



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes**

**held on Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7.00pm  
Richmond 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.”*

### A. Award

The Mayor advised that Yarra has received an award for the 2019 Municipality Excellence established urban category for City of Yarra for recognising excellence in dealing with sub-division applications.

### B. Announcement – Resignation of Councillor Mike McEvoy

Councillor Mike McEvoy advised that this would be his last meeting as he has resigned as a Councillor to take on a role at a Not-For-Profit organisation and has presented his resignation to the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillor McEvoy reflected on this time as Councillor at the City of Yarra and thanked fellow Councillors, Executive, Council Officers and the community. Following Councillor McEvoy’s speech fellow Councillors also said a few words.

## 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)
- 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

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- 4.2 Contractual matters
- 4.3 Contractual matters

### 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 Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Chen Yi Mei

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 Fristacky

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Councillor Jolly made a statement in relation to item 11.1 - Rushall Reserve Shared Park that was discussed at the Council Meeting on 19 March. Councillor Jolly withdrew the statement he made at the meeting, "That in the private sector this type of error would lead to someone going to down to Centrelink".*

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Nil

## 6. Petitions and joint letters

### 6.1 Petition - Planting of Street Trees in Francis Street, Richmond

Reference: D19/56154

A petition has been received and signed by 14 Yarra residents requesting that Council consider planting roadside trees in Francis Street, Richmond to provide amenity, enhance the street aesthetics and benefit the environment, and that Francis Street be included in the next available planting cycle.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Searle

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

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.

### 7.1 Wayne New - Tent in Pocket Park on the corner of Butler/Lennox Street, Richmond

Question:

I write about the habitation at Council's Park on the corner of Butler and Lennox Streets Richmond. These people that have been residing in a tent at the park for at least the last seven weeks are in breach of at least four (4) Council Laws. As Council has not taken any action to remove these people and the structure that they reside in my question is the following:

If any of these "residents" injure themselves or become ill whilst residing in the Park, is Council by their inaction, accepting the legal ramifications that may result from any injury or illness by these people and what effect by Council's inaction in this matter, have on other enforcements within the Council's domain?

Response:

*The Director Community Wellbeing advised that the site is being managed in line with Council's protocol on How to Respond to Rough Sleeping and Squatting in Yarra, the protocol was produced in accordance with Yarra Council's obligations under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006. The protocol can be found on Council's website - <https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/the-area/diversity-and-inclusion/homelessness-and-rough-sleeping>*

1. *Council became aware of Butler Park being occupied by rough sleepers on 28 February 2019*
2. *The site was referred to Launch Housing assertive outreach to provide service information and engage with the people at the site. Assertive outreach are continuing to visit the site*
3. *The North Richmond Community Health alcohol and other drugs team have also attended the site*
4. *The site is also being monitored by councils Engagement Advisor, Housing and Homelessness, the last site visit was conducted on 28 March 2019*
5. *Council laws - under the Protocol & Procedures manual of the General Local Law- vulnerable & homeless persons have an exception under the local law*
6. *Legal ramifications regarding injury or illness - Rough sleepers have the same statutory rights as any other resident or visitor to the municipality. If a resident/rough sleeper is injured or becomes ill, Council will complete a thorough investigation to determine whether Council is liable for the injury/illness suffered by the effected person.*
7. *Council is continuing to work closely with the assertive outreach team to find a solution for people currently sleeping rough at Butler Park.*

## 7.2 Jenny Backholer - Bottled Water sold at Leisure Centres

### Question:

Yarra Council is justifiably proud of its strong environmental credentials and is working affectively with the community to promote waste reduction, renewable energy, sustainable transport and action on climate change. This issue is very challenging and require effort, commitment and investment. However, there is one very basic issue that could and should be dealt with immediately. The quality of Melbourne's tap water is amongst the best in the world, so why on earth is bottle water in single use plastic bottles still being sold at Yarra's Leisure Centres and other Council facilities. This was discussed at Council's environment committee 4 to 6 months ago and not sure whether this has been to Council yet or not. I would also like to add congratulations on the Depot Open Day, which was held on Saturday.

### Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised there was a motion put some months ago and officers have been working towards that and would expect to bring a report back to Council in the coming weeks. It is somewhat complex; we have contract agreements in leisure centres and taking water out would mean putting in water fountains, which is a capital item. So there are a few things to consider but do not argue the point that this will be a good thing for us to do.*

## 7.3 Elizabeth McLeod - Street Trees

### Question:

What are the Council's intentions with respect to the street trees in the northernmost section of Drummond St, following the recent arborist's report, and can the public have access to this report?

### Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised that there are a number of limb failures in the trees in Drummond Street and Council officers have looked into the condition of the trees, particularly the Elm trees that are along Drummond Street, between Richardson Street and Park Street. The data is being put in Council's GIS system and once it is loaded that will be available to the community. Most of the trees are similar in age, so the advice has been the trees are declining at a similar rate and that there will be a need to do a stage removal and replacement for some of those trees so they are not all removed at the same rate and retain some sort of canopy. That will happen over the next 30 years, not imminently.*

*We have a street tree policy and the trees would be removed in accordance with that Street Tree Policy and there will be consultation as part of that process.*

*We don't have a specific report, rather only the data we already have and that will be available on the GIS system.*

#### 7.4 Herschel Landes - Activity Centres

Question:

In relation to Council's view to open outdoor rooftop activation on or behind heritage street fronts and in particular Bridge Road, which as you may be aware in economic decline, but hopefully not, with more shops closing this month and leaving the centre. Urban design experts have expressed that such activation can work well for both community, building and precinct enhancement e.g. King and Godfree in Carlton or Siglo Bar overlooking Parliament both good examples. This is relevant for Bridge Road, Richmond which has long term vacancies and despite for some form of activation and investment and also know that Coles Plaza is still waiting for activation. I have made reference in many conversations to the poor presentation of footpath space and lack of investment in the public realm and am advised that Council has a negative view to outdoor activation over and above heritage street floor.

So I am seeking clarification on Council's position on open rooftop activation given the despite need for new ideas and thinking to improve the vitality and resilience of this part of the activity centre.

Response:

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that Council doesn't have a policy on this directly and agree that activation in any of the shopping centres is important and a matter of a policy question. There are considerations that would need to be given in any particular application on its merits, particularly noise in terms of any abutting residences, obviously a rooftop activation area whilst very pleasant can be noisy and if there is residential apartments close by that would be a topic. I would need to take the matter on notice, if Council has a specific policy. I will request staff to research that and it may be a matter that Council wish to consider.*

*Activation is important, it's a matter of balance as many applications are; heritage, amenity, urban design, any overlooking and any behavioural issues. If Council wanted a policy on the matter, it could be developed. I would need to get some clarity on our current policy and get back to Council.*

7.5 Carol Wilkinson, YCAN - Active Transport

Question:

Will Council consider formulating a Yarra Active Transport Strategy?

Will Council also consider expanding the Bicycle Advisory Committee into an Active Transport Committee?

Response:

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that the questions are for Councillors to consider, whether an Active Transport Committee be formed or the Bicycle Advisory Committee be expanded.*

*Council does have a Cycling Strategy, cycling refresh and a number of relevant strategies in relation to the question but few would be a place making approach, safety for pedestrians and cycling, the urban forest aspect and car parking policies.*

*Council will also be commencing stage 2 of the Wellington Street Bike Lane very soon. The State Government are certainly looking at some aspects of cycling; there is a Preston to CBD cycling route proposed by VicRoads.*

*Council are preparing for the budget next year and there are budget bids in the budget for a number of things including cycling aspects. Bike lane improvements are a constant matter and there have recently been improvements along Rathdowne Street and Princes Street to try and increase the safety and flow of cycling. Protected lanes are very important, they can't be done overnight and there are trials and pilot thinking that may be done across the city which we might be able to activate.*

*The Mayor also advised that Council are in the process of reviewing all committees and would consider the two proposals that have been suggested.*

## 8. General business

- 8.1 Seeking a report on the process required to incorporate into the Yarra Planning Scheme capacity to enable mandating a minimum size for apartments

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Searle

1. That Officers present a report to Council:
  - (a) outlining the procedure required to incorporate into the Yarra Planning Scheme, the capacity for Council to mandate a minimum size for units/apartments in the municipality;
  - (b) outlining options for proactive monitoring of real estate and other property websites for breaches of planning permits;
  - (c) summarising enforcement and prosecution options available for planning and building regulation breaches;
  - (d) outlining State Government or Council measures that could ensure DELWP's Residential Efficiency Scorecard is used to ensure mandatory disclosure of energy efficiency rating when properties are sold or rented; and
  - (e) such report include Officer's opinions/recommendations on such processes.

