



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

**held on Tuesday 22 July 2014 at 7.00 pm
at the Fitzroy Town Hall**

*Corrected by resolution of Council on Tuesday 5 August 2014

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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 Sam Gaylard
- 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)
- Margaret Elvey (Governance Officer)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

Nil

4. Confidential business reports

Item

- 4.1 Matters prejudicial to Council and/or any person
- 4.2 Contractual Matters – this item was withdrawn

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; and
 - (b) contractual Matters.
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 Colanzi

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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6. Petitions and joint letters

6.1 Salisbury Crescent and Annand Street, North Fitzroy - Parking Issue

TRIM REF: D14/97761

A joint letter containing 8 signatures has been received from residents of Salisbury Crescent and Annand Street, North Fitzroy requesting that Council implement a residential parking permit area for these streets.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Gaylard

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

CARRIED

7. Public question time

7.1 Mr Michael Soltys - East West Link Court Action

Question:

How much money is Council spending on the pending court action against the State Government, in relation to the East West Link freeway?

Will feedback be sort from ratepayers on how much money is to be spent?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised that:

- (a) Council resolved to join the Moreland City Council with court action against the State Government in campaigning against the development of the East West Link;*
- (b) at this stage the costs are between \$100k to \$250k;*
- (c) the cost will be shared with Moreland; and*
- (d) it all depends on where the case goes, how long it will prolong and whether it is going to go beyond the Supreme Court.*

The Mayor advised that Council is involved in a wide range of legal matters before the tribunal, such as Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), the courts and this is just another one that adds to those which is part of our business.

The Mayor also noted that Council had been inundated with feedback of support from residents on this matter.

8. General business

Nil

9. Delegates' reports

9.1 Councillor Amanda Stone - Aboriginal Advisory Group

Councillor Amanda Stone, as Council's delegate to the Aboriginal Advisory Group tabled the following report.

The Aboriginal Advisory Group has been working with the Aboriginal Partnerships Plan Reference Group this year to review the current Plan and oversee the development of a new Plan. A draft is due to come to a Council meeting shortly.

The successes of the current plan have been reviewed – most actions have been achieved and reported on annually to Council. Successes of the plan have revolved around partnerships – for example, development of a protocol in conjunction with the Wurundjeri Council, convening the monthly well attended Yarra Aboriginal Support Network (YASN) meetings – as well as celebrating aboriginal history and culture with the publication of the Wurundjeri History, the award winning Aboriginal Walking Tour

of Gertrude Street, Stories Around the Fire, and the enormously successful Smith Street Dreaming event.

Actions that have been harder to achieve have involved cultural change in other organisations.

Yarra has embarked on a programme of cultural awareness training for officers and has developed a Reconciliation Action Plan, the foundations for cultural change and understanding in the organisation.

However, other actions such as developing protocols for gateway signage into Yarra to ensure acknowledgement of traditional owners, use of words from Woiwurrung language when naming new streets and lanes, cultural awareness training for local police, have encountered stumbling blocks.

The new Aboriginal Partnerships Plan will continue some of these actions with a renewed emphasis on cultural awareness training for Councillors, creative approaches to acknowledging country along municipal boundaries, and reviewing Yarra's place naming policy in relation to giving preference Woiwurrung language.

There has been much discussion in the group about the importance of naming places. Names are powerful, they shape the identity of a municipality. Prior to settlement, every place in Yarra was known by a Woiwurrung word. Today the majority are English. Preferring Woiwurrung words for new places recognises the Traditional Custodians' unique relationship with the land, even though many places of significance have changed beyond recognition through settlement and development. It is an important mark of respect and helps rebuild relationships between Yarra Council and the Wurundjeri people.

Yarra's current place naming policy is internal, very general, and does not clearly reflect the current Aboriginal Partnerships Plan.

