



Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes

held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7.00pm
via TEAMS

****Corrected by resolution at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 21 July 2020**

1. Acknowledgement of Country

“Yarra City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and true sovereigns of the land now known as Yarra.

We acknowledge their creator spirit Bunjil, their ancestors and their Elders.

We acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung, who have never ceded sovereignty and retain their strong connections to family, clan and country despite the impacts of European invasion.

We also acknowledge the significant contributions made by other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to life in Yarra.

We pay our respects to Elders from all nations here today—and to their Elders past, present and future.”

1. A. Announcement

The Mayor announced that she had been in contact with both Minister Foley and Minister Wynne today about establishing free Wi-Fi access for Yarra’s twelve public housing towers.

The Mayor acknowledged and thanked Yarra Libraries for all the work they had done in providing costings, getting quotes and trying to fast track the process as children will be home schooling on some level learning and how critical home Wi-Fi access is to home schooling.

The Mayor also thanked the residents and families of the Elizabeth Street high-rise for hosting her and telling her about their concerns related to COVID-19.

On behalf of Council, the Mayor also thanked and farewelled Damian Ferrie, who has been the Interim CEO of the North Richmond Community Health Centre and completes his term tomorrow.

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 Daniel Nguyen
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien
- Cr James Searle
- Cr Amanda Stone

Council officers

- Vijaya Vaidyanath (Chief Executive Officer)
- Ivan Gilbert (Group Manager Chief Executive's Office)
- Brooke Colbert (Acting Group Manager Advocacy, Engagement and Communications)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Andrea Travers (Acting Group Manager People and Culture)
- Chris Leivers (Director City Works and Assets)
- Diarmuid McAlary (Director Corporate, Business and Finance)
- Bruce Phillips (Director Planning and Place Making)
- Rhys Thomas (Senior Governance Advisor)
- Mel Nikou (Governance Officer)

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

Councillor Stone declared a conflict of interest on item 11.2.

4. Confidential business reports

Item

4.1 REPORT WAS WITHDRAWN

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

That the amended minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 be confirmed.

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Nil

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Nil

7. Public question time

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7.1 Greg Chenhall, Fitzroy Residents' Association – Planning Applications that exceed 5 Storeys

Questions:

The increasing number of Planning Applications for residential or commercial developments in excess of 5 storeys in Fitzroy is of concern to the Fitzroy Residents' Association. The following questions are therefore asked of the Council:

How many Planning Applications have been submitted in the 2018 to 19 & the 2019 to 20 financial years that exceed a height of 5 storeys? In each case, how many have been approved, amended or refused?

In each case, how many have been refused or amended based on Local Planning Policy Framework 17.20 that limits developments to 5-6 storeys unless specific benefits can be demonstrated?

In each case, how many have been lodged with VCAT as a 'failure to determine' (after the statutory 60 days have elapsed)?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

I was made aware of this question only in the past day or so – the office would need to manually check, so it could be done on some of those aspects, but would take some time and was unable to get those statistics before the meeting tonight.

In general terms, there is a difference between planning policy and the controls in the planning scheme and the strategy at 17.2 is not a height control per say as some people may think, it's a matter of policy.

There are policy provisions and specific provisions in the planning scheme - and in the specific provisions, some policy provisions are discretionary and some are mandatory.

Council and staff have been endeavouring to improve the planning scheme and provide design development overlays, and where we can achieve that through the analysis undertaken to try and seek some mandatory positions.

In summary, the policy position that is outlined in the question is a matter of a policy aspect in the planning scheme and that has certainly been in place for some time.

There are a number of applications that do come in above that, and need to be assessed against all the provisions in the planning scheme, which are numerous and varied and a balance needs to be achieved.

In relation to the particular question, I can also highlight that VCAT have critiqued the strength of that policy position a number of times and certainly indicated in the decisions that it's not a height control as such.

In terms of the statistics we will take them on notice and come back to Councillors.

