



# Minutes

## Council Meeting

7.05pm, Tuesday 15 December 2020

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## 1. Statement of recognition of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Land

*“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

|                          |              |
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| • Cr Gabrielle de Vietri | Mayor        |
| • Cr Claudia Nguyen      | Deputy Mayor |
| • Cr Edward Crossland    | Councillor   |
| • Cr Stephen Jolly       | Councillor   |
| • Cr Herschel Landes     | Councillor   |
| • Cr Anab Mohamud        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Bridgid O’Brien     | Councillor   |
| • Cr Amanda Stone        | Councillor   |
| • Cr Sophie Wade         | Councillor   |

#### Council officers

|                     |  |
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| • Vijaya Vaidyanath | Chief Executive Officer                  |
| • Brooke Colbert    | Group Manager Advocacy and Engagement    |
| • Ivan Gilbert      | Group Manager Chief Executive’s Office   |
| • Lucas Gosling     | Director Community Wellbeing             |
| • Gracie Karabinis  | 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. Announcements

### 3.1 – Bridget Flack

Before we begin this item, I would like to join the community in expressing my deep sadness at the recent death of Bridget Flack.

Council acknowledges that this is a very difficult time for her family, as well as our LGBTIQ+ and Trans community, and I would like to offer our condolences and support.

I would also like to extend Council's thanks to those members of the Yarra community who mobilised in recent days to assist with the search for Bridget – yet another example of the power of strong and connected communities.

### 3.2 – Cr Andrew Goldman and Nicholas Brink

On Wednesday 2 December 2020, a helicopter crash in southern New South Wales claimed the lives of Andrew Goldman and Nicholas Brink.

Cr Andrew Goldman was elected to the Moira Shire Council at the 2020 Council election. The Councillor fraternity is a small one, and the Yarra Council is aware of the impact that Cr Goldman's passing will have on the organisation and local community.

His instructor, Nicholas Brink was an experienced helicopter pilot and training instructor operating from Hughes Helicopters in Canberra.

Following the Council meeting this evening, I plan to write to the Mayor of Moira Shire to express Council's condolence.

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

Councillor Jolly declared a conflict of interest on item 8.5.

## 5. Confidential business reports

The items in this agenda were deemed by the Chief Executive Officer to be suitable for consideration in closed session in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020. In accordance with that Act, Council may resolve to consider these issues in open or closed session.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That the meeting be closed to members of the public, in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to allow consideration of confidential information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Following consideration of Confidential business, the meeting resumed in open session.

## 6. Confirmation of minutes

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Mohamud

That the minutes of the Ceremonial Council Meeting held on Thursday 16 November 2020 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**



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## 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. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Public Question Time) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

### 7.1 Harry Barber – Hand Held Petrol Powered Tools

Question:

Is Council aware of that the use by Council, local institutions and residents of hand-held, petrol-powered tools: 1 exposes Council staff to risks from exhaust gases and high levels of noise, 2 introduces unacceptable levels of noise in our streets and into people's houses 3 makes a significant contribution to local pollution which exacerbates asthma and other conditions 4 accelerates global warming I would like to keep my second question as a follow up based on the answer to the first question.

Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised;*

*Council is transitioning to electric tools however we do still use some powered tools as the market has yet to provide an electric option. We are also working with our contractors to transition into electric tools.*

### 7.2 Adam Promnitz – Recycling Collection

Question:

Multi-unit developments originally had a waste management plan and bin storage space which were approved by Council based on a weekly recycling collection. A large number of sites are experiencing issues with this change. Could Council please explain what consultation originally took place on a per MUD basis before the change to fortnightly and to ensure that each MUD had a fit for purpose solution for recycling and ensure the waste management plan for each site was up to date?

Response:

*The Director City Works and Assets advised;*

*It is a large transition introducing a glass bin, Council resolved the new system on the basis of seeking to drive change, including increasing material quality, recycling and improving sustainability. Some MUD's are responsible for their own collection so we don't offer to all MUD's but certainly there are some that we do. As part of the transition we have sort to engage with residents, whether an individual household or MUD's for their waste needs.*

*We have put the offer out with MUD's and in fact we have been having a lot of one on one contact with Mr Promnitz. I'm certainly committed to making sure that we still do that and I wouldn't argue that the transition has gone perfectly, but there needs to be some behaviour change. It is going to require some change in infrastructure, we are covering the cost of increased bin infrastructure if that's required, but people will need to change behaviour; it will mean producing less waste, crushing boxes and bottles etc. that is part of the behaviour change process that we are working on now.*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 7.20pm*

## 8.1 Endorsement of Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024

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Reference: D20/130689  
Authoriser: Group Manager People and Culture

### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 7.21pm**

1. That:
  - (a) Councillors note the inaugural Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024; and
  - (b) Councillors endorse the inaugural Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024.

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 7.38pm*

*Councillor Jolly returned at 7.40pm*

*Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 7.39pm*

*Councillor Nguyen returned at 7.40pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned at 7.42pm*

### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

*Greg Chenhall, Fitzroy Residents Association;*

*Maxim Thomas;*

*Nevena Spirovska, Victorian Pride Lobby; and*

*Jamie Gardiner.*

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That:

- (a) Council note the inaugural Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024; and
- (b) Council endorses the inaugural Yarra LGBTIQ+ Strategy 2021-2024 subject to the additions below for the Action to Convene Council's LGBTIQ+ Reference Group to be brought forward:
  - (i) replacing "Action 2.2.5 Investigate establishing of an LGBTIQ+ Reference Group comprising external stakeholders including businesses, organisations and community members" with "Action 2.2.5 Council convene an LGBTIQ+ Reference Group by June 2021 at the latest"; and
  - (ii) "2.2.5 Implementation" include potential Actions for the Reference Group to:
    - a. consider accreditation models including Rainbow Tick accreditation for Council services and facilities;
    - b. contribute to the development of the Year Two Action Plan;
    - c. investigate appropriate LGBTIQ+ representation in Council communications and messaging;
    - d. investigate State Government and other sources of funding to implement the Strategy and Action Plan;
  - (iii) remove 2.2.3 Officer Implementation item "Ensure representatives from the LGBTIQ+ community are invited to attend relevant meetings and networks" and refer to the Reference Group as part of its role;
  - (iv) the inclusion of Ace Week and Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week in Action 1.1.1; and
  - (v) the flying of the asexual flag during Ace Week and the aromantic flag during Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week be listed alongside the other events in the implementation column;
  - (vi) inclusion of "Raise awareness around the nature of LGBTIQ+ identities and issues affecting LGBTIQ+ people" in the implementation column of Action 1.2.1; and
- (c) request Officers refer funding requirements of the Strategy to the mid-year Budget review; and
- (d) request Officers undertake a thematic heritage study for places and objects of social and cultural significance to the LGBTIQ+ community in the City of Yarra and explore possible mechanisms for their retention (in terms of use and function), protection, celebration and acknowledgement.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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## 8.2 Emergency Management Reforms - Resolution

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**Reference** D20/165010  
**Author** Gavin Dyche - Manager Risk and Safety  
**Authoriser** Group Manager People and Culture

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 7.44pm**

1. That:
  - (a) Council endorses the resolution to allow compliance with emergency management reforms and current legislation.

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.44pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 7.46pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Landes

1. That Council:
  - (a) endorse disestablishment of the existing Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) established under the Emergency Management Act 1986; and
  - (b) authorise the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Yarra ('Council') to facilitate the establishment of the MEMPC in accordance with the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Act 2018.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 8.3 Yarra Planning Scheme Amendment C191yara - Swan Street Major Activity Centre

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Reference: D20/151542

Authoriser: Assistant Manager City Strategy

### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 7.51pm**

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes the officer report regarding Amendment C191yara (Amendment), officer recommendations and Attachments 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9;
  - (b) notes the public release of the Panel Report for the Amendment under Section 26 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) (Act);
  - (c) having considered the Panel report under section 27 of the Act, adopts the Amendment in accordance with section 29(1) of the Act with the changes as set out in Attachment 7, 8 and 9 to this report;
  - (d) delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise the Amendment in accordance with Council's resolution, and to make any administrative or formatting changes to the Amendment documentation and maps required to give effect to Council's resolution;
  - (e) authorises officers to submit the adopted Amendment as set out in Attachments 5 and 6 to this report to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act; and
  - (f) authorises officers to submit the information prescribed under section 31(1) of the Act with the adopted Amendment, including a description of and reasons for the changes made to the Amendment between exhibition and adoption as outlined in Attachment 7, 8 and 9 to this report.
2. That Council authorises officers to notify:
  - (a) all submitters to the Amendment;
  - (b) all owners and occupiers of land that Council believes may be materially affected by the Amendment;
  - (c) any other person, Minister, public authority or municipal council who previously received notice of the Amendment in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act; and
  - (d) to advise them of this Council resolution.

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 7.51pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned at 7.55pm*

*Councillor Landes left the meeting at 7.52pm*

*Councillor Landes returned at 7.54pm*

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.54pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 8.00pm*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 7.57pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned at 8.31pm*

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 8.03pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 8.06pm*

*Councillor Wade left the meeting at 8.11pm*

*Councillor Wade returned at 8.13pm*

### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

*Hubert Algie, Kellehers Australia; and*

*Judith Drill, Swan Street Sales.*

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Landes

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council:

- (a) notes the officer report regarding Amendment C191yara (Amendment), officer recommendations and Attachments 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9;
- (b) notes the public release of the Panel Report for the Amendment under Section 26 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (Vic) (Act);
- (c) having considered the Panel report under section 27 of the Act, adopts the Amendment in accordance with section 29(1) of the Act with the changes as set out in Attachment 7, 8 and 9 to this report with the following further modification:
  - (i) include the following new design objective under clause 1.0 of Schedule 26 to the Design and Development Overlay (DDO26):
    - To recognise that live music venues make a significant contribution to the culture and economy of Precinct 2 and should be protected and encouraged.
- (d) advises the Minister for Planning that the reason/s for the change set out at resolution 1(c)(i) is as follows:
  - (i) The local policy framework of Yarra identifies the importance of live music venues and the role of Swan Street as an entertainment destination. Policy at clause 21.12 Local Areas, recognises the area west of Church Street as a core entertainment precinct that contains a range of licensed premises that make a significant contribution to the Night Time Economy. A new design objective in DDO26 will support and implement this strategic policy direction;
  - (ii) Swan Street's live music venues attract residents, visitors and workers and DDO26 should recognise the economic and cultural benefits of live music and encourage and protect opportunities for the enjoyment of live music;
- (e) delegates to the CEO the authority to finalise the Amendment in accordance with Council's resolution, and to:
  - (i) make any administrative or formatting changes to the Amendment documentation and maps required to give effect to Council's resolution;
  - (ii) make any changes required to the Amendment documents, including the documents referred to in resolution 1(c) and 1(f) to include the following new design objective under clause 1.0 of DDO26:
    - To recognise that live music venues make a significant contribution to the culture and economy of Precinct 2 and should be protected and encouraged;

- (iii) make any changes required to Attachment 8 to reflect the reasons in resolution 1(d);
  - (f) authorises officers to submit the adopted Amendment as set out in Attachments 5 and 6 to this report to the Minister for Planning for approval, in accordance with section 31(1) of the Act with the following further modification:
    - (i) include the following new design objective under clause 1.0 of DDO26:
      - to recognise that live music venues make a significant contribution to the culture and economy of Precinct 2 and should be protected and encouraged; and
  - (g) authorises officers to submit the information prescribed under section 31(1) of the Act with the adopted Amendment, including a description of and reasons for the changes made to the Amendment between exhibition and adoption as outlined in Attachment 7, 8 and 9 to this report.
2. That Council authorises officers to notify:
- (a) all submitters to the Amendment;
  - (b) all owners and occupiers of land that Council believes may be materially affected by the Amendment; and
  - (c) any other person, Minister, public authority or municipal council who previously received notice of the Amendment in accordance with section 19(1) of the Act, to advise them of this Council resolution.
3. That Council authorises officers to:
- (a) progress further strategic work as soon as practicable (subject to officers capacity and resources to undertake such work) for the land identified as *Land subject to future strategic work* at Map 2 of the Swan Street Framework Plan of clause 21.12; and
  - (b) prepare a report for Council to consider by April 2021 in relation to the sites at 493-497 Swan Street based on the findings of the consultant team.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.4 Extension of the Licence and Funding Agreement for the Studio 1 Community Hub

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/164255   |
| <b>Author</b>     | Malcolm McCall - Manager Social Strategy and Community Development |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Director Community Wellbeing                                       |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 8.33pm**

1. That Council:
  - (a) Note the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the operation of Studio 1 by the Richmond Community Learning Centre;
  - (b) Note that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that it was impractical and undesirable to run an EOI process for the longer-term management of Studio 1 in 2020;
  - (c) Endorse a further extension to the operating Licence and Funding Agreement with Richmond Community Learning Centre for the management of the Studio 1 for one more year, from 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021;
  - (d) Support the provision of an operating grant of \$100,142 to the Richmond Community Learning Centre for the management of the Studio 1 for the calendar year of 2020, pending 2019–20 budget approval;
  - (e) Note that the resumption of the hire of the Radio Room and the Womin Je Ka Room at Studio 1 for social functions in 2021; and,
  - (f) Endorse officers undertaking the strategic work required to inform a new EOI process for the management of Studio 1 to be conducted in 2021.

### REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:
  - (a) Note the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the operation of Studio 1 by the Richmond Community Learning Centre;
  - (b) Note that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that it was impractical and undesirable to run an EOI process for the longer-term management of Studio 1 in 2020;
  - (c) Endorse a further extension to the operating Licence and Funding Agreement with Richmond Community Learning Centre for the management of the Studio 1 for one more year, from 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021;
  - (d) Note that the resumption of the hire of the Radio Room and the Womin Je Ka Room at Studio 1 for social functions in 2021; and,
  - (e) Endorse officers undertaking the strategic work required to inform a new EOI process for the management of Studio 1 to be conducted in 2021.

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 8.35pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 8.41pm*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 8.39pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned at 8.44pm*



## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Landes

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

1. That Council:

- (a) note the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the operation of Studio 1 by the Richmond Community Learning Centre;
- (b) note that the COVID-19 pandemic meant that it was impractical and undesirable to run EOI process for the longer-term management of Studio 1 in 2020
- (c) endorse a further extension to the operating Licence and Funding Agreement with Richmond Community Learning Centre for the management of the Studio 1 for one more year, from 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2021;
- (d) note that the resumption of the hire of the Radio Room and the Womin Je Ka Room at Studio 1 for social functions in 2021;
- (e) endorse officers undertaking the strategic work required to inform a new EOI process for the management of Studio 1 to be conducted in 2021; and
- (f) request that over the next six months, relevant officers engage with Lend Lease (or the related entity that controls the land) to explore and report back any and all options for the property known as Studio One, that will benefit the long term interests of the municipality."

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 8.5 Edinburgh Gardens

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/164885   |
| <b>Author</b>     | Stewart Martin - Manager Compliance and Parking Services |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Director Corporate, Business and Finance                 |

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*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 8.42pm due to a conflict of interest.*

### **RECOMMENDATION** **Start time: 8.45pm**

1. That Council:
  - (a) notes the concerns raised by some residents on the current level of usage and behaviour in and around Edinburgh Gardens; and
  - (b) notes the significant response provided by Council officers and the resources already dedicated to managing the issues.
2. That Council determine the appropriate course of action based on the options set out in this report.

#### Public Submissions

*The following people addressed Council on the matter:*

*Altay Altuntas;*

*Thibaut Clamart;*

*Helen Cooney;*

*Branwell Travers;*

*Renee Wong;*

*Oscar Jolly;*

*Harriet Leadbetter; and*

*Monique Carroll.*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 8.42pm*

*Councillor Landes left the meeting at 8.52pm*

*Councillor Landes returned at 8.55pm*

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 9.00pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 9.01pm*

*Councillor Landes left the meeting at 9.17pm*

*Councillor Landes returned at 9.19pm*

*Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 9.27pm*

*Councillor Nguyen returned at 9.29pm*

*Councillor Mohamud returned at 9.49pm*

*Councillor Mohamud left the meeting at 9.51pm, not returning.*

*Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 10.16pm*

*Councillor Nguyen returned at 10.17pm*

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council:
  - (a) does not support any extension or amendment to the Consumption of Liquor in Public Places Local Law to remove Edinburgh Gardens as a prescribed place;
  - (b) notes the concerns raised by some residents concerning safety in and around Edinburgh Gardens; and
  - (c) notes the significant response provided by Council officers and the resources already dedicated to managing the issues.
2. That Council also acknowledges:
  - (a) the disruption to residential amenity that the behaviour of some park users has caused in recent months, post-COVID lockdown, and the distress that has caused to some residents;
  - (b) the strong community opposition to an extension of this ban beyond the current 9 pm to 9am specified in the local law;
  - (c) recognises immediate action is required and that it may be an evolving situation requiring a flexible approach; and
  - (d) the lack of data available about the level of illegal conduct in and around the gardens.
3. That Council:
  - (a) delegates a determination by the CEO prior to the next Council meeting, if the provision of further resources are required including:
    - (i) whether additional toilets or porta loos are needed, further to those recently provided;
    - (ii) whether an increased cleaning regime is desirable noting the all-day cleaning regime on peak days at present;
    - (iii) whether some toilet accessibility should be provided at all times;
    - (iv) ensuring the distribution of any additional toilets are placed in such a way that the whole park is serviced; and
    - (v) ensuring positive signage is provided to inform visitors of any new toilets;
  - (b) delegates a determination by the CEO prior to the next Council meeting, if additional rubbish bins, recycling and waste management are needed;
  - (c) requests that where action is determined by the CEO to necessary under 2(a) or (b) above, that, Officers implement the measures and/or install additional facilities as quickly as possible;
  - (d) request Yarra staff continue to engaged in laneway cleaning of all surfaces, not just bluestone paving, where necessary and possible given heritage fabric of some walls and fences; and
  - (e) requests a positive communications campaign to encourage appropriate behaviours and respect for neighbouring residential areas.
4. That Council:

- (a) establish an Edinburgh Gardens Working Group of regular park users, local residents and a representative of Fitzroy North Primary School, to inform future management of the gardens in peak periods over summer and public holidays;
  - (b) request officers to provide a Terms of Reference for this working group be provided to the first council meeting in 2021 with EOIs to be held during February and the working group meet as soon as possible after;
  - (c) that officers ensure the working group represent the diverse users of the Gardens, residents and key stake holders; and
  - (d) that the working group meet as soon as possible after the conclusion of the selection process.
5. In the longer term,
- (a) request officers provide an update report in March detailing:
    - (i) the estimated numbers of visitors to Edinburgh Gardens each weekend and public holiday over summer;
    - (ii) the number of incidents involving threats to public safety reported to council and/or police; and
    - (iii) the number of incidents reported to Council by police which involved fines or arrests in this period;
  - (b) request this report include an assessment of the number of public toilets needed to serve this number of visitors and a plan for making more permanently available by:
    - (i) including publicly available toilets in the redevelopment of the pavilion/ tennis club precinct;
    - (ii) proposals for refurbishing the Emely Baker building to incorporate permanent publicly available toilets;
    - (iii) the proposed a location for a new additional permanent toilet block in Edinburgh Gardens; and
    - (iv) opportunities for state government funding to support this regional infrastructure;
  - (c) request that this report also be provided to the working group described above.
6. That Council request the CEO ensure that a cross-organisational approach continue to be taken in monitoring and responding to the use of Edinburgh Gardens with a key contact person identified for the community and that regular reports be provided to council and the local community.
7. That, should it be considered necessary, a Special Council meeting be convened in January to determine any further action.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The Mayor adjourned the meeting for 5 minutes.*

*The meeting resumed at 10.28pm*

*Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 10.28pm*

*The order of business was suspended to hear item 9.1*

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## 8.6 Finance Report - September 2020

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/165763                               |
| <b>Author</b>     | Mark Montague - Chief Financial Officer  |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Director Corporate, Business and Finance |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 11.13pm**

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the September 2020 Finance Report.

*Councillor Nguyen left the meeting at 11.13pm*

*Councillor Nguyen returned at 11.15pm*

*Councillor O'Brien left at 11.15pm*

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 11.17pm*

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.15pm*

*Councillor Jolly returned at 11.19pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

1. That Council:
  - (a) note the September 2020 Finance Report.

**CARRIED**

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillors Jolly, Stone, O'Brien, Crossland, de Vietri, Nguyen and Wade

**Against:** Councillor Landes

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Landes

That the meeting be extended to 11.45pm

**CARRIED**

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 11.26pm*



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## 8.7 2020/21 Annual Plan Progress Report - September

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/164817                                 |
| <b>Author</b>     | Shane Looney - Corporate Planner           |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Manager Corporate Planning and Performance |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 11.27pm**

1. That:
  - (a) Council note the 2020/21 Annual Plan Progress Report for September.
  - (b) Council endorse the officer recommendations to:
    - (i) Defer Action 1.16 Panther Pavilion, and
    - (ii) Defer Milestone 'Host opportunities for young people to meet with Councillors' from Action 7.07 - Your Say Yarra Youth forums.

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 11.27pm*

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.27pm*

*Councillor Jolly returned at 11.29pm*

*Councillor Stone left the meeting at 11.29pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Nguyen

1. That:
  - (a) Council note the 2020/21 Annual Plan Progress Report for September.
  - (b) Council endorse the officer recommendations to:
    - (i) Defer Action 1.16 Panther Pavilion, and
    - (ii) Defer Milestone 'Host opportunities for young people to meet with Councillors' from Action 7.07 - Your Say Yarra Youth forums.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.8 Council Meetings Operations Policy

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/158726                              |
| <b>Author</b>     | Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Group Manager Chief Executive's Office  |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 11.29pm**

1. That Council adopt the Council Meetings Operations Policy at **Attachment One**.

*Councillor Stone returned at 11.30pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council adopt the Council Meetings Operations Policy at **Attachment One**, subject to the following changes at section 2.1.1:
  - (a) replacement of the words “the to Council” with “to the Council”;
  - (b) removal of the text “At the Mayor’s discretion, persons who have submitted two questions may be requested to ask their second question only after all other questioners have first had an opportunity to address the Council. A period of 20 minutes shall be allocated to Public Question Time. If there are members of the public present who wish to ask questions at the conclusion of Public Question Time, Council shall determine, by resolution, whether to extend Public Question Time, or schedule an additional period for public questions at the conclusion of the meeting.”;
  - (c) replacement of the words “Members of the public present ...” with “Members of the public ...”; and
  - (d) replacement of the words “maximum of three minutes” with “maximum of five minutes”.

