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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

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Arabic

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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

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Nepali

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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.

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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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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD VIRTUALLY ON
MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2024**

THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.04pm

1. PRESENT

Councillors

Cr. Susanne Newton (Mayor) (Chairperson)
Cr. Tim Laurence (Deputy Mayor) (6.06pm)
Cr. Emily Dimitriadis (6.07pm)
Cr. Gaetano Greco
Cr. Tom Hannan
Cr. Trent McCarthy
Cr. Lina Messina
Cr. Susan Rennie
Cr. Julie Williams

Council Officers

Rachel Ollivier - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Kylie Bennetts - General Manager Community
Caroline Buisson - General Manager Customer and Corporate
Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Enna Giampiccolo - Manager Governance and Communications

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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

I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

3. APOLOGIES

Nil

4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Messina disclosed a conflict of interest in a proposed Urgent Business item related to Aged Care and Item 13.1 Commonwealth Single Assessment Tender Update.

Cr Rennie declared conflict of interest in Item 6.1 Notice Of Recission Or Amendment - Item 9.9 Your Street Your Say Group B due to one of the proposed interventions being within the catchment in which she lives.

Cr Rennie also foreshadowed that if the Notice of Recission was successful and the item related to 'Your Street Your Say Group B Round 1 Consultation Findings and Draft Concept Plans for Community Consultation Round 2' was reconsidered that she would request the Chairperson to split the motion into parts to enable her to participate in the debate regarding all locations except that related to the conflict of interest.

5. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, made the following statement:

Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, feels safe both physical and emotionally.

I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other, and as outlined in our Governance Rules, please note the following:

- *A Councillor or any other person who addresses a Meeting must do so in a courteous and respectful manner and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called on to do so.*

6. NOTICES OF RECISSION

6.1 NOTICE OF RECISSION OR AMENDMENT - ITEM 9.9 YOUR STREET YOUR SAY GROUP B

Cr Rennie declared conflict of interest in 'Item 6.1 Notice Of Recission Or Amendment - Item 9.9 Your Street Your Say Group B' due to one of the proposed interventions being within the catchment in which she lives.

Cr Rennie also foreshadowed that if the Notice of Recission was successful and the item related to 'Your Street Your Say Group B Round 1 Consultation Findings and Draft Concept Plans for Community Consultation Round 2' was reconsidered that she would request the Chairperson to split the motion into parts to enable her to participate in the debate regarding all locations except that related to the conflict of interest.

6.09pm - Cr Rennie left the meeting.

Cr Emily Dimitriadis

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council rescind the resolution – Item 9.9 Your Street Your Say Group B that was decided at the Council meeting on the 18 December 2023 and allow these items to be heard at the Council Meeting.

Rationale:

The resolution needs to be rescinded because there was insufficient debate on Item 9.9 and this breaches the Meeting Procedures because the Mayor did not give adequate consideration to allow Councillors to debate the issues before closing the debate and putting the item to vote.

In addition, before closing the debate the Mayor did not take into account that I had an amendment, which I had circulated to all Councillor prior to the meeting, as per the Governance Rules. The Mayor was aware of this amendment but I was not given an opportunity for my amendment to be even considered. Further, before hearing Item 9.9, the Mayor prevented all questions to be asked about this Item to Officers.

Notice Received: 18 December 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 19 December 2023

Date of Meeting: 8 January 2024

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-001

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

That Council rescind the resolution – Item 9.9 Your Street Your Say Group B that was decided at the Council meeting on the 18 December 2023 and allow these items to be heard at the Council Meeting.

CARRIED

For: Crs Messina, Greco, Williams, Laurence, and Dimitriadis
Against: Crs Newton, Hannan, and McCarthy

6.12pm – Cr Rennie returned to the meeting.

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Rennie requested that the motion for Item 6.1A Your Street Your Say Group B Round 1 Consultation Findings and Draft Concept Plans for Community Consultation Round 2' be split into parts to enable her to participate in the debate regarding all locations except that related to the conflict of interest. The Chairperson agreed for the motion to be split.

6.1A YOUR STREET YOUR SAY GROUP B CONSULTATION

Amended Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- 1) Approves the release of the Your Street, Your Say Group B round 1 community consultation summary report to the public as included in **Appendix A**.
- 2) Endorses the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**), and 10 operational projects including blackspot project (**Appendix F**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program.
- 3) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
- 4) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
- 5) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
- 6) **Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.**
- 7) **Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs**
- 8) **Seeks to accelerate the Your Street Your Say Group A projects adopted by Council on 26 September 2022 by also nominating those projects for grant funding as it becomes available.**
- 9) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.
- 10) Receives a further report to Council with final recommended priority treatments and concept plans to be considered for delivery through future annual budget processes and grant opportunities.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

Part 1 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Approves the release of the Your Street, Your Say Group B round 1 community consultation summary report to the public as included in **Appendix A**.
- 2) Endorses **the following projects as adapted from** the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) **with the following amendments** to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a) Location 1, **South Crescent modal filter proposal is to have two trial options tested through the consultation, including:**
 - i. **Modal filter near Mason Street with minimal changes to on-street parking**
 - ii. **Removal of limited sections of on-street parking at higher risk areas of on the south side of South Crescent between Plant Street and Mason Street**
 - b) Location 4, Dundas Street / Newcastle Street intersection safety improvement project
 - c) Location 6, safety improvement projects along Dundas Street between Victoria Road and Matisi Streets
 - d) Location 7, Separation Street / Perry Street intersection safety improvement project
 - e) Location 10, raised crossing on Clarendon Street near Psarakos Market
 - f) Location 11, pedestrian crossing on Victoria Road near the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - g) Location 12, safety improvement projects along Clarendon Street between St David Street and Wales Street
 - h) Location 13, Separation Street / Northcote Plaza Entry intersection safety improvement project
 - i) Location 14, safety improvement projects along Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Mansfield Street
 - j) Location 15, safety improvement projects along Separation Street between High Street and Victoria Road
 - k) Location 16, Wingrove Street / Arthur Street safety improvement project
 - l) Location 17, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between Darebin Road and Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - m) Location 18, Raglan Street and Newcastle Street intersection safety improvements
 - n) Location 19, Matisi Street near Collins Street safety improvements
 - o) Location 20, Jones Street and Collins Street intersection safety improvements\

- p) Location 21, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between South Crescent and Separation Street
 - q) Location 22, safety improvement projects at road intersections with the network of reserves connecting Flinders Street and Raleigh Street in Thornbury
 - r) Location 23, Union Street and High Street safety improvement project
 - s) Location 24, Railway Place near Gillies Street safety improvement project
- 3) Endorses the 10 operational projects including blackspot project (Appendix F) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program
 - 4) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
 - 5) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
 - 6) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
 - 7) Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.
 - 8) Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs
 - 9) Seeks to accelerate the Your Street Your Say Group A projects adopted by Council on 26 September 2022 by also nominating those projects for grant funding as it becomes available.
 - 10) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.
 - 11) Receives a further report to Council with final recommended priority treatments and concept plans to be considered for delivery through future annual budget processes and grant opportunities.

