



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes**

**held on Tuesday 3 June 2014 at 7.00 pm  
at the Richmond Town Hall**

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## 1. Statement of Recognition of Wurundjeri Land

*“Welcome to the City of Yarra. Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri community as the first owners of this country. Today, they are still the custodians of the cultural heritage of this land. Further to this, Council acknowledges there are other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have lived, worked and contributed to the cultural heritage of Yarra.”*

## 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

### Attendance

#### Councillors

- Cr Jackie Fristacky (Mayor)
- Cr Geoff Barbour
- Cr Roberto Colanzi
- Cr Misha Coleman
- Cr Simon Huggins
- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Amanda Stone
- Cr Phillip Vlahogiannis

#### Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Jack Crawford (Director Corporate and Financial Services)
- Ivan Gilbert (Executive Manager Governance)
- Craig Kenny (Director Community Programs)
- Bruce Phillips (Director City Development)
- Guy Wilson-Browne (Director Infrastructure Services)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

### Apologies

Councillor Sam Gaylard

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

Nil

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#### 5. Confirmation of minutes

##### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

**Seconded:** Councillor Colanzi

That the corrected minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2014 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

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Nil

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Nil

## 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 Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

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) matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person;
  - (b) contractual matters;
  - (c) matters relating to legal advice; and
  - (d) 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.

## 6. Petitions and joint letters

### 6.1 Roadside Trees for Gold Street, Collingwood

D14/89132

A petition containing 30 signatures was received from residents of Gold Street, Collingwood requesting that Council consider roadside tree planting in Gold Street, Collingwood in order to provide amenity, enhance the street aesthetics and benefit the environment.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate Officer for action.

**CARRIED**

Ms Louise Francis, Lead Petitioner also made a submission to Council.

## 7. Public question time

### 7.1 Mr Damien Hudson of the Collingwood United Masonic Centre - State Government Congestion Levy – Car Park

The State Government has extended the congestion levy boundary, currently the centre is just outside the boundary, but we have been advised that we will be affected in the future.

If the congestion levy is introduced, our car park will be under threat, leaving our older members to make their way on walking sticks and from surrounding streets or have the car park open and face a state government levy which given a \$1200 loss this year we are not in a position to bear. We wish to make Council aware of this problem, that the centre that has been there for 76 years could become under threat due to the levy and we ask that Council write to the State Government and request that the levy is not extended to any Not-For-Profits within the City of Yarra in the first instance and perhaps not extended into Yarra at all.

#### *Response*

*The Mayor advised that correspondence was sent by Council to the State Government on behalf of the Abbotsford Convent and Collingwood Children's Farm, both that are in the boundary of the levy, but unfortunately fell on deaf ears and no adjustment was made under the budget.*

*The Mayor also advised that she would be happy to discuss the issue further with Mr Hudson.*

*The Director Corporate and Financial Services advised that he would follow up and discuss further with Mr Hudson on the expert advice he was given on the parking levy.*

## 8. General business

### 8.1 Safety Review of Yarra City Council's Public Lighting

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Huggins

**Seconded:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

1. That Council:
  - (a) having regard to:
    - (i) the increasing population and development density in the City of Yarra;
    - (ii) the increasing number of late night venues and increasing night-time activity in the City of Yarra; and
    - (iii) situations which have occurred in lanes and streets in neighbouring municipalities;
  - (b) request Officers to report on a full safety review of the Council's "Infrastructure – Public Lighting and Street Lighting in Local Streets" Policy.

**CARRIED**

### 8.2 Trains Not Tollroads Rally June 28

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council commend the local and broader community for their initiative in organising a mass rally against the East West Link on June 28 and endorse the aims of the rally.
2. That Council support the rally by placing details on the Trains Not Tollroads website and Facebook page and making available the Trains Not Tollroads campaign materials where useful and appropriate.

**CARRIED**



## 9. Delegates' reports

### 9.1 The Future of Local Government - 10th National Annual Conference

Councillor Colanzi reported that on May 21 and 22, he and the Mayor attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Future of Local Government Conference, organised by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).

The conference was structured about ten diverse sessions, presented by Australian and international speakers, addressing contemporary and forecast issues that are and will affect the broad local government sector, and to varying degrees the micro management of service delivery, personnel, infrastructure and financial architecture of individual councils.

The content of the conference was diverse and detailed. However, a brief summary of the core topics, observations, forecasts and themes included:

- (a) the role and function of digital information and service delivery, through means such as mesh technology;
- (b) need for diverse engagement platforms and mechanisms;
- (c) continued cost shifting from Commonwealth and State governments to local governments;
- (d) fiscal reliance on a rates base that is and will be affected by an aging demography;
- (e) the role and integration with civic society;
- (f) difficult public choices between traditional council services and non-traditional ('maximalist' government);
- (g) mapping interactions, both extent and range, with residents and municipal stakeholders;
- (h) collaboration and shared service delivery strategies between and among councils, through strategies such as "Joint Organisation" models; and
- (i) political and financial 'trade' and exchange between Federal/State government departments and local government.

The Conference offered a timely and useful insight into possible strategic scenarios and directions available to local governments to deliver cost effective, timely, and sustainable and considered service delivery and offerings to its citizens and residents, and participants in its communities.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Colanzi

**Seconded:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

That the delegate's report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 9.2 Business Advisory Group (BAG) Meeting

Councillor Roberto Colanzi, Chairperson Business Advisory Group (BAG) reported on his attendance at the Business Advisory Group Meeting along with Cr Barbour on Thursday 29 May 2014.

The meeting exclusively focused on the development and preparation of the draft Yarra Economic Development and Tourism Strategy. The BAG membership has identified and suggested a strategic direction that focuses on three main key themes:

- (a) Yarra as a “Smart City” – recognising Yarra’s highly skilled and creative business community. Supporting a range of businesses, entrepreneurs and institutions involved in the knowledge sector, innovation and creative enterprise;
- (b) “Thriving and vibrant precincts” – reinforcing and strengthening established precincts for retail, entertainment, business activity to service the local population and develop as visitor destinations of national and international recognition; and
- (c) “Engaged Business Community” – promoting and encouraging direct links between the business community and the local community, through encouraging local employment initiatives, ‘buy local’ campaigns, and sustainability practices.

The draft strategy is scheduled to be presented to Council for public exhibition through the course of July.

Councillor Colanzi acknowledged the work of the BAG members, and officers of Yarra’s Economic Development Unit, members of the Project Steering Group and consultants Urban Enterprises for their contribution to the development of this strategy.

Councillor Colanzi also acknowledged his appreciation to Matthew Gould, former CEO of Economic Development Australia, and active member of the BAG who submitted his resignation from the Committee and took the opportunity to thank Matthew Gould for his contribution and work with the Business Advisory Group and for his support and wise experience and advice.

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Colanzi

**Seconded:** Councillor Vlahogiannis

That the delegate’s report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

## 9.3 Velo City Adelaide - International Cycling Convention

The Mayor reported on the Velo City Adelaide held on 27-30 June 2014, Adelaide Convention Centre and Adelaide Town Hall.

Velo City, the premier international cycling convention, was organised in Adelaide by the European Cycling Federation (ECF) with the City of Adelaide and Bicycle South Australia. Attended by Yarra Mayor, Cr Gaylard and Council’s Kate Simnett and over 500 delegates from Australia and overseas.

**Several significant presentations at Velo City Adelaide included:**

**1. Janette Sadik-Khan, former Commissioner of Transportation, New York City (NYC):**

- (a) spoke on the transformation of NYC through a new network of bike lanes and 61 pedestrian plazas, focused on the most accident zone and congested corridors;
- (b) began as a pilot, consulting extensively with business and community with staff speaking to over 20,000 businesses;
- (c) considerable opposition, but results have been highly positive: e.g. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue cycleway 172% increase in retail sales over one weekend; bike ridership doubled on weekends, tripled on weekdays, 35% reduction in injuries, reduced car speeds and delay for buses;
- (d) nothing has captured New Yorkers as much as bikes and greening NYC; 72% support for pedestrian plazas, and NYC bike share scheme having its first anniversary; and
- (e) Reference: NYC paper: *Economic Benefits of Sustainable Streets*.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-06-01/architect-of-nycs-urban-renewal-looks-to-australia/5489048>

**2. Timothy Papandreu, Director, Municipal Transportation Agency (MTA), San Francisco:**

- (a) while private car ownership is static, MTA's aim is to reduce car use by 30%. Shifting people from the car is being promoted by a platform of 'complete streets' with infrastructure to support walking, cycling and public transport;
- (b) Papandreu argues for '*plangineers*', combined engineering and planning skills;
- (c) MTA Bike plan has three tiers: Infrastructure; Design; Education. MTA's assessment of the bike network found that only 10% of people felt comfortable riding. So MTA has identified gradings of traffic stress for cycling - LTS 1, LTS 2, LTS 3, and upgrading bike infrastructure to reduce traffic stress levels;
- (d) parking is another means of managing car use. With 25% of road congestion arising from people looking for parking, the MTA has adopted variable pricing, increasing parking fees to reduce demand or reducing fees if less demand. People also seek variable parking not just 1 hour, but 2 hour and other times;
- (e) MTA is undertaking major conversion of car parking for kerb extensions and bike parking, and raised the bar with new segregated bike lanes. Comparative data on \$s spent by pedestrians, cyclists, car and bus users, shows how cycling helps business; and
- (f) it is mandatory in San Francisco not to block bike lanes in construction projects.

**3. Mikael Colville-Anderson, Consultant, Copenhagen:**

- (a) Australia is playing catch-up in modern urban planning compared to the rest of the world; and
- (b) he regarded avid cyclist advocates as not the right people to speak for the majority who are not cycling. The aim is to look at who could be cycling and targeting infrastructure to make cycling safe and attractive as a mainstream form of transport. He said there was little of this in Australia.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-05-30/australia-plays-catch-up-modern-urban-planning-bike-lanes/5488538>

**4. Larry Frank, Professor of Public Health, University of British Columbia, NYC:**

- (a) addressed research on health impacts of land use and transportation in cities in *The Hidden Health Costs of Transportation*, Frank et al 2010, American Public Health Association;
- (b) biggest use of public space is for roads and parking; a critical public health issue facing cities is to transform cities for people supporting active transport and open spaces;
- (c) Paper *Driving makes you Fat* examined data on car time. Found: that every additional hour in a car translates to a 6% chance of increase in obesity; every km walked reduces chance of obesity by 4.8%; and people who use transit are 3.5 times more likely to achieve the recommended amount of daily physical activity;
- (d) building software tools to assess health impacts of neighbourhood design e.g. Walk Score, and Bike Score tools which show the benefits of grid patterns of land use; and
- (e) Frank argues for training for planners to understand health impacts of land use.

**5. Neils Hoe, Hoe Consulting, Denmark:**

- (a) spoke on cycling as the engine for financially and socially sustainable cities;
- (b) easy to shop by bike to make multiple stops with easy parking and proximity to destinations; most goods can be carried by bicycle;
- (c) Copenhagen study identified those who shop by bicycle in neighbourhood centres spend more overall, and that shoppers by bike and foot are more loyal;
- (d) need good bike infrastructure, layout and design, including conversation lanes for two bikes abreast, as well as overtaking lanes;
- (e) research shows that cyclists are happier citizens, having high engagement with their city, and as cycling creates liveability;
- (f) shopping precincts are more pleasant when bikes are parked compared with cars; and

- (g) traders recognise advantage of 60 bike customers from 6 car spaces. Shops now put out their own bike racks to attract customers during the day (flex parking), then bring them inside so cars park on-street in evening.

**6. Morten Kabell, Mayor, City of Copenhagen:**

- (a) spoke on leadership challenges in treating roads in cities as public spaces;
- (b) target of 50% bike mode share by 2015, with 41% currently, cars down to 12%;
- (c) cycle routes are not only for commuting cyclists, but big hangouts for young people;
- (d) there is consensus on the need to enhance cycle routes, with bike routes for both social cycling and commuter cycling;
- (e) if just 20% of cyclists decided to go by car, the result would be chaos; and
- (f) focus on cost benefit: 1 km of bike track being 100 times cheaper than a 1 km car lane.

**7. City of Yarra featured 2 presentations:**

- (a) **Kate Simnett**, on bike paths *Cars are 19cm wide. How much extra space do they really need?; and*
- (b) **Jackie Fristacky**, on *Traffic calming and bike facilities. A match made in Heaven.*

A host of other excellent speakers and sessions included presentations on bike infrastructure, E-bikes, bike share, bike parking, design of bike lanes and roundabouts, wayfinding, media, safety, helmets, shared spaces, bike cargo/freight, cycle tourism, and cycle highways being built throughout the EU.

There was consensus amongst speakers on the future of mobility in cities being multi-modal sustainable transport.

The next Velo City forum is scheduled for Nantes, France in 2015, then Taipei, Taiwan in 2016.

**Launch of World Cycling Alliance (WCA)**

Launch of the WCA in Adelaide was a coup for Adelaide Lord Mayor and town planner, Stephen Yarwood, putting Adelaide on the map internationally. The WCA does not replace the ECF, but is founded to operate as a worldwide network of associations and organisations (NGOs) to promote the benefits of cycling internationally, through advocacy, exchange of knowledge, expertise, and cooperation. Cycling South Australia President, Christian Haag is on the WCA Board as are representatives from India, Asia, America, Africa and Europe.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That Council note the report on Velo City Adelaide and that the Mayor write to Bicycle Network Victoria and the Metropolitan Transport Forum on the opportunity to join the World Cycling Alliance.

**CARRIED**

**10. Questions without notice**

Nil

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## 11.1 River of Life Positive Ageing Strategy - Draft Stage Two Action Plan

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Trim Record Number: D14/78543

Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorse the River of Life Positive Ageing Strategy - Stage Two Action Plan 2014 – 2017 (Attachment 1) for public exhibition and comment and that a further report is presented to Council in August 2014 to consider final adoption of the draft Action Plan; and
  - (b) adopt the Active Ageing Advisory Group – Terms of Reference, provided as Attachment 2 to this report.

Councillor Vlahogiannis left the meeting at 8:49 pm.

Councillor Vlahogiannis returned to the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 8:51 pm.

Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 8:54 pm.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8:56 pm

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 8:57 pm.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Barbour

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorse the River of Life Positive Ageing Strategy - Stage Two Action Plan 2014 – 2017 (Attachment 1) for public exhibition and comment and that a further report is presented to Council in August 2014 to consider final adoption of the draft Action Plan; and
  - (b) adopt the Active Ageing Advisory Group – Terms of Reference, provided as Attachment 2 to this report.

**CARRIED**

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**11.2 Request to Name a Street in Honour of - Jack Dyer and Streets or Other Geographic Features in Honour of - the Municipality's War Veterans**

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Trim Record Number: D14/78938

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Governance

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That in the matter of requests for Council to name streets or other facilities in honour of John Raymond Dyer and Richmond War Veterans in recognition of the ANZAC Centenary Celebrations, Council ;
  - (a) note the report which outlines the naming options currently available to Council for consideration;
  - (b) note the Council's Policy and the State Guidelines which set down the principles and procedures required to be followed for adopting street and place names;
  - (c) in respect of the request to name **a street** after John Raymond Dyer. determine:
    - (i) if the soon to be available "street" in the Jacques development is appropriate, and if yes:
      - in accordance with the Guidelines, further determine if the most appropriate title is "x Street, x x Plaza, x x Mall or x x Terrace ; and
      - authorise Officers to commence the statutory procedures as outlined in the Guidelines; OR
    - (ii) if that particular "street" is not favoured, to defer the matter until another suitable "street" becomes available for naming; and
  - (d) in respect of the request to name a road, suburb or other geographic feature in the City, in recognition of the ANZAC Centenary Celebration and in honour of the municipality's war veterans, determine:
    - (i) if it wishes pursue a naming program and if yes;
    - (ii) if it prefers to appoint a Council sub-committee to work with Officers and develop a proposal for report back to Council; OR
    - (iii) if it wishes to nominate some suggested naming options for further investigation and report back to Council.

*Public Submissions*

*The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:*

*Ms Suzana Talevski;*

*Mr Paul Webb;*

*Ms Deborah Keilnhofer;*

*Ms Lil Della-Penna;*

*Mr Robert Airton;*

*Ms Gabriel Turner; and*

*Mr Trevor Watson.*



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Coleman

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That in the matter of requests for Council to name streets or other facilities in honour of John Raymond Dyer and Council:
  - (a) note the report which outlines the naming options currently available to Council for consideration;
  - (b) note the Council's Policy and the State Guidelines which set down the principles and procedures required to be followed for adopting street and place names; and
  - (c) in respect of the request to name **a street** after John Raymond Dyer, determine that:
    - (i) the soon to be available "street" in the Jacques development is appropriate:
      - further determine that the most preferable title is Jack Dyer Street if that name is allowable;
      - in accordance with the City of Yarra policy and guidelines, consult with the appropriate indigenous communities on the proposal to name a new street after Jack Dyer; and
      - authorise Officers to commence the statutory procedures as outlined in the Guidelines.
2. That in the matter of the request to name a road, suburb or other geographic feature in the City, in recognition of the ANZAC Centenary Celebration and in honour of the municipality's war veterans, Council appoint a sub-committee to work with officers and develop a proposal to report back to Council.

**CARRIED**

**Councillor Stone abstained**

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Stone

That the Meeting be resumed in confidential.

**CARRIED**

Following adjournment of Confidential Business, the meeting resumed in open session.

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9:58 pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 24 June 2014

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Mayor