



Minutes

Council Meeting

6.32pm, Tuesday 12 March 2024

Richmond Town Hall

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

- Cr Edward Crossland Mayor
- Cr Anab Mohamud Deputy Mayor
- Cr Michael Glynatsis Councillor
- Cr Stephen Jolly Councillor
- Cr Herschel Landes Councillor
- Cr Claudia Nguyen Councillor
- Cr Bridgid O’Brien Councillor
- Cr Amanda Stone Councillor
- Cr Sophie Wade Councillor

Council staff

Chief Executive Officer

- Sue Wilkinson Chief Executive Officer

General Managers

- Brooke Colbert Governance, Communications and Customer Experience
- Sam Hewett Infrastructure and Environment
- Kerry McGrath Community Strengthening
- Mary Osman City Sustainability and Strategy
- Jenny Scicluna Corporate Services and Transformation

Governance

- Phil De Losa Manager Governance and Integrity
- Rhys Thomas Senior Governance Advisor
- Mel Nikou Governance Officer

3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

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

Cr Crossland, Cr Glynatsis, Cr Jolly, Cr Landes, Cr Mohamud, Cr O'Brien, Cr Stone and Cr Wade declared that they had familiarised themselves with the matters being presented to this meeting and that they do not have a conflict of interest.

Cr Nguyen declared that she has a general conflict of interest in relation to Items 7.2 (Transport Action Plan 2023-2033), 8.2 (Notice of Motion No. 5 of 2024 - Dangers of oversized vehicles) and 10.3 (Electrical vehicle charging points) in that she is employed by the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning and deals with related projects in that employment.

5. Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 February 2024 be confirmed.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

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Nil

6. Question time

This section is provided as a record of the questions submitted and asked during question time and the responses prepared - it is not a transcript of proceedings. A recording of the Council meeting is available on Council's website for at least twelve months following the meeting.

The following questions were asked:

1. Peter Jamieson:

Question:

Could I please have an update on the petition submitted at the last council meeting, requesting consideration of additional free parking for customers of traders in Brunswick St (northern end). I also understand there is currently underway a review of parking arrangements in the City of Yarra. What is the purpose and scope of this review and when will it be completed?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

The submission of the petition is noted and is currently being considered and a response will be provided to you by end of week. As previously outlined to you, paid parking along all of Council's activity centres assists in preventing long -term occupancy of spaces and encourages turnover making parking more accessible to the community and promotes other forms of transport.

In response to the query regarding the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, the study will include consideration of parking fees and impacts and demands for on-street car parking in Yarra and will consider the future growth anticipated for the municipality.

2. Janet Adams:

Question:

Can council provide clarification of its risk management requirements for residents who require laneway access to maintain their property?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

As we have indicated in our correspondence to you recently, all occupation of Council assets requires permission to ensure public safety around work sites. Our approach prioritises the safety of workers and contractors, pedestrians, motorists and cyclists while also ensuring the protection of Council's assets from damage. We do this through the requirement of a traffic management plan and we try to offer sensible and affordable solutions to keep costs down (including reduced costs for residential works).

3. Peter Razos:

Question:

In the last five years in the City of Yarra, how many car spaces have been removed because of bicycle lanes in the City of Yarra?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

A number of teams across council deliver bicycle projects including the state government. In many cases parking spaces affected by bicycle lane installation are moved or replaced nearby rather than removed entirely. To undertake a review over the past 5 years would be a manual task that has not been undertaken but as an estimate, there are approximately 45,000 car parking spaces in Yarra and we believe less than 1% of these would have been affected by the creation of safe bicycle lanes.

4. Nancy Molloy:

Question:

What are Leisure Services intentions regarding the Empower Programs?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Thanks Nancy for your question. I note we are meeting this week to discuss your various queries so perhaps we can add the empower programs to the list.

There are no plans to change the Empower Programs from its current format or structure. The program is made up of two class types:

- 1. The Empower Classes support people with chronic conditions who require minimal support.*
- 2. The Empower + classes which are strength training sessions for people with disabilities who require a high level of support. This program is perfect for people who can use gym equipment with the support of their own carer.*

We are running at 35% occupancy levels at present so there's plenty of room for more participants. See you on Thursday.

5. Anne Jenkins:

Question:

How are you measuring the use of the temporary Charlotte Street pop up park?

6. Nathaniel:

Question:

How are you measuring the truest impact of traffic on the surrounding streets due to the closure of Charlotte Street?