Part 2 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Endorses the following project as adapted from the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a) Location 5, safety improvement projects along Newcastle Street between Walton Avenue and Raglan Street.

Cr Dimitriadis proposed the following amendments to Part 1 of 2 of the motion to the mover and seconder:

Part 1 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Approves the release of the Your Street, Your Say Group B round 1 community consultation summary report to the public as included in **Appendix A**.
- 2) Endorses **the following projects as adapted from** the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) **with the following amendments** to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a) **Re-orders the top 20 projects to ensure that children's safety is in the top 5 list of prioritises to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre:**
 - i. **Priority 1 (Location 2) - Roundabout at the corner of Dundas and Newcastle Streets, at Thornbury Kindergarten and near Pender's Grove Primary School:**
 - design of intersection upgrade
 - installation of traffic signals at the intersection
 - ii. **Priority 2 (Location 7) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossings across all legs of the intersection of Separation Street and Perry Street near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School, which is also near the bus stop.**
 - iii. **Priority 3 (Location 19) - Install a raised zebra crossing across Mitesi Street near Thornbury High School.**
 - iv. **Priority 4 (Location 20) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossing at the corner of Jones Street and Collins Street near Thornbury High School.**
 - v. **Priority 5 (Location 14) - Install raised zebra crossings on Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Pender Street near Pender's Grove Primary School and Thornbury Kindergarten.**
 - vi. **Priority 6 - Install a raised zebra crossing across Separation Street outside Alfred Nuttall Memorial Kindergarten, which is also near the bus stop.**
 - b) Location 4, Dundas Street / Newcastle Street intersection safety improvement project
 - c) Location 6, safety improvement projects along Dundas Street between Victoria Road and Mitesi Streets
 - d) Location 10, raised crossing on Clarendon Street near Psarakos Market
 - e) Location 11, pedestrian crossing on Victoria Road near the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - f) Location 12, safety improvement projects along Clarendon Street between St David Street and Wales Street
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- h) Location 15, safety improvement projects along Separation Street between High Street and Victoria Road
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 - j) Location 17, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between Darebin Road and Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - k) Location 18, Raglan Street and Newcastle Street intersection safety improvements
 - l) Location 21, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between South Crescent and Separation Street
 - m) Location 22, safety improvement projects at road intersections with the network of reserves connecting Flinders Street and Raleigh Street in Thornbury
 - n) Location 23, Union Street and High Street safety improvement project
 - o) Location 24, Railway Place near Gillies Street safety improvement project
 - p) **Removes Location 1 - "installation of modal filter" along South Crescent that would cost \$200,000, because council voted against bike lanes along South Crescent at the March 2021 Council meeting, due to huge community backlash.**
 - q) **Adds the following safety issue to be included in the second round of community engagement, as Springthorpe has been ignored in the Your Street Your Say Group B list of priority projects:**
 - i. **a footpath on Main Drive in Springthorpe near the habitat link so that Springthorpe residents can safely use prams or mobility aids to visit parks as well as get to the Polaris shopping centre.**
- 3) Endorses the 10 operational projects including blackspot project (**Appendix F**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the *Your Street, Your Say* program.
- 4) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
- 5) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
- 6) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
- 7) **Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.**
- 8) **Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs**
- 9) **Seeks to accelerate the Your Street Your Say Group A projects adopted by Council on 26 September 2022 by also nominating those projects for grant funding as it becomes available.**
- 10) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.

- 11) Receives a further report to Council with final recommended priority treatments and concept plans to be considered for delivery through future annual budget processes and grant opportunities.
- 12) **Requests a detailed register of the completed and outstanding Your Street Your Say projects to be available on Council's website that provides regular updates on these projects to ensure effective governance and full transparency.**

6.53pm – *The Chairperson adjourned the meeting.*

7.05pm – *The meeting resumed.*

The mover and seconder did not accept the amendment from Cr Dimitriadis.

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, flagged that each amendment to the motion would be voted on individually.

Cr Dimitriadis subsequently moved the following Amendment to Part 1 of 2:

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

Part 1 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Approves the release of the Your Street, Your Say Group B round 1 community consultation summary report to the public as included in **Appendix A**.
- 2) Endorses **the following projects as adapted from** the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) **with the following amendments** to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a) **Re-orders the top 20 projects to ensure that children's safety is in the top 5 list of prioritises to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre:**
 - i. **Priority 1 (Location 2) - Roundabout at the corner of Dundas and Newcastle Streets, at Thornbury Kindergarten and near Pender's Grove Primary School:**
 - design of intersection upgrade
 - installation of traffic signals at the intersection
 - ii. **Priority 2 (Location 7) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossings across all legs of the intersection of Separation Street and Perry Street near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School, which is also near the bus stop.**
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 - l) Location 21, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between South Crescent and Separation Street
 - m) Location 22, safety improvement projects at road intersections with the network of reserves connecting Flinders Street and Raleigh Street in Thornbury
 - n) Location 23, Union Street and High Street safety improvement project
 - o) Location 24, Railway Place near Gillies Street safety improvement project
 - p) **That South Crescent be included as the last priority (Location 25), and that officers consult the community on options to address safety risks in South Crescent, but excludes a modal filter as an option, as well as any changes to parking.**
 - q) **Adds the following safety issue to be included in the second round of community engagement, as Springthorpe has been ignored in the Your Street Your Say Group B list of priority projects:**
 - i. **a footpath on Main Drive in Springthorpe near the habitat link so that Springthorpe residents can safely use prams or mobility aids to visit parks as well as get to the Polaris shopping centre.**
- 3) Endorses the 10 operational projects including blackspot project (**Appendix F**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the *Your Street, Your Say* program.
 - 4) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
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- 5) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
- 6) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
- 7) Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.
- 8) Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs
- 9) Seeks to accelerate the Your Street Your Say Group A projects adopted by Council on 26 September 2022 by also nominating those projects for grant funding as it becomes available.
- 10) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.
- 11) Receives a further report to Council with final recommended priority treatments and concept plans to be considered for delivery through future annual budget processes and grant opportunities.
- 12) **Requests a detailed register of the completed and outstanding Your Street Your Say projects to be available on Council's website that provides regular updates on these projects to ensure effective governance and full transparency.**

7.34pm - Cr Dimitriadis called a motion of dissent against the Chairperson's decision not to uphold a point of order.

7.35pm - In accordance with section 10.5 of the Governance Rules, Mayor Newton left the Chair, and Deputy Mayor Laurence assumed the Chair.

Cr Dimitriadis was provided the opportunity to state the reasons for the dissent and the Mayor provided a reply.

The motion was put and lost as follows.

Motion

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

That the Chairpersons ruling be dissented from.

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis, Greco and Williams
Against: Crs Newton, Laurence, Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy and Messina

7.41pm - Mayor Newton resumed the Chair.

7.49pm - Cr Greco called a motion of dissent against the Chairpersons decision not to uphold a point of order.

7.50pm - In accordance with section 10.5 of the Governance Rules, Mayor Newton vacated the Chair and Deputy Mayor Laurence assumed the Chair.