**CARRIED**

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillors Jolly, Stone, O'Brien, Crossland, de Vietri and Wade

**Against:** Councillors Nguyen and Landes

## 8.9 Council Meeting Schedule 2021

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/166003                              |
| <b>Author</b>     | Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Group Manager Chief Executive's Office  |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 11.35pm**

1. That Council adopt the following Meeting Schedule for 2021:
  - (a) Ordinary Council Meetings to commence at 7.00pm for public sessions, and 6.30pm for closed sessions where required on 2 February, 16 February, 2 March, 16 March, 30 March, 20 April, 4 May, 18 May, 1 June, 22 June, 20 July, 3 August, 17 August, 7 September, 5 October, 19 October, 9 November, 23 November, 7 December and 21 December 2021; and
  - (b) Planning Decisions Committee meetings to commence at 6.30pm on 20 January, 10 February, 24 February, 10 March, 24 March, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 August, 25 August, 15 September, 13 October, 27 October, 17 November, 1 December and 15 December 2021.
2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to determine or alter the location of Council Meetings and meetings of the Planning Decisions Committee under Chapter 2, Clause 6 of the City of Yarra Governance Rules 2020, subject to necessary public notification.

### REVISED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council adopt the following Meeting Schedule for 2021:
  - (a) Ordinary Council Meetings to commence at 7.00pm for public sessions, and 6.30pm for closed sessions where required on 2 February, 16 February, 2 March, 16 March, 30 March, 20 April, 4 May, 18 May, 1 June, 22 June, 20 July, 3 August, 17 August, 7 September, 5 October, 19 October, 9 November, 23 November, 7 December and 21 December 2021; and
  - (b) Planning Decisions Committee meetings to commence at 6.30pm on 20 January, 10 February, 24 February, 10 March, 24 March, 7 April, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June, 30 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 August, 25 August, 15 September, 29 September, 13 October, 27 October, 17 November, 1 December and 15 December 2021.
2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to determine or alter the location of Council Meetings and meetings of the Planning Decisions Committee under Chapter 2, Clause 6 of the City of Yarra Governance Rules 2020, subject to necessary public notification.

*Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 11.38pm, not returning*

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Nguyen

**Seconded:** Councillor Landes

1. That Council adopt the following Meeting Schedule for 2021:
  - (a) Ordinary Council Meetings to commence at 7.00pm for public sessions, and 6.30pm for closed sessions where required on 2 February, 16 February, 2 March, 16 March, 30 March, 20 April, 4 May, 18 May, 1 June, 22 June, 20 July, 3 August, 17 August, 7 September, 5 October, 19 October, 9 November, 23 November, 7 December and 21 December 2021; and
  - (b) Planning Decisions Committee meetings to commence at 6.30pm on 20 January, 10 February, 24 February, 10 March, 24 March, 7 April, 28 April, 12 May, 26 May, 9 June, 30 June, 14 July, 28 July, 11 August, 25 August, 15 September, 29 September, 13 October, 27 October, 17 November, 1 December and 15 December 2021.
2. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to determine or alter the location of Council Meetings and meetings of the Planning Decisions Committee under Chapter 2, Clause 6 of the City of Yarra Governance Rules 2020, subject to necessary public notification.

**CARRIED**

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## 8.10 Appointment of Councillors to the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum

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**Reference** D20/166127  
**Author** Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor  
**Authoriser** Group Manager Chief Executive's Office

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 11.41pm**

1. That Council appoint the following representatives to the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum for the 2021 calendar year:
  - (a) Cr \_\_\_\_\_ (representative); and
  - (b) Cr \_\_\_\_\_ (proxy).

*Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 11.44pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council appoint the following representatives to the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum for the 2021 calendar year:
  - (a) Cr de Vietri (representative); and
  - (b) Cr Stone (proxy).

**CARRIED**

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That the meeting be further extended to 11.55pm

**CARRIED**



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## 9.1 Notice of Motion No. 21 of 2020 - Grey Headed Flying Foxes

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| <b>Reference</b>  | D20/166632  |
| <b>Author</b>     | Mel Nikou - Administration Officer - Governance Support |
| <b>Authoriser</b> | Group Manager Chief Executive's Office                  |

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### RECOMMENDATION

**Start time: 10.28pm**

1. That Council:

- (a) Requests a brief report on strategies to mitigate the impact of any extreme heat events in the coming months to the Yarra Bend Grey headed flying fox colony, such report to further outline:
  - (i) what action the City of Yarra could take to prevent the large number of fatalities seen last December (2019); and
  - (ii) any associated costs;
- (b) Request the Report include the-specific proposed planting program of appropriate species in streets, reserves and parks that will provide Winter/Spring foraging opportunities for the Yarra Bend Grey Headed Flying Fox colony;
- (c) Conduct an audit of triple strand barbed wire on Council property, and:
  - (i) remove it;
  - (ii) where it cannot be removed treating the barbed wire with anti-strike devices (either yellow tape or pegs) to prevent injury to wildlife; and
  - (iii) informing Council of the actions associated with this audit; and
- (d) Requests an immediate community awareness campaign about the importance of wildlife safe fruit tree netting as per the attached document prepared in conjunction with wildlife rescue organisations.

### Public Submission

*Lawrence Pope, Friends of Bats and Bushcare Inc., addressed Council on the matter.*

*Councillor Landes returned at 10.37pm*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor O'Brien

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. That Council:

- (a) requests a brief report on strategies to mitigate the impact of any extreme heat events in the coming months to the Yarra Bend Grey headed flying fox colony, such report to further outline:
  - (i) what action the City of Yarra could take to prevent the large number of fatalities seen last December (2019); and
  - (ii) any associated costs;
- (b) request the Report include the-specific proposed planting program of appropriate species in streets, reserves and parks that will provide Winter/Spring foraging opportunities for the Yarra Bend Grey Headed Flying Fox colony;

- (c) conduct an audit of triple strand barbed wire on Council property, and:
  - (i) remove it;
  - (ii) where it cannot be removed treating the barbed wire with anti-strike devices (either yellow tape or pegs) to prevent injury to wildlife; and
  - (iii) informing Council of the actions associated with this audit; and
- (d) requests an immediate community awareness campaign about the importance of wildlife safe fruit tree netting as per the attached document prepared in conjunction with wildlife rescue organisations.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*The next order of business was item 14.1*

### **Background:**

#### **Help Protect Yarra's Wildlife - Use Wildlife Safe fruit tree Netting**

The devastating bushfires of last summer killed millions of native animals and decimated species. You can help Australia's precious wildlife by only using wildlife safe products.