7.2 Shane Delphine, Yarra Climate Action Now (YCAN) – Procurement Policy

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.18pm

Question:

At the 23 June Council meeting, YCAN made a submission pertaining to Procurement Policy.

YCAN noted important elements of the Policy were contained in an Attachment – Yarra's Ethical Procurement and Investment Commitment.

A commitment was made to merge the Commitment into the Policy during the 2020/21 financial year.

However, YCAN believes more urgent action is required. YCAN's concern is that until a synthesis is produced, Council officers will be uncertain about the status of the Commitment.

Furthermore, the substantive elements of YCAN's submission were not discussed at the 23 June meeting. In particular:

(i) In relation to positive screening, YCAN's submission urged inclusion of a carbon footprint component – procurement should preference companies that can demonstrate that the companies themselves and the products/services they provide have either a low carbon footprint or, alternatively, are best in class in terms of carbon footprint.

(ii) In relation to negative screening, YCAN noted such screening does not currently apply to procurement. At the meeting, Council officers suggested this was likely an oversight when the Commitment was drafted.

In its submission, YCAN urged that a negative screen apply with respect to procurement from companies involved in, or facilitating the development of, new/existing coal and uranium mines and new/existing unconventional oil and gas developments.

Will Council commit to expedite the synthesis of relevant elements of the Commitment into its Procurement Policy?

Response:

The Director Corporate Business and Finance advised;

I do note that I provided the answer at the previous meeting and it was a good submission from YCAN and thank you for making it. We did discuss that that commitment is actually a procurement and investment commitment so it is actually incorporated into the procurement policy, it's a direct attachment, but it also encompasses investment so my concern is I don't want to take away the commitment and have it merged to the procurement policy as we will miss out on the investment aspect that it relates to as well. In terms of speed, we should be looking to update that commitment as soon as we can and we need to be mindful of the potential Council election timeframes etc. and we do need to and there is a legislative requirement now and a specific way that we need to do it to update our procurement policy over the next 12 months, there may be some benefits in doing

those together however we can also look to the commitment specifically on its own.

The commitment because it covers investment I think best plugs in as the attachment to the procurement policy the way it is and if I have understood the question correctly, the prize is getting the commitment perhaps reflecting some of those climate emergency protocols that are in the climate emergency policy. I do note that we have brought a lot of those into our procurement policy itself as part of the update that we approved last week.

In relation to the substantive elements of the submission, the positive screening suggestion is valid and something we would consider and do note that in our procurement policy we don't use the word carbon footprint, we do though encourage our staff, we have words in our procurement policy and expect that our Council officers to prefer environmentally preferable products. Staff are responsible for considering the environmental impacts of goods and services and factor that into the decision making in a positive way. It doesn't say the words carbon footprint so I take that and think that could be something that is put into the next one.

In terms of negative screening, I suspect it is an oversight, we can look to have those screenings considered in the next wording of the commitment itself. I do note in terms of practical application that those questions particularly around oil and gas etc. are specifically part of our tender documents so while it's not a formal negative screen I understand that YCAN are requesting, I can provide hopefully some comfort that we do actually address those questions in all of our tender submissions that we specifically ask all respondents to advise and also some human rights questions and we also talk about nonconventional oil and gas as an example.

Councillor Jolly returned at 7.23pm

8. Delegates' reports

8.1 Councillor Fristacky – Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF)

Subject	Sustainable - Active Transport
Appointed Councillor/s	Cr Jackie Fristacky; Cr Bridgid O'Brien, substitute
Date of Council Meeting	7 July 2020
Date of Report	3 July 2020
Report Author	Cr Jackie Fristacky

DELEGATES REPORT

1. Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) monthly meetings

The MTF, comprising 26 metropolitan council members together representing 4 million residents, at its recent monthly meetings held Wednesday evenings (currently via Zoom) has featured the following presentations:

- (a) March: Resilient Melbourne on developing the Metropolitan cycling network; and Good Cycles CEO on e-bikes;
- (b) April: National Transport Commission on review of mobility devices;
- (c) May: Cycling Workshop run by Harry Barber, former General Manager Bicycle Network, with presentations from Councils including Yarra's Julian Wearne;
- (d) June: MAV President & MCC Lord Mayor on responses to COVID-19; and

- (e) July: DOT's Chief of Network Operations, on transport challenges of COVID-19.