As a report is due to be provided to Council shortly on a number of unnamed places in Yarra, prior to this, it would be preferable to have clarity on the relationship between this policy and the adopted Aboriginal Partnerships Plan.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Gaylard

1. That this report be accepted.
2. That the current place naming policy be reviewed to ensure clarity and direction around the preference for use of Woiwurrung words, to reflect Yarra's Aboriginal Partnerships Plan, and brought back for Council endorsement prior to any further recommendations for new place names being presented to Council.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Colanzi, Coleman, Fristacky, Gaylard, Huggins, Jolly, Stone and Vlahogiannis

Against: Nil

Abstained: Councillor Barbour

CARRIED

9.2 Councillor Roberto Colanzi - Launch of the Yarra AIDS2014 Social Hub

Councillor Roberto Colanzi represented the Mayor, Councillor Jackie Fristacky at two events organised to launch the Yarra AIDS2014 Social Hub on Sunday, 20 July 2014 and tabled the following report.

The first event was held in conjunction with Living Positive Victoria. It was held at the Collingwood Town Hall. The event drew 300 plus Yarra residents and many delegates of the AIDS 2014 Conference. The second event was at the Sircuit Bar in Smith Street.

On behalf of Yarra, City of Yarra and the supporters of the AIDS2014 Yarra Social Hub, Councillor Colanzi extended the City's deepest condolences to the families and friends of those on board Malaysia flight MH17, a number who were to be delegates to the conference. But those working in the HIV/AIDS sector and those that have had loved ones touched by HIV/AIDS have faced loss. With so many people connected with the event had stated, "We must continue to honour them". The tragedy of the MH17 flight is now also part of that greater story.

The 20th International AIDS Conference being held in Melbourne this week is an event that brings thousands of people together from across the globe to foster a spirit of hope. It is a conference for great science; for great public health policy making, and a place for commitment and connectedness of those that are working with or those in some way touched by HIV/AIDS.

Yarra City has the highest number of people living with HIV in the state of Victoria so this event, where people from all corners of the globe can meet to share their experiences and find that common ground, is so important.

Councillor Colanzi thanked Suzette Moses-Burton from the Global Network of People Living with HIV, Ian Muchamore from Living Positive Victoria and Cipri Martinez from the National Association of People with HIV Australia for their attendance and participation.

Councillor Colanzi also extended a big thank you to Living Positive Victoria, Chris Driscoll of the Sircuit Bar for his tireless and outstanding work, and Council staff for their excellent work over the past few months, and also acknowledged the work of Ivan Gilbert, Executive Manager Governance, for his efforts in facilitating Yarra's logistic and operational contributions.

Of note, Council has rolled out significant infrastructure supporting the AIDS2014

Conference, including:

- (a) temporary tree lighting installations on Smith Street;
- (b) rollout of rainbow traffic crossings on Gertrude and Smith Streets; and
- (c) assistance with information and marketing, and events logistics to Hub organisers.

Many visitors and residents have complimented Yarra on the placement and quality of the rainbow crossings. A number have indicated that they should remain permanently.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That the delegate's report be accepted.

CARRIED

The Mayor called for a minute silence to honour those who were on board Malaysia flight MH17 in respect of the family and friends and loss of the crew and passengers.

9.3 Councillor Phillip Vlahogiannis - Richmond West Primary School - Memorandum of Understanding

Councillor Phillip Vlahogiannis reported on his attendance on behalf of the Mayor, at the signing of the Richmond West Primary School's Memorandum of Understanding formalising the sister school relationship with the Chiangjiang Road Primary School in Nanjing, China.

Councillor Vlahogiannis noted that the Richmond West Primary School is one of a select number of schools in the state that have bilingual programmes and that it has a Mandarin programme and a Vietnamese programme.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Vlahogiannis

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

That the delegate's report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Questions without notice

10.1 Councillor Roberto Colanzi - Productivity Commission Draft Report into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning

Question:

Today, the Productivity Commission released its draft report into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning.

I understand the report has been long expected across the sector.

1. Are officers aware of the report, and can they provide any initial commentary on what its implications may mean for Yarra.
2. Could officers address issues concerning any suggestions per arrangements for pre-school four-year-olds for 15 hours a week.
3. I also understand recommendations include to base government childcare subsidies on the deemed cost of childcare, rather than actual costs.
4. Will Council consider making a submission to the addressing the draft report?

