April 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, at **Appendix C** to this Report.
- (6) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2021 and 21 March 2022 at Appendix D to this report.
- (7) Notes the Minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2022 at **Appendix E** to this report.
- (8) Notes the Community Advisory Committees six-month progress report for the period October 2021 to March 2022 of the Darebin Nature Trust, Climate Emergency Darebin, and the Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Task Force at **Appendix F** to this report.
- (9) Endorse the extension of 'Electoral Advertising Signage and Electioneering Policy' for two years until May 2024 at **Appendix G** to this report.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-107

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

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Governance Report May 2022.
- (2) Notes the Summary of Advisory Committees, Councillor Briefings and other Informal Meetings of Councillors at **Appendix A** to this report, for incorporation in the minutes of this meeting.
- (3) Notes that reports by Mayors and Councillors submitted prior to the meeting and circulated to Councillors, will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.
- (4) Notes the responses to the questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the Council meeting held on 26 April 2022, at **Appendix B** to this report.
- (5) Notes the Councillor Expenses Report for the quarter from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022, at **Appendix C** to this Report.
- (6) Notes the Summary Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2021 and 21 March 2022 at **Appendix D** to this report.
- (7) Notes the Minutes of the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2022 at Appendix E to this report.
- (8) Notes the Community Advisory Committees six-month progress report for the period October 2021 to March 2022 of the Darebin Nature Trust, Climate Emergency Darebin, and the Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Task Force at **Appendix F** to this report.
- (9) Endorse the extension of 'Electoral Advertising Signage and Electioneering Policy' for two years until May 2024 at **Appendix G** to this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS

REPORT OF CR. LINA MESSINA, MAYOR

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

- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Monthly Council meeting
- Special Council meeting
- Regular meetings with CEO
- Regular meetings with CE Office Staff
- Good Governance Action Plan Meetings
- CEO employment meetings
- One on one meetings with Municipal Monitor

- Student interview regarding Preston Market
- Darusalam Community Centre Iftar Dinner
- IntoWork/INCF/Council's partnership Announcement Event
- Food Incubator + Network Centre official launch
- Reservoir Revisitation Board Meeting
- Cultural Events Discussion with internal work area
- Sporting and Infrastructure discussion with internal work area
- DELWP briefing meeting with internal work area
- Meeting with Alex Makes Meals
- Meeting with Shane Joules from Bullants Football Club
- Meeting with CEO regarding State Budget
- Meeting with Resident regarding Heidelberg Rd Corridor
- Minister for Suburban Development Shaun Leane and Robin Scott MP Visit & Photoshoot
- DELWP meetings
- Meeting with ALGWA President, MAV President and VLGA President
- Save Preston market Traders Event
- Meeting with Ricky Proctor Group Manager Woolworths
- Meeting with Kate Olliver Maddocks Law Practice
- SBS interview
- Luncheon at Holy Catholic Apostolic Assyrian Church of the East
- Sustainability Matters Event
- Meeting with Edwards Lake fishing lobby
- NCFC Female Football Week Soccer Mums and Girls Football
- M9 Moonee Valley
- Narrandjeri Stadium Official Opening
- Female Football Week All Abilities League
- Community Opening of Penders Park All Abilities Playspace
- Meeting with Minister Leane
- State Wide Waste Forum
- Meeting with Leesa-Marie of Ivanhoe Grammar School

REPORT OF CR. GAETANO GRECO

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

- Weekly Councillor meetings
- Councillor Briefings
- Edwardes lake task team briefing and meeting

- CEO recruitment workshop
- Welcoming Cites Conference
- Good governance action plan
- Special Council meeting
- AETA restoration of Independence Day dinner

REPORT OF CR. JULIE WILLIAMS

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

- Council Meeting
- Council Briefing session
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Weekly online Councillor Teams meetings
- Launch of the La Trobe Sports Park
- St. John's Defib in your street launch in Reservoir
- Catch up with local Federal Minister for Cooper
- Fisher presentation
- Filipino Multicultural Fest 2022
- BT Conner Reserve Opening
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meetings
- IFTAR Dinner East Preston Islamic College
- Special Council Meeting
- Strategic Stakeholder Engagement Evening
- Narrandjeri Stadium Official Opening
- ANZAC Day Dawn Service Event
- Workshop CEO Recruitment
- Good Governance Action Plan
- Meeting with the Municipal Monitor

