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# AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To be held online on Monday 12 February 2024 at 6pm

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

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

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

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

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



### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

هذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحاضر، يرجى الاتصال بالهاتف 8470 8888.

### Chinese

这些是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解任何纪要项目，请致电8470 8888。

### Greek

Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

### Hindi

ये काउंसिल 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 Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

### Macedonian

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

### Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

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

### Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کا ایجنڈا ہے۔ ایجنڈے کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. 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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# Agenda

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## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

### **1. MEMBERSHIP**

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

### **2. APOLOGIES**

### **3. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

### **4. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES**

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS

### 5.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION OR AMENDMENT: ITEM 6.3 RESERVOIR BOATHOUSE

**Councillor:** Lina MESSINA

**NoM No.:** 05/2024

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Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 12 February 2024, it is my intention to move:

*That Council as per clause 7.1 Procedure for a Notice of Rescission or Amendment, rescind the previous resolution, Item 6.3 "Reservoir Boathouse" that was decided at the council meeting on 1 February 2024 and amends this to the original motion with the following addition:*

*"- extend the Expressions of Interest to also include community use."*

**Notice Received:** 2 February 2024

**Notice Given to Councillors** 2 February 2024

**Date of Meeting:** 12 February 2024

#### **Rationale:**

The resolution needs to be rescinded because the original intent of the motion has not been adhered too. The intent of the original motion was to get a report in order to get options and information about how Council can fast track the expressions of interest process in relation to the Boathouse, within this financial year, rather than deferring it to the next financial year through the budget process.

#### **Attachments**

Nil

**5.2 PUBLIC APOLOGY TO MIDSUMMA FESTIVAL, DARDI MUNWURRO AND DAAC****Councillor: Gaetano GRECO****NoM No.: 06/2024**

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Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 12 February 2024, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) *Notes the email from the Midsumma Festival and forwarded to all Councillors on 19/01/2024.*
- (2) *Notes the letter from Dardi Munwurro to all Councillors emailed on 19/01/2024.*
- (3) *Notes the email received by the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC) on 18/01/2024.*
- (4) *Directs the Mayor to write to the Midsumma Festival, Dardi Munwurro, and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC) on behalf of Council apologising for:*
  - a) *Lack of consultation regarding the removal of the Palestinian flag.*
  - b) *Not "gain(ing) permission" to use their names in justifying Council's previous (now rescinded) motion to remove the Palestinian flag.*
  - c) *Causing "great distress".*
  - d) *Being "used and weaponised" to remove the Palestinian flag.*

**Notice Received: 2 February 2024****Notice Given to Councillors 2 February 2024****Date of Meeting: 12 February 2024****Rationale**

Council recently received correspondence from the Midsumma Festival, Dardi Munwurro and the Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC). The letters and emails raised serious concerns about how these organisations and community members have been inappropriately referenced in council's decision-making processes without their knowledge or consent.

Given the "great distress" felt by these respected parties, Council should urgently provide a public apology via a motion of Council to acknowledge their legitimate concerns.

**Attachments**

Nil

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**5.3 PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS****Councillor: Emily DIMITRIADIS****NoM No.: 08/2024**

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Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 12 February 2024, it is my intention to move:

***That Council:***

- (1) *Notes that section 58 of the Local Government Act states that the “Council decision making processes must be transparent” except if dealing with information that is confidential.*
- (2) *Notes Darebin’s Public Transparency Policy that council has “committed to being accountable to the community through transparency” and “may decide, in the interests of transparency, to release information to the public, if it is in the public’s interest” and when the decision is no longer required to be confidential.*
- (3) *Makes publicly available MINUTE NO. 23-005 of the confidential section of the 25 January 2023 council meeting in relation to the decision of the Bill Lawry Oval Pavilion that was going to cost \$12.9mil to complete, while withholding any details which may be commercially confidential.*
- (4) *Makes publicly available Item 5.1 “Action arising from the VCAT decision on Northcote Plaza from the 6 June 2022 council meeting”, which withholding any details which may be commercially confidential.*
- (5) *Makes publicly available all decisions regarding the Alphington Rail Spur from any council meeting during this term, while withholding any details which may be commercially confidential.*
- (6) *Makes publicly available all decisions regarding the Melbourne Innovation Centre at 2 Wingrove Street Alphington, from any council meeting this term, while withholding any details which may be commercially confidential.*

**Notice Received: 2 February 2024****Notice Given to Councillors 2 February 2024****Date of Meeting: 12 February 2024****Rationale:**

In the interest of public transparency, Council is expected by the community to release any information that is no longer confidential. The above listed items were dealt with long ago and should now be released to the public, particularly given some Councillors have continued to publicly refer to some of these decisions while they are still listed as confidential.

**Attachments**

Nil



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**5.4 NORTHCOTE AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE****Councillor: Susan RENNIE****NoM No.: 28/2023**

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Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 12 February 2024, it is my intention to move:

**That Council notes:**

(1) Notes:

- a. *The redevelopment of the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre was completed by Darebin Council on time and on budget with expenditure of \$63.5 million.*
- b. *Darebin Council delivered and funded this project including through borrowings of \$49M in total from the Victorian Government of which \$10 million is a low interest Community Sports Infrastructure loan.*
- c. *At the official opening of the facility, the Minister for Community Sport spoke of Council's \$53 million investment in the facility.*
- d. *In the state government media release following the opening, the Member for Northcote Kat Theophanous said "The Victorian Government is giving communities the facilities they need so more locals can boost their health and participate in the activities they love."*
- e. *These comments understate Council's investment and overstate the State Government's contribution to the redevelopment of NARC as the State Government had no role in the planning, design and construction of the redevelopment, and made no financial contribution other than via a low interest loan and a Changing Places grant to the value circa \$26K.*
- f. *Despite minimal investment in the facility, the State Government Community Sports Infrastructure Acknowledgement and Publicity Guidelines stipulated that the Minister was entitled to open the facility and be named in first place on the plaque.*

And

*That Council:*

- (2) *Resolves to write to the Minister and the local member and invite the State Government to convert the loan to a grant so that the above statements are true and accurate representations to our community of the funding and commitment to the redevelopment of the NARC.*
- (3) *In the event that the loan is transitioned to a grant, refers consideration of using the entirety of the sum on the redevelopment of Bill Lawry Oval pavilion redevelopment project to the 24/25 Council Plan and Budget development process.*
- (4) *Requests that officers prepare a brief report for Council consideration at the earliest possible opportunity on criteria that Council can use going forward to consider applying for and accepting grants including acknowledgement and publicity guidelines.*
- (5) *Formally thanks all council staff and contractors who contributed to the delivery of the NARC project on time and on budget.*

**Notice Received:** 4 December 2023  
**Notice Given to Councillors** 4 December 2023  
**Date of Meeting:** 12 February 2024

**Attachments**

Nil

## 6. URGENT BUSINESS

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

In accordance with Section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council may resolve to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items, deemed to be confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act for the reasons indicated:

### 7.1 Commonwealth Single Assessment Tender Update

This item is designated confidential because it is personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs and 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) (f) and (g(ii)) of the Act.

### CLOSE OF MEETING

<b>Recommendation</b>
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**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 items designated confidential, on the basis that the matters are confidential in accordance with Section 3(1) of the Act.

### RE-OPENING OF MEETING

<b>Recommendation</b>
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That the meeting be re-opened to the members of the public.


## 8. CLOSE OF MEETING

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