2. MTF Joint Advocacy on Active Transport in response to COVID

At its June meeting, the MTF resolved to step up advocacy promoting active transport in response to greater pressures on public transport and the road system arising from COVID-19 distancing. On 25 June, MTF Chair and MTF Cycling Ambassador, sent follow-up letters dated 23 June 2020:

- (a) calling on all member councils x 26 (together representing 4 million residents) to:
- (i) ask their COVID response committee to urgently consider the transport implications of the virus for their community, especially as regards supporting active transport (Yarra's Council resolution 23 June 2020, Item 11.1 Transport, movement and access response to impacts of COVID-19, reflects this ask);
 - (ii) inform their State MPs of the local implications of COVID on transport;
 - (iii) reach out to adjoining councils and relevant authorities to discuss immediate and short-term actions on COVID transport issues; and
 - (iv) use council social media to discuss and advocate for transport solutions in COVID times.
- (b) to all Metropolitan State MPs on the above that:
- (i) *"your local councils are likely to meet with you to discuss many aspects of the COVID recovery, including transport and mobility ... looking at pop-up cycle lanes, wider footpaths and quick ways to make active transport more attractive ... installed quickly and easily... to reinstate cycling and walking as safe, fun and healthy transport alternatives for more Melbournians."* ; and
 - (ii) that local MPs *"assist your local councils to bring the combined resources and enthusiasm of state and local governments to the task ahead."*

3. Vic Health Panel on Streets for People held 2 July 2020

Included in this delegate's report is to inform Council of my involvement in a Vic Health Panel of speakers on the increase in walking and cycling during the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. The focus was how to support continuing these active transport modes in recovery with parents working from home accompanying children to school by foot or bike with the bonus of homebound parents also getting daily physical activity instead of driving to school. A key element was the design of streets and infrastructure around schools to support active transport by improving safety from cars, through safe routes to school and drop off zones as promoted in a Vic Health paper *Streets for People: Lessons for a return to local living*:

<https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/-/media/ResourceCentre/Life-and-Health-Re-imagined---Streets-for-people.pdf?la=en&hash=3F37BA41CD5F4A19603A5D62A0D7541DC92C9F86>

Also covered was how to support disadvantaged individuals and families in their neighbourhoods.

- Event recording - https://youtu.be/jg_xjShkh-8
- Time-lapse of live illustration - https://youtu.be/D_LtCcluA1Q

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Fristacky

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council note this Delegate's Report on activities of the Metropolitan Transport Forum (MTF) March to July 2020 with its focus on active transport and the challenges of COVID-19 and refer these and the advocacy matters raised, to the administration for attention.
2. That Council further note the Vic Health Panel on Streets for People designing streets and infrastructure to and around schools to improve safety from cars, through safe routes to school and drop off zones and also refer these goals to the administration to include in considerations of movement and access responses to COVID-19, and in local area studies on placemaking and traffic management.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. General Business

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10. Questions without notice

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10.1 Councillor O'Brien – Riverbank damage and groundwater

Question:

In relation to the riverbank damage behind the old AMCOR site and the groundwater testing that was discussed at the last Council meeting. Douglas Partners were to provide a report to Glenvill who then agreed to provide a copy of that report to Council.

Have we received that report and if so have we got any update or feedback on that?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised;

We have received the report from Douglas Partners that was done on behalf of Glenvill. That was referred to officers last week and have since advised Alluvium to have a look at that report. I wouldn't be prepared to talk about the technical details today but I would say that the report provided to us does not include all the information that we requested. We are following that up with Glenvill at the moment and we will bring a report back to Council once we have further information.