The Victorian State Government is ending the sale and use of fruit tree netting that kills and injures wildlife, under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. Wildlife unsafe fruit tree netting will become illegal in September 2021. Across Victoria several thousand native birds, bats (flying foxes) and other wildlife are entangled and killed in unsafe "backyard" fruit tree netting each year.

Grey-headed flying foxes require 21 days of post-netting rescue care to ensure wing die off does not occur. If an adult female is caught in a net from September - February she will have a pup waiting for her to return and feed them milk. The pups cannot survive more than two days alone and Grey-headed flying foxes only produce a single pup in any given year. Nets take a heavy toll of bat-mums and their pups each year. Please do not use unsafe netting on your trees and help us protect our precious wildlife.

#### **Quick Tips:**

- Safe/Good Netting is Netting you can't put a little finger through (holes must be less than 5mm x 5mm fully stretched)
- Unsafe/Bad Nets is Netting with holes you can put fingers through
- Never use black or green nets
- Instead of nets zip washing bags, or fruit socks over fruit – orange net bags work well. Leave high fruit unprotected (avoid ladder climbing!) and share with wildlife.
- Remove old netting as quickly as possible and check trees every day to ensure nets are not loose and that no animals are trapped
- Dispose of old netting in a rubbish bin

If you see unsafe netting on a fruit tree you can print the [Wildlife Victoria](#) safe nets letter and put it in the person's letterbox.

[www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/images/fact-sheets/Safe\\_nets\\_letter\\_to\\_residents.pdf](http://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/images/fact-sheets/Safe_nets_letter_to_residents.pdf)

**If you see wildlife trapped in netting, CALL Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300 for rescue, or report it on the website: [www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/wildlife-information/report-a-wildlife-emergency](http://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/wildlife-information/report-a-wildlife-emergency)**

#### **The City Of Yarra's Grey-headed flying fox colony.**

The City of Yarra is home to Melbourne's largest Grey-headed flying fox colony at Yarra Bend Park. It is playing a direct role in the conservation of these amazing ancient Australian animals.

The colony rises to 40,000 individuals in summer and can fall to 2,000 or less in winter. The Grey-headed flying fox is a long-distance pollinator of native trees dispersing pollen and seed greater distances than either birds or bees. A single flying fox can disperse 60,000 forest building seeds a night. Grey-headed flying

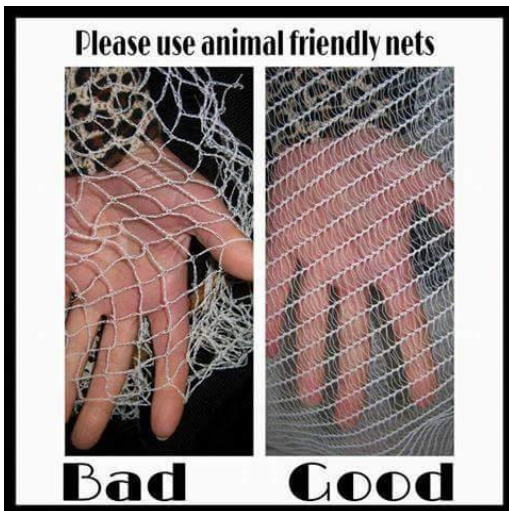
foxes build forest and are playing a vital ecological role in regenerating Victoria's post-bushfire landscape. They are protected by state and federal law. Penalties apply for harassing or harming flying foxes. See: [www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/news/2019/08/26/grey-headed-flying-foxes?fbclid=IwAR3an6hTG-y8sDmNcjyCrRuEvyMV5QA2TKEijz-GIFegNz-iDHLERVVdWaE](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/news/2019/08/26/grey-headed-flying-foxes?fbclid=IwAR3an6hTG-y8sDmNcjyCrRuEvyMV5QA2TKEijz-GIFegNz-iDHLERVVdWaE)



Female Grey headed flying fox rescued from wildlife unsafe fruit tree netting.



Washing bags zipped over fruit are wildlife safe.



Mum with baby – pups need mum to come home and feed them! Use safe nets, or no nets! Thank you!

### High fence triple-strand barbed-wire on council managed land as wildlife hazard

Dear Councillors,

Each year Wildlife Victoria and FOBB rescue dozens of animals caught on barbed wire that no longer performs any local government security, farming, or agricultural purpose.

A common example is where a fence runs for 50 metres and is open on two or three sides or where there are clear paths around, or through, the "security" fence. Redundant barbed wire fences are a constant danger to wildlife.



Barbed wire is invisible at night, in low-light or thick smoke. Animals simply hit them at speed. The most lethal are triple strand high fences with nocturnal animals such as owls, gliders and megabats (flying foxes) the most heavily impacted.

Because of the severe injuries caused by barbed wire most animals require euthanasia. Survivors need costly rehabilitation that is a great impost on volunteers.

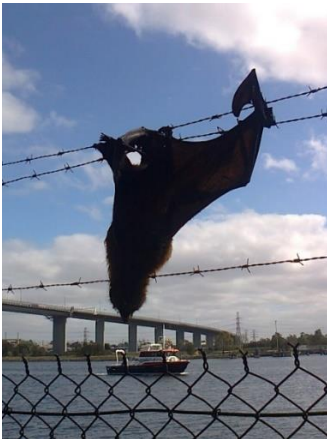
We are requesting that local government authorities identify and remove all unnecessary triple strand barbed wire, on land they manage. We also request that any remaining high fence barbed wire be treated every 600 mm with anti-strike deterrents such as orange/white tape, white cable ties or cloth strips, old CDs, or any bright objects that help animals see and avoid the wires at night. Nocturnal animals have good night vision and so even white cable ties will be visible to them. Be creative. Perhaps enlist the local school children for ideas.

Making any barbed wire fencing visible will help all animals, including livestock (and humans) avoid fences and injury at night, in smoke, fog or low light.

**In sum:**

1. Remove high barbed wire that is redundant or non-essential
2. Make needed barbed wire safer (especially high fence barbed) with hi-vis tape, CDs etc.
3. Encourage the community to help by removing wire or making it wildlife safe
4. Always call Wildlife Victoria 8400 7300 or a local wildlife group for entangled wildlife
5. Consider policy to exclude new high fence triple-strand barbed wire. There are many other effective and safe security fence options available. (NB. Criminals cut through cyclone wire fences. They don't climb over the top of them.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope you will be able to assist in this important hazard reduction work and save the lives of wildlife.



Grey-headed flying fox



Tawny Frogmouth in Melbourne



Grey-headed flying fox impaled on wire



Fence made safe with tags

Best Regards,  
Lawrence Pope – President  
Friends of Bats & Bushcare Inc. (A Parks Victoria `Friends Of` Group)

## 10. Petitions and joint letters

### 10.1 Petition – Victoria Park – Greening Corridors to the Yarra

Reference: D20/168451

A petition containing 42 signatures from residents request Council consider the following:

*“The signatures featured on this page are in support of our proposal titled ‘Victoria Park: Greening Corridors to the Yarra’. We are proposing that a network of streets around Victoria Park be greened as a way of addressing traffic, heat-island effect, and the impacts of the ‘Commercial Zone 1’ developments along Johnston Street whilst enhancing the biodiversity of the area. As a catalyst project, we are presenting a design proposal for both Turner and Bath Streets, as well as the corner pocket park known as Brearley Reserve, in which 47 centre aisle trees are planted, street parking is configured, roundabouts are introduced, a water sensitive urban design is considered, and a passive pocket park is designed for the community to enjoy.”*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

**CARRIED**

### 10.2 Petition – Keep the traffic calming trial in Nicholson Street, Abbotsford

Reference: D20/169364

A petition containing 106 online signatures request that Council consider keeping the traffic calming trial in Nicholson Street, Abbotsford.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That the petition be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

**CARRIED**



10.3 Petition – New Parking Bays in Yarra Street, Abbotsford

Reference: D20/173535

A joint letter containing 18 signatures from residents request that Council consider removing the parking from the south side of Yarra Street between Hoddle Street and the railway bridge where the commercial premises are located so that business are able to access their premises. Currently illegally parked vehicles are preventing access.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That the joint letter be received and referred to the appropriate officer for consideration.

**CARRIED**

## 11. Questions without notice

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. A recording of the Council Meeting (including Questions Without Notice) is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting. Where a question is taken on notice and unable to be answered at the meeting, the full response is also published on Council's website when it becomes available.

11.1 Councillor Wade – High Activity on Crossings

Question:

A resident enquired about the crossing on Alexandra Parade, near Napier Street and the Fitzroy Pool. The crossing is having a lot of activity at the moment with cyclists, pedestrians and prams and I was told today that the Gold Street crossing is looking the same with high activity.

I know these issues may be for VicRoads, but can officers look into the issue and look into widening those somehow?

Response:

*The Director Planning and Place Making took the question on notice.*

## 12. Delegates' reports

Nil

## 13. General Business

- 13.1 Councillor de Vietri – Traffic Calming Trials (Nicholson, Mollison and Langridge Streets, Abbotsford)

Start time: 11.54pm

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor de Vietri

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

1. That Council request an officer's report be presented to Council by March 2021, such report to include:
  - (a) a review to date of any available data on the traffic calming trials around Nicholson, Mollison and Langridge Streets in Abbotsford, and
  - (b) an evaluation of the two petitions received on December 1 and December 15, in relation to the trials.

**CARRIED**

### **Background:**

Information on the data from and outcomes of the trial is considered necessary for Council to make a determination as:

- (a) Council has now received two petitions which seek differing determinations/outcomes from Council, concerning the trial.

*Councillor O'Brien returned at 11.59pm*

## 14. Urgent business

### 14.1 Councillor Jolly - Reinstatement of Original Traffic Management Structures in Nicholson Street, Abbotsford

Start time: 10.40pm

#### Public Submission

*Jim Edwards addressed Council on the matter.*

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor O'Brien

1. That Council note:
  - (a) its resolution of 23 June 2020 authorising Officers to proceed with the implementation of a number of COVID-19 Response Trials (*refer details in Background below*);
  - (b) that one of the Trials included the “installation of a centre median to prevent east-west movements across Nicholson Street, between Mollison Street to Langridge Street (all cyclists and pedestrian movements to be retained)”;
  - (c) that the resolution included a requirement in clause 3(f) to “undertake ongoing monitoring to identify any need to adapt or end any trial post the 3 month review, if it is identified that -- the trial is having an unacceptable impact;” and
  - (d) the petition from 464 signatories (*refer details Background below*) detailing the adverse impacts which the trial is having on the residents and wider community and seeking removal of the temporary traffic barrier from Nicholson Street.
2. That Council having regard to the strong community demand, now determine that the Trial in Nicholson Street be ended and the traffic management structures returned to the original state.