7. Hugh Morley:

Question:

With regard to the Charlotte Street pop-up park outside the Richmond Library - what is being done to remedy and ensure public safety issues that have arisen since its inception?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response to questions 5 to 7:

Thank you all for your questions

A one-week traffic study is recommended by traffic engineers and typically standard practice for projects of this scale. The study will be undertaken by an independent traffic specialist engaged by Council. The date selected for the study has been chosen to avoid school holidays and to occur with sufficient time after the implementation of the temporary pop-up park to allow for traffic patterns to settle meaning drivers being aware of the altered conditions. Also, during the time of the study there are multiple AFL games at the MCG which the community noted were important to consider during the study. Once we have collected this data, we will be reviewing this along with VicRoads data, and information gained from the previous study.

In response to the use and amenity impacts from the pop-up, Council understands that there are a number of issues in the area many of these preceding the temporary pop-up park, however any concerns can be reported to Council, and we will work with the community to address them.

We have received feedback about the pop-up including how people are using the space but we are not undertaking formal counts of people using the space as the pop up does not reflect the final design and is in place to inform Council of impacts of a permanent park in this location. Any permanent park will have additional lighting, improved pedestrian accessibility, open sight lines all to ensure that the space is as safe as possible for future users and those walking through or accessing the library.

8. Victoria Chipperfield:

Question:

Last month I asked if the refurbished toilet block in Citizens Park met the Australian Standards outlined by Sports and Recreation Victoria. The response from Council was that as it is not attached to the pavilion that was not required. The issues raised last time were due to concerns for people experiencing a health episode and ambulance officers not being able to provide timely responses as the doors opened inwards. Now that these serious concerns have been raised, will Council change the doors to open outwards?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

The public toilets at Citizens Park are compliant with building regulations. The doors to the cubicles have lift-off hinges to enable access to the cubicle in an emergency, as is required by the National Construction Code. The doors for the accessible and ambulant toilets at this location open outwards, whereas the doors for the remaining five standard cubicles open inwards, due to the constraints of the site. We have no plans to change the doors at this time.

9. Sharon Harrison:

Question:

In December 2023, the Local Government Minister stated that it is good practice for a council to align a Waste Charge with the specific service provided to the occupancy it is levied upon and should not include other costs. Examples of costs that the Minister considers should not be included in a Waste Charge include: Litter and waste collection from public spaces and the provision of public bins Street, footpath and drain cleaning Graffiti removal Tree planting and maintenance Park maintenance, public education and advocacy Local Government Finance Professionals (FinPro) is the peak body servicing Local

Government Finance Professionals in Victoria. In January 2024, they publish a survey that nearly 80% of Councils incorrectly include at least one of these costs. Question: What information will Council provide to the community that will clearly, simply and publicly demonstrate that Council will not include these charges in Yarra's Bin Tax?

The Manager People and Culture provided the following response:

Local Government Victoria released the Guidelines in late December. The guidelines are not legally binding and together with the local government sector we are working to better understand the intent of guidelines and what, if any actions are required.

It is also important to note that during the process of separating waste service charges from general rates last year, Council worked closely with the Essential Services Commission to ensure compliance under the law. Our compliance was reflected in the Commission's Rate Cap Compliance Report for 2023/2024.

7.1 Commonwealth Aged Care Reforms

Reference	D24/75681
Author	Adrian Murphy - Manager Aged and Disability Services
Authoriser	General Manager Community Strengthening
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 7.11pm

1. That Council notes:

- (a) the fundamental re-design and transformation of the national aged care system being implemented by the Commonwealth Government, including the introduction of the Support at Home Program, which will see:
 - (i) development of an open and competitive market model across Australia;
 - (ii) introduction of a new individually client-based funding model;
 - (iii) establishment of an integrated single care program, which supports clients with entry level service needs to clients with high and complex needs;
 - (iv) increased specialisation and clinical governance requirements, especially for home-based services;
- (b) that across 2017 to 2024, a range of community consultation and engagement processes have been undertaken to inform future directions, including:
 - (i) review and consideration of options by a Community Deliberative Panel;
 - (ii) consultations on ageing well in Yarra and development of the Active and Healthy Ageing Strategy;
 - (iii) Conduct of the Client Needs Survey;
 - (iv) engagement with Council's Active Ageing Advisory Committee;
- (c) that on the basis of the community consultations and consideration of Council's Vision and Council Plan, Guiding Principles were adopted to inform decision making and the focus of future directions;
- (d) that Council provides home care services under a unique model with Mercy Health, Council's long-term and trusted partner which currently provides 62% of the direct home care services to Yarra residents currently;
- (e) that after consideration of a range of options and points (a) to (d) above, Council is best placed to:
 - (i) support older people to remain active in the community, stay connected, continue life-long interests, and focus on creating an age-friendly and accessible city; and
 - (ii) maintain and develop specific services, such as community transport, social support groups and community meals programs that underpin community participation.