Response

The Director Community Programs advised that he was aware of the report and noted that:

- (a) Council had made a submission back in June into the process;*
- (b) officers' intentions are to fully analyse the report and provide a report back to Council to inform a submission back to its draft;*
- (c) in reading the draft report, particularly in regard to the recommendations, no definite conclusions can be drawn but there does look like there has been some work around support for disadvantaged communities which may be of some assistance for Yarra City Council, particularly as many of our childcare facilities provide services to people from very disadvantaged backgrounds; and*
- (d) some of the other issues are the costs of the provision of childcare that will be the basis of funding.*

10.2 Councillor Amanda Stone - World Heritage Environs Area

Question:

I note that Yarra has gained membership of the steering committee for the World Heritage Environs Area. Has the committee met and if not, when will it meet?

Response

The Director City Development advised that David Walmsley, Manager City Strategy is a member of that committee and undertook to provide further advice to Councillors.

10.3 Councillor Sam Gaylard - Smith Street Trees

Question:

In relation to the trees in Smith Street, can officers report on these trees being a permanent feature?

Response

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that it will be considered as a permanent fixture and undertook to bring a report back to Council.

10.4 Councillor Stephen Jolly - Richmond Boxing Gym

Question:

The Richmond Boxing Gym, known as Leo Perry Boxing Gym has been used by members of the community since 1957. The club has received a letter from the Department of Treasury and Finance, giving them 30 days to relocate as it wants to close it down.

Is the Chief Executive Officer aware of this and can officers please contact the Department of Treasury and Finance to find out their intentions?

Is it also looking at closing down the Richmond Bowling Club which is located on the same block?

Response

The Chief Executive Officer advised that she was aware of the notice given to the Boxing Club by the Department of Treasury and Finance, but is not aware of the Bowling Club situation as they have not received a letter but undertook to further investigate and come back to Councillors on the matter.

10.5 Councillor Stephen Jolly - Rainbow Crossings

Question:

The Rainbow crossings located on the corner of Gertrude and Smith Streets, and corner of Peel and Smith Streets have been received by residents and other members of the community as a really positive feature. I have received many positive comments to have this feature remain permanently.

What are the intentions of Council in relation to the crossings and can these features be installed on a permanent basis?

Response

The Director Infrastructure Services advised that the paint used on the crossings would last between 6 to 12 months and that officers would need to provide a report back to Council.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Huggins

That officers provide a report back to Council on the permanent installation of the Rainbow Crossings at the corner of Gertrude and Smith Streets, and the corner of Smith and Peel Streets, Fitzroy.

CARRIED

10.6 Councillor Jackie Fristacky - The Age Article, Ageing bad news for overweight!

Question:

The Mayor tabled an article from The Age newspaper. It refers to research showing that overweight and obesity in middle age will compromise people's ability to live independently in old age.

Can this matter be referred to the Active Ageing Advisory Committee and Municipal Health Plan Advisory Committee to highlight obesity with the ageing community?

Councillor Gaylard also added that the issue could be referred for consultation on the Sport and Physical Activity Strategy.

Response

Councillor Stone advised that as a delegate to the Active Ageing Advisory Committee that the matter has been incorporated into the action plan of the River of Life – Positive Ageing Strategy 2014 - 2017.

11.1 Brunswick Street/St Georges Road Working Group 1 - Update

Trim Record Number: D14/93040

Responsible Officer: Director City Development

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council note the potential actions put forward by the Brunswick St/St Georges Rd Working Group 1;
 - (b) Officers prepare a further report for Council consideration identifying resourcing and funding implications for the potential actions, and possible timeframes for staged implementation of the potential actions; and
 - (c) Council thank those who took part in Brunswick Street/St Georges Road Working Group 1 for their active, enthusiastic and collaborative participation.

Public Submissions

Mr Andrew Korr addressed Council regarding this matter.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 10:11pm.

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 10.13pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Gaylard

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That:
 - (a) Council note the potential actions put forward by the Brunswick Street/St Georges Road Working Group 1;
 - (b) Officers prepare a further report for Council consideration identifying resourcing and funding implications for the potential actions, and possible timeframes for staged implementation of the potential actions; and
 - (c) Council thank those who took part in Brunswick Street/St Georges Road Working Group 1 for their active, enthusiastic and collaborative participation.

CARRIED

11.2 Heritage Advisory Committee - review of Terms of Reference and Annual Progress Report

Trim Record Number: D14/96765

Responsible Officer: Coordinator Strategic Planning

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorses the proposed revised Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in **Attachment 2**; and
 - (b) Council notes the progress of the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in this report.

Public Submissions

Ms Margaret O'Brien sent in a submission regarding the matter – (The Mayor read out the submission).

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 10:20 pm.

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 10:24 pm.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That:
 - (a) Council endorses the proposed revised Terms of Reference for the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in **Attachment 2**; and
 - (b) Council notes the progress of the Heritage Advisory Committee as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

11.3 Community Infrastructure Planning Framework

Trim Record Number: D14/100236

Responsible Officer: Manager Community and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note and endorse the Community Infrastructure Planning Framework;
 - (b) note that comprehensive service based assessments will be undertaken in coming 12 months; and
 - (c) note that it is anticipated that neighbourhood profiles will be completed by mid-2015 and will be reported to Council prior to publication.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Barbour

1. That Council:
 - (a) note and endorse the Community Infrastructure Planning Framework;
 - (b) note that comprehensive service based assessments will be undertaken in coming 12 months; and
 - (c) note that it is anticipated that neighbourhood profiles will be completed by mid-2015 and will be reported to Council prior to publication.

CARRIED

11.4 Atherton Gardens Family & Children's Hub Ltd - Delegation of Limited Authority

Trim Record Number: D14/101393

Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council delegate the following powers in relation to the Atherton Gardens Family & Children's Hub Ltd (ACN 149 858 962) to the Chief Executive Officer, or their nominee:
 - (a) authority to act as Member representative (proxy) at Annual General Meetings and General Meetings of the Company;
 - (b) authority to pass a resolution by the Member by recording and signing the record;
 - (c) authority to give notice of a resolution that is to be moved at a General Meeting;
 - (d) authority to vote at a meeting of Members;
 - (e) powers to act on behalf of the Member in the winding up or dissolution of the Company;
 - (f) authority to appoint or remove Directors on behalf of the Member;
 - (g) authority to determine and appoint the Chair of Directors of the Company; and
 - (h) authority to treat with the Department of Human Services on behalf of Council regarding any lease arrangements pertaining to the property at 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy; and
 - (i) any other rights and entitlements or authorities conferred on proxies or member representatives under the company's constitution of law.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**Moved:** Councillor Huggins**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That Council delegate the following powers in relation to the Atherton Gardens Family & Children's Hub Ltd (ACN 149 858 962) to the Chief Executive Officer, or their nominee:
 - (a) authority to act as Member representative (proxy) at Annual General Meetings and General Meetings of the Company;
 - (b) authority to pass a resolution by the Member by recording and signing the record;
 - (c) authority to give notice of a resolution that is to be moved at a General Meeting;
 - (d) authority to vote at a meeting of Members;
 - (e) powers to act on behalf of the Member in the winding up or dissolution of the Company;
 - (f) authority to appoint or remove Directors on behalf of the Member;
 - (g) authority to determine and appoint the Chair of Directors of the Company; and
 - (h) authority to treat with the Department of Human Services on behalf of Council regarding any lease arrangements pertaining to the property at 160 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy; and
 - (i) any other rights and entitlements or authorities conferred on proxies or member representatives under the company's constitution of law.

CARRIED

11.5 Proposed New Funding Arrangements for Neighbourhood Houses & Learning Centres

Trim Record Number: D14/95119

Responsible Officer: Manager Community and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council approve the extension of the current Neighbourhood House Funding Agreements for one year from July 2015 to June 2016.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council approve the extension of the current Neighbourhood House Funding Agreements for one year from July 2015 to June 2016.

