



# Minutes

## Ordinary Council Meeting

6:30 pm, Tuesday 11 March 2025

Richmond Town Hall



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## 1. Acknowledgement of Country

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Attendance

#### Councillors:

- Cr Stephen Jolly            Mayor
- Cr Sarah McKenzie       Deputy Mayor
- Cr Evangeline Aston
- Cr Edward Crossland
- Cr Andrew Davies
- Cr Kenneth Gomez
- Cr Sharon Harrison
- Cr Meca Ho
- Cr Sophie Wade

#### