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# AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

To be held on Monday 22 January 2024 at 6:00pm

This meeting will be held virtually.

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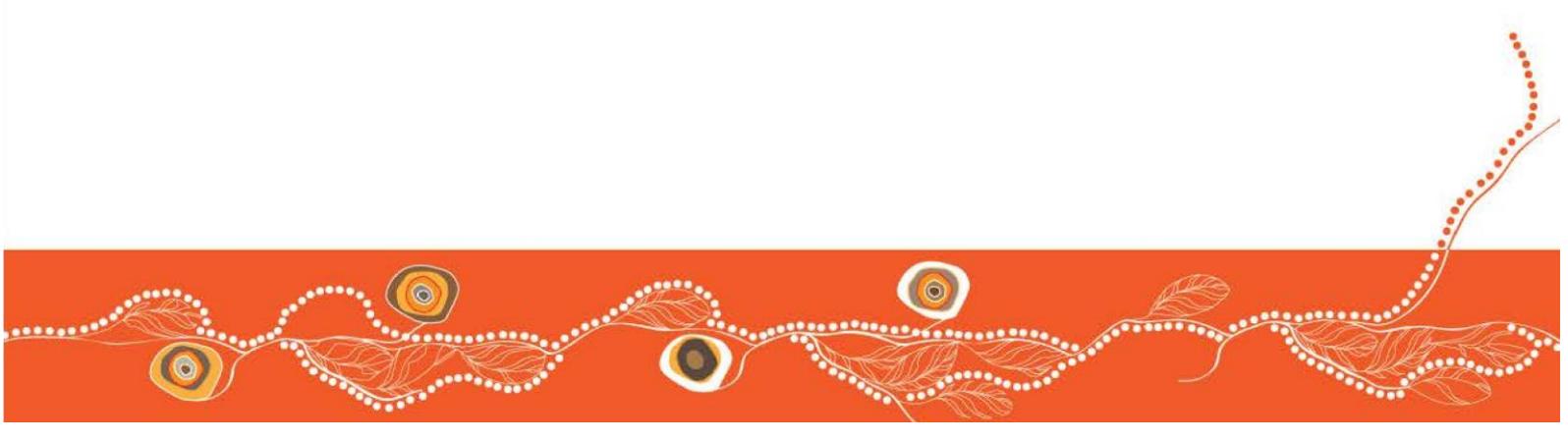
## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

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

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### 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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## **1. OPENING OF MEETING AND 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. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

## **3. APOLOGIES**

## **4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

## 6. NOTICE OF RECISSION

### 6.1 NOTICE OF RECISSION OR AMENDMENT: ITEM 8.1 SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR FLYING FLAGS ON COMMUNITY FLAGPOLES 8 JANUARY 2024

**Councillor:** Gaetano GRECO

**NoM No.:** 03/2024R

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Take notice that at the Council Meeting to be held on 22 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

*That Council as per clause 7.1 Procedure for a Notice of Recission or Amendment, rescind the previous resolution, "Urgent Motion Item 8.3 Flags" moved by Cr Tom Hannon regarding the removal of the Palestinian Flag that was passed by Council at the Special Council meeting on 8th January 2024.*

**Notice Received:** 8 January 2024

**Notice Given to Councillors** 8 January 2024

**Date of Meeting:** 22 January 2024

#### **Rationale:**

This Urgent Business resolution needs to be rescinded as it cannot be the same, or similar in intent to a previous urgent motion that was listed at the Ordinary Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 when the Palestinian Flag was resolved to be raised as per clause 6.2(e) of the governance rules. This rule requires six months to pass before the same or similar motion can be put.

Secondly it is questionably contrary to clause 1.1.3(6) of the governance meeting rules which clearly states that unless all Councillors unanimously agree to deal with another matter, only the business specified in the resolution is to be transacted.

The business specified in the notice to hold the 8<sup>th</sup> January Special Meeting did not include Item 8.3 and therefore needed the unanimous consent of all Councillors in order to for it to be included.

This necessary step was not executed and when challenged by a point of order the mayor made an incorrect ruling in allowing for the new Urgent Business item to be considered.

More legal advice should be obtained in time for the next meeting as the recent advice received is unclear and cannot confidently be relied on as the exact ground on which the advice was sort was not specified and the rules clearly remain open to interpretation.

Also, before relying on reasons for taking down the Palestinian flag that include solidarity for LGBTIQ+ or First Nations people by raising their flags instead, consultation with those groups, possibly through DACC and the Sexuality, Sex and Gender Diversity Advisory Committees Council should take place in line with our community consultation obligations.

It may well be that the majority of Aboriginal, LGBTIQ+ and CALD would prefer the Palestinian flag be kept up, especially since it was only raised recently, since the conflict erupted again.

The solidarity between Aboriginal people and Palestinian people is particularly well known, and many well-known Darebin Aboriginal leaders, historians and residents have been very outspoken against the ongoing conflict.

**Attachments**

Nil

**7. URGENT BUSINESS**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

**9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

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