REPORT OF CR. TIM LAURENCE

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

- Council meeting
- Planning meeting
- Councillor briefing
- Meeting with Acting CEO
- Meeting with Municipal Monitor
- CEO performance committee
- Consultation with residents regarding garbage

REPORT OF CR. SUSANNE NEWTON

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

- Weekly Councillors Meetings
- Rainbow Local Government Conference
- Special Council Meeting
- Good Governance Action Plan session
- Councillor briefings, weekly
- Meeting with the Municipal Monitor
- Narrandjeri Stadium Official Opening
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting
- Mayoral Taskforce Meeting about 'Back your Neighbour' campaign
- Sustainability Matters event at Reservoir Library
- Workshop CEO recruitment
- Planning Committee Meeting
- Edgars Creek and Edwardes Lake Taskforce Meeting
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Strategic Planning Workshop
- Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) Board Meeting
- Iftar at the Darusalam Community Centre
- Pathways to Politics for Women alumni event with Virgina Trioli and Carol Schwarz

REPORT OF CR. SUSAN RENNIE

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

- Narrandjeri Stadium opening ceremony
- Regular meeting with CEO
- Meeting with Municipal Monitor
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meetings
- Councillor briefings

- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meetings
- Monthly Council meeting
- Special Council meeting
- No more sugar, no more tea @NTH
- Briefing regarding Education Committee meeting
- Darebin Educational Network meeting
- Interview with student journalist
- Sustainability Matters forum
- NCFC female football week soccer mums evening
- Community opening Penders Park
- Good governance action plan mediation session
- IDAHOBIT flag raising and celebration
- Briefing with staff prior to Rainbow Local government conference
- Rainbow Local Government Conference
- Councillor mediation session
- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns

REPORT OF CR. TRENT MCCARTHY

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

- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive
- Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Strategic Workshop
- Victorian Greenhouse Alliances Conference
- Melbourne Innovation Centre Board Meeting
- Weekly Councillors Meetings
- Special Council Meeting
- Good Governance Action Plan session
- Councillor briefings, weekly
- Meeting with the Municipal Monitor
- Narrandjeri Stadium Official Opening
- CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting
- Workshop CEO recruitment
- Planning Committee Meeting

REPORT OF CR. EMILY DIMITRIADIS

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

- Attended Council briefings (in-person and online)
- Attended Councillor-only meetings (online)
- Attended official Council meeting (in-person)
- Attended Planning meeting (in-person)
- Attended Northcote City Football Club female football week celebration (in-person)
- Attended Official Opening of Narrandjeri Stadium (in-person)
- Attended meeting with HR recruiter about the Interim CEO position (online)
- Attended meeting with Municipal Monitor (in-person)
- Attended meeting with Mediator (in-person)
- Attended meeting with Vanessa, Michelle and Dinesh at Darebin Creek
- Attended MAV workshop Understanding Council Finances (on-line)
- Attended Special Meeting (online)
- Attended the official Open Horizons exhibition at Melbourne Museum
- Attended Holy Monastery Axion Estin about the Greek Cultural Precinct Project
- Attended Aged Care forum at Northern Community Careworks
- Attended Alphington Country Women's Association (CWA) high tea.
- Attended Jika Jika Indigenous Reflection Garden Opening in Northcote (in-person)
- Contact from residents regarding Kalamata Place, John Cain Memorial Park female friendly facilities, Darebin Parklands issues, parking concerns, beautification of Fairfield Station surroundings, graffiti

REPORT OF CR. TOM HANNAN

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

- Contact (phone / online) with residents about their concerns, eg, Northcote Public Golf Course, draft budget, public housing, graffiti, planning and building works.
- Meeting with Merri Merri Wayi project team, re visioning for Merri Creek
- DCAN celebration of Climate Emergency mural in Northcote
- Narrandjeri Stadium opening ceremony
- Regular meeting with CEO
- Meeting with Municipal Monitor
- CEO Employment Matters Committee meetings
- Councillor briefings
- Councillor only meetings
- Planning Committee meetings
- Monthly Council meeting
- Special Council meeting

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Mayor Cr. Lina Messina declared a general conflict of interest in the following item due to her business interests in the aged care sector. Cr. Messina invited the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair and left the Chamber prior to Council commencing its determination of the matter.

9.27 pm The Mayor left the meeting and Councillor McCarthy assumed the chair.

8.10 AGED CARE REFORMS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Recent announcements about Commonwealth Government Aged Care Reforms mean that, to achieve Council's intended goal in relation to its own Aged Care services, an adjustment to Council's specific commitment in the Council Plan Action Plan. This report recommends Council makes the necessary adjustment to it specific planned action, in order to continue progressing work towards its goal.

Council has made a commitment in the 2021-2025 Council Plan to register as a Home Care Package (HCP). The intent of Council's commitment is to continue to provide services of this type, and Council is currently undertaking planning and preparation for this change in services from 1 July 2023. This includes exploring the range and models for Council service offering, including services under the current HCP service offering. In year one, Council committed to *"Undertake a Feasibility Study to inform the planning for Council becoming a home care package provider, including the model to be implemented."*

The Commonwealth Government is implementing significant Aged Care Reforms to provide safe and high-quality care for older adults in response to the *Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety's* final report. The scope of the reforms is significant, involving broad-reaching legislative, structural and funding changes, it is expected these changes will come into effect on 1 July 2023, with transition over the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

The Commonwealth reforms are changing the way services are delivered, including merging Home Care Packages with services currently funded by the Commonwealth, and delivered by Council, as part of the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), to create the new Support at Home Program.

This means that Home Care Packages will not exist by that name from 1 July 2023. However, Council can still prepare for delivering the services. Therefore this report recommends that Council progress the work towards the Council Plan actions by focusing on achieving Council's intent, rather than specifically to deliver Home Care Packages (as they will not exist). Nonetheless, it is also recommended that Council registers as a Home Care Package provider to position itself for delivery of these services post 1 July 2023 (under the new name and framework).

Note that Council would continue to deliver its current services during the 22-23 year. New service delivery models are being developed with the aim of commencing 1 July 2023, following further Council consideration late in 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Notes services currently provided by Council and funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, will be part of the new Commonwealth Government's Support at Home Program.
- 2) Notes the Support at Home Program will absorb Home Care Packages (HCP) and therefore, Council's intent and goal to become a HCP provider will be met as part of the new service delivery model in July 2023.
- 3) Authorises the General Manager Community (or delegate) to adjust the scope of Council's feasibility work to ensure that:
 - a) the intent of Council's Council Plan goal to become a Home Care Package Provider can be achieved by making necessary adjustments arising from recently announced upcoming Federal government changes.
 - b) the scope supports Council's goal of establishing a sustainable service model, within the new Support at Home Program post 1 July 2023, and
 - c) the scope continues to focus on supporting Senior Australians living in Darebin to transition to the new Support at Home program.
- 4) Completes the registration process through the Department of Health to register as a Home Care Package provider immediately, to strategically position Council for success post July 1, 2023, however, also notes that feasibility and planning of services is currently in progress, and therefore Home Care Package services would not be provided in the 2022-23 year.
- 5) Receives a report that impact of Commonwealth changes and readiness to deliver services under the future Support at Home Program in February 2023.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-108

MOVED: Cr. G Greco SECONDED: Cr. E Dimitriadis

That Council:

- 1) Notes services currently provided by Council and funded by the Commonwealth Home Support Programme, will be part of the new Commonwealth Government's Support at Home Program.
- 2) Notes the Support at Home Program will absorb Home Care Packages (HCP) and therefore, Council's intent and goal to become a HCP provider will be met as part of the new service delivery model in July 2023.
- 3) Authorises the General Manager Community (or delegate) to adjust the scope of Council's feasibility work to ensure that:
 - a) the intent of Council's Council Plan goal to become a Home Care Package Provider can be achieved by making necessary adjustments arising from recently announced upcoming Federal government changes.
 - b) the scope supports Council's goal of establishing a sustainable service model, within the new Support at Home Program post 1 July 2023, and
 - c) the scope continues to focus on supporting Senior Australians living in Darebin to transition to the new Support at Home program.
- 4) Completes the registration process through the Department of Health to register as a Home Care Package provider immediately, to strategically position Council for success post July 1, 2023, however, also notes that feasibility and planning of services is currently in progress, and therefore Home Care Package services would not be provided in the 2022-23 year.
- 5) Receives a report that impact of Commonwealth changes and readiness to deliver services under the future Support at Home Program in February 2023.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.31 pm The Mayor returned to the meeting and assumed the Chair

8.11 CONTRACT AWARD- CT2021118 HOMELESSNESS ASSERTIVE OUTREACH PROGRAM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Darebin Assertive Outreach Program provides outreach to rough sleepers and people experiencing homelessness in Darebin, seeking to support their wellbeing, safety and housing outcomes.

The appointment of an experienced service provider for the delivery of a Homelessness Assertive Outreach Program to the City of Darebin was sought through a public open tender process in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy.

The program includes a proactive and reactive outreach service to rough sleepers across Darebin. The scope will also incorporate brokerage funding to support clients to maintain secure housing, and may be used for removalist and storage costs, assistance with purchasing transport, food, clothing, medication and other medical expenses.

Tenders were sought through a public tender process, where a Request for Tender was advertised on Council's tender portal. The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) evaluated submissions and selected a preferred tenderer based on the evaluation criteria.

It is proposed that Council enter into a contract for an initial period of 2 years and 10 months (34 months), from commencement to 30 June 2025, with an option for provision for 3 x 1-year terms pending further funding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- (1) Award Contract CT202118 for the delivery of the Homelessness Assertive Outreach Program to ______ for the contract sum of _____ (GST inclusive). This sum is the total contract sum over the life of the contract, to 30 June 2025.
- (2) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- (3) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to execute any contract extension options, subject to funding and satisfactory performance.
- (4) Authorises the General Manager Community to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional 5% of the contract value for the contract term.

Motion

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

That Council:

- Award Contract CT202118 for the delivery of the Homelessness Assertive Outreach Program to Merri Outreach Support Service (MOSS) for the contract sum of \$1,149,778 (GST inclusive). This sum is the total contract sum over the life of the contract, to 30 June 2025.
- 2) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- 3) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to execute any contract extension options, subject to funding and satisfactory performance.
- 4) Authorises the General Manager Community to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional 5% of the contract value for the contract term.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-109

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

That Council:

- Award Contract CT202118 for the delivery of the Homelessness Assertive Outreach Program to Merri Outreach Support Service (MOSS) for the contract sum of \$1,149,778 (GST inclusive). This sum is the total contract sum over the life of the contract, to 30 June 2025.
- 2) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documentation on behalf of the Council.
- 3) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to execute any contract extension options, subject to funding and satisfactory performance.
- 4) Authorises the General Manager Community to review and approve variations up to a maximum of an additional 5% of the contract value for the contract term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.12 DAREBIN CREEK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MOU

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) outlining the commitment between Council and Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC) was presented to the DCMC in 2021 following a Council resolution.

The DCMC was not in a position to sign the annual MoU until there had been a resolution of some financial queries it had – essentially that there was a shortfall in the funding allocated to it to undertake its work. A recent meeting between officers from the DCMC, Darebin's Mayor and Council officers has since resolved outstanding matters and both parties are now in agreement on the content and financial aspects of the MoU. A shortfall was identified of approximately \$47,000 and this has since been agreed and paid to the DCMC.

There are no further impediments to signing the annual MoU as far as Council officers are aware. The 2021-22 MoU is for a one-year period which allows for flexibility and aligns with Council's annual budget requirements and the MoU from neighbouring Banyule Council. The one-year term does require additional resourcing to review annually and doesn't provide longer term stability and consistency that a three-year MoU would.

