



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

held on Tuesday 18 December 2018 at 7.00pm
Fitzroy Town Hall

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1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

"Welcome to the City of Yarra."

"Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of this country, pays tribute to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Yarra and gives respect to the Elders past and present."

2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

Attendance

Councillors

- Cr Danae Bosler (Mayor)
- Cr Misha Coleman (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Mike McEvoy
- Cr Daniel Nguyen
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager – Chief Executive's Office)
- Lucas Gosling (Director - Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Acting Group Manager – People, Culture and Community)
- Chris Leivers (Director – City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director - Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director - Planning and Place Making)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

3. Declarations of conflict of interest (Councillors and staff)

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Contractual matters
- 4.2 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.3 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.4 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person

Confidential business reports

The following items were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

1. That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, to allow consideration of:
 - (a) Contractual matters: and
 - (b) Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person.
2. That all information contained within the Confidential Business Reports section of this agenda and reproduced as Council Minutes be treated as being and remaining strictly confidential in accordance with the provisions of sections 77 and 89 of the *Local Government Act* 1989 until Council resolves otherwise.

CARRIED

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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13. Urgent business

Nil

6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Petition - Keep Occasional Care Open at Fitzroy Swimming Pool and Collingwood Leisure Centre

An online petition created on Change.org by Noirit Zaman has currently 452 online signatures and are supporting the following:

“The City of Yarra currently provide two 90 minute sessions of occasional child care at their Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond Leisure Centres. This is a wonderful service that provides affordable childcare by passionate and professional child care workers so that Carers can use the facilities or go offsite. The services at the Collingwood and Fitzroy sites are being closed for six months as of January 2019 to trial the expansion of other child care centres in the City of Yarra. The replacement services do not meet the same need and reduces direct opportunities to affordable access to leisure centres in this area.

Please lend your support by signing this petition to let the City of Yarra know how valuable you feel the occasional care services are”

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

6.2 Petition - Extension of Cambridge Street Reserve, Cambridge Street, Collingwood

Reference: D18/216281

A petition signed by 141 residents are requesting that Council consider extending the Cambridge Street Park by closing off Cambridge Street between 31 and 33 Peel Street and extending the reserve across the road in front of 87 and 93 Cambridge Street.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

6.3 Petition - Against the proposal of parking on both sides of Tudor Street Richmond

Reference: D18/217781

A petition signed by 19 residents are objecting to the proposal of parking on both sides of Tudor Street Richmond and request that Council not proceed with the plan.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Searle

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

CARRIED

7. Public question time

This record is provided as a summary of the questions asked by members of the public during Public Question Time at a meeting of the Yarra City Council. This summary includes the names of questioners, the subject matter of questions, the name of the person providing a response and whether or not an answer was provided. An audio recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

That standing orders be suspended to hear the Notice of Motion No.20 – Trial Closure of Occasional Care Services at Leisure Centres.

CARRIED

8. General business

8.1 Councillor McEvoy - Electric Vehicles

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor McEvoy

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes that the Climate Council's report "Transport Emissions: Driving Down Car Pollution in Cities" makes the following key findings:
 - (i) Transport is Australia's third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, with the highest rate of growth;
 - (ii) Cars are responsible for roughly half of Australia's transport emissions, about the same as Queensland's entire electricity supply;
 - (iii) An international scorecard ranked Australia second-worst for transport energy efficiency, and the report's proposed solutions;
 - (iv) providing viable alternatives to driving, such as expanding access to reliable, comfortable public transport;
 - (v) electrifying and powering cars, buses, trains and trams with 100% renewable energy; and
 - (vi) adopting stringent, mandatory greenhouse gas emissions standards for cars and other vehicles.
2. That in the context of the climate emergency, the urgent need to reduce emissions from the burning of fossil fuels, and the anticipated increase in availability of electric vehicles, Council request a report to a public meeting before June 2019;
 - (a) detailing ways Council can support the Yarra community's transition to electric vehicles, and
 - (b) that the report include proposals relating to:
 - (i) the provision of public charging points;
 - (ii) strategic and statutory planning;
 - (iii) interim measures to facilitate on-street charging for residents who do not have off-Street parking;
 - (iv) advocacy to the State on the need to accommodate electric vehicle charging on a broader metropolitan and state wide basis including through infrastructure and changes to the planning scheme;
 - (v) advocacy to the State on the need to phase out diesel buses in favour of electric buses;
 - (vi) inclusion of more electric vehicles in the Yarra Fleet; and
 - (vii) any other relevant matters.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, McEvoy, Searle and Nguyen

Against: Councillors Chen Yi Mei and Bosler

9. Delegates' reports

9.1 Councillor Fristacky - Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 11 December 2018

Committee	Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting 11 December 2018
Appointed Councillors	Cr Danae Bosler, Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr James Searle,
Date of Council Meeting	18 December 2018
Date of Report	17 December 2018
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

The Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) met 11/12/18 at Richmond Town Hall, attended by Councillors Bosler and Fristacky, Senior Advisor City Heritage Richa Swarup, and HAC members.

1. Updates were provided on:

- PastPort Yarra History Website, launched Fitzroy Town Hall, 9/10/18
- World Heritage Precinct meeting 10/12/18 discussed plans to review the WH listing
- Community Heritage Award 2018 awarded to Collingwood Historical Society
- Amendment VC 155 Clause 15.03 on restoration of heritage buildings
- Yarra River Strategy Plan expected to be presented to Council at its next meeting
- WWI Field Gun on Council's 4/10/18 decision to locate the restored Field Gun in the memorial area of Barkly Gardens, Richmond
- Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF - see below)
- Community History Grant

2. New Heritage Strategy 2019-2023

RS provided an update on community feedback and stages of completed works. Responding to community views on the need for more heritage advisory services to Community, HAC's view was that Council should examine providing appropriate resources in this area as a priority.

In terms of the strategy's time frame, HAC sought a longer term vision of 12 years (to coincide with 3 Council cycles) with short, medium and longer term actions. The strategy should have an action plan for the first 4 years, with implementation priorities reviewed every four years, with new annual actions developed for the next four years.

In adopting the strategy and to ensure effective implementation, HAC recommended:

- implementation plan should include short, medium and long term actions over 12 years
- priorities and actions be set via an action plan for the first 4 years
- appropriate resources be applied in budgets in line with the adopted strategy
- strategy priorities and actions should form KPI's for Council areas involved in delivering and administering them, noting these would need to be agreed by relevant Departments and Executives.

It was suggested that whilst the consultant is working on the draft, HAC members examine priority actions in the current strategy and the priority and focus for the new strategy. It was agreed HAC members would provide responses by email individually to RS.

3. Victorian Heritage Strategy Restoration Fund (VHRF)

HAC was presented with changes to the VHRF eligibility criteria by Melbourne City Council (MCC) and those proposed for Yarra. Of its \$200,000 grant, MCC identified \$130,000 for strategic projects such as restoration of shop verandas, with the balance to individual projects.

HAC recommended that Yarra should also prioritise strategic heritage restoration initiatives in activity centres and seek a budget increase for this. Members sought a focus on such initiatives for activity centres, specifically raising Nicholson/Rathdowne Village verandas/shopfronts.

4. Update on Activity Centres Reviews

HAC was informed that interim controls had been introduced through DDO's in various centres except for Smith and Brunswick Streets for which strategic work is still underway. HAC was invited to consider these interim controls and provide feedback to Council before permanent controls are finalised.

HAC members reiterated concerns, raised previously, that they had not received activity centre heritage and built form reports for a number of centres prior to these being presented to Council. This compromised the purpose of HAC to provide advice to Council.

HAC was advised that it was agreed reports be provided to HAC before going to Council. HAC requested that the Smith and Brunswick Street reports be available at the draft stage together with the heritage reports for these centres before an officer report to Council briefing sessions; this would enable HAC to consider recommendations for activity centres as a group and provide constructive feedback during the drafting process.

5. Other Matters

- Midyear Budget Review: as per items 2-4 above, HAC sought that the Midyear Budget Review and budget process should consider providing extra resources for heritage protections.
- New Initiatives bids for 2018-19: HAC was informed of two budget bids for new initiatives:

- To identify shared value heritage sites
- To prepare a framework for managing Council's own heritage buildings.

HAC considered both initiatives important for funding by Council in 2019-20.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes this delegate's report on the Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) advice;
 - (b) refers the HAC recommendations in Item 2 above on the proposed timeframe, implementation and resourcing of Yarra's Heritage Strategy 2019-2023 to officers for attention, with the matter of KPIs on heritage actions referred to the CEO/ Executive;
 - (c) also refers to the administration for attention the HAC recommendation in Item 3 above that Yarra's contribution to the Victorian Heritage Strategy Restoration Fund prioritise strategic heritage restoration initiatives in activity centres with an appropriate budget allocation for this priority; and
 - (d) further highlights to officers, HAC's request that draft reports on Activity Centre Reviews together with their Heritage Reports be provided to HAC for input prior to being presented to Council.

CARRIED

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 8.22pm

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 8.24pm

10. Questions without notice

10.1 Councillor Searle - Yarra Leisure

Question:

I have received a couple of resident concerns around the use of single use plastics at our Leisure Centres, specifically in relation to the child safe wrist bands that are used to match children to adults, and as well as the locker key fobs used for non-members also being single use.

What measures can Council take to stop the use of single use plastics at our Leisure Centres?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised that:

- (a) *officers are currently working on a report on the single use plastic bottles and that will be presented to Council next year;*
- (b) *with regard to the "what's around the water", program, it's a state wide program and unfortunately the single use bands are a plastic type product so it doesn't deteriorate in the water;*

- (c) *we have purchased five thousand re-useable bands and the intent is to replace the single use bands with those re-useable bands as our standard practice;*
- (d) *with regard to the locker bands, we have also had some plastic bands made up, but we also use fobs which are re-usable fobs, and those are available;*
- (e) *understand the queries that came through, they may not have been offered those at the customer service counter so we will reinforce that with our staff;*
- (f) *we have a million visits a year at the Leisure Centres, the majority do utilise re-useable products; and*
- (g) *although we have given out about three hundred non-re-useable wrist bands, it is certainly our intention to use re-usable products and reinforce that message.*

10.2 Councillor Stone - Bicycle Hoops

Question:

We have had a number of requests this year for bicycle hoops in public spaces and the response is generally, we can't provide them because we don't have the budget for them.

Will officers be ensuring that there is sufficient budget to provide them as needed next year?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised that it will be included as part of the budget bidding process. There will be considerations for Council consideration and it will be up to Councillors to determine priorities of budget allocation.

11.1 Appointment of Chair for Audit Committee

Trim Record Number: D18/197445

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) approve the Audit Committee's appointment of Helen Lanyon as Chair of the Audit Committee for 2019; and
 - (b) thank David Ashmore for his ongoing contribution to the Audit Committee, including his period as Chair from 2015 to 2018.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) approve the Audit Committee's appointment of Helen Lanyon as Chair of the Audit Committee for 2019; and
 - (b) thank David Ashmore for his ongoing contribution to the Audit Committee, including his period as Chair from 2015 to 2018.

CARRIED

11.2 Studio 1 Community Hub Strategic Partnership Recommendation Report

Trim Record Number: D18/103840

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the challenges over the past 3 years in activating Studio 1 Community Hub and the opportunities going forward;
 - (b) extend the strategic partnership with Richmond Community Learning Centre for one more year, 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019;
 - (c) endorse the operating grant of \$95,783 for the calendar year of 2019, pending 2019/20 budget approval; and
 - (d) endorse the strategic work required to inform a new EOI process to be conducted in 2019.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the challenges over the past 3 years in activating Studio 1 Community Hub and the opportunities going forward;
 - (b) extend the strategic partnership with Richmond Community Learning Centre for one more year, 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019;
 - (c) endorse the operating grant of \$95,783 for the calendar year of 2019, pending 2019/20 budget approval; and
 - (d) endorse the strategic work required to inform a new EOI process to be conducted in 2019.

CARRIED

11.3 Status of Council owned sporting facilities and pavilions

Trim Record Number: D18/195537

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council notes:
 - (a) the approach taken to assess building condition and viability and inform proposed investment priorities in Council Sporting Facilities;
 - (b) the building condition, viability and overall ratings for Council Sporting Facilities based on the recent assessment (refer attachment 1);
 - (c) the 2018/19 funding allocations for Council Sporting Facilities, and the proposed allocations for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budget years, to be approved by the Council as part of the annual budget adoption process (refer attachment 2);
 - (d) the significant external funding towards Council Sporting Facilities within Yarra committed by State Government across the period 2018/19 through 2020/21;
 - (e) the overall priority list developed for investment in Council Sporting Facilities (refer attachment 3);
 - (f) that increasing the number and proportion of facilities that are female friendly is a key objective of proposed priority investment list; and
 - (g) that there are opportunities to continue to attract external funding towards future projects to enable their timely delivery, and that officers will continue to pursue these.

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 8.44pm

Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 8.49pm

Public Submission

Vicky Freeman, Treasurer Alphington Bowls Club addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council notes:
 - (a) the approach taken to assess building condition and viability and inform proposed investment priorities in Council Sporting Facilities;
 - (b) the building condition, viability and overall ratings for Council Sporting Facilities based on the recent assessment (refer attachment 1);
 - (c) the 2018/19 funding allocations for Council Sporting Facilities, and the proposed allocations for the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budget years, to be approved by the Council as part of the annual budget adoption process (refer attachment 2);
 - (d) the significant external funding towards Council Sporting Facilities within Yarra committed by State Government across the period 2018/19 through 2020/21;
 - (e) the overall priority list developed for investment in Council Sporting Facilities (refer attachment 3);
 - (f) that increasing the number and proportion of facilities that are female friendly is a key objective of proposed priority investment list; and
 - (g) that there are opportunities to continue to attract external funding towards future projects to enable their timely delivery, and that officers will continue to pursue these.

CARRIED

Councillor Jolly abstained

11.4 Local Area Place Making Study - Abbotsford Precinct 13

Trim Record Number: D18/206125

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses the recommended traffic management and place making treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study of Abbotsford precinct (LAPM 13);
 - (b) endorse the priority list of traffic management treatments on the arterial roads to advocate to VicRoads for implementation.
 - (c) notes the requirement to allocate Council funding towards LAPMs in 2019/20 in order to acquit the \$1M of funding received from VicRoads towards this program.
 - (d) notes that implementation of the recommended LAPM plan for the Abbotsford precinct (LAPM 13) can commence in July 2019, pending confirmation of \$500,000 (excl. GST) currently contained in the draft 2019/20 Budget, which will be determined in June 2019.
 - (e) refers this amount to the 2019/20 Budget process for consideration; and
 - (f) notes the remaining works to implement traffic management and place making treatments identified for LAPM 13 will be subject to funding consideration in future budgets, with Officers proposing a funding split in the order of \$500,000 (excl. GST) allocated in 2020/2021 and \$430,000 (excl. GST) allocated in 2021/2022.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 9.18pm

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 9.27pm

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Fred Allen;

Elizabeth Gomm;

Marian Crooke;

Anastasia Panagiotidis; and

Jasper Haum.

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 9.38pm

Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 9.42pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:

- (a) endorses the recommended traffic management and place making treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study of Abbotsford precinct (LAPM 13);
- (b) endorse the priority list of traffic management treatments on the arterial roads to advocate to VicRoads for implementation;
- (c) notes the requirement to allocate Council funding towards LAPMs in 2019/20 in order to acquit the \$1M of funding received from VicRoads towards this program;
- (d) notes that implementation of the recommended LAPM plan for the Abbotsford precinct (LAPM 13) can commence in July 2019, pending confirmation of \$500,000 (excl. GST) currently contained in the draft 2019/20 Budget, which will be determined in June 2019;
- (e) refers this amount to the 2019/20 Budget process for consideration;
- (f) notes the remaining works to implement traffic management and place making treatments identified for LAPM 13 will be subject to funding consideration in future budgets, with Officers proposing a funding split in the order of \$500,000 (excl. GST) allocated in 2020/2021 and \$430,000 (excl. GST) allocated in 2021/2022; and
- (g) refer place making proposals which were not able to be accommodated in this plan to Council's open space and urban design officers for consideration in future public space work.

CARRIED

11.5 Local Area Place Making Study - Bendigo Richmond Precinct 19

Trim Record Number: D18/205389

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the recommended traffic management and place making treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study of Bendigo-Richmond precinct (LAPM 19);
 - (b) endorse the priority list of traffic management treatments on the arterial roads to advocate to VicRoads for implementation;
 - (c) notes the requirement to allocate Council funding towards LAPMs in 2019/20 in order to acquit the \$1M of funding received from VicRoads towards this program;
 - (d) notes that implementation of the recommended LAPM plan for the Bendigo-Richmond precinct (LAPM 19) can commence in July 2019, and be delivered in one year, pending confirmation of \$358,000, in the 2019/20 Budget which will be determined in June 2019; and
 - (e) refers this amount to the 2019/20 Budget process for consideration.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Stuart King; and