**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 Stone - Friends of Baucau Inc.

<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Cr Amanda Stone
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	2 April 2019
<b>Date of Report</b>	30 March 2019
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Amanda Stone

Friends of Baucau Inc. continues to meet monthly in venues alternately between Yarra and Darebin reflecting its memberships of citizens and councillors from each municipality.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 20 March, attended by Councillors Stone and Searle.

The Annual Report (attached) highlighted the breadth of activity undertaken and supported by Friends of Baucau in Timor Leste:

- (a) ongoing scholarship support for three people to attend the teacher training college, Instituto Católica Para a Formação de Profesores (ICFP) Baucau;
- (b) funds for 12 young people to attend a National Permaculture Youth Camp in preparation for further work in community and school nutrition gardens;
- (c) continued training in micro enterprise for women affected by domestic violence in collaboration with our partner Centre for Women's Development, CFHD;
- (d) support through ATA for the 'Lampu Diak' solar lighting program by providing funding for two monitoring trips to the remote community in Triloka, Baucau; and
- (e) a small grant to help with local costs for Felismina Belo Director of Uma Pas in Baucau, who came to Australia for a three-month course in English language.

Cultural and fundraising activities have continued in both Yarra and Darebin over the past 12 months. These have included ongoing sales of coffee from Timor-Leste, the provision of a coffee van at council and community functions, support for the METAC monthly dinners (funded through a Yarra Council grant) at Belgium Ave Neighbourhood House and a Timorese cultural night of dance, music and food.

A major focus of 2018 was supporting the development of permaculture projects in Baucau through the work of Ego Lemos and Permatil, and the school garden program. Friends of Baucau sponsored a number of young people to attend a permaculture training camp.

Friends of Baucau have recently formed a partnership with the North East Neighbourhood House Network to further women's empowerment in Baucau by working with local networks of community groups. A forthcoming trip to Baucau by members of Friends of Baucau and representatives of the Neighbourhood House Network will develop that relationship further. A Yarra Council officer will participate in this also to further Yarra Council's Municipal Agreement with the District of Baucau, a separate relationship but integrally related to the friendship between our municipalities.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council note the Delegates' Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9.2 Councillor Stone - NAGA Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action

<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Cr Amanda Stone
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	2 April 2019
<b>Date of Report</b>	21 March 2019
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Amanda Stone

The City of Yarra is a member of NAGA.

NAGA formed in 2002 as a network that shares information, coordinates emission reduction and adaptation activities and cooperates on the research and development of innovative projects. NAGA's goal is to substantially contribute to the transition to a low-carbon future by delivering effective programs and leveraging local government, community and business action.

#### Summary of Work

##### *Organisation*

- NAGA moved to Hume City Council at the beginning of the current year.

##### *Projects*

- NAGA has commenced work with RMIT to develop a Local Government Climate Adaptation Research-Practice Hub. This will build local government capacity by coordinating research development and knowledge sharing through collaborative partnerships between local governments and universities. RMIT has appointed a project coordinator, Bronwyn Lay, and run a first workshop to identify the aims and expectations of participating councils. The project is supported by a \$73,000 grant from the state government's Collaborative Council Fund.
- NAGA is working on a number of collaborative projects with other greenhouse alliances. These include:
  - *Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)* for Victorian councils to procure low cost renewable energy from 2020/21. The project is being led by Darebin City Council. 39 councils across Victoria are participating; a consultant has been appointed to develop the business case, which is due in early May.
  - *Solar Savers* to deliver solar to low-income households through two alternative financing models, council rates and a bank finance partnership. This project is due to end in June 2019.
  - *How Well Are We Adapting* is a project expanding a climate change adaptation measurement tool developed by the Western Alliance for Greenhouse Action to other councils and service delivery areas.
- NAGA has submitted the following funding applications in February:
  - Developing a building optimisation framework (seeking \$40,000 from Collaborative Council Fund)

- Heavy vehicle assessment of readiness to switch to electric vehicles (seeking \$62,000 from Collaborative Council Fund)
- Developing a potential bulk buy of light fleet electric vehicles (seeking \$40,000 from Collaborative Council Fund)
- Local government as an electricity retailer (seeking \$60,000 from Energy Consumers Australia).

#### *Information Sharing*

**The 2019 Victorian Greenhouse Alliances conference will be held at RMIT City Campus on Friday 19 July.** It will remain free for councils, but the Alliances are looking into a charging structure for other organisations. Planning for sessions, speakers and sponsorship is underway.

The next NAGA Implementation Forum is being organised for April 2019. It will likely focus on data management and reporting, as well as sharing project ideas.

#### *Advocacy*

NAGA submitted a response to the Senate Select Committee into Fair Dinkum Power in February. Executive Officer, David Meiklejohn, was invited to give testimony on 25 March.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council note the Delegates' Report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 9.3 Councillor Fristacky - Bicycle Advisory Committee Meeting 20 February 2019

<b>Appointed Councillors</b>	Cr Jackie Fristacky, Cr Mike McEvoy
<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	2 April 2019
<b>Date of Report</b>	2 April 2019
<b>Report Author</b>	Cr Jackie Fristacky

The Bicycle Advisory Committee met on 20 February 2019 at Richmond Town Hall. Councillors Fristacky and McEvoy, Council Executive Officers to the BAC, and BAC members attended.

#### **KEY DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **1. Wellington Street Stage 2**

BAC was advised that:

- funding was provided by VicRoads Safe Systems Road Infrastructure Program (SSRIP);
- tenders were being evaluated, with construction anticipated May/August 2019.

**ACTION:** BAC welcomed the project but requested that matters such as this and No 2 below be circulated in between meetings to enable opportunity to provide BAC member feedback before designs are finalised.

## **2. Linear Park - Bennett Street Priority Crossing**

Design of the Linear Park Capital City Trail (CCT) crossing at Bennett Street was tabled. This features a raised flat top road hump with piano keys and Give Way signs on vehicle approach sides on Bennett Street, modelled on that for the CCT at Amess Street.

Construction is expected after the completion of the M41 works in May/June 2019. Feedback from BAC members included installing “advanced warning” signage on the approaches to the crossing and a speed cushion for vehicles from the northbound approach.

## **3. Gipps/Hoddle Street Intersection - West**

BAC was advised that the new design for this intersection had been approved by VicRoads but a new traffic signal plan is yet to be finalised.

**ACTION:** BAC members agreed to draft a letter to VicRoads CEO seeking more funding for delivery of safe cycling infrastructure.

## **4. LAPM 3 - Scotchmer Precinct, Fitzroy North**

BAC was advised that:

- Priority bike crossings are proposed for the CCT at Rae and Brunswick Streets;
- Council will review and decide on recommendations in the LAPM report on March 5;
- Pedestrian/cyclist conflicts on the CCT and through Edinburgh Gardens were raised.

**ACTION:** Traffic Manager to be invited to a BAC meeting to speak on LAPM process.

## **5. Rushall Reserve Shared Path**

BAC was advised that challenges of third party costs and risks will be referred to the March Council meeting (19 March) with members able to make submissions.

## **6. Mandatory Helmet Laws**

Discussed was Bicycle Network’s call in late 2018 for a 5-year trial on relaxing helmet laws for adults on off-road paths and trails. Discussing whether or not to support the trial, it was viewed that the trial was consistent with Council strategies/policies to encourage cycling. Noted in this context, was Freestyle Cyclists’ [“Stop Fining Healthy Transport” ride](#) on March 16.

**ACTION:** BAC members to further consider at next BAC meeting (17 April).

## **7. Canning/Princes Intersection**

BAC was advised that Council was working with VicRoads and the City of Melbourne to improve this intersection. VicRoads was considering a “Green Wave” from Princes to Elgin Streets. BAC provided feedback on improvements.

## **8. Other matters**

- **Council’s for 2019/20:** BAC members invited to make submissions on bike funding in the draft budget scheduled to come to Council (14 April).
- **Lessons from Brisbane:** It was noted Brisbane Council had a \$100 million budget to deliver cycling infrastructure over 4 years, with strong local pressure for a CBD grid network of bike lanes.

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Fristacky

**Seconded:** Councillor McEvoy

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes this Delegate’s Report on the Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting of 20 February 2019; and
  - (b) refers to officers the BAC request to have the opportunity to provide feedback on designs for key projects impacting cycling by information on designs being circulated before designs are finalised, and if needed, circulated in between BAC bimonthly meetings to enable such feedback.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **10. Questions without notice**

### **10.1 Councillor Stone - Meetings regarding gambling?**

Question:

Has the Mayor been approached by Bruce Mathieson, CEO of ALH Group or any representatives of the Hotel Association or Community Clubs Victoria requesting a meeting in regard to Pokies in our municipality?