Having heard concerns from DCMC in relation to the single year MoU, officers believe that entering into a three-year MoU would provide more certainty for both parties and reduce annual administrative requirements. Officers also believe that a 3-year MoU for the Merri Creek Management Committee would also provide certainty to that organisation.

Officers are working with Banyule Council, the other major funding partner, to align the approach between all parties and to draft consistent 3-year MoUs.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Notes the funding reconciliation between Council and the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC), the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and notes the DCMC's agreement with the financial contribution Council has proposed.
- 2) Requests that the CEO develop a new 3-year memorandum of understanding with the DCMC and the MCMC to provide operational certainty and increase clarity to both parties and to provide transparency of Council's commitment.
- 3) Requests that the annual contribution to each organisation be set at previous year contribution plus an annual increase at the level of the rate cap. Specific contributions details will be determined and communicated to each organisation once the annual rate cap has been declared.
- 4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the 3-year MoU to both the DCMC and MCMC and the annual agreements for Council's contributions on the basis outlined in this resolution.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-110

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) Notes the funding reconciliation between Council and the Darebin Creek Management Committee (DCMC), the Merri Creek Management Committee (MCMC) and notes the DCMC's agreement with the financial contribution Council has proposed.
- 2) Requests that the CEO develop a new 3-year memorandum of understanding with the DCMC and the MCMC to provide operational certainty and increase clarity to both parties and to provide transparency of Council's commitment.
- 3) Requests that the annual contribution to each organisation be set at previous year contribution plus an annual increase at the level of the rate cap. Specific contributions details will be determined and communicated to each organisation once the annual rate cap has been declared.
- 4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the 3-year MoU to both the DCMC and MCMC and the annual agreements for Council's contributions on the basis outlined in this resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.13 CAIN AVENUE AND HURSTBRIDGE TRAIN LINE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report responds to Council's resolution in February 2022 relating to proposed safety improvements along an unfenced section of the rail corridor adjacent to Cain Avenue in Fairfield. The land in question is owned by VicTrack with part used for transportation services and the rest used as green space. Cain Ave is a local road owned and managed by Council.

Officers have made contact with both VicTrack and Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM), who have ownership, management and maintenance obligations for rail corridors, to enquire about fencing along this section of line. Both agencies do not support erecting fencing in this section of the railway corridor.

Officers have made enquiries of VicTrack about the possibility to lease the land in question and VicTrack has advised that it has already leased part of the land to MTM for transportation services. It may be possible to lease the other part of the green space but VicTrack was unable to offer a definitive response until it got a firm proposal from Council.

Erecting a fence on the land might be possible but would need the express permission of the land owner or lease holder who have previously advised that they wouldn't support actions which limit maintenance access to its assets. Further, erecting a fence on this land would either require significant vegetation and tree removal to accommodate a fence or fencing the entire wedge of green space, from back of kerb, thus prohibiting locals from using the space at all. None of these options are recommended.

Officer Recommendation

That Council continues to advocate for increased investment by the State Government into maintenance efforts and other improvements to state-owned land, including land adjoining railway corridors.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-111

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

That Council continues to advocate for increased investment by the State Government into maintenance efforts and other improvements to state-owned land, including land adjoining railway corridors.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The General Manager Operations & Capital declared a general conflict of interest in the following item due to a close association (as a relative) to one tenderer and a close association (as a friend) to one tenderer. He noted that he had disclosed these conflicts prior to the commencement of the procurement process and that a Conflict of Interest Management Plan had been completed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer which set out the process and actions that were put in place to appropriately manage the conflict

9.45 pm the General Manager Operations and Capital left the meeting

8.14 CONTRACT AWARD - CT2021128 MINOR BUILDING TRADES AND MAINTENANCE WORKS PANEL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council awards contract CT2021128 for Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel to the recommended suppliers.

This contract is required in order to ensure continuity of Council's building asset management obligations for Council's diverse building and asset portfolio.

Council sought tenders from minor building trades and maintenance works providers to establish a panel of qualified and experienced suppliers, with the capability and expertise to perform a wide range of building refurbishments and maintenance works.

