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# MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 12 May 2025

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

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

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

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

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

#### **English**

These are the Minutes for the Planning Committee meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

#### **Arabic**

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#### Chinese

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#### Greek

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#### Hindi

ये योजना समिति की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

#### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del comitato di pianificazione. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

#### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Одборот за градежно планирање. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

#### Nepali

यी योजना समितिको बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्न्होस्।

#### Punjabi

ਇਹ 'ਯੋਜਨਾਬੰਦੀ ਕਮੇਟੀ' (Planning Committee) ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫ਼ੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

#### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobada kulanka Guddiga Qorshaynta. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriir 8470 8888.

#### **Spanish**

Estas son las Actas de la reunión del Comité de planificación. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

#### Urdu

یہ پلاننگ کمیٹی کی میٹنگ کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں روداد کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

#### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Ủy ban Quy hoạch. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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# MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 12 MAY 2025

#### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.31PM

#### WELCOME

The Chairperson, Mayor Kristine Olaris OAM opened the meeting with the following statement:

"I acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people who are the Traditional Owners of the land. I recognise their continuing connection to the land, water and culture. I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging."

#### 1. PRESENT

#### Councillors

- Cr. Kristine Olaris OAM (Mayor)
- Cr. Emily Dimitriadis (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr. Matt Arturi
- Cr. Connie Boglis OAM (online)
- Cr. Ruth Jelley
- Cr. Julie O'Brien
- Cr. Alexandra Sangster
- Cr. Vasilios Tsalkos

#### **Council Officers**

Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Enna Giampiccolo – Executive Manager Governance, Risk, Communications and Engagement

Chad Griffiths - Manager City Development

Jody Brodribb - Coordinator Governance Services

Alex McKenna-Cocks - Coordinator Statutory Planning

Jack Allworth - Principal Planner

#### **Municipal Monitor**

June Anstee

#### 2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

#### 3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr. Ruth Jelley disclosed a conflict of interest in Item 7.1 Response to a Section 87A VCAT Amendment to the Northcote Plaza Redevelopment.

#### 4. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### **Committee Decision**

MOVED: Cr. Arturi SECONDED: Cr. Tsalkos

**That** the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2025 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Nil.

#### 6. OTHER BUSINESS

## 6.1 APPLICATIONS DETERMINED BY VCAT - REPORT FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The General Planning Information attached at Appendix A contains:

- A summary of decisions by VCAT to date in financial year 2024-2025, at Table 1; and
- A summary of decisions issued since last reported to Council (financial year 2024-2025) at Table 2.

#### **Committee Decision**

MOVED: Cr. Arturi SECONDED: Cr. Sangster

**That** the General Planning Information attached as **Appendix A** be noted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

#### 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Cr. Ruth Jelley disclosed a conflict of interest in confidential Item 7.1 Response to a Section 87A VCAT Amendment to the Northcote Plaza Redevelopment due to the development being close to her place of residence and may have impact on residential amenity.

Cr Jelley left the meeting at 6.38pm.

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

#### **Committee Decision**

MOVED: Cr. O'Brien SECONDED: Cr. Tsalkos

**That** in accordance with section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the meeting be closed to members of the public to consider the following items on the basis that these matters are confidential for the following reasons:

## 7.1 Response to a Section 87A VCAT Amendment to the Northcote Plaza Redevelopment

This item is confidential because it is land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values, confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a) and information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition, pursuant to Section 3(1) (c), (h) and (k) of the Act.

This is an amendment application relating to an existing planning permit for the redevelopment of Northcote Plaza. The applicant applied directly to VCAT. Through this proceeding, Council officers, along with two (2) other objector parties and the applicant, have undertaken a pair of compulsory conferences. The compulsory conference process is carried out in accordance with the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998, which requires that a compulsory conference not be made public pursuant to Section 83(4) of that Act. As such all those relating matters detailed in this report are confidential.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

The meeting was closed to the members of the public at 6.39pm.

The Council considered and resolved on confidential report Item 7.1 which had been circulated to Councillors with the Council Agenda Paper.

#### **RE-OPENING OF MEETING**

#### **Committee Decision**

MOVED: Cr. Tsalkos SECONDED: Cr. Sangster

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY** 

The meeting was re-opened to the members of the public at 6.54pm.

#### 8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 6.54pm.

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