
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 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. **If a question is taken on notice, any response provided after the meeting is included here in red text.**

7.1 Mr Herschel Landes - Open Space/ FOI Request/ Parking Sensor Data

Question:

In 2016, Council transferred approximately \$17mil from a restricted reserve for public open space and transferred it to its general reserve. Documents received under FOI showed that the opening balance for the reserve that year was \$12mil and annual contributions of \$5mil left \$17 mil at the end of 2015/16 and this amount was put in Council's general reserve without full and transparent explanation.

I have sought an FOI application to receive reports that pertain to the Council \$17mil transfer and I disagree with the decision that these documents should not be made available due to some form of privilege and am of the view that this documentation is of public interest.

Will Council release these documents?

Can Council please provide the open source data from the parking sensors so that we can understand what's happening in Bridge Road?

Response:

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer responded to the first question.

The Acting Director Corporate Business and Finance responded to the second question.

7.2 Ms Helen Foley - Station Street Closure

Question:

Yarra City Council Officers have recommended that Station Street not be closed between Princess Street and Station Street. Yarra Council has rejected that recommendation and voted to continue the proposal subject to local community support. Council have considered other traffic management options for Station Street apart from the ineffective, unfair and costly closure at Station Street and Princess Street, a view based on a GTI report, Yarra Officers and a lot of the local residents in Station Street.

Response:

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer responded

7.3 Mr Raymond Brooks - Station Street Closure

Question:

Yarra Council has rejected the evidence based recommendation of its officers to not close Station Street at its intersection with Princess Street, to what is called a traffic diversion experiment.

Will Council confirm firstly that all residents living within the North Carlton precinct will be included in the consultation process and secondly sufficient information will be provided relating to the benefits and costs that are expected to flow from the closure, as well as information indicating expenditure to date on the experiment at this stage estimated to be an additional \$30k over and above the \$50k already spent?

Response:

The Chief Executive Officer responded.