The provision of works under the contract is structured in two packages. Package A calls for contractors to undertake reactive trades maintenance services for Council based tendered rates. Package B seeks to pre-qualify contractors to quote for a wide range of capital works and building renewal works.

The Request for Tender (RFT) for CT2021128 for Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel was issued to market on 22 January 2022. The tender closed on 24 February 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package A Reactive Trades Maintenance for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 (with services to be charged as per tendered schedules of rates subject to CPI adjustments) to the following tenderers______
- Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package B Capital Works and Renewal Projects for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 to the following tenderers______
- 3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.

4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to review and approve the option to extend the contract subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

Motion

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

That Council:

- Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package A Reactive Trades Maintenance for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 (with services to be charged as per tendered schedules of rates subject to CPI adjustments) to the following tenderers
 - Harris HMC Interiors Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for the Building Impressions Unit t/a Building Impressions Pty Ltd
- 2) Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package B Capital Works and Renewal Projects for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 to the following tenderers
 - Harris HMC Interiors Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for the Building Impressions Unit t/a Building Impressions Pty Ltd
 - Eastern Property Services Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for ABM Trust t/a Arden Building Maintenance Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for Total Solutions Trust trading t/a Total Construction Maintenance Solutions
- 3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- 4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to review and approve the option to extend the contract subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-112

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

That Council:

- Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package A Reactive Trades Maintenance for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 (with services to be charged as per tendered schedules of rates subject to CPI adjustments) to the following tenderers
 - Harris HMC Interiors Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for the Building Impressions Unit t/a Building Impressions Pty Ltd
- Awards contract CT2021128 Minor Building Trades and Maintenance Works Panel Package B Capital Works and Renewal Projects for a principal contract term of four years with a one-year option to extend commencing on 2 July 2022 to the following tenderers
 - Harris HMC Interiors Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for the Building Impressions Unit t/a Building Impressions Pty Ltd
 - Eastern Property Services Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for ABM Trust t/a Arden Building Maintenance Pty Ltd
 - The Trustee for Total Solutions Trust trading t/a Total Construction Maintenance Solutions
- 3) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and execute the contract documents on behalf of Council.
- 4) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to review and approve the option to extend the contract subject to satisfactory performance reviews.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.48 pm The General Manager Operations and Capital returned to the meeting

8.15 NAMING OF THE SHOW COURT WITHIN NARRANDJERI STADIUM

This item was withdrawn by the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

8.16 PROPERTY MATTERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to declare the road adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston a Public Highway and directs that a notice of the declaration be published in the Victorian Government Gazette.

Officer Recommendation

Proposed Public Highway Declaration - Road adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to declare the Road adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, a public highway and having received and heard the written and verbal submissions regarding the proposal at the meeting of Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee held on 8 November 2021, and having considered the submissions:

- (1) Declares the 3.05m wide road and 0.30 to 0.68m wide road (which was formerly a reserve) adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, shown hatched in the statutory plan and site plan in **Appendix A** to be a public highway for the purposes of section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 as and from the date of publication of the declaration in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- (2) Directs that a notice of the declaration be published in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- (3) Advises each person who lodged a submission in relation to the proposal of Council's decision and the reason for the decision as follows:
 - a. That declaring the road to be a public highway, in Council's opinion, would not necessarily have a detrimental effect on traffic movements or parking in Showers Street, Preston.
 - b. The declaration forms an important component of the proposed redevelopment of the Oakover Site and will serve to remove any ambiguity concerning the status of the road and enhance its use to facilitate access to the north of the site for the 22 dwellings within the site which rely upon the road for access.

Motion

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

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to declare the Road adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, a public highway and having received and heard the written and verbal submissions regarding the proposal at the meeting of Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee held on 8 November 2021, and having considered the submissions:

- 1) Abandons the proposal to declare the 3.05m wide road and 0.30 to 0.68m wide road (which was formerly a reserve) adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, shown hatched in the statutory plan and site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway for the purposes of section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 as and from the date of publication of the declaration in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- 2) Advises each person who lodged a submission in relation to the proposal of Council's decision

Council Resolution

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

That Council:

Having given public notice of a proposal to declare the Road adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, a public highway and having received and heard the written and verbal submissions regarding the proposal at the meeting of Council's Hearing of Submissions Committee held on 8 November 2021, and having considered the submissions:

- 1) Abandons the proposal to declare the 3.05m wide road and 0.30 to 0.68m wide road (which was formerly a reserve) adjoining 4 to 9 Kenwood Court, 19 to 47 Showers Street, 15 to 19 Railway Place West and 32 Oakover Road, Preston, shown hatched in the statutory plan and site plan in Appendix A to be a public highway for the purposes of section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1989 as and from the date of publication of the declaration in the Victoria Government Gazette.
- 2) Advises each person who lodged a submission in relation to the proposal of Council's decision

CARRIED

MINUTE NO. 22-113

For: Cr's. Greco, Hannan, Laurence, McCarthy, Messina, Newton, Rennie and Williams (8)

Abstained: Cr. Dimitriadis (1)

8.17 DRAFT 10-YEAR ASSET PLAN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is responsible for managing a diverse range of assets covering local roads, footpaths, stormwater drainage, playgrounds, public lighting, library and community buildings, recreation centres and sporting reserves. These Council assets are valued at approximately \$1.97 billion.

The Asset Plan 2022-2032 is a new requirement introduced through the Local Government Act 2020 and must be in place by 30 June 2022. This new long-term plan provides a 10 year strategy for the management of Council assets to achieve the Community Vision aspirations.

The draft 10-year Asset Plan (**Appendix A**) has been developed using the context of 2041 Community Vision, 2021-25 Council Plan, Asset Management Policy, Asset Management Strategy, Toward Equality Framework, strategic planning principles, engagement principles, service performance principles and asset plan integration. Its development has also been informed by the existing 10-year Financial Plan 2021-31 adopted by Council on 28 June 2021.

Following exhibition of the draft 10-year Asset Plan, the Plan will be presented to Council for adoption at its meeting on 27 June 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Note that community consultation was undertaken from 22 March 2022 to 24 April 2022 to inform the draft 10-year Asset Plan.
- 2) Endorse the draft 10-year Asset Plan to proceed to community consultation.
- 3) Note that the 10-year Asset Plan will be presented to Council for adoption on 27 June 2022.

EXTENSION OF TIME

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-114

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

9.58 pm That the Council meeting continue after 10.00 pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-115

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

That Council:

- 1) Note that community consultation was undertaken from 22 March 2022 to 24 April 2022 to inform the draft 10-year Asset Plan.
- 2) Endorse the draft 10-year Asset Plan to proceed to community consultation.
- 3) Note that the 10-year Asset Plan will be presented to Council for adoption on 27 June 2022.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. URGENT BUSINESS

The Mayor advised that an Item of Urgent Business regarding the 'Festa Della Repubblica' had been accepted by the Acting Chief Executive Officer pursuant to the Governance Rules and distributed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

ADMISSION OF ITEM OF URGENT BUSINESS

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-116

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

That an Urgent Business item regarding the 'Festa Della Repubblica' be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Urgent Business Motion

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

That Council undertake to:

- Raise the Italian flag on the 2nd June 2022 to celebrate Festa Della repubblica, the anniversary of when Italy become a republic.
- Give official recognition of Festa Della repubblica by including posts on social media about the flag raising and to celebrate the anniversary.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-117

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

That Council undertake to:

- Raise the Italian flag on the 2nd June 2022 to celebrate Festa Della repubblica, the anniversary of when Italy become a republic.
- Give official recognition of Festa Della repubblica by including posts on social media about the flag raising and to celebrate the anniversary.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

CLOSE OF MEETING

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 22-118

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

That in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items designated confidential by the Acting Chief Executive Officer on the basis that the matters are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act.

11.1 Review of Lease Agreement for Sullivan Stadium, 21 Blake Street, Preston and Associated Matters

This item is confidential because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to Section 3(1) (g(ii)) of the Act.

11.2 Appointment of Insurance Broker

This item is confidential because it is private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to Section 3(1) (g(ii)) of the Act.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 10.06 pm.

The Council considered and resolved on Items 11.1 and 11.2 in the closed meeting.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10. 21 pm.

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