



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council Minutes**

**held on Tuesday 27 August 2020 at 6.32pm  
via TEAMS**

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## 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.”*

## 2. Attendance, apologies and requests for leave of absence

### Attendance

#### Councillors

- Cr Misha Coleman (Mayor)
- Cr Mi-Lin Chen Yi Mei (Deputy Mayor)
- Cr Danae Bosler
- Cr Jackie Fristacky
- 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 (Group Manager Advocacy, Engagement and Communications)
- Lucas Gosling (Director Community Wellbeing)
- Gracie Karabinis (Group Manager People, Culture and Community)
- 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)

### Apologies

- Cr Stephen Jolly
- Cr Daniel Nguyen

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

Nil

#### **4. Council business reports**

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#### **5. Notices of motion**

Nil

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**4.1 The design, management and safety of Council parks, reserves and gardens**

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Reference: D20/134126

Authoriser: Director Planning and Place Making

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council note:
  - (a) the previous Council resolutions dated 5 May and 2 June 2020 which sought an officer report on possible changes to provide improved physical separations during COVID times in walking spaces, and also for improved cycling routes to assist in community access and movement in the municipality;
  - (b) the 23 June 2020 resolution requiring a consultation process regarding a possible full, or part closure of Trenerry Crescent as a 3 month trial, for the purposes of safer cycling and improved pedestrian space under the Eastern Freeway;
  - (c) the survey results and feedback received in relation to the 3 options presented to the community;
  - (d) the vast community views received through the *Your Say Yarra* Website and the correspondence received that is outlined in the attachments; and
  - (e) that approval from the Minister for Roads would be required for any full or partial closure of Trenerry Crescent even as a trial.
2. That Council now determine a position in respect to the options regarding Trenerry Crescent which are:
  - (a) Option 1: no closure of Trenerry Crescent under the Eastern Freeway; or
  - (b) Option 2: a 3 month full closure trial to enable increased space for cyclists and pedestrians in this location, or
  - (c) Option 3: a 3 month partial closure trial with the northern lane remaining open to vehicles and the southern lane being closed to vehicles between the Merri Creek trail entrance to the Dight Falls carpark entrance, to enable some further space for safer cycling and pedestrian space.
3. That Council direct officers accordingly.
4. That officers advise the community, via direct contact where contact details are provided and via Councils website and social media, of its decision.

#### 4.1 COUNCIL MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Bosler

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes that gender based violence continues to be a serious issue of great concern in our community including in public spaces;
  - (b) notes that Council's Open Space Lighting Policy (2014) is under revision with the intent to integrate a leading multi-faceted design approach to the way we light our parks, gardens and reserves with the development of a Public Open Space Lighting Policy;
  - (c) supports a strategic review of the existing Gender Equity Strategy (2016-2021), in the context of the commencement of the Gender Equality Act 2020;
  - (d) endorses the implementation of Gender Impact Analysis of policies, services and programs in line with the requirements of the Gender Equality Act 2020, including Council's Physical Activity Plan, Council's Allocation Policy and Yarra's Leisure Master Plan; and
  - (e) request officers to continue advocacy efforts and the pursuit of grant opportunities focused on public safety and inclusive place-based technologies.

**MOTION LAPSED**

#### NOTE

At 6.47pm, a power outage meant that Council was unable to maintain a live stream of the virtual meeting as is required by section 395(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2020. As a result of this failure, the meeting immediately concluded and the motion before the meeting lapsed.

The business of the meeting will be presented to the Council Meeting on 1 September 2020.

#### Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 6.47pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 1 September 2020

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Mayor