10.2 Councillor Stone – Centrelink Office in Abbotsford

Question:

The Centrelink Office three month extension to their lease will come to an end soon and there is great public interest in its future. What has our progress been in assisting Centrelink find another location in Yarra?

Response:

The Group Manager Chief Executive's Office advised;

The officers have been in constant contact with Centrelink management in Canberra and I spoke to the officer today and we are still waiting on any formal update from Centrelink so I am not able to give you any firm indication as yet but we are pursuing them on a regular basis.

10.3 Councillor Jolly – Lack of Lighting

Question:

We have received some emails from cyclists, walkers and joggers from all over Yarra and the northern suburbs regarding the lack of lighting near the Carlton North Railway and Neighbourhood House around Rushall Crescent along Merri Creek between Rushall Crescent and Heidelberg Road.

Can officers tell us if there are any plans to improve lighting in that particular vicinity?

Response:

The Director Planning and Place Making advised;

Officers over a number of years have also certainly been aware that it would be prudent to have some lighting along the linear link and one was in the early bids for the current budget considerations.

Officers have put forward some proposals but as Councillors know with the affordability line not all matters can be considered straight away.

Notwithstanding that, there is an opportunity through the Community Safety Infrastructure Grants where there are funds of up to \$500,000.

The office is arranging a submission for that and that is due by 17 July, next week. There are probably three general areas or three sections in the areas concerned and in a full lighting package probably each section would be in the order of about \$250,000 each, so the entire project could cost about \$850,000.

If Council is successful in obtaining grants of up to \$500,000 then some aspects of the lighting could be done.

10.4 Councillor Jolly – Increasing recycling bins

Question:

We have received some emails from residents regarding the increased foot and cycle traffic southwards along the river, from the Walmer Street footbridge and in and around the area there are no waste or recycling bins on either side of the footbridge or anywhere along the river and the waste bins in the park next to the Amora Hotel don't have any dog waste bags available.

Can officers report as to what deliberations officers have had on the submissions and what we can do to increase recycling and waste bins in and around the area where there has been a massive increase in population with all the new developments in that part of the municipality?

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised;

We have received an email from a resident about this matter and what we have said is that we would monitor the area for a few weeks and to see the level of demand. Obviously there are ongoing costs to put in bins that need to be serviced on a regular basis, so do need to make sure that there is a good case for any new infrastructure or service to be implemented. We have committed to doing that and we are doing that at the moment.

Officers will review the data and demand and determine whether any additional infrastructure or services is warranted, and will report that back to Councillors.

10.5 Councillor O'Brien – Yarra Leisure Centre Bookings

Question:

I am not sure if we will be closing down our swimming pools and leisure centres again but apparently we give credit if someone is unable to attend, because we have a booking system and have limited capacity within our swimming pools for example, during the pandemic, we provide credit for someone that cancels a booking within 12 hours, gives us 12 hours' notice.

Is there any particular reason we need to put a cap on the 12 hour limit? It is an incentive to encourage people to let us know that they can't attend given the limits allowed on numbers at this time but it may also mean a person will attend, even if they are feeling unwell within the 12 hour limit.

Response:

The Director City Works and Assets advised;

Under stage 3 restrictions we will be required to close our leisure centres from Wednesday night or from Thursday and will be making arrangement to communicate that and in relation to the cancellation, as it stands we are limited to twenty people in a facility at a time and understand the point you make about people not being prepared to cancel. I guess the flipside is that if we don't have some form to manage that we might have twenty people booking and only a small number attend which means that others that are desperate to attend are unable. So we need to try and balance that and we are trying to balance that and that is the reason for the cancellation period.

11.1 LAPM 2 Carlton North

Reference: D20/111257

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the recommended treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) plan for Carlton North precinct (LAPM 2);
- (b) endorse that a review be undertaken between 3-6 months before installation of treatments 14 and 15 by way of a speed survey, where installation will only occur if the 85th percentile speed is in excess 44km/h;
- (c) endorse that a review be undertaken on whether speed humps should be considered for installation on Amess Street, between Park Street and Pigdon Street, where installation will only be considered if the 85th percentile speed is in excess 44km/h;
- (d) endorse officers to undertake advocacy to DOT for the list of treatments proposed for Princes Street and which require DOT approval; and
- (e) notes that subject to Council approval and allocation of sufficient funding, implementation of the recommended LAPM plan for the Carlton North precinct (LAPM 2) can commence with design in 2020/21 and delivery commencing 2021/22, and would be expected to be delivered over five years.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

1. That Council:

- (a) endorse the recommended treatments identified in the Local Area Place Making (LAPM) plan for Carlton North precinct (LAPM 2) as listed in Attachment 2, together with the following:
 - (i) kerb outstands across Newry Street at the Lygon Street/Newry Street intersection, to support safer crossing over Newry Street including to access the Lygon Street/Newry Street tram stop and expanded Cemetery entrance on Lygon Street;
 - (ii) kerb outstands and any other feasible measures across Drummond Street at the Drummond Street/Park Street intersection to improve pedestrian safety, improve permeability and protect the 100 year old Elms on the corner from damage and compacting of their roots;
 - (iii) that treatment 20 for a new raised zebra crossing on Park Street, west of Drummond Street be constructed without flashing lights; and
 - (iv) maximising the value of kerb extensions and other treatments with WSUD, greenery planting, seating and bike parking when feasible; and
- (b) endorse that a review be undertaken between 3-6 months before proposed installation of speed hump treatments 14 and 15 for Drummond Street by a speed survey, where installation, or other appropriate treatments to curtail speed, would only occur if the 85th percentile speed exceeds 44km/h;

- (c) endorse that a review be undertaken whether speed hump treatments should be considered for installation on Amess Street between Park Street and Pigdon Street, where installation, or other appropriate treatments to curtail speed, would only be considered if the 85th percentile speed exceeds 44km/h;
- (d) endorse officers to undertake advocacy to DOT for the list of treatments proposed for Princes Street and other treatments which require DOT approval;
- (e) notes the following additional matters identified during the LAPM 2 North Carlton community consultations, to be addressed outside the LAPM 2 process:
 - (i) Black Spot project to improve safety at Richardson Street/Canning Street intersection;
 - (ii) undertake further consultation with Carlton North Primary School to investigate additional safety measures in the vicinity of the school to support safe routes to school; and
 - (iii) representations on extending 30km/h, reflecting Council resolution of 17 December 2019 that Council “consider further extension of 30km/h maximum speed including as part of LAPM reviews, subject to DOT approval”, being progressed by seeking to meet with DOT to discuss considerations for applying further 30km/h speed limit areas, with such meetings to include the Mayor and interested Councillors; and
- (f) notes that subject to Council allocation of sufficient funding, implementation of the approved LAPM for the Carlton North precinct, (LAPM 2) can commence with design in 2020/21 and delivery commencing 2021/22, and would be expected to be delivered over five years; and
- (g) that within 2 years of completion of works, traffic and placemaking outcomes will be evaluated, with outcomes advised to Councillors, and posted on Yarra’s web site.

CARRIED

Councillor Searle abstained

11.2 Studley Street and Yarra Street - Parking, Access and Safety

Reference: D20/110935

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the contents of this report;
 - (b) select an option for endorsement;
 - (c) instruct officers to inform residents and relevant stakeholders of the endorsed option and any parking amendments if required; and
 - (d) instruct officers to implement the endorsed option and any parking amendments if required.