2. That Council:

- (a) resolves to partner with Mercy Health (under contract to Council) to carefully transition the small number of home care clients supported by Council staff to Mercy Health follows:

- (i) During 2024, Council works in partnership with Mercy Health to move the home care clients (137) currently supported by Council staff to the care of Mercy Health. This would involve working on a one-on-one basis with each client to support them through the change through a careful and progressive process;

Once the transition is completed, clients will be provided with the same level of high-quality care, consistent with other members of our community that already receive Mercy Health services. It will also mean that these clients will be able to adjust service levels within the one program / provider, as their care needs change if they wish;

In addition, during this time, Council will continue to monitor the contracted provider and support clients as is currently the situation.
 - (ii) At a point, but not later than 30 June 2025, when Council is satisfied that the transition of all existing clients has been completed and quality services are continuing to be provided, Council concludes the agreement with the State / Commonwealth Departments to provide this service through Council; and
 - (iii) Clients would then continue their services with Mercy Health, or if they wish, seek an alternative provider in line with consumer choice under the new nation-wide model, and
- (b) undertake an operational review of the Home Maintenance program and provide advice to Council at a later date;
 - (c) recommit to, and grow, Community Care based services for older residents and ongoing actions to be an age friendly, inclusive and accessible city as follows:
 - (i) Council continues to provide and develop a range of aged care services and supports, which strongly align with Council's commitment to enhance social support, prevent social isolation, and build community resilience, such as community transport, meals and nutritional support, and social support groups;
 - (ii) Council will reinvest to maintain and grow the following existing programs that support older people and people with disability:
 - a. Social support and participation grants to Neighbourhood Houses;
 - b. Nutrition grants to local food insecurity agencies and the Café Meals program; and
 - c. Outreach support for people living in insecure accommodation; and
 - (iii) Council to invest in new programs to ensure that older residents, and at risk and/or vulnerable people can access local supports and services. This includes:
 - a. Invest in a Community Connector function, which provides a single point of contact at Council to support people to access the My Aged Care systems, other health and wellbeing services and actively links people with local agencies and other activities;
 - b. Maintaining a capacity to support people living in challenging home environments, who need linking to multi-disciplinary support services and focussed advocacy; and
 - c. Maintaining a strong advocacy and stewardship role on behalf of the community; and
- (iii) Council to continue to support and develop an age friendly, inclusive, and accessible Yarra. This includes:
 - a. Supporting the Active Ageing Advisory Committee to provide advice and guidance on ageing well in Yarra and having input into policy and strategy development;

- b. Implementation of actions at a whole of Council level to build an age-friendly city, such as better and safer open spaces and accessible buildings, civic participation, engagement in arts, recreation, and libraries – and with a focus on physical, mental, and emotional health and wellbeing; and
- c. Continuation of partnerships with local neighbourhood houses and other local partners to support locally based programs that improve social connections, skills, and participation; and
- (d) authorises the Chief Executive Officer to finalise transition actions with State and Commonwealth Departments regarding home care services (subject to satisfactory finalisation of 2 (a); and
- (e) formally notify clients, Council staff, the Active Ageing Advisory Committee, and the Yarra community of the changes to the ongoing delivery of Aged Care Services by Yarra.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Mary Natoli; and

Jonno Morris.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Landes

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 - b. Maintaining a capacity to support people living in challenging home environments, who need linking to multi-disciplinary support services and focussed advocacy; and
 - c. Maintaining a strong advocacy and stewardship role on behalf of the community; and
- (iv) Council's investment in existing and new programs will be commensurate with existing funding;
- (v) Council to continue to support and develop an age friendly, inclusive, and accessible Yarra. This includes:
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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, Stone and Wade

Against: Councillors Glynatsis, Jolly and O'Brien

CARRIED

7.2 Transport Action Plan 2023-2033

Reference	D23/457840
Author	Simon Exon - Unit Manager Strategic Transport
Authoriser	General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 7.57pm

Councillor O'Brien left the meeting at 7.57pm

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 7.57pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the *Final Transport Action Plan 2023-2033* at **Attachment One** to guide the delivery of the Yarra Transport Plan; and
 - (b) thanks the community for their involvement in the engagement process.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

David Balding; and

Alex Lamb, Streets Alive Yarra.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade **Seconded:** Councillor Landes