If you haven’t, and if approached in future, would you undertake to report this to a Public Council meeting to ensure transparency around the activities of these groups?

Response:

*The Mayor advised that she had not been approached by Bruce Mathieson or any group, but there was an article in the Age about it and when the article came out I was contacted by the Age to ask if I had been contacted about it and said that I hadn’t. We did receive an email in 2018 addressed to Councillors, Council officers and was sent through a generic inbox, but it wasn’t a request for a meeting, it was just a general statement against the Alliance for Gambling Reform. If I am approached I will notify Councillors immediately.*

## 10.2 Councillor Searle - Streamlining Hoddle Street Project

### Question:

In relation to the Swan Street, Punt Road Street intersection. During the planning and consultation around that project, the right turn into Olympic Boulevard into Punt Road has been removed and we were advised that the advice to motorists would be those seeking to drive to South Yarra to use Church Street or Alexandra Parade. However, we have seen an email from the Major Roads Project Officer to a resident advising to use Cremorne Street and Kelso Street to turn right.

Were officers aware of this happening and what can we do to prevent the Major Road Project Authority, VicRoads encouraging arterial traffic onto our local roads?

### Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised that officers are aware, that advice was provided by an officer of Major Projects Victoria to the resident. It is not the official position of Major Project Victoria and their website clearly provides instructions not to take local roads. In terms of what we can do, we would certainly advise Major Project Victoria that that advice has been provided by one of their officers as I would expect they would want to follow that up internally.*

## 10.3 Councillor Fristacky - Rathdowne Street Business

### Question:

In relation the Rathdowne Street Bike Path changes I asked if the Business Advisory Group visit the Seven Eleven store or what was the Seven Eleven store it has been slightly revamped, given that the proprietors of that store really need an interpreter for them to understand and express how they could integrate with the bicycle path and the loss of parking.

What could the Business Advisory Group do to support that particular store given it relied on people stopping outside and running in to get something with limited parking outside other than the loading zone?

### Response:

*The Director Planning and Place Making advised that Simone Osborne from the Economic Development Unit met with that trader with an interpreter and one of our Strategic Transport Officers, so that meeting occurred some weeks ago following the Council resolution. Mr Osborne also gave marketing advice to the trader and I will follow up on whether that will be ongoing for a period or not. A bike hoop has also been placed outside the store.*

## 11.1 Panther Pavilion and Boat Storage

Trim Record Number: D19/41929

Responsible Officer: Director City Works and Assets

### RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) authorise Officers to commence planning for the provision of a storage facility on the roof of the Amphitheatre Boat Storage and Change Rooms Pavilion in 2019/20, with the remaining available funding in 2018/19 (\$45,000);
  - (b) refer an amount of \$285,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget to complete the boat storage project in 2019/20;
  - (c) noting the INCC's advice that they support in principle the precinct planning approach, but prefer a more immediate solution, refer an amount of \$200,000 to the draft 2019/20 budget for consideration, to enable the concept and design work to be undertaken on the Panther Pavilion only, to prepare this to be permit and construction ready;
  - (d) consider a further allocation in future years to undertake a precinct planning approach; and
  - (e) establish a Project Reference Group, involving representatives from the INCC and other stakeholders as appropriate, to oversee the planning and implementation of the storage facility, and to inform the concept and design for the redevelopment of the Panther Pavilion.

### Public Submission

*Candice Charles, Ivanhoe Northcote Canoe Club (INCC) addressed Council on the matter.*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
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**CARRIED**

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, McEvoy, Searle and Bosler

**Against:** Councillors Chen Yi Mei and Nguyen

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**12.1 Notice of Motion No.5 of 2019 - Accessible Tram Stops and Associated Road Infrastructure on Route 96 at Nicholson Village.**

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Trim Record Number: D19/51066