Cr. Greco was provided the opportunity to state the reasons for the dissent and the Mayor provided a reply.

The motion was put and lost.

Motion

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

That the Chairpersons ruling related to a point of order be dissented from.

LOST

For: Crs Dimitriadis and Greco

Against: Crs Newton, Laurence, Hannan, Rennie, McCarthy and Messina

Abstained: Cr Williams

7.55pm - Mayor Newton resumed the Chair.

With leave of the Chair, Cr Messina requested a 5 minute adjournment.

7.56pm - The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes.

8.07pm - The meeting resumed.

Motion

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

That the Amendment be put to the vote.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Hannan and Williams

Against: Crs Newton

Abstained: Cr McCarthy

THE AMENDMENTS WERE PUT TO VOTE IN PARTS AS FOLLOWS:

Amendment

MOVED: Cr. E Dimitriadis
SECONDED: Cr. J Williams

Part 1 of 2

That Council:

- 2) Endorses the following projects as adapted from the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (Appendix B) with the following amendments to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of

the Your Street, Your Say program:

a) Re-orders the top 20 projects to ensure that children's safety is in the top 5 list of prioritises to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre:

i. Priority 1 (Location 2) - Roundabout at the corner of Dundas and Newcastle Streets, at Thornbury Kindergarten and near Pender's Grove Primary School:

- design of intersection upgrade

- installation of traffic signals at the intersection

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

ii. Priority 2 (Location 7) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossings across all legs of the intersection of Separation Street and Perry Street near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School, which is also near the bus stop.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

iii. Priority 3 (Location 19) - Install a raised zebra crossing across Mitis Street near Thornbury High School.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

iv. Priority 4 (Location 20) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossing at the corner of Jones Street and Collins Street near Thornbury High School.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

v. Priority 5 (Location 14) - Install raised zebra crossings on Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Pender Street near Pender's Grove Primary School and Thornbury Kindergarten.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

vi. Priority 6 - Install a raised zebra crossing across Separation Street

outside Alfred Nuttall Memorial Kindergarten, which is also near the bus stop.

CARRIED

For: Crs Greco, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

- p) That South Crescent be included as the last priority (Location 25), and that officers consult the community on options to address safety risks in South Crescent, but excludes a modal filter as an option, as well as any changes to parking.**

LOST

For: Crs Greco, Dimitriadis, Messina, Williams

Against: Crs Newton, Rennie, Laurence and Hannan

Abstained: Cr McCarthy

- q) Adds the following safety issue to be included in the second round of community engagement, as Springthorpe has been ignored in the Your Street Your Say Group B list of priority projects:**

- i. a footpath on Main Drive in Springthorpe near the habitat link so that Springthorpe residents can safely use prams or mobility aids to visit parks as well as get to the Polaris shopping centre.**

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, Dimitriadis, Greco, Messina, Williams and Laurence

Against: -

Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Rennie and Hannan

- 12) Requests a detailed register of the completed and outstanding Your Street Your Say projects to be available on Council's website that provides regular updates on these projects to ensure effective governance and full transparency.**

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, Greco, Laurence, Rennie, Dimitriadis, Messina, Hannan and Williams

Against: -

Abstained: Crs McCarthy

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Substantive Motion

MOVED: Cr. T Hannan

SECONDED: Cr. S Rennie

Part 1 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Approves the release of the Your Street, Your Say Group B round 1 community consultation summary report to the public as included in **Appendix A**.
- 2) Endorses the following projects as adapted from the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) with the following amendments to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a) Re-orders the top 20 projects to ensure that children's safety is in the top 5 list of prioritises to allow children to safely walk, cycle, take public transport or get dropped off at their school, kindergarten or childcare centre:
 - i. Priority 1 (Location 2) - Roundabout at the corner of Dundas and Newcastle Streets, at Thornbury Kindergarten and near Pender's Grove Primary School:
 - design of intersection upgrade
 - installation of traffic signals at the intersection
 - ii. Priority 2 (Location 7) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossings across all legs of the intersection of Separation Street and Perry Street near Perry Street Childcare Centre and Fairfield Primary School, which is also near the bus stop.
 - iii. Priority 3 (Location 19) - Install a raised zebra crossing across Mitesi Street near Thornbury High School.
 - iv. Priority 4 (Location 20) - Install a raised intersection treatment with raised zebra crossing at the corner of Jones Street and Collins Street near Thornbury High School.
 - v. Priority 5 (Location 14) - Install raised zebra crossings on Newcastle Street between Dundas Street and Pender Street near Pender's Grove Primary School and Thornbury Kindergarten.
 - vi. Priority 6 - Install a raised zebra crossing across Separation Street outside Alfred Nuttall Memorial Kindergarten, which is also near the bus stop.
 - b) Location 4, Dundas Street / Newcastle Street intersection safety improvement project
 - c) Location 6, safety improvement projects along Dundas Street between Victoria Road and Mitesi Streets
 - d) Location 10, raised crossing on Clarendon Street near Psarakos Market
 - e) Location 11, pedestrian crossing on Victoria Road near the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - f) Location 12, safety improvement projects along Clarendon Street between St David Street and Wales Street
 - g) Location 13, Separation Street / Northcote Plaza Entry intersection safety improvement project
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 - i) Location 16, Wingrove Street / Arthur Street safety improvement project
 - j) Location 17, safety improvement projects along Victoria Road between Darebin Road and Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre
 - k) Location 18, Raglan Street and Newcastle Street intersection safety improvements

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 - m) Location 22, safety improvement projects at road intersections with the network of reserves connecting Flinders Street and Raleigh Street in Thornbury
 - n) Location 23, Union Street and High Street safety improvement project
 - o) Location 24, Railway Place near Gillies Street safety improvement project
 - p) Adds the following safety issue to be included in the second round of community engagement, as Springthorpe has been ignored in the Your Street Your Say Group B list of priority projects:
 - i. a footpath on Main Drive in Springthorpe near the habitat link so that Springthorpe residents can safely use prams or mobility aids to visit parks as well as get to the Polaris shopping centre.
- 3) Endorses the 10 operational projects including blackspot project (**Appendix F**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the *Your Street, Your Say* program.
 - 4) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
 - 5) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
 - 6) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
 - 7) Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.
 - 8) Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs
 - 9) Seeks to accelerate the Your Street Your Say Group A projects adopted by Council on 26 September 2022 by also nominating those projects for grant funding as it becomes available.
 - 10) Thanks the community for their valuable and considered input made during the first round of community engagement.
 - 11) Receives a further report to Council with final recommended priority treatments and concept plans to be considered for delivery through future annual budget processes and grant opportunities.
 - 12) Requests a detailed register of the completed and outstanding Your Street Your Say projects to be available on Council's website that provides regular updates on these projects to ensure effective governance and full transparency.

Part 2 of 2

That Council:

- 1) Endorses the following project as adapted from the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:

- a. Location 5, safety improvement projects along Newcastle Street between Walton Avenue and Raglan Street.

