
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 Ms Lindsey Mineff - Collingwood Sailors and Soldiers Memorial Hall

Question:

I would like to ask about 152 Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, 3067, the Collingwood Sailors` & Soldiers` Memorial Hall. It's my understanding that it's been years of conversation on what will happen to the building. At the moment this beautiful building is dying and I want to put life back into it. I would like to propose it be first renovated to its formal self and then used as a space for local artists.

Photographers, graphic designers, print makers and the like could use the space at an extremely low cost. In exchange, the artists would agree to teaching their skills to the local HeadSpace as part of their YouthProgram or something of the like that gives back to the community.

This project could all be subsidised by grants, the city and possible connections to larger corporations (of which I'm connected personally). I would do the work. Apply for the grants, speak with the corporations and submit applications to the city, as well as run the program once it's up and running.

My question is how do I go about making this happen and turning this amazing building into an creative, fun, safe and exciting environment sooner rather than later?

Response:

The Mayor responded

7.2 Ms Jessica Feldman-tao - Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse/ National Redress Scheme

Question:

To what extend has Council engaged in discussing its own redress matters for survivors of child sex abuse as well as adult sex abuse?

Such as gifting child sex abuse survivors with a laptop to assist them with integration or gifting them with pets otherwise ameliorating costs for them by scrapping parking fees and parking permits.

Response:

The Mayor and Acting Director Community Wellbeing responded.

7.3 Mr Maurice Sheehan - Finance/ Developments

Question:

I note that there is no Finance Report in tonight's agenda and believe that the opportunity is there to be updated at these meetings.

I was advised by Coles that action would take place in February, but am now advised via an indirect source of Coles that they will wait until August. I would be interested to know what is taking place.

What is the Strategy that Council has with regards to high development and development generally across the City of Yarra? Particularly within the Richmond area there are all sorts of requests going in and yet understanding where they are at seems to be somewhat of a question mark.

Response:

The Mayor responded

7.4 Mr Herschel Landes - Open Space Reserve

Question:

In 2015/16 budget it was reported that while \$3.13mil had been spent on open space that Council had received \$8mil in contributions, leaving a surplus of \$5mil, in other words by the end of the financial year 2016, there should have been sufficient cash to back up a balance of \$22mil in open space. So the lack of sufficient cash still requires a public explanation.

Why wasn't there a public process or public disclosure of the retrospective acquittal of the open space reserve that should have been in the public domain?

In 2016 Council acquitted \$22mil of open space reserve and as far as I'm concerned is a public transaction and it should have been part of a public process?

Response:

The Mayor responded

7.5 Ms Heather Hinwood - Richmond Scout Group

Question:

When will the future use of the Loughnan Hall be considered and what will be the consultation process?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets and Chief Executive Officer responded.