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorse the *Final Transport Action Plan 2023-2033* at **Attachment One** to guide the delivery of the Yarra Transport Plan.
 - (b) thanks the community for their involvement in the engagement process.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 Smith Reserve - Final Landscape Concept Plan

Reference	D24/3307
Author	Kevin Ayrey - Landscape Architect
Authoriser	General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 8.09pm

Councillor O'Brien returned to the meeting at 8.09pm

RECOMMENDATION Start time: 8.09pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses the *Final Landscape Concept Plan (Attachment Two)* and the *Smith Reserve – Play Space Proposal 2024 (Attachment Three)* to guide all future works in Smith Reserve and progresses with its implementation;
 - (b) notes the first stage to be implemented is the *Play Space Proposal 2024 (Attachment Three)* playground; and
 - (c) thanks the community for their involvement in the engagement process.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Alan Tse; and

Alex Lamb, Streets Alive Yarra.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Stone

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses the *Final Landscape Concept Plan (Attachment Two)* and the *Smith Reserve – Play Space Proposal 2024 (Attachment Three)* to guide all future works in Smith Reserve and progresses with its implementation;
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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 Fitzroy Swimming Pool - Shade Measures

Reference	D24/54238
Author	Adam Kavanagh - Coordinator Operations
Authoriser	General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.26pm

1. That Council notes the positive response to portable shade initiatives introduced at Fitzroy Swimming Pool to improve the customer experience of patrons on hot days.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That Council notes the positive response to portable shade initiatives introduced at Fitzroy Swimming Pool to improve the customer experience of patrons on hot days.
2. That the 2024/25 draft budget process include consideration on the permanent shading of the Fitzroy Pool entrance for discussion.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 Secret Garden - Ballarat St Collingwood

Reference	D24/40333
Author	Sam Hewett - General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Authoriser	General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.37pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) advocates to the Department of Transport and Planning, as owners of the land, and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety to offer a new licence to the current licensee operating the Secret Garden so that they may continue operating a community garden in Ballarat St Collingwood; and
 - (b) writes to the Department of Transport and Planning asking about its plans to green its excess land for community benefit within the City of Yarra's municipal boundary.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Stone

That this matter be deferred until the Ordinary Council Meeting on 9 April 2024.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, Stone and Wade

Against: Councillors Glynatsis, Jolly and O'Brien

CARRIED

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8.42pm.

The meeting resumed at 8.48pm.

7.6 Insurance Costs and Live Music Venues in Yarra

Reference	D24/62586
Author	Brona Keenan - Coordinator Arts & Culture
Authoriser	General Manager Community Strengthening
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.48pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) endorses this report to support the work of Music Victoria and ALMBC, and advocate for outcomes based on the recommendation by these peak bodies;
 - (b) works proactively with Music Victoria in a coordinated way, regarding the state and national approach to the issue of insurance impacting on the viability of live music venues in Yarra;
 - (c) invites Music Victoria and the ALMBC to co-host additional industry capacity building and roundtable discussions as part of the 2024 Leaps and Bounds Music Festival;
 - (d) assists the ALMBC to connect with interested Yarra venues to support further advice and mentoring in relation to the issue of insurance and other venue operator priorities; and
 - (e) promotes and encourages Yarra live music venues and operators to engage in Council business support programs and services.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor Nguyen

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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Landes, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Councillors Glynatsis, Jolly and Mohamud

CARRIED

7.7 Governance Report - March 2024

Reference	D24/52530
Author	Rhys Thomas - Senior Governance Advisor
Authoriser	Manager Governance and Integrity
Disclosure	The authoriser, having made enquiries with members of staff involved in the preparation of this report, asserts that they are not aware of any general or material conflicts of interest in relation to the matters presented.