Cr McCarthy proposed a new point (p) of Part 1 of 2 be added to the motion which was accepted by the mover and seconder as follows:

- p) Removes - "installation of modal filter" along South Crescent that would cost \$200,000, and replaces this with "Removal of limited sections of on-street parking at higher risk areas of the south side of South Crescent between Plant Street and Mason Street".

THE AMENDED MOTION THEN READ AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Motion

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

Part 1 of 2

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 - q) Adds the following safety issue to be included in the second round of community engagement, as Springthorpe has been ignored in the Your Street Your Say Group B list of priority projects:
 - i. a footpath on Main Drive in Springthorpe near the habitat link so that Springthorpe residents can safely use prams or mobility aids to visit parks as well as get to the Polaris shopping centre.
- 3) Endorses the 10 operational projects including blackspot project (**Appendix F**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the *Your Street, Your Say* program.
- 4) Endorses including questions in the round 2 community consultation survey about reducing speed limits on local roads to 40km/h, and, trialling 30km/h zones near activity strips and schools.
- 5) Notes that the timelines for design and delivery of projects are subject to annual budget processes and budget availability.
- 6) Sends a letter to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety outlining 4 key advocacy items along the High Street Route 86 Tram Corridor as detailed in **Appendix C** and 10 other priority locations on Department of Transport and Planning managed roads at **Appendix J**.
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- 7) Notes the Route 86 Tram Corridor north of Dundas Street will be included in the Group C investigation year, and that the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop continues to be a high advocacy priority.
- 8) Notes that the Mayor will write to the Minister for Public and Active Transport requesting the reinstatement of the Tyler Street tram stop in 2024/25 and an urgent site meeting to progress the required designs.
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Part 2 of 2

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'PART 1 OF 2' OF THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-002

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

Part 1 of 2

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CARRIED

For: Crs McCarthy, Laurence, Dimitriadis, Williams, Messina and Greco

Against: Cr Newton

Abstained: Crs Rennie and Hannan

Cr. Rennie declared conflict of interest in Item 6.1A Part 2 of 2 due to one of the proposed interventions being within the catchment in which she lives.

8.34pm - Cr. Rennie left the meeting.

'PART 2 OF 2' OF THE MOTION WAS THEN PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-003

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

Part 2 or 2 That Council:

- 1) Endorses the following project as adapted from the recommended top 20 projects with draft concept plans (**Appendix B**) to be included in the second round of community engagement for the Group B area of the Your Street, Your Say program:
 - a. Location 5, safety improvement projects along Newcastle Street between Walton Avenue and Raglan Street.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.38pm - Cr Rennie returned to the meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

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

That the order of business be altered to consider Urgent Business items directly after Item 6.2, and then to continue with the published agenda.

LOST

For: Crs Messina, Laurence, Hannan and Rennie
Against: Crs Newton, Williams, Dimitriadis, Messina and Greco

**6.2 NOTICE OF RECISSION OR AMENDMENT - ITEM 9.8
MIGRATION PUBLIC ARTWORK**

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council rescind the previous resolution on item 9.8 Migration Public Artwork decided at the Council Meeting on 18 December 2023.

Rationale:

1. *There was a lack of clarity on what was being voted on – it was apparent from questions that there was confusion and no understanding about the nature of the changes being proposed to the officer recommendation.*
2. *There was clear advice that the staff could not deliver the project with the amendments which were made and that the quality of the project would be seriously compromised.*
3. *The project is too important to be compromised in this way.*

Notice Received: 18 December 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 19 December 2023

Date of Meeting: 8 January 2024

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Rennie proposed an amendment to the motion as follows, which was accepted by the Chairperson.

Motion

That Council rescind the previous resolution on item 9.8 Migration Public Artwork decided at the Council Meeting on 18 December 2023 **and allow the item to be heard at this Council meeting.**

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-004

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

That Council rescind the previous resolution on item 9.8 Migration Public Artwork decided at the Council Meeting on 18 December 2023 and allow the item to be heard at this Council meeting.

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, Messina, Laurence, Hannan, and Rennie
Against: Crs Dimitriadis, Messina, Greco, and Williams

6.2A MIGRATION PUBLIC ARTWORK**Officer
Recommendation**

That Council:

- 1) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Delivery Option 3 as outlined in **Appendix A** to progress the scoping study for the Migration Public Artwork as funded in the 2023/24 Council Plan and Budget.
- 2) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Funding Strategy Option 2 – refers consideration of whether to fund \$180,000 to commission the public art work to the 2024/25 Council Plan and Budget process for consideration and prioritisation against other capital priorities and community needs.

Extension of Time

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

That the Council meeting continue after 9.00pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

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

That Council:

- 1) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Delivery Option 3 as outlined in **Appendix A** to progress the scoping study for the Migration Public Artwork as funded in the 2023/24 Council Plan and Budget.
- 2) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Funding Strategy Option 2 – refers consideration of whether to fund \$180,000 to commission the public art work to the 2024/25 Council Plan and Budget process for consideration and prioritisation against other capital priorities and community needs.

LOST

For: Crs Newton, Messina, Hannan and Rennie
Against: Crs Laurence, Greco, Messina and Dimitriadis
Abstained: Cr Williams

The Chairperson declared the motion lost and called on Cr Greco to move his foreshadowed motion.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- 1) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Delivery Option 1 as outlined in **Appendix A** to progress the scoping study for the Migration Public Artwork as funded in the 2023/24 Council Plan and Budget.
- 2) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Funding Strategy Option 2 – refers consideration of whether to fund \$180,000 to commission the public art work to the 2024/25 Council Plan and Budget process for consideration and prioritisation against other capital priorities and community needs.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-005

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That Council:

- 1) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Delivery Option 1 as outlined in **Appendix A** to progress the scoping study for the Migration Public Artwork as funded in the 2023/24 Council Plan and Budget.
- 2) Endorses Migration Public Artwork Funding Strategy Option 2 – refers consideration of whether to fund \$180,000 to commission the public art work to the 2024/25 Council Plan and Budget process for consideration and prioritisation against other capital priorities and community needs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.08pm - Pursuant to section 4.1 of the Governance Rules, Mayor Newton left the Chair to enable her to move the motions for items 7.1 and 7.2. Deputy Mayor, Cr Laurence assumed the Chair.