CARRIED

11.6 Proposal to Construct a Multi-Use Court and Cricket Nets at Ramsden Street Reserve

Trim Record Number: D14/97134

Responsible Officer: Manager Recreation and Open Space

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the feedback received on this matter; and
 - (b) endorses the construction of a multi-use facility on the northeast side of the Ramsden Street oval with capacity for four cricket practice nets consistent with the proposal contained in Attachment 2.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:

Ms Gail Wittich;

Mr Mark Buttifant;

Mr Wells Trentfield;

Ms Adriane Dyke; and

Ms Marilyn Parker.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Coleman

Seconded: Councillor Barbour

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the feedback received on this matter; and
 - (b) endorses option 3 being the construction of a multi-use facility on the northeast side of the Ramsden Street oval with capacity for four cricket practice nets consistent with the proposal contained in Attachment 2, subject to installing/increasing the heights of the nets to improve separation from pedestrians and bike riders.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Barbour, Colanzi, Coleman, Fristacky, Gaylard, Huggins, Stone and Vlahogiannis

Against: Councillor Jolly

CARRIED

11.7 Johnston Street Fiesta 2014 - Festival Site

Trim Record Number: D14/100796
Responsible Officer: Director Community Programs

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse Option Two (Johnston Street, between Brunswick and Smith Streets, Fitzroy) as the designated location for Fiesta 2014 as a trial;
 - (b) instruct Officers to work closely with residents and the affected businesses to minimise or ameliorate the impact of Fiesta 2014; and
 - (c) instruct Officers to conduct a comprehensive review of the 2014 festival site and include a community forum as part of that review.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8:52 pm.

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 8:55 pm.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council regarding this matter:

Ms Mari Sanchez;

Ms Margaret Lowther; and

Mr David Barrett.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi **Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That the report on future Johnston Street Fiesta's – Festival Site be deferred for consideration, to enable:
 - (a) an additional period for consultation with, and receipt of submissions from, affected residents/traders; and
 - (b) further assessment by officers of the concerns of objectors to the transfer of location of the Fiesta.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Barbour

1. That the report on future Johnston Street Fiesta's – Festival Site (post 2014) be deferred for consideration, to enable:
 - (a) an additional period for consultation with, and receipt of submissions from, affected residents/traders; and
 - (b) further assessment by officers of the concerns of objectors to the transfer of location of the Fiesta.

As the amendment was acceptable to the mover and seconder, it was incorporated into the substantive motion. It was then put and carried as indicated below.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Colanzi

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That the report on future Johnston Street Fiesta's – Festival Site (post 2014) be deferred for consideration, to enable:
 - (a) an additional period for consultation with, and receipt of submissions from, affected residents/traders; and
 - (b) further assessment by officers of the concerns of objectors to the transfer of location of the Fiesta.

CARRIED

Councillors Gaylard, Stone and Coleman abstained.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Gaylard

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse Option One (Johnston Street, between Nicholson and Brunswick Street, Fitzroy) as the designated location for Fiesta 2014;
 - (b) note that this involves the reduction in the number of stalls to improve safety and increase public space available to patrons; and
 - (c) instruct Officers to conduct a comprehensive review of the 2014 festival site and include a community forum as part of that review.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

Moved: Councillor Vlahogiannis

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

That Council adjourn the meeting at 9:58 pm for a 5 minute break.

CARRIED

13. Urgent business

13.1 Municipal Agreement Between Yarra City Council and District of Baucau

Trim Record Number: D14/107445

Responsible Officer: Executive Manager Governance

Purpose

1. To approve the signing of a Municipal Agreement between Yarra City Council and the Timor-Leste District of Baucau.

Background

2. Yarra City Council has for a number of years participated in a relationship program with the District of Baucau together with Darebin City Council.
3. Councillors will recall some time ago the Friends of Baucau became an independent Incorporated Association.
4. As the Timor-Leste Government further develops its governmental structures it, as the sovereign government, has sought to better understand the support and assistance which its Districts and Municipal Communities receive from external sources. The intent is that the Timor-Leste Government is able to better overall manage and support the process of decentralisation of powers to Timor-Leste Districts/Municipalities.
5. On May 13 this year Local Government Victoria convened a meeting of Council representatives where it was outlined that the Victorian Government had signed a Protocol of Co-operation with the Timor-Leste Government giving commitment (through Local Government Victoria) to support the process of governmental decentralisation in Timor-Leste.
6. The Victorian Local Governance Association is hosting a Conference in Melbourne at the Darebin Arts Centre from 24-26 July and titled "Working Together with Timor-Leste: The Next Ten Years".
7. Senior Officials (including the Minister of State and the President of the Timor-Leste Council of Ministers) will be attending to update delegates and guests on the government decentralisation process thus far.
8. The Victorian Minister for Local Government will also be addressing the Conference and outlining the success over the past ten years of partnerships between Victoria and Timor-Leste and also the Victorian Government's ongoing commitment to working with the Timor-Leste Government.
9. It is proposed that participating councils across Victoria will sign the Agreement (*refer Attachment 1*) this week (during the Conference).