RECOMMENDATION

Start time: 8.54pm

1. That in order to align the operation of Council advisory committees with the implementation period of the Council Plan, Council alter the review date of the Council Committees Policy to 30 June 2025, and make the following changes to the Active Ageing Advisory Committee, Active Transport Advisory Committee, Arts Advisory Committee, Business Advisory Group, Community Awards Committee, Disability Advisory Committee, Environment Advisory Committee, Heritage Advisory Committee, Multicultural Advisory Group, Rainbow Advisory Committee and the Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee:
 - (a) the term of appointment for current members be adjusted to conclude at 12 noon on Tuesday 24 September 2024;
 - (b) the operation of the committee sunset at 12 noon on Tuesday 24 September 2024; and
 - (c) community members be thanked for their ongoing contribution to the achievement of the Yarra 2036 Community Vision and the delivery of the Council Plan 2020-2024 and invited to participate in the consultation process for the development of the Community Vision and Council Plan in early 2025.
2. That formal consideration of the establishment of a families and children advisory committee be considered in conjunction with the establishment of a new Advisory Committee structure after the October 2024 Council election.
3. That Council note the Minister for Local Government's decision and gazettal of the Council wards to be used for the 2024 Yarra City Council General Election.
4. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 17 May 2024:
 - (a) "Electric line clearance and metropolitan tree canopies" (**Attachment Two**); and
 - (b) "Rainbow Alliance for Local Government" (**Attachment Three**)
5. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALG) National General Assembly to be held on 2-4 July 2024:
 - (a) "National anti-vilification laws" (**Attachment Four**); and
 - (b) "Material product and packaging standards" (**Attachment Five**).

Public Submission

Sean Mulcahy, Rainbow Local Government addressed Council on the matter.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Stone

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That in order to align the operation of Council advisory committees with the implementation period of the Council Plan, Council alter the review date of the Council Committees Policy to 30 June 2025, and make the following changes to the Active Ageing Advisory Committee, Active Transport Advisory Committee, Arts Advisory Committee, Business Advisory Group, Community Awards Committee, Disability Advisory Committee, Environment Advisory Committee, Heritage Advisory Committee, Multicultural Advisory Group, Rainbow Advisory Committee and the Yarra Libraries Advisory Committee:
 - (a) the term of appointment for current members be adjusted to conclude on 30 June 2025;
 - (b) the operation of the committee sunset on 30 June 2025; and
 - (c) community members be thanked for their ongoing contribution to the achievement of the Yarra 2036 Community Vision and the delivery of the Council Plan 2020-2024 and invited to participate in the consultation process for the development of the Community Vision and Council Plan in early 2025.
2. That a terms of reference for a families and children’s advisory committee be presented to Council for consideration at the July Council meeting.
3. That Council note the Minister for Local Government’s decision and gazettal of the Council wards to be used for the 2024 Yarra City Council General Election.
4. That Council endorse the following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 17 May 2024:
 - (a) “Electric line clearance and metropolitan tree canopies” (**Attachment Two**); and
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 - (a) “National anti-vilification laws” (**Attachment Four**);
 - (b) “Material product and packaging standards” (**Attachment Five**); and
 - (c) “CHAMP for Climate Action” (as tabled).

Motion for Submission to ALGA 2024

CHAMP for Climate Action

1. That this National Assembly call on the Federal Government to act on its pledge under the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) for Climate Action (cop28.com) and consult and collaborate, create processes and provide the investment for local governments to maximise climate action, in order to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and increase adaptation and resilience.

National Objective

Why is this a national issue and why should this be debated at the NGA?
(Maximum 100 words)

Recent Conferences of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change have highlighted the important local government role in addressing the climate crisis and the need for all levels of government to work together to achieve the ambitious Paris Agreement goals.

At COP28, the host nation sponsored CHAMP for Climate Action, a pledge "to enhance cooperation...with our subnational governments...in the planning, financing, implementation, and monitoring of climate strategies,...to maximise climate action...with a view towards collectively pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, and increase adaptation and resilience".

Australia signed this pledge.

Summary of Key Arguments

Background information and supporting arguments
(Maximum 300 words)

This motion seeks the federal Government to enact its commitment as outlined in the CHAMP pledge through the actions listed here and described in detail at <https://www.cop28.com/en/cop28-uae-coalition-for-high-ambition-multilevel-partnerships-for-climate-action>:

- Consult
- Collaborate
- NDC 2025
- NDC investment
- Voluntary review
- High level dialogue

The CHAMP pledge, signed by 72 nations, recognises the enormity of task in keeping temperature rise to 1.5 degrees, the significant role local governments will play in the task and the need for national governments to work with a support them to do so.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Notices of motion

8.1 Notice of Motion No. 4 of 2024 - Easy Access Tram Stops

Reference D24/79011
Author Herschel Landes – Councillor

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 9.06pm

RECOMMENDATION Start: 9.06pm

1. That the Mayor write to the Ministers for Public and Active Transport and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety:
 - (a) highlighting the ongoing issues with the management and maintenance of the level access tram stops #15 and #17 along Bridge Road, in particular the ongoing repair/ reinstatement of safety bollards;
 - (b) seeking urgent clarification about which government agency is responsible for the management and maintenance of the level access tram stops #15 and #17 along Bridge Road, in particular the ongoing repair/ reinstatement of safety bollards;
 - (c) requesting that the State Government immediately commence a review of the design, operation and location of the tram stops to allow for greater integration with the footpath, enhanced pedestrian and cyclist experience, the elimination of vehicular traffic onto the platform and the elimination of conflicts arising from the proximity of the platforms to Bosisto and Waltham Streets; and
 - (d) notes that Council staff have recently written to DTP highlighting concerns with the condition of the road pavement along Bridge Road (between Hoddle St and Yarra Boulevard) which has been gradually degrading, causing concerns within the community and an increased frequency of reported hazards and issues and seeks a formal commitment that the State Government will prioritise the renewal of Bridge Road (between Hoddle Street and Yarra Boulevard) in FY 24/25.

Public Submission

David Balding addressed Council on the matter.

Councillor Jolly returned to the meeting at 9.14pm.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen **Seconded:** Councillor Mohamud

1. That the Mayor write to the Ministers for Public and Active Transport and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety:
 - (a) highlighting the ongoing issues with the management and maintenance of the level access tram stops #15 and #17 along Bridge Road, in particular the ongoing repair/ reinstatement of safety bollards;
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AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Landes

1. (a) highlighting the ongoing issues with the management and maintenance of the level access tram stops #15 and #17 along Bridge Road and also Victoria Street in particular the ongoing repair/ reinstatement of safety bollards;

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That the Mayor write to the Ministers for Public and Active Transport and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety:
 - (a) highlighting the ongoing issues with the management and maintenance of the level access tram stops #15 and #17 along Bridge Road and also Victoria Street in particular the ongoing repair/ reinstatement of safety bollards;
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 - (d) notes that Council staff have recently written to DTP highlighting concerns with the condition of the road pavement along Bridge Road (between Hoddle St and Yarra Boulevard) which has been gradually degrading, causing concerns within the community and an increased frequency of reported hazards and issues and seeks a formal commitment that the State Government will prioritise the renewal of Bridge Road (between Hoddle Street and Yarra Boulevard) in FY 24/25.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Notice of Motion No. 5 of 2024 - Dangers of oversized vehicles

Reference D24/90122
Author Sophie Wade – Councillor

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting due to a conflict of interest at 9.20pm.

RECOMMENDATION Start: 9.20pm

1. That Council:
 - (a) notes the dangers posed by the increasing size and weight of vehicles on Australian streets, including vehicles like the RAM and Defender, such as:
 - (i) car crashes are now the leading cause of death for Australian children;
 - (ii) kids are eight times more likely to die when hit by a SUV compared to a normal passenger car;
 - (iii) pedestrian deaths have stayed stable while the road toll has trended downwards;
 - (iv) larger cars are more polluting and have a greater climate impact - If SUVs were a country, they would rank as the sixth most polluting in the world.
 - (b) notes actions taken in this respect by:
 - (i) Paris voted on 4 Feb to charge 3x higher parking rates for SUVs compared to other vehicles with other French cities including Lyon doing similar;
 - (ii) London Mayor has made comments about following Paris's lead;
 - (iii) France has increased taxes on heavy vehicles;
 - (iv) Washington DC, USA, have increased vehicle registration fees on heavier vehicles; and
 - (v) about a dozen other US states charge weight-based registration fees, according to data from the National Conference of State Legislatures.
2. That a report be prepared for a Councillor workshop for later this calendar year to investigate ways to make travelling on Yarra's streets more equitable and discourage large and heavy vehicles on Yarra's streets, including by considering proportionate parking fees based on a vehicle's size; and noting that any investigation and consultation should consider appropriate caveats (e.g. EVs, people with disabilities), and options for hypothecating funding for projects that make walking safer (e.g. Yarra's New Deal for Schools program).

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Aidan Barac-Dunn;

Sharon Harrison;

Alex Lamb, Streets Alive Yarra; and

David Balding.

MOTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That Council:
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AMENDMENT

Moved: Councillor Jolly

3. That the report include:
 - (a) What data, if any, Council has on the number of oversized vehicles in Yarra including the Ram and Defender?
 - (b) What data, if any, Council has on the number of accidents caused by oversized vehicles in Yarra including comparisons with other vehicles and electric scooters?
 - (c) What percentage of carbon emissions in Yarra comes from vehicular traffic, including the percentage from SUVs?
 - (d) What data do we have on the number of fines issued for oversized vehicles extending beyond a parking bay, taking up part of an adjacent bay, if any?
 - (e) Whether a scheme might apply to visitation parking (metered or otherwise) or also consider residential and trader permit parking?
 - (f) Whether different approaches might be regressive in terms of the way they impact on people of economic or other disadvantage in Yarra and how this might be addressed?