7.1 VICTORIAN FOOD SYSTEMS CONSENSUS STATEMENT, TOWARDS A HEALTHY, REGENERATIVE AND EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEM IN VICTORIA

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council:

- 1) *notes that this motion moves to confirm support for the Victorian Food Systems Consensus Statement, Towards A Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria, facilitated by VicHealth and in carriage with Sustain: The Australian Food Network.*
- 2) *brings forward a report that considers options for Darebin to:*
 - a. *affirm a commitment to the leverage points laid out in the Consensus Statement, including:*
 - i. *The legislation of the Right to Food in Victoria*
 - ii. *Establishing a governmental food systems committee to undertake a food systems inquiry and subsequently develop a Victorian food systems plan*
 - iii. *The advancement of a comprehensive food systems monitoring framework*
 - iv. *Regenerative and agroecological food production*
 - v. *The creation of a local food investment fund*
 - vi. *That all public sector food procurement and retail is healthy and sustainable*
 - vii. *Strengthening food literacy in schools in collaboration with educators*
 - viii. *Resourcing and empowerment of local councils to lead food system strategies*
 - ix. *The revision of the Victorian planning provisions legislation to promote health*
 - x. *Improving dignified access to healthy food through the food relief sector*
 - b. *undertake the VicHealth “building better food systems for healthier communities” module.*
- 3) *Supports the Food Systems and Food Security Working Group's advocacy efforts to lobby state politicians to begin a Food Systems Inquiry similar to the Food Production and Supply Inquiry in NSW (2021-22), including writing to the Victorian Minister for Health. This motion will be used for this end.*

Notice Received: 13 November 2023

Notice Given to Councillors: 13 November 2023

Date of Meeting: 8 January 2024

Rationale

A commitment to these actions and leverage points will lead to a better food system for the LGA and more Victoria more broadly. A food system that is healthy, regenerative and equitable for the decades to come. One that guarantees a right to food for all and fosters a resilient, thriving community. Amid the sky-rocketing cost of living crisis and speculation on vital agricultural land in Victoria, it is imperative that we commit to strategies that enable access to food for all, protect our food production industries and regenerate the land.

Victoria's food system is in urgent need of an overhaul. We are currently facing unprecedented levels of food insecurity amidst the worst cost of living crisis in recent memory, an escalating ecological catastrophe and an uncertain global geopolitical stage.

A core component of the cost-of-living crisis is the unchecked inflation of food prices. Over the last year, the price of staple groceries has increased between 5%-15%, with quarterly inflation still at 8%. In conjunction with mortgage and rent payments, energy bills, and transportation costs all increasing, more and more households are becoming financially unstable.

These cost of living pressures are a primary cause of the alarming 21% rise in Food Bank distributions over the 2021-2022 period, with demand for food relief growing every month. Additionally, Over 365,000 children in Victoria have experienced severe food insecurity, drastically impacting their ability to engage and learn at school in the same period. FoodBank data shows that 70% of those facing food insecurity also experience high levels of psychological distress, particularly among parents. With the RBA interest rate increases continuing, and inflation showing little sign of slowing, these statistics are likely to undervalue the current state of food insecurity.

The cost-of-living crisis has only added to already high levels of food insecurity in part due to the devastating fires, floods, and droughts experienced over large parts of Australia in the last 5 years. With the climate crisis accelerating, these disasters are likely to become more prevalent, further plunging the food system into catastrophe. The events affect not only our food producing land, but also supply and distribution chains, leading to shortages in isolated areas.

Lastly, the current global geopolitical environment is one of high volatility and uncertainty. The ongoing consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has drastically increased the price of wheat (a core ingredient in many staple and processed foods, as well as livestock feed), fertilisers (on which our current agricultural system is reliant), and fuel (used for farm machinery and freight). All of these factors lead to shortages and price increases, which in turn reduce access to food for a large number of Victorians.

We need a food system that is resilient to these shocks, one that will ensure food security to all for generations to come. Fortunately, in the last few years, high quality research led by food systems practitioners, community organisers, councils and academics, has been conducted to address these challenges. In particular, the Victorian Food Systems Consensus Statement (<https://vicfoodsystem.org.au/>) and the Melbourne Food System Resilience Report (https://science.unimelb.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/4128795/Foodprint-Resilience-Report-2022_double_page.pdf).

They call for the following actions:

1. Legislate the Right to Food in Victoria
2. Establish a government food systems enquiry to further the existing research and implement recommendations
3. Support First Nations Foodways and Sovereignty
4. Advance a comprehensive food systems monitoring framework
5. Shift to regenerative and agroecological food production – soil, carbon, health, profit
6. Create a local food investment fund
7. That all public sector food procurement and retail is healthy and sustainable
8. Strengthen food literacy in schools in collaboration with educators
9. Resource and empower local councils to lead food system strategies
10. Revise the Victorian planning provisions legislation to promote health
11. Improve dignified access to healthy food through the food relief sector
12. Protect peri-urban agricultural land from development and speculation
13. Diversify the Victorian food system – (locations of production, storage, retail; scale of enterprises involved in the systems, increased biodiversity – crops, forestry, livestock; distribution networks)
14. Strengthen local and regional food production rather than rely on imports
15. Decentralise food production, storage and retail options
16. Create a circular economy in which waste is put back into the system

A food system that incorporates all of these evidenced based best practices will create an environment in which all Victorians can thrive. we will be resilient to climate, economic, and geopolitical stresses. It will foster a closer connection between humans and the ecology of which we are a part. Communities will be stronger and more resilient, and we will be physically and mentally healthier.

I acknowledge the work of Nick Rose and Sustain (and the incredible example of the Oakhill Food Justice Farm on the border of Preston and Reservoir) in shaping this motion.

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Newton proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion. This was accepted by Deputy Mayor Cr Laurence.

Amended Motion

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes that this motion moves to confirm support for the Victorian Food Systems Consensus Statement, Towards A Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria, facilitated by VicHealth and in carriage with Sustain: The Australian Food Network.
- 2) ~~Brings forward a report~~ **Refers to the budget process for 2024/25 alongside other councillor initiated proposals** a report that considers options for Darebin to:

- a. affirm a commitment to the leverage points laid out in the Consensus Statement, including:
 - i. The legislation of the Right to Food in Victoria
 - ii. Establishing a governmental food systems committee to undertake a food systems inquiry and subsequently develop a Victorian food systems plan
 - iii. The advancement of a comprehensive food systems monitoring framework
 - iv. Regenerative and agroecological food production
 - v. The creation of a local food investment fund
 - vi. That all public sector food procurement and retail is healthy and sustainable
 - vii. Strengthening food literacy in schools in collaboration with educators
 - viii. Resourcing and empowerment of local councils to lead food system strategies
 - ix. The revision of the Victorian planning provisions legislation to promote health
 - x. Improving dignified access to healthy food through the food relief sector
 - b. undertake the VicHealth “building better food systems for healthier communities” module.
- 3) Supports the Food Systems and Food Security Working Group's advocacy efforts to lobby state politicians to begin a Food Systems Inquiry similar to the Food Production and Supply Inquiry in NSW (2021-22), including writing to the Victorian Minister for Health. This motion will be used for this end.