Public Submissions

The following people made a submission to Council on the matter:

Natalie Campbell;

Cheryl Cameron;

Kimi Nishimura;

Lachlan Turner; and

David Fricke.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the contents of this report;
 - (b) select and endorse **Option 2b**, that is to:
 - (i) retain the existing times of the parking restrictions on Studley Street and Yarra Street (between Hoddle Street and Nicholson Street);
 - (ii) install advisory parking bays (line-marking) to encourage motorists to park closer to the kerb and Council consult on parking restriction changes in order to prioritise residential parking in these areas;
 - (iii) In Studley Street, between Park Street and Nicholson Street, the existing 2P 7am to 7pm Monday – Friday restriction should be extended to include Permit Zone All Other Times;
 - (iv) in Yarra Street, between Park Street and Nicholson Street, the existing 2P 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday restriction should be extended to include Permit Zone All Other Times;
 - (v) noting that the above:
 - a. appears to have some level of community support;
 - b. 1.9m wide parking bays are considered appropriate;

- c. priority is given to residential parking (on the basis of community support);
 - d. MFB response times are likely to be improved due to motorists parking closer to kerbs and parking occupancy indicates considerable parking capacity at night and therefore potentially more adequate space for MFB access; and
 - e. parking occupancy will likely reduce further so a 12 month post implementation review could be undertaken to measure parking requirements; and
- (c) implement the above restriction changes without further community consultation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8.47pm

The meeting resumed at 8.53pm with Councillor Bosler, Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, O'Brien, Searle and Stone present.

11.3 City of Yarra Collection Policy

Reference: D20/110085
Authoriser: Director Community Wellbeing

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the revised City of Yarra Collection Policy 2020 and the role the Policy plays in supporting Yarra's creative community; and
 - (b) adopt the City of Yarra Collection Policy 2020.

Councillor Chen Yi Mei returned to the meeting at 8.54pm

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8.54pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the revised City of Yarra Collection Policy 2020 and the role the Policy plays in supporting Yarra's creative community; and
 - (b) adopt the City of Yarra Collection Policy 2020.

CARRIED

Councillor Nguyen arrived to the meeting at 8.58pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 9.10pm

11.4 Adoption of Yarra's Social Justice Charter

Reference: D20/109402

Authoriser: Acting Group Manager People and Culture

RECOMMENDATION

1. That:
 - (a) Councillors adopt Yarra's inaugural Social Justice Charter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Jolly

1. That:
 - (a) Councillors adopt Yarra's inaugural Social Justice Charter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 Graffiti Management Framework

Reference: D19/229065

Authoriser: Director City Works and Assets

ITEM WITHDRAWN

11.6 Executive Director Heritage Victoria's Recommendation to Include Eastern Freeway on the Victorian Heritage Register

Reference: D20/109645
Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) note that Heritage Victoria has advised that a Directions Hearing by video conference is proposed on 9 July; and
 - (c) monitors the Heritage Council of Victoria's process as an interested party and in the event the proposed registration is approved, Council write to Heritage Victoria requesting it be kept informed about the preparation of a Conservation Management Plan and of any requirements on the Council which may result from the registration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Fristacky

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 - (b) note that Heritage Victoria has advised that a Directions Hearing by video conference is proposed on 9 July; and
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.7 Executive Director Heritage Victoria's Recommendation to the Heritage Council of Victoria on Yarra Bend Park, Yarra Bend Road Fairfield

Reference: D20/109653

Authoriser: Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) note that Heritage Victoria has advised that a Registrations Hearing by video conference is proposed on 7 September 2020;
 - (c) note that submissions made by Yarra Bend Park Golf Club and the North East Link Authority have sought further clarifications to some aspects of the registration and related conditions; and
 - (d) note that Council does not have significant responsibility for the management of Yarra Bend Park and officers have not identified any adverse impact to Council if Yarra Bend Park's registration in the VHR is approved.

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.27pm

Councillor Jolly returned at 9.31pm

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
 - (a) note the report;
 - (b) note that Heritage Victoria has advised that a Registrations Hearing by video conference is proposed on 7 September 2020;
 - (c) note that submissions made by Yarra Bend Park Golf Club and the North East Link Authority have sought further clarifications to some aspects of the registration and related conditions; and
 - (d) writes a letter to Heritage Council of Victoria in support of the ED Heritage Victoria's recommendation.