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) affirms its strong support for the installation of DDA-compliant accessible transport tram stops;
  - (b) notes its long history of advocacy for the route 96 upgrade project, including its leadership in a campaign for accessible tram stops through Friends of Route 96 launched jointly in 2006 by Yarra, Melbourne, Moreland and Port Phillip Councils;
  - (c) notes the previous consultation and in-principle support provided by Council for stop design may need review, given the passage of time;
  - (d) resolves as a matter of urgency, to receive a public report (*as soon as practicable*) on the PTV / VicRoads proposal for Stops 20, 21 and 22 (Route 96) and therefore seek to obtain and where possible, make public the traffic modelling from VicRoads / PTV of traffic flows for:
    - (i) easy access tram stops” through the Nicholson Village Activity Centre, against what is being proposed;
    - (ii) a continuous single traffic lane as against the proposed two lanes of traffic merging into one lane, at the tram stop locations; and
    - (iii) the implications of lowering the speed limit to 40kph, as operates in other City of Yarra activity centres; and
  - (e) requests that officers write to PTV and VicRoads signalling Council's interest in reviewing the design of accessible tram stops in Nicholson Village, informed by the above traffic flow information and to integrate with the principle of facilitating access to and viability of the Nicholson Village activity centre.

**REVISED RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) affirms its strong support for the installation of DDA-compliant accessible transport tram stops;
  - (b) notes its long history of advocacy for the route 96 upgrade project, including its leadership in a campaign for accessible tram stops through Friends of Route 96 launched jointly in 2006 by Yarra, Melbourne, Moreland and Port Phillip Councils;
  - (c) notes that an officer report due in April and will seek Council's consent on detailed design of stops; and
  - (d) requests that the public report on the PTV / VicRoads proposal for Stops 20, 21 and 22 (Route 96) include traffic modelling from VicRoads / PTV of traffic flows for:
    - (i) a continuous single traffic lane between Brunswick Road/Holden Street and Church Street, allowing for turn lanes at key intersections, as against two lanes of traffic merging into one lane at tram stop locations as currently proposed; and
    - (ii) the implications of lowering the speed limit to 40kph, as applies in other City of Yarra activity centres.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Kerry Echberg, YCAN;

Martin Leckey, DAC member; and

David Brant, DAC member.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor McEvoy

**Seconded:** Councillor Fristacky

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**CARRIED**

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillors Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, McEvoy, Searle and Bosler

**Against:** Councillor Nguyen

*Councillor Coleman left the meeting at 8.33pm*

*Councillor Coleman returned to the meeting at 8.39pm*

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**12.2 Notice of Motion No. 6 of 2019 - Council Phasing out Use of Gas at Council Venues and Operations**

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Trim Record Number: D19/51167

Responsible Officer: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes:
    - (i) its commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in its own operations as soon as possible; and
    - (ii) it's recent commitment to support the community to achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible through the development of a Climate Emergency Plan, with the draft of this plan due in August 2019; and
  - (b) recognises that a significant proportion of its operational emissions come from the use of gas, and that much of this relates to our sports and leisure centres;
  - (c) requests Officers to report on a program to enable the phase out of the use of gas in Council venues and operations, and;
  - (d) directs officers to:
    - (i) outline a plan for all Council operations and venues to be gas-free by a specified date between 2024 and 2029;
    - (ii) incorporate this plan into the Long Term Financial Plan and Council's Carbon Neutral Action Plan; and
    - (iii) outline relevant actions in the Climate Emergency Plan to encourage the Yarra community to 'get off gas'.

**REVISED RECOMMEDATION**

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes:
    - (i) its carbon neutral status since 2012,
    - (ii) its commitment to achieve zero emissions in its own operations as soon as possible; and
    - (iii) its recent commitment to support the community to achieve zero net emissions as quickly as possible through the development of a Climate Emergency Plan, with the draft of this plan due in August 2019; and
  - (b) recognises that electricity was previously the largest contributor to its organisational greenhouse gas emissions, but since January 2019 greenhouse emissions from Natural Gas usage at Council now makes up approximately 70% of Council's total greenhouse gas emissions, and that much of this relates to our sports and leisure centres;
  - (c) requests Officers to report in 2019 on a program to enable the phase out the use of gas in Council venues and operations by a specified date between 2024 and 2029; and
  - (d) outline relevant actions in the Climate Emergency Plan to encourage our community to 'get off gas', and that these include measures to ensure renovations and new developments do not install gas appliances.

Public Submission

*Kerry Echberg, YCAN addressed Council on the matter.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor McEvoy

**Seconded:** Councillor Coleman

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes:
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 9.32pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 16 April 2019

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Mayor