Jeremy Burke.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the recommended traffic management and place making treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) study of Bendigo-Richmond precinct (LAPM 19) with the following amendments:
 - (i) the deletion of the proposed reinstatement of parking to both sides of Tudor Street;
- (b) endorse the priority list of traffic management treatments on the arterial roads to advocate to VicRoads for implementation;
- (c) notes the requirement to allocate Council funding towards LAPMs in 2019/20 in order to acquit the \$1M of funding received from VicRoads towards this program;
- (d) notes that implementation of the recommended LAPM plan for the Bendigo-Richmond precinct (LAPM 19) can commence in July 2019, and be delivered in one year, pending confirmation of \$358,000, in the 2019/20 Budget which will be determined in June 2019;
- (e) refers this amount to the 2019/20 Budget process for consideration;
- (f) receive a further report in 2019 on improving conditions of cyclist north-south travel in the Bendigo LAPM precinct; and
- (g) refer place making proposals which were not able to be accommodated in this plan to Council's open space and urban design officers for consideration in future public space work.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.6 Draft Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2019-2023

Trim Record Number: D18/210880

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

The Mayor vacated the chair and the Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorse the Draft Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2019-2023 for public exhibition and consultation from 29 January to 22 February 2019; and
 - (b) Officers report back to Council following this consultation with a proposed final Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2019-2023 for consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Searle

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorse the Draft Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2019-2023 for public exhibition and consultation from 29 January to 22 February 2019; and
 - (b) Officers report back to Council following this consultation with a proposed final Yarra Urban Agriculture Strategy 2019-2023 for consideration.

CARRIED

The Mayor returned to the meeting at 10.20pm and assumed the Chair.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 10.20pm.

11.7 Embedding Adaptation and Sustainability into Council operations and strategies

Trim Record Number: D18/200523

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report of officers regarding improving ways of embedding climate change adaptation and sustainability into Council operations and strategies;
 - (b) endorse the proposed plans for how the organisation intends to embed the use of the Climate Adaptation Guidance Tool and Training in Council operations in 2018/19 and beyond, and for how strategies and policies to be developed in 2018/19 will integrate with environmental and sustainability policies and strategies;
 - (c) note that the first quarterly progress report will be presented to Council in April 2019; and
 - (d) note that a status report will be presented to Council in July 2019, providing an update of actions undertaken to embed sustainability into Council processes, outcomes and next steps.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 10.21pm

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 10.25pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor McEvoy

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report of officers regarding improving ways of embedding climate change adaptation and sustainability into Council operations and strategies;
 - (b) endorse the proposed plans for how the organisation intends to embed the use of the Climate Adaptation Guidance Tool and Training in Council operations in 2018/19 and beyond, and for how strategies and policies to be developed in 2018/19 will integrate with environmental and sustainability policies and strategies;
 - (c) note that the first quarterly progress report will be presented to Council in April 2019; and
 - (d) note that a status report will be presented to Council in July 2019, providing an update of actions undertaken to embed sustainability into Council processes, outcomes and next steps.

CARRIED

11.8 Buildings and Street Lighting Energy Efficiency Opportunities

Trim Record Number: D18/195190

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on Buildings and Streetlights Energy Efficiency Opportunities;
 - (b) note the update on emissions that show Council has achieved a 38.1% reduction in gross emissions as at 30 June 2018;
 - (c) note that the achievement of the 60% gross emissions [energy efficiency] reduction target could be achieved with additional focus and resourcing but that it is unlikely to be achieved by the original set date of 2020; and
 - (d) note that officers have submitted budget bids for major road street lighting renewal and a Building Optimisation Officer initiatives described in this report, for consideration in the annual budget process for 2019/20 financial year.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor McEvoy

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report on Buildings and Streetlights Energy Efficiency Opportunities;
 - (b) note the update on emissions that show Council has achieved a 38.1% reduction in gross emissions as at 30 June 2018;
 - (c) note that the achievement of 60% reduction in gross emissions (energy efficiency) by 2020 would require every possible opportunity is taken to integrate energy efficiency, including strong and integrated processes, policies and staff capacity, and note that it would potentially be a globally leading outcome given the many upward pressures on Council's energy use since 2000/01, and would reinforce the leadership Yarra Council is showing for local governments, businesses and households across Australia and around the world; and
 - (d) note that officers have submitted budget bids for major road street lighting renewal and a Building Optimisation Officer initiatives described in this report, for consideration in the annual budget process for 2019/20 financial year.