Consultation

10. Not applicable to this report.

Financial Implications

11. The financial implication will essentially take two avenues:
 - (a) the cost of Officer's time in meeting with delegations from Timor-Leste from time to time or responding to written requests for information or assistance; and
 - (b) the cost of any more formal assistance which would of course be subject to budget determinations and/or Council resolutions.

Economic Implications

12. The expectation is that councils who do sign up to the Agreements will offer various elements of assistance, predominantly information and guidance to support Timor-Leste develop its economic independence.

Sustainability Implications

13. There are no sustainability implications in respect of this report.

Social Implications

14. Council has a strong support for social and human right implications for all communities and it would be expected the ain participating in this Agreement program, that Council.

Human Rights Implications

15. Council strongly supports the importance of ensuring human rights for all citizens is acknowledged honoured and applied in all dealings. This principle would always form part of interactions with delegations and the provision of guidance and support in all service deliveries.

Communications with CALD Communities Implications

16. There are no CALD Community Implications in respect of this report.

Council Plan, Strategy and Policy Implications

17. There are no Implications in respect of this report.

Legal Implications

18. There are no legal implications in respect of this report.

Other Issues

19. Nil.

Options

20. Council can either sign or not sign the Agreement document.

Conclusion

21. That Council agree to sign the Municipal Agreement as noted in **Attachment 1** hereto.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree to sign the Municipal Agreement as noted in **Attachment 1** hereto.

CONTACT OFFICER: Ivan Gilbert
TITLE: Executive Manager Governance
TEL: 9205 5110

Attachments

- 1 Draft Municipal Agreement

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That Council agree to sign the Municipal Agreement as noted in **Attachment 1** hereto.

CARRIED

Attachment 1 - Draft Municipal Agreement

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MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT

Formalising the desire to develop and strengthen cooperation between Timorese Districts and Victorian Municipalities and their populations, it is agreed to:

1. Consider economic, cultural, social, educational and/or other interchange between local community representative organisations.
2. The Victorian Municipality of will cooperate with the Timorese District Management of according to their respective resources and through the following support:
 - Contributing to strengthen professional knowledge and skills of’s district officers according to their needs and mainly through sharing advice, professional experience and mentoring;
 - Organising study and working visits by municipal delegations from Timor-Leste to Victoria and from Victoria to Timor-Leste by the public and the private sectors.
 - Providing support with technical advice to assist with implementation of district programs and projects under the direction of the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralisation.
 - Regular networking, collaboration and interchange of information between District Management and Municipal officers and interested parties;
3. The Municipality of and the District Management of will be able to effectively communicate and cooperate in all aspects of their activities, which are aimed to provide better services to their local population.
4. The Municipality of..... will cooperate with the District Management of..... in projects where the objectives are the development of trading skills, creation of business opportunities and economic independence of’s population.
5. The Municipality of and the District Management of will undertake procedures to obtain support to assist with implementing this municipal agreement.
6. This protocol may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Victorian Municipality and the Secretariat of State for Administrative Decentralization, Timor-Leste.

Attachment 1 - Draft Municipal Agreement

MR/S
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CITY OF -----

MR TOMÁS DO ROSÁRIO CABRAL
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AMINISTRATIVE
DECENTRALISATION

Key contacts for communication relating to this protocol and any initiatives flowing from it:

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MR/S

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13.2 St Mary's House of Welcome – Request for Assistance

Background

St Mary's House of Welcome is a very well known and loved local community service agency based in Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

St Mary's runs a range of programs for homeless people and people with significant intellectual and physical disabilities.

After 28 years of offering integrated services to people with mental illnesses and complex needs, St Mary's House of Welcome has lost significant mental health funding through a recent 'recommissioning' process which was conducted by the State Department of Health.