- (g) What accommodations might need to be made to support the legitimate daily needs of residents and traders, including: trades, pickups and deliveries, vehicles necessary to support business operations, healthcare workers and other support workers and carers, and those living with disabilities, as well as families more generally?
- (h) What changes to current permit systems and enforcement practices are needed and how it will be communicated to visitors given much of Yarra's daily activity consists of visitors from outside of Yarra?
- (i) Given there remains substantial amounts of unregulated parking in parts of Yarra, what action would be taken to prevent simply moving oversized vehicles from one street to another?

The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Wade

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. That Council:
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CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 9.41pm.

9. Petitions and joint letters

9.1 Petition - Playground placement at Artisan Park Mills Boulevard, Alphington

Reference: D24/95837

A petition containing 39 signatures from residents are objecting to the current placement of the playground and height of shade sails with the Artisan Park and request that Glenvill and Council reconsider and address the placement of the playground.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

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

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillor Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.2 Petition - Traffic Management Criteria

Reference: D24/96698

A petition containing 30 signatures from residents request that Council consider implementing proportionate risk management criteria that reflect the actual level of risk in lightly trafficked access laneways infrequently used by pedestrians.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Stone

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

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9.3 Petition - Access to Darebin Creek Trail

Reference: D24/98040

A petition containing 288 signatures from residents request that Council consider providing access to the Darebin Creek Trail via Old Heidelberg Road while the Alphington Link via Farm Road is complete.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor O'Brien

Seconded: Councillor Wade

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

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Questions without notice

10.1 Councillor Landes - Local Area Place Making Plan

Question:

It was noted that the LAPM for the Vaucluse area in Richmond which was referenced in the Council Plan that an internal road safety review was undertaken for the Vaucluse as a corridor study for Richmond. This identified that the Vaucluse would benefit from a painted shared zone, design approvals and delivery of a shared zone would be progressed during the 2023/24.

Can officers advise residents when this would be proceeding?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:

Officers have developed a shared zone concept for the Vaucluse, essentially the Church Street end up to the community services building. The current proposal is based on a proposed lower speed limit of 20k per hour. Signage and some pavement marking with some public messaging to be proposed which we found effective elsewhere. We have discussed this already with DTP and are going through the process of submitting it to DTP for its consideration and are confident that it fits the shared use template and would be successful but of course we just have to wait for DTP's approval. Should it be successful we are confident that we would be able to deliver it next year.

10.2 Councillor Stone - Planning Processes

Question:

In relation the October 2023 report outlining the changes to the planning processes in Victoria following the Premier's housing statement. Many of those changes were premised on Council's being slow to process applications and also the perception that delays were being caused by third party objectors and so these reforms removed third party rights from several types of applications and removed Council's as decision makers on several types of applications. At the time it was advised that it was difficult to know what the impact would be on Yarra in terms of our processes because of the lack of detail. Has any other detail been provided since then and if so, what?

Yarra has made some strong statements about the fact that better planning outcomes are achieved when communities are involved in those decisions. The Council resolution in October referred to the advocacy by Council on this and I was wondering can you describe what advocacy has been undertaken and how it's been responded to since then?

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

We understand the department are preparing some guidelines for community, Councils and applicants to understand how the process will run. We haven't seen drafts of those yet but we have requested and have said that are more than happy to review those in light of the number of guidelines that we prepare on our website for our community to understand the planning process.

Council officers, I will start at that level, every time we are contacted by the department with respect to, I'll call it a call in application just for clarity, we advocate strongly regarding this scope of engagement with the community and in many instances we ask for that scope to be significantly increased as we are providing names and addresses for those properties. We have been quite successful in being able to influence the outcome at officer level. Further to that we have met with the Minister, the Mayor and CEO and again we advocated strongly for community input into these processes and we continue to have those discussions at all levels within the department and obviously we have had conversations directly with the Minister and we will continue to do so on a case by case basis as the applications are called in.

The CEO also provided the following response:

The matter is being raised regularly with the Mayor and our local MP's and indirectly I know that on occasion MP's have taken the opportunity to ask questions, specifically most recently about our Open Space amendment. For example in Parliament and as well as making approaches to the minister specifically. In addition, the M9 group of Council's recently, it doesn't go directly to the consultation point but it does go the impact of the reforms, the M9 CEO's recently wrote to the department and asked for the department to consider and respond to issues relating to cost shifting. It is my view and the view of the other Councils that we will continue to do the lion's share of the work, but we no longer receive the applicant fee and in order to ensure that the community is well represented in decision making we need to commission external subject matter experts at rate payers expense, so I don't believe that is fair, so I've asked for that to be raised as well. There has been a lot of media attention and we have taken every opportunity to remind the readers or the listeners that Yarra has done the lions share and done the heavy lifting in terms of residential development approvals in the metropolitan area recently and so we actually feel we are doing a reasonably good job with our compromising and the involvement in the local community.