CARRIED

11.9 Renaming Community Greenhouse Action Plan to Climate Emergency Plan

Trim Record Number: D18/205604

Responsible Officer: Director Planning and Place Making

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report relating to the request from Council for *advice on renaming the Community Greenhouse Action Plan a "Climate Emergency Plan" with associated changes to the content of the plan*;
 - (b) note the complexity of 'Climate Emergency' and the need to better understand what it would mean in the Yarra context;
 - (c) defer the renaming of the proposed Community Greenhouse Action Plan to Climate Emergency Plan until after a facilitated workshop with Councillors and Executive in February 2019; and
 - (d) a further report from officers be presented to Council in March 2019 regarding further detail on implications of what a Climate Emergency Plan would entail.

Public Submission

Carole Wilkinson, YCAN addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the officer report relating to the request from Council for *advice on renaming the Community Greenhouse Action Plan a "Climate Emergency Plan" with associated changes to the content of the plan*;
 - (b) note the complexity of 'Climate Emergency' and the need to better understand what it would mean in the Yarra context;
 - (c) determine to rename the Community Greenhouse Action Plan a Climate Emergency Plan in light of scientific advice that we have just 12 years to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions before runaway climate change; and
 - (d) following a facilitated workshop with Councillors and Executive in February 2019, receive a further report from officers in March providing further detail on implications of what a Climate Emergency Plan will entail.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.10 Richmond Youth Hub Business Case

Trim Record Number: D18/207902

Responsible Officer: Director Community Wellbeing

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) authorise officers to progress works on Option 1 – Community Information Centre – as the preferred site for Council’s contribution to the development of a youth space on the Richmond Housing Estate.
 - (b) authorise officers to enter into formal negotiations, including an MOU agreement with DHHS for the development and delivery of the project; and
 - (c) endorse the Richmond Youth Space Business Plan attached to this report as attachment 1.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council:
 - (a) authorise officers to progress works on Option 1 – Community Information Centre – as the preferred site for Council’s contribution to the development of a youth space on the Richmond Housing Estate;
 - (b) authorise officers to enter into formal negotiations, including an MOU agreement with DHHS for the development and delivery of the project; and
 - (c) endorse the Richmond Youth Space Business Plan attached to this report as attachment 1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 10.57pm

Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 11.01

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the meeting be extended a further 30 minutes.

CARRIED

11.11 Report on Assemblies of Councillors

Trim Record Number: D18/211569

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in ***Attachment 1*** hereto.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council formally note and record the Assemblies of Councillors report as detailed in ***Attachment 1*** hereto.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.1 Notice of Motion No. 17 of 2018 - ICAN Cities Appeal

Trim Record Number: D18/213241

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That in the matter of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), originally established in Australia in 2007 and awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize for their ground-breaking efforts to achieve a global treaty for the prohibition of nuclear weapons, Council:
 - (a) congratulate ICAN on their historic achievement and contribution toward global nuclear disarmament;
 - (b) endorse the ICAN Cities Appeal which states that:

"Our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. Any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. Therefore, we warmly welcome the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2018, and we call on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay"; and
 - (c) request the Mayor to write to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, calling for the Federal Government to sign and ratify the Treaty on behalf of the Australian people.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Notice of Motion No. 18 of 2018 - Parking

Trim Record Number: D18/213356

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

“That:

- (a) Council receive a report in the first quarter on Parking;*
- (b) Parking;*
- (c) A budget bid be prepared for the 2019/2020 budget for a deliberative engagement process on Parking; and*
- (d) The deliberative engagement process include:*
 - (i) a public forum on parking challenges and opportunities, to be held in the 2019 calendar year with a suitably qualified independent expert engaged to provide information, relevant data and, answer questions alongside Council officers; and*
 - (ii) a demographically representative deliberative decision-making process (e.g. community panel).”*

REVISED RECOMMENDATION

“That:

- (a) Council receive a report to the March 2019 meeting cycle on a proposed process and timeline for a review of the allocation of public road space for parking, the principles by which it is allocated and the fees paid for its use; and*
- (b) The review shall include a public forum on parking challenges and opportunities, to be held in the 2019 calendar year with a suitably qualified independent expert engaged to provide information, relevant data and, answer questions alongside Council officers.*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Searle

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That:

- (a) Council receive a report to the March 2019 meeting cycle on a proposed process and timeline for a review of the allocation of public road space for parking, the principles by which it is allocated and the fees paid for its use; and
- (b) The review shall include a public forum on parking challenges and opportunities, to be held in the 2019 calendar year with a suitably qualified independent expert engaged to provide information, relevant data and, answer questions alongside Council officers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.3 Notice of Motion No. 19 of 2018 - Management of Plane Trees within Yarra

Trim Record Number: D18/213358

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That in noting the City of Yarra Street Tree Policy and the Urban Forest Strategy, Council:
 - (a) seek a report to the February 2019 meeting cycle on the management of London and other species of plane trees within the City of Yarra; and
 - (b) request that the report include:
 - (i) an actual calculation of the proportion of Yarra's current tree stock that is made up of plane tree species;
 - (ii) a desired percentage target for plane tree species across the tree stock within Yarra; and
 - (iii) a recommendation on how the desired target will be achieved and the timelines thereof.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION

1. That in noting the City of Yarra Street Tree Policy and the Urban Forest Strategy, Council:
 - (a) also notes that Plane trees constitute 16.2% of Yarra's current tree stock (12% of which are London Plane Trees);
 - (b) seek a report to the late March/April 2019 meeting cycle on the management of London and other species of plane trees within the City of Yarra; and
 - (c) request that the report include:
 - (i) a desired percentage target for all plane tree species across the tree stock within Yarra;
 - (ii) a recommendation on how the desired target will be achieved and the timelines therein; and
 - (iii) the latest evidence which demonstrates whether the Platanus species of plane trees is less irritating in terms of public health, and any other environmental advantages or other advantages, than the London plane tree species.
 - (d) that having regard to the high present and future costs of maintaining existing plantings of plane trees in residential streets that the report additionally include:
 - (i) an assessment of the timeframe for progressively replacing existing plane trees in locations where their exceptional height and extensive root systems require constant ongoing maintenance in order to limit the damage to Council infrastructure (footpaths and kerbs), lopping and pruning around power lines, and the cracking and subsidence caused to nearby properties as the soil dries out; and
 - (ii) recommendations of appropriate alternative species that may be more suited than plane trees to residential streets and historic heritage areas, which could progressively replace Plane trees to reduce maintenance costs and limit public liability claims as well as creating a suitably shady canopy.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That in noting the City of Yarra Street Tree Policy and the Urban Forest Strategy, Council:
 - (a) also notes that Plane trees constitute 16.2% of Yarra's current tree stock (12% of which are London Plane Trees);
 - (b) seek a report to the late March/April 2019 meeting cycle on the management of London and other species of plane trees within the City of Yarra; and
 - (c) request that the report include:
 - (i) a desired percentage target for all plane tree species across the tree stock within Yarra;
 - (ii) a recommendation on how the desired target will be achieved and the timelines therein; and
 - (iii) the latest evidence which demonstrates whether the Platanus species of plane trees is less irritating in terms of public health, and any other environmental advantages or other advantages, than the London plane tree species.
 - (d) that having regard to the high present and future costs of maintaining existing plantings of plane trees in residential streets that the report additionally include:
 - (i) an assessment of the timeframe for progressively replacing existing plane trees in locations where their exceptional height and extensive root systems require constant ongoing maintenance in order to limit the damage to Council infrastructure (footpaths and kerbs), lopping and pruning around power lines, and the cracking and subsidence caused to nearby properties as the soil dries out; and
 - (ii) recommendations of appropriate alternative species that may be more suited than plane trees to residential streets and historic heritage areas, which could progressively replace Plane trees to reduce maintenance costs and limit public liability claims as well as creating a suitably shady canopy.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

That the meeting resume in Confidential session.