**CARRIED**

#### **Background:**

#### **Council’s resolution of 23 June 2020:**

1. *That Council note the officers report as requested by the Council resolution on 5 May, 2019 regarding opportunities to create improved spaces for cycling and physical distancing, and support for local businesses regarding the current COVID-19 circumstances.*
2. *That Council note the actions of officers to date and also note the options presented in this report for Council consideration.*
3. *That Council, having noted the contents of the report and considered the options presented, authorise officers:*
  - (a) *to proceed with the implementation of the proposed COVID-19 Response Trials, as outlined in Option 1 with the following changes:*
    - (i) *the removal of “mid-block closure of Wellington St” and replaced with:*

- a. the deletion of the left car turn lane at the Johnson St / Wellington St intersection (i.e. north east corner – city bound), and for that lane to be turned into a cycle only lane; and
- b. and the deletion of the left car turning lane at the Alexandra Parade / Wellington St intersection (i.e. the north east corner- city bound) and for that lane to be turned into cycle only lane;
- (ii) the removal of the “closure of Coppin St” proposal to be replaced with:
  - a. the deletion of the left car turning lane along Coppin Street / Bridge Road (i.e. the north east and south west corners) to be replaced with marked cycle only lanes;
- (iii) noting the intention in the report of pop-up bi-directional bicycle lanes on Park street to remedy congestion on the Capital City Trail for Park Street, North Carlton is in fact designed for North Fitzroy, but that priority be given to consideration of emergency implementation of a pop-up bi-directional bicycle lane on Park Street, North Carlton to deal with congestion of the Capital City Trail through North Carlton; and
- (iv) the removal of the closure at Trenerry Crescent at this point in time until such time as consultation with the local community occurs and a report back to Council outlining submissions received; and
- (b) to initially implement trials currently approved by Council, where DoT approval has already been obtained, or is not required;
- (c) to obtain any formal approvals required from the Department of Transport (DoT) and advise Council if any of the trials are not be supported by DoT;
- (d) to inform the community of the upcoming trials and advise why Council is taking this approach and the timing for the implementation of each trial;
- (e) to deliver the trials on the basis that the trials are:
  - (i) reviewed immediately (at any time) if there is an identified safety issue;
  - (ii) reviewed 3 months post implementation to allow the community time to adjust and adapt to the changes; and
  - (iii) fully evaluated 12 months post implementation to identify whether the trials have been a success and whether there is any demand to continue with any trial; and
- (f) to undertake ongoing monitoring to identify any need to adapt or end any **trial** post the 3 month review, if it is identified that:
  - (i) that the trial is not meeting the objectives; and/or
  - (ii) there is an alternative trial or outcome that better meets the needs of the community; and/or
  - (iii) the trial is having an unacceptable impact on infrastructure or operations managed by DoT (as determined by DoT and agreed with Council);

- (g) *to continue to receive submissions from the community and prioritise these submissions using the Assessment Tool and according to available resources;*
- (h) *to continue to work with DoT and neighbouring Council's to identify and further investigate joint projects;*
- (i) *to continue to liaise with the local business community and explore possible options to assist with physical distancing requirements;*
- (j) *to explore external funding opportunities to support these and other initiatives in response to the impacts of COVID-19; and*
- (k) *to investigate and report to Council on any Future Stage COVID-19 Response Trials as part of Council's transport, movement and access response to COVID.*

4. That Council further resolve to:

- (a) require officers to undertake an assessment throughout Yarra of where safety to cyclists could be improved through new green paint surface (or where it is fading and needs some re-application), and / or where the installation of plastic lane dividers would improve cyclist safety in designated bike lanes, and
- (b) request officers to prioritise where these could be arranged within existing budget allocations and action.

**CARRIED**

**Extract of Council Report 23 June 2020:**

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| Centre median preventing east-west movements across Nicholson Street, between Mollison Street to Langridge Street (all cyclists and pedestrian movements to be retained) | <p>Council adopted Local Area Place Making (LAPM 13) project to be delivered with temporary infrastructure</p> <p>Responds to localised pedestrian and cyclist safety need due to a high number of conflicting traffic movements.</p> <p>Responds to safer routes to local schools for non-car traffic.</p> <p>No loss of parking.</p> <p>For some journeys, it would require residents and visitors to travel further by car. Travel times on adjacent local roads are much lower in current context.</p> <p>Temporary closure can be easily adapted to one way or removed if there are notable safety issues.</p> <p>Subject to normal DoT approvals. As this is an approved Council project, officers will work to an early to mid-July 2020 implementation date.</p> |
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| Action / Trial   | Timeline               |
|--|------------------------|
| Centre median preventing east-west movements across Nicholson Street, from Mollison Street to Langridge Street | Early to mid-July 2020 |

**Petition presented to Council 1 December 2020:**

**change.org**

Recipient: Yarra City Council

Letter: Greetings,

Removal of Nicholson St, Abbotsford traffic barrier

We are local Abbotsford residents and have raised this petition to ask that Yarra City Council remove the traffic barrier they put up on the corner of Nicholson, Mollison and Langridge Streets earlier this year.

The barrier has affected our ability to move around our local neighbourhood without undue encumbrance, and this adversely affects the amenity and liveability of this beautiful area.

Yarra City Council created this barrier without appropriate community consultation, and with no regard for the impact that it would have on locals. It has caused negative impacts and unintended consequences for local residents and businesses.

- Dangerous consequences at other intersections especially for cyclists and pedestrians.
- No consideration for the 2 large buildings currently/soon to be constructed on the intersection.
- Increase in traffic now on other local roads.
- Local residents and businesses unable to drive directly to their homes or workplaces, increasing travel time and traffic.
- Delays in emergency services ability to attend properties in the area.

The community support for the removal of the traffic barrier has been overwhelming, and we expect that Yarra Council will listen to local residents and business who have been adversely affected by this project.

Thanks

Local Abbotsford Residents and Businesses.

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION (PROCEDURAL)**

**Moved:** Councillor Stone

**Seconded:** Councillor Landes

That the meeting be extended a further 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*The standing orders resumed at item 8.6*

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 11.59pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 2 February 2021

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Mayor