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-006

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

That Council:

- 1) notes that this motion moves to confirm support for the Victorian Food Systems Consensus Statement, Towards A Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria, facilitated by VicHealth and in carriage with Sustain: The Australian Food Network.
- 2) Refers to the budget process for 2024/25 alongside other councillor initiated proposals a report that considers options for Darebin to:
 - a. affirm a commitment to the leverage points laid out in the Consensus Statement, including:
 - i. The legislation of the Right to Food in Victoria
 - ii. Establishing a governmental food systems committee to undertake a food systems inquiry and subsequently develop a Victorian food systems plan

- iii. The advancement of a comprehensive food systems monitoring framework
 - iv. Regenerative and agroecological food production
 - v. The creation of a local food investment fund
 - vi. That all public sector food procurement and retail is healthy and sustainable
 - vii. Strengthening food literacy in schools in collaboration with educators
 - viii. Resourcing and empowerment of local councils to lead food system strategies
 - ix. The revision of the Victorian planning provisions legislation to promote health
 - x. Improving dignified access to healthy food through the food relief sector
- b. undertake the VicHealth “building better food systems for healthier communities” module.
- 3) Supports the Food Systems and Food Security Working Group's advocacy efforts to lobby state politicians to begin a Food Systems Inquiry similar to the Food Production and Supply Inquiry in NSW (2021-22), including writing to the Victorian Minister for Health. This motion will be used for this end.

CARRIED

7.2 ADDRESSING THE HOUSING CRISIS

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- 1) *Acknowledges that the diversity of Darebin is our greatest strength, and that we must do all we can to ensure that people of all backgrounds and incomes are able to live and thrive in Darebin, and that providing housing to those in need is crucial to maintaining the rich diversity of the Darebin community now and into the future.*
- 2) *Acknowledges we are in a housing crisis and reaffirms its commitment to addressing housing affordability, social housing needs and homelessness.*
- 3) *Calls on the Victorian Government to increase public, social housing, affordable housing and homeless services in Darebin and across the state to help reduce the long waitlist of 65,195 people in Victoria seeking housing (June 2023 figure from the Applications on the Victorian Housing Register (VHR)).*
- 4) *Notes the recent State Government announcement to demolish and redevelop 44 public housing towers across the state, including the tower in Darebin at 1 Holmes Street, Northcote and seeks information from the Minister for Housing about the timeline for when the residents of 1 Holmes Street Northcote are to be relocated and when the tower is due to be demolished.*
- 5) *Notes that two of the key risks of public housing redevelopment, include:*
 - 5.1 *The risk of existing tenants not being relocated back into the community and consequently, losing their existing community support and social networks; and*
 - 5.2 *The risk of reduced Public Housing yield due to the sell-off of public land to developers to fund the redevelopment through private housing when greater yield could be achieved through direct funding of new public housing by the State Government.*
- 6) *Notes the State Government's recent Housing Statement, included a number of measures that remove planning powers from Council and reduce local government's role in influencing development, and limit and reduce the community's ability to participate in engagement and object to applications.*
- 7) *Requests the CEO to review the impacts of these announcements, brief Council on these impacts and provide a report to Council in early 2024, including:*
 - 7.1 *Recommendations for revised or amended policy and advocacy positions that could be adopted by Council to mitigate the risks and impacts of State Government initiatives and to leverage opportunities to increase social housing in Darebin.*
 - 7.2 *Recommendations for additional initiatives that could be implemented by Council to address the housing crisis, including recommended amendments to the Darebin Housing Strategy.*

Notice Received: 13 November 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 13 November 2023

Date of Meeting: 8 January 2024

Rationale

The Victorian Government should be increasing public housing to address the housing crisis. Instead, the Victorian Housing Statement (https://content.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-09/DTP0424_Housing_Statement_v6_FA_WEB.pdf) shows the Victorian Government plans to demolish 44 public housing towers, increase the amount of people living on the sites from 10,000 to 30,000 and to replace public housing with social and private housing, on public land. The housing statement mentions it wants to “Expedite zoning, planning and land release for social and affordable housing” but misses an opportunity to mandate inclusionary zoning.

The Good Decisions, Made Faster reforms will make it much harder for local people and communities and local governments to participate in decision making around planning, and reduce their ability to oppose developments. The changes will also make it harder to implement Darebin’s good design guide.

The Victorian Government has not consulted adequately on these major changes.

We must consider the implications of these major changes on the growing level of homelessness in Victoria that this plan will further exacerbate, the disregard of the tenants’ human rights to a secure and permanent home, and the removal of Council’s statutory authority role in the planning of Darebin’s future development.

Further reading

<https://www.theage.com.au/national/victoria/northcote-housing-development-creates-two-classes-of-resident-20190613-p51xc5.html>

<https://www.homes.vic.gov.au/applications-victorian-housing-register-vhr>

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-007

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

That Council

- 1) Acknowledges that the diversity of Darebin is our greatest strength, and that we must do all we can to ensure that people of all backgrounds and incomes are able to live and thrive in Darebin, and that providing housing to those in need is crucial to maintaining the rich diversity of the Darebin community now and into the future.
- 2) Acknowledges we are in a housing crisis and reaffirms its commitment to addressing housing affordability, social housing needs and homelessness.
- 3) Calls on the Victorian Government to increase public, social housing, affordable housing and homeless services in Darebin and across the state to help reduce the long waitlist of 65,195 people in Victoria seeking housing (June 2023 figure from the Applications on the Victorian Housing Register (VHR)).
- 4) Notes the recent State Government announcement to demolish and redevelop 44 public housing towers across the state, including the tower in Darebin at 1 Holmes Street, Northcote and seeks information from the Minister for Housing about the timeline for when the residents of 1 Holmes Street Northcote are to be relocated and when the tower is due to be demolished.
- 5) Notes that two of the key risks of public housing redevelopment, include:

- 5.1 The risk of existing tenants not being relocated back into the community and consequently, losing their existing community support and social networks; and
 - 5.2 The risk of reduced Public Housing yield due to the sell-off of public land to developers to fund the redevelopment through private housing when greater yield could be achieved through direct funding of new public housing by the State Government.
- 6) Notes the State Government's recent Housing Statement, included a number of measures that remove planning powers from Council and reduce local government's role in influencing development, and limit and reduce the community's ability to participate in engagement and object to applications.
- 7) Requests the CEO to review the impacts of these announcements, brief Council on these impacts and provide a report to Council in early 2024, including:
- 7.1 Recommendations for revised or amended policy and advocacy positions that could be adopted by Council to mitigate the risks and impacts of State Government initiatives and to leverage opportunities to increase social housing in Darebin.
 - 7.2 Recommendations for additional initiatives that could be implemented by Council to address the housing crisis, including recommended amendments to the Darebin Housing Strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3**86 FESTIVAL**

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council

- 1) *Congratulates the Festival producers on the success of the 86 Festival held in October 2023, showcasing the vibrant live music precincts of Darebin.*
- 2) *Writes to the Minister for Creative Industries to:*
 - a. *Thank the State Government for the funding support it provided to enable the inaugural 86 Festival to be held in October 2023*
 - b. *Call on the State Government to provide future funding to Festival producers to enable them to deliver future events in Darebin in 23/24*
- 3) *Writes to Festival producers, Principal Partner Creative Victoria and event sponsor Yarra Trams to thank them for their role in delivering this unique event within Darebin*
- 4) *Requests that the CEO completes an evaluation report of the 86 Festival and presents this back to Council at the earliest possible with the report to include:*
 - a. *Analysis of the economic impact within Darebin from 86 Festival visitation and local spend*
 - b. *An overview of the benefits of the 86 Festival for Darebin*
 - c. *An overview of the lessons learned (eg noise impacts, waste dumping, communications etc) and future mitigation strategies that could be implemented to improve large scale events and Festivals within Darebin*

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Rationale

Rationale for Celebrating Arts and Culture in our Local Community

1. Enriching Cultural Fabric:

Community Identity: The vibrant arts and cultural scene on high streets like St, Station St, Plenty Rd, Edwards, Broadway, Gilbert Rd, and Murray Rd contributes significantly to shaping the identity of our municipality. It fosters a sense of pride and belonging among residents, creating a unique and memorable community character.