Councillor Nguyen left the meeting due to conflict of interest at 9.56pm.

10.3 Councillor Jolly - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Question:

Can you please provide an update if you have one on the roll-out of the electrical vehicle charging points in the City of Yarra?

Also, any idea when we are going to receive a report about the potential roll-out or advise as to the successor otherwise of the trial at Port Phillip and UK cities that have embedded charging points that would suit private houses which I know are quite rare in the City of Yarra.

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

Council isn't currently a recipient of a grant for the installation of EV's and we are working with the infrastructure team on implementing these. We are still working on them so please don't take that there is a stall, but they are not as easy to implement within our existing infrastructure. We are also working on a policy that is to guide where we should be putting EV's across the municipality and also advocating for the installation of EV's within private developments, which may not address all issues but at least with all new developments people will have the option of having an electric vehicle. All of this work forms part of or a part of the kerbside strategy and we will come to you with the timing for when these policies will be put to Council. There was also a question about power cords across footpaths. I have had a conversation with our local laws team and we are working towards, is there a solution about how these can be implemented. It is a complex topic so I will circulate further information for Councillors about each of those topics.

Councillor Nguyen returned to the meeting at 10.00pm.

10.4 Councillor O'Brien - Light Pollution

Question:

I think about twelve months ago I put up a motion about light pollution and I was just wondering when that report might come to Council.

The General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy provided the following response:

We are working on a time table and have had a conversation with respect to that today. I don't have a date but I will provide Councillors with an update with timing on that policy as well.

11. Delegates' reports

Nil

12. General Business

12.1 Councillor Jolly - Heritage listing for portable buildings

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: Councillor Jolly

Seconded: Councillor O'Brien

1. That a report be prepared for the May Council meeting in relation to the potential World Heritage listing of Portable Buildings, including six buildings in City of Yarra and including:
 - (a) officer's advice regarding the possible recognition and support of the proposal for World Heritage nomination of number of nineteenth century 'portable buildings' in Australia (<https://www.portablebuildingsaustralia.org/>), including six within the City of Yarra (Singapore cottage [ex Brunswick Rd], 136 Sackville St, Collingwood; Singapore cottage [ex Hoddle St], in storage; Singapore Cottage [ex Longmore St] 136 Sackville St, Collingwood; Singapore cottage [ex Henry St], 125 Easey St, Collingwood; J H Porter [maker] store, Fairfield Park; All Saints Parish Hall, 95 King William St, Fitzroy);
 - (b) information regarding the planning permit application for the property at 5 Tranmere St, North Fitzroy including the details relating to the partial demolition of the building;
 - (c) information regarding the existing planning controls that apply to the property at 125 Easey St and Officers advice whether a planning scheme amendment to provide additional protection's for the building should be progressed by Council Noting that the existing dwelling is included within a precinct overlay;
 - (d) writing to the Minister of Planning, the Hon Sonya Kilkeny MP in support of the World Heritage nomination, as suggested in a letter of 13 June 2023 received from Tony Isaacson, Convenor of the Portable Buildings World Heritage Nomination Task Force; and
 - (e) confirmation that fifteen councils are supporting a bid for World Heritage nomination of the Victorian Goldfields (<https://goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au/>) and seek to form an equivalent coalition in support of the Portable Buildings proposal, by approaching in the first instance the cities of Greater Geelong, Melbourne and Port Phillip.

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Jolly, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Jolly left the meeting at 10.06pm, not returning.

13. Urgent business

Nil

14. Confidential business reports

The following items 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 Nguyen

Seconded: Councillor Mohamud

1. 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
 - (a) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CALL FOR A DIVISION

For: Councillors Crossland, Glynatsis, Landes, Mohamud, Nguyen, O'Brien, Stone and Wade

Against: Nil

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Item

14.1 **Regional Assessment Service and Aged Care Contract Extension**

This item is to be considered in closed session to allow consideration of private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

These grounds are applicable because the report contains information regarding the commercial terms of a contract between Council and a supplier.

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

Conclusion

The meeting concluded at 10.10pm.

Confirmed Tuesday 9 April 2024

Mayor