CARRIED

12.4 Notice of Motion No. 20 of 2018 - Trial Closure of Occasional Care Service at Leisure Centres

Trim Record Number: D18/213360

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That in the matter of Council's determination to trial the closure of the occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy and Collingwood Leisure Centres and, having regard to concerns raised by a number of users of the Occasional Care Centres in Fitzroy and Collingwood, relating to the 6 month trial of flexible casual care, Council:
 - (a) agree to modify the trial to enable the continuation of occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy Pool for the duration of the trial period, thereby running the trial at Collingwood only;
 - (b) re-allocate the amount of \$43,675 which is the cost of operating the Fitzroy Occasional Care under the current model;
 - (c) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond be more actively promoted through Yarra's network of maternal and child health centres and through maternal and child health nurses; and
 - (d) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond also be actively promoted through the electronic and print-based materials that are produced/sent out by those centres.

REVISED RECOMMENDATION

1. That in the matter of Council's determination to trial the closure of the occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy and Collingwood Leisure Centres and, having regard to concerns raised by a number of users of the Occasional Care Centres in Fitzroy and Collingwood about this trial:
 - (a) agree to modify the trial to enable the continuation of occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy Pool for the duration of the trial period, thereby running the trial at Collingwood only;
 - (b) re-instate the amount of \$43,675 - which is the cost of operating the Fitzroy Occasional Care under the current model - back to the Fitzroy Occasional Care service;
 - (c) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond be more actively promoted by COY through Yarra's network of maternal and child health centres and through maternal and child health nurses;
 - (d) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond also be actively promoted by CoY through the electronic and print-based materials that are produced/sent out by those centres, including Yarra's Facebook, twitter accounts and Yarra News; and
 - (e) contacts all submitters to this motion directly, by email, to inform them of the outcomes of this motion, the duration of the trial, how it will be evaluated, and generally encouraging utilisation of this services at Fitzroy and Richmond during the trial.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Laura Gathonj;

Vanessa Walker;

Ruth Hamnett;

Zanna Moran;

Kenza Mohamed El Hadj; and

Heather Kelabara.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That in the matter of Council's determination to trial the closure of the occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy and Collingwood Leisure Centres and, having regard to concerns raised by a number of users of the Occasional Care Centres in Fitzroy and Collingwood about this trial:
 - (a) agree to modify the trial to enable the continuation of occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy Pool for the duration of the trial period, thereby running the trial at Collingwood only;
 - (b) re-instate the amount of \$43,675 - which is the cost of operating the Fitzroy Occasional Care under the current model - back to the Fitzroy Occasional Care service;
 - (c) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond be more actively promoted by COY through Yarra's network of maternal and child health centres and through maternal and child health nurses;
 - (d) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond also be actively promoted by CoY through the electronic and print-based materials that are produced/sent out by those centres, including Yarra's Facebook, twitter accounts and Yarra News; and
 - (e) contacts all submitters to this motion directly, by email, to inform them of the outcomes of this motion, the duration of the trial, how it will be evaluated, and encouraging utilisation of this services at Fitzroy and Richmond during the trial.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Stone

- (f) officers report back to Council following the 6 month trial on the level of use of the two remaining Occasional Care Services, and proposals for accommodating the needs of users given the operational and compliance issues with the current services

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

2. That in the matter of Council's determination to trial the closure of the occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy and Collingwood Leisure Centres and, having regard to concerns raised by a number of users of the Occasional Care Centres in Fitzroy and Collingwood about this trial:
- (g) agree to modify the trial to enable the continuation of occasional child-care services at the City of Yarra's Fitzroy Pool for the duration of the trial period, thereby running the trial at Collingwood only;
 - (h) re-instate the amount of \$43,675 - which is the cost of operating the Fitzroy Occasional Care under the current model - back to the Fitzroy Occasional Care service;
 - (i) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond be more actively promoted by COY through Yarra's network of maternal and child health centres and through maternal and child health nurses;
 - (j) request that the services at Fitzroy and Richmond also be actively promoted by CoY through the electronic and print-based materials that are produced/sent out by those centres, including Yarra's Facebook, twitter accounts and Yarra News;
 - (k) contacts all submitters to this motion directly, by email, to inform them of the outcomes of this motion, the duration of the trial, how it will be evaluated, and encouraging utilisation of this services at Fitzroy and Richmond during the trial; and
 - (l) officers report back to Council following the 6 month trial on the level of use of the two remaining Occasional Care Services, and proposals for accommodating the needs of users given the operational and compliance issues with the current services.

CARRIED

Standing orders resumed to General Business items.

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.37pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 1 January 2019

Mayor