2. Economic Benefits:

Local Business Growth: The presence of artistic and cultural activities attracts visitors, contributing to increased foot traffic and economic activity for local businesses. This, in turn, stimulates economic growth and fosters entrepreneurship, making these areas hubs of culinary and artistic delights.

3. Community Engagement:

Social Cohesion: Arts and cultural events provide opportunities for community members to come together, fostering social cohesion and interaction. Shared cultural experiences promote understanding, tolerance, and unity among diverse groups within the community.

4. Need for Clear Policies:

Permitting Process: Establishing a clear and well-defined permitting process is crucial for sustaining the vibrancy of these cultural hubs. Such a process should consider the interests of business owners, residents, and visitors alike.

Waste Management: A robust policy should address waste management to ensure that events and businesses do not negatively impact the local environment. Proper disposal and recycling measures can mitigate the environmental footprint of cultural activities.

5. Balancing Interests:

Noise Levels and Operating Hours: Striking a balance between celebrating culture and respecting the needs of residents requires clear guidelines on noise levels and operating hours. A thoughtful policy should consider the diverse needs of both business owners and residents, promoting harmony within the community.

6. Supporting Local Businesses:

Community Support: A well-crafted policy should not only regulate but also actively support local businesses. This includes providing resources, assistance, and incentives to ensure that these cultural hubs continue to thrive and contribute positively to the local economy.

7. Showcasing Community Diversity:

Colour and Sound of 86 Festival: Events like the 86 Festival exemplify the diversity and creativity within our community. A clear policy framework can elevate and celebrate these cultural expressions, encouraging further participation and investment in local arts and cultural initiatives.

Conclusion:

Celebrating arts and culture is not just about entertainment; it is about nurturing a vibrant, inclusive, and economically thriving community. A well-defined policy for permits, waste management, and community support is essential to ensure that our cultural hubs continue to flourish, providing a rich tapestry of experiences for residents and visitors alike. By fostering a dynamic and supportive environment, we can strengthen the cultural identity of our municipality and create lasting benefits for all stakeholders.

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-008

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

That Council

- 1) Congratulates the Festival producers on the success of the 86 Festival held in October 2023, showcasing the vibrant live music precincts of Darebin.
- 2) Writes to the Minister for Creative Industries to:

- a. Thank the State Government for the funding support it provided to enable the inaugural 86 Festival to be held in October 2023
 - b. Call on the State Government to provide future funding to Festival producers to enable them to deliver future events in Darebin in 23/24
- 3) Writes to Festival producers, Principal Partner Creative Victoria and event sponsor Yarra Trams to thank them for their role in delivering this unique event within Darebin
- 4) Requests that the CEO completes an evaluation report of the 86 Festival and presents this back to Council at the earliest possible with the report to include:
- a. Analysis of the economic impact within Darebin from 86 Festival visitation and local spend
 - b. An overview of the benefits of the 86 Festival for Darebin
 - c. An overview of the lessons learned (eg noise impacts, waste dumping, communications etc) and future mitigation strategies that could be implemented to improve large scale events and Festivals within Darebin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 ENGAGEMENT OF POST-WAR MIGRANTS BY COUNCIL

Take notice that at the Special Council Meeting to be held on 8 January 2024, it is my intention to move:

That Council calls for a report at the earliest possible opportunity on ways that Council can enhance the way it engages with post-war migrants so their views and experiences are incorporated in Council programs, services and projects including the Migration Monument, Country of Origin Signage and Place naming projects.

Notice Received: 13 November 2023

Notice Given to Councillors 13 November 2023

Date of Meeting: 8 January 2024

Rationale

Rationale for Elevating Post-War Migration Voices in Council Decision-Making

1. Rich Multicultural Fabric:

Diversity as an Asset: Our community is woven with the threads of diverse cultures, particularly those of post-war migrants who have significantly contributed to shaping the local identity. Recognizing and elevating these voices adds richness to the cultural tapestry that defines our municipality.

2. Historical Contribution:

Legacy of Post-War Migrants: Post-war migrants have played a pivotal role in building and sustaining our community. Their experiences, perspectives, and contributions have left a lasting imprint on our society, making it essential to include their voices in decision-making processes.

3. Inclusivity and Representation:

Reflecting the Population: Council decisions impact all members of the community, and a diverse range of voices ensures that decisions are reflective of the entire population. Inclusivity in decision-making promotes a sense of belonging and representation for all, fostering social cohesion.

4. Unique Insights and Experiences:

Diverse Perspectives: Post-war migrants bring unique insights and experiences that can offer fresh perspectives on various issues. Their distinct cultural backgrounds can contribute to more comprehensive and nuanced decision-making, addressing the needs of a broader range of residents.

5. Strengthening Social Bonds:

Building Bridges: Elevating the voices of post-war migrants in decision-making processes can help bridge any existing gaps between different communities. It fosters understanding, tolerance, and unity, creating a stronger and more connected local society.

6. Addressing Invisibility:

Overcoming Silence: Despite the richness of our multicultural fabric, the voices of post-war migrants often remain unheard. Elevating these voices acknowledges their significance and actively works towards addressing historical invisibility in decision-making forums.

7. Community Empowerment:

Empowering Communities: Involving post-war migrants in decision-making empowers these communities to actively participate in shaping the future of the municipality. It fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, encouraging ongoing engagement in civic affair.

In conclusion

Elevating the voices of post-war migration communities in council decision-making processes is not just a matter of diversity; it is a strategic imperative for building a stronger, more inclusive, and harmonious municipality. By actively involving these voices, we not only honour the historical contributions of post-war migrants but also ensure that our decisions are informed by the diverse experiences that enrich our community.

With leave of the Chairperson, Cr Messina proposed an amendment to the Notice of Motion. This was accepted by Mayor Newton.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) **Requests a report which provides an understanding of the demographic mix of the migrants and refugees since World War 2 who live, work or study within the City of Darebin who have often been displaced from their homelands.**
- 2) **Based on the demographic report, considers options in the Cultural Diversity Action Plan to enhance engagement, incorporate and recognise the migrant and refugee communities' views and experiences in the planning for and delivery of Council programs, services.**

Extension of Time

MOVED: Cr. S Rennie
SECONDED: Cr. L Messina

That the Council meeting continue after 9.30pm for 30 minutes.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Greco proposed an amendment to point 2) of the motion as follows, which was accepted by the mover and seconder.

- 2) **Based on the demographic report, considers options in the Cultural Diversity Action Plan to enhance engagement, incorporate and recognise the migrant and refugee communities' views and experiences in the planning for and delivery of Council programs, services and projects including the Migration Monument, Country of Origin Signage and Place naming projects.**

Amended Motion

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) Requests a report which provides an understanding of the demographic mix of the migrants and refugees since World War 2 who live, work or study within the City of Darebin who have often been displaced from their homelands.
- 2) Based on the demographic report, considers options in the Cultural Diversity Action Plan to enhance engagement, incorporate and recognise the migrant and refugee communities' views and experiences in the planning for and delivery of Council programs, services and projects including the Migration Monument, Country of Origin Signage and Place naming projects.

THE AMENDED MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-009

MOVED: Cr. L Messina
SECONDED: Cr. T Laurence

That Council:

- 1) Requests a report which provides an understanding of the demographic mix of the migrants and refugees since World War 2 who live, work or study within the City of Darebin who have often been displaced from their homelands.
- 2) Based on the demographic report, considers options in the Cultural Diversity Action Plan to enhance engagement, incorporate and recognise the migrant and refugee communities' views and experiences in the planning for and delivery of Council programs, services and projects including the Migration Monument, Country of Origin Signage and Place naming projects.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Motion

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

That the order of business be altered to consider Urgent Business items and then to continue with the published agenda.

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, McCarthy, Laurence, Hannan and Rennie
Against: Crs Messina and Greco
Abstained: Crs Williams and Dimitriadis

ADMISSION OF URGENT BUSINESS

Motion

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

That an Urgent Business item relating to Significant Dates for Flying Flags on Community Flagpoles be admitted to the agenda and heard.

9.38pm - Cr Dimitriadis left the meeting.

9.38pm – Cr Messina left the meeting.

9.39pm – Cr Dimitriadis returned to the meeting.

9.39pm - Cr Dimitriadis left the meeting.

9.49pm – Cr Dimitriadis returned to the meeting.

9.50pm - Cr Greco called a motion of dissent against the Chairpersons ruling not to uphold a point of order.

Motion

MOVED: Cr. G Greco
SECONDED: Cr.

That the Chairpersons ruling be dissented from.

LAPSED

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Council Resolution**MOVED:** Cr. T Hannan**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie

That an Urgent Business item relating to Significant Dates for Flying Flags on Community Flagpoles be admitted to the agenda and heard.

CARRIED

For: Crs Newton, McCarthy, Laurence, Rennie, Hannan and Dimitriadis
Against: Crs Greco and Williams

PROCEDURAL MOTION**Council Resolution****MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

That all items not dealt with thus far be deferred to the council meeting to be held on 26 February 2024.

CARRIED

For: Crs McCarthy, Newton, Laurence, Hannan and Rennie
Against: Cr Greco
Abstained: Crs Dimitriadis and Williams

8.1 SIGNIFICANT DATES FOR FLYING FLAGS ON COMMUNITY FLAGPOLES**Motion****MOVED:** Cr. T Hannan**SECONDED:** Cr. S Rennie**That** Council:

- 1) Notes Darebin Council's deep commitments to championing equity, diversity, and inclusivity, building an inclusive and empowered community, and fostering social cohesion and harmony, as stated in the City of Darebin Council Plan 2021-2025;
- 2) Reaffirms its solidarity and sympathy with Palestinian and Israeli communities in Darebin and all those who have been affected by the current conflict in the region; and
- 3) Resolves to remove the Palestinian flag at Preston City Hall by 19 January 2024, in order to mark significant events for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and to promote diversity and inclusion throughout the year in line with existing Council commitments, beginning with flying a Rainbow Flag for Midsumma Festival on 21 January 2024 and flying an Aboriginal Flag at half-mast on 26 January 2024.

- 4) That Council receives a further briefing on options for marking multiple concurrent significant events and issues, prior to consideration of the draft Community Flag Policy.

Cr Greco proposed that point 3) of the motion be amended as follows, which was not accepted by the mover and seconder.

- 3) Resolves to **temporarily** remove the Palestinian flag at Preston City Hall for the **Midsummer Festival from 18 to 25 January 2024 and flying an Aboriginal Flag at half-mast on 26 January 2024. Thereafter the Palestinian Flag is to be raised from 27 January as per the previous resolution. The temporary removal of the Palestinian Flag should only be considered if no other Council flag posts are available to raise the Rainbow and the Aboriginal Flag.**

Amendment

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes Darebin Council's deep commitments to championing equity, diversity, and inclusivity, building an inclusive and empowered community, and fostering social cohesion and harmony, as stated in the City of Darebin Council Plan 2021-2025;
- 2) Reaffirms its solidarity and sympathy with Palestinian and Israeli communities in Darebin and all those who have been affected by the current conflict in the region; and
- 3) Resolves to **temporarily** remove the Palestinian flag at Preston City Hall for the **Midsummer Festival from 18 to 25 January 2024 and flying an Aboriginal Flag at half-mast on 26 January 2024. Thereafter the Palestinian Flag is to be raised from 27 January as per the previous resolution. The temporary removal of the Palestinian Flag should only be considered if no other Council flag posts are available to raise the Rainbow and the Aboriginal Flag.**
- 4) That Council receives a further briefing on options for marking multiple concurrent significant events and issues, prior to consideration of the draft Community Flag Policy.

LOST

For: Crs Greco and Dimitriadis
Against: Crs Hannan and Rennie
Abstained: Crs McCarthy, Newton, Laurence and Williams

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS THEN PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Procedural Motion

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

That the item be put to the vote.

CARRIED

For: Crs McCarthy, Newton, Laurence, Hannan and Rennie
Against: Cr Greco
Abstained: Crs Dimitriadis and Williams

THE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Council Resolution

MINUTE NO. 24-010

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

That Council:

- 1) Notes Darebin Council's deep commitments to championing equity, diversity, and inclusivity, building an inclusive and empowered community, and fostering social cohesion and harmony, as stated in the City of Darebin Council Plan 2021-2025;
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- 4) That Council receives a further briefing on options for marking multiple concurrent significant events and issues, prior to consideration of the draft Community Flag Policy.

CARRIED

For: Crs McCarthy, Hannan, Laurence, Hannan, Rennie and Newton
Against: -
Abstained: Crs Greco, Dimitriadis and Williams

Per the Procedural Motion on page 42 the following items have been deferred to the Council Meeting to be held on 26 February 2024:

Notices of Motion

- Item 7.5 Reservoir Boathouse
- Item 7.6 Economic Forum
- Item 7.7 Darebin Council Service Delivery
- Item 7.8 Placemaking
- Item 7.9 Waiving Licencing Fees For Sporting Clubs
- Item 7.10 Local Newspaper Archive
- Item 7.11 JCMP Female Friendly Facilities

Consideration of Reports Considered Confidential

- Item 13.1 Commonwealth Single Assessment Tender Update

8. URGENT BUSINESS

Refer page 41 of these minutes.

9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL

Refer page 42 of these minutes.

10. CLOSE OF MEETING


The meeting closed at 10.13pm.

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