CARRIED

13. Urgent Business

13.1 Councillor Jolly - Public Housing Lockdowns

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Yarra Council notes:
 - (a) the lockdown of 9 public housing towers in Flemington and North Melbourne;
 - (b) the welcome statement of the Premier today that priority will be given to tests from high rise public housing residents;
 - (c) the concerns raised by residents in Yarra's 12 high rise towers, 5 in North Richmond, 4 in Fitzroy and 3 in Collingwood;
 - (d) the concerns raised by the wider Yarra community about the wellbeing of these residents should they be subject to total lockdown in the future
 - (e) the announcement this afternoon by the Premier of a 6 week lockdown for metropolitan Melbourne
 - (f) that it is not yet clear whether residents of Yarra's 12 high-rise towers will be able to leave their homes for the 4 reasons stated by the Premier
2. That Council propose that our Mayor and Chief Executive Officer urgently advocate to the State government tomorrow, seeking that it implement the following proposals for each of the 12 Yarra towers:
 - (a) ensure immediate testing for all public housing tenants and if any occupants do test positive, they are managed on a case by case basis by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), rather than the whole tower having to be closed down;
 - (b) that DHHS ensure Sanitiser to be immediately made available in every laundry, foyer and lift;
 - (c) that DHHS ensure current onsite security providers are instructed to assist with proper social distancing measures in laundries foyers and lifts;
 - (d) in the event of a total lockdown of the 12 towers, there be an immediate rent freeze for tenants; and
 - (e) in the event of a total lockdown that tenants be provided with medication, nutritious and culturally appropriate food and urgent provisions promptly and without the delays reported today in other estates.
3. That Council advocate to DHHS to implement an emergency free Wi-Fi service for the 12 towers as a vital resource to tenants in any lockdown.
4. That Council request the CEO to ensure Yarra officers are prepared to offer support to residents in any of the 12 high rise towers in the event of a lockdown.
5. That Council note that if the State requests resources or assistance from Yarra City Council, the CEO immediately draws the matter to the attention of Council.
6. That Council further note that under the current State of Emergency, the Chief Medical Officer will issue directions relating to any lockdown at Yarra's public housing estates, which may override any of the above.

The Mayor suggested an amendment in clause 6; changing Chief Medical Officer to Chief Health Officer. The amendment was accepted.

Councillor Bosler suggested removing clause 1. (f). The amendment was accepted by the mover.

The Director Community Wellbeing also clarified the specific term in clause 1. (e)stage 3 stay at home restrictions....., this was incorporated into the motion.

Councillor Nguyen suggested an amendment. It was not accepted by the mover or seconder so it was then formally put.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Chen Yi Mei

That Yarra Council refer to its Budget Process the creation of a resilience fund valued to a total of at least one million dollars to address ongoing needs of public housing residents in Yarra as a result of COVID-19.

LOST

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillor Nguyen and Chen Yi Mei

Against: Councillor Jolly, Bosler, Coleman, Fristacky, Searle, O'Brien and Stone

LOST

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Yarra Council notes:
 - (a) the lockdown of 9 public housing towers in Flemington and North Melbourne;
 - (b) the welcomed statement of the Premier today that priority will be given to tests from high rise public housing residents;
 - (c) the concerns raised by residents in Yarra's 12 high rise towers, 5 in North Richmond, 4 in Fitzroy and 3 in Collingwood;
 - (d) the concerns raised by the wider Yarra community about the wellbeing of these residents should they be subject to total lockdown in the future; and
 - (e) the announcement this afternoon by the Premier of a 6 week stage 3 stay at home restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne.
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- (d) in the event of a total lockdown of the 12 towers that there be an immediate rent freeze; and
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 6. That Council further note that under the current State of Emergency, the Chief Health Officer will issue directions relating to any lockdown at Yarra's public housing estates, which may override any of the above.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillor Coleman, Fristacky, Jolly, Stone, Chen Yi Mei, Searle, Bosler and O'Brien

Against: Councillor Nguyen

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 10.25pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 21 July 2020

Mayor