The Psycho Social Disability Support Funding that under-pinned the very successful Saturday Program has been withdrawn with short notice. A significant number of staff have been made redundant and the organisation is under great stress as it seeks to provide continuity of service to this very disadvantaged cohort.

St Mary's is embarking on a comprehensive fund-raising strategy and has sought assistance from Council in the form of:

- (a) a resolution of general support for the enduring and difficult work of St Mary's House of Welcome in providing tailored services for people who are homeless, are inadequately housed, suffer from long term exclusion, behavioural and mental health issues;
- (b) advocacy to the Minister Mary Woolridge and the Regional Director of the Department of Health;
- (c) assistance in identifying local traders, businesses and individuals which might be able to assist in fund raising activities;
- (d) provision of a letter of support for the programs and activities of St Mary's House of welcome; and
- (e) in kind assistance with Council permits for campaign signage on the front of the St Mary's House of Welcome Building.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Barbour

Seconded: Councillor Colanzi

1. That Council:

- (a) provide a resolution of general support for the enduring and difficult work of St Mary's House of Welcome in providing tailored services for people who are homeless, are inadequately housed, suffer from long term exclusion, behavioural and mental health issues;
- (b) note that St Mary's House of Welcome is embarking on a comprehensive fund-raising strategy and has sought in-kind assistance from Council in the form of:
 - (i) advocacy to the Minister Mary Woolridge and the Regional Director of the Department of Health;
 - (ii) assistance in identifying local traders, businesses and individuals which might be able to assist in fund raising activities;
 - (iii) provision of a letter of support for the programs and activities of St Mary's House of welcome; and
 - (iv) in kind assistance with Council permits for campaign signage on the front of the St Mary's House of Welcome Building; and
- (c) receive a further report on progress with fund-raising and advocacy with State Government and Department of Health.

CARRIED

13.3 Venue Support for Community Groups – East West Link Community Campaign

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes a request from community representatives to use the Fitzroy Town Hall at no cost for a one off event to fundraise for their community campaign against the East West Link;
 - (b) notes the community representatives have also requested use, at no cost, a council facility for nine group meetings between July and November 2014;
 - (c) notes the organisers comprise representatives from community groups including Residents Against the Tunnel (RATs), Yarra Campaign for Action on Transport (YCAT), Public Transport Not Traffic, the Rally4PT coalition and local residents;
 - (d) grants use of the Fitzroy Town Hall at no cost on the evening of Thursday 31 July 2014 for the purpose of the fundraising event; and
 - (e) grants use of the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room (or other suitable venue) at no cost on approximately nine evenings between July and November 2014 as requested.
2. That Council:
 - (a) notes a request from the Public Transport Users Association for use of the Fitzroy Town Hall at no cost on the evening of Thursday 28 August 2014 to facilitate a public meeting on urban public transport; and
 - (b) grants use of the Fitzroy Town Hall at no cost on the evening of Thursday 28 August 2014 for this purpose.
3. That Council notes that the use of the above listed venues for the stated purposes is consistent with Council's long standing advocacy for greater public transport investment and opposition to the East West Link.

CARRIED

13.4 Metropolitan Transport Forum – ‘Super Forum’ on 14 August 2014

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Gaylard

Seconded: Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) and Leader Newspapers series of Election Transport Forums and in particular the ‘Super Forum’ at the Melbourne Town Hall (14 August 2014) chaired by the Lord Mayor Robert Doyle with speakers from only the Liberal Party and the ALP; Terry Mulder (Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads) and Jill Hennessey (Shadow Minister for Public Transport);
 - (b) in the interest of democratic fairness in an election year and a fully rounded and representative debate at the Melbourne Town Hall forum, request the MTF invite the Greens Parliamentary spokesperson on Transport to be a forum speaker; and
 - (c) urgently write to the MTF asking the above invitation be sent and that MTF publicity materials be altered to include the Greens Parliamentary spokesperson on Transport as a Super Forum speaker.
2. Copies of the letter be sent to all Council members of the MTF.

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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Coleman, Gaylard, Jolly and Stone

Against: Councillors Barbour, Colanzi, Fristacky and Huggins

Abstained: Councillor Vlahogiannis

LOST

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 11.00 pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 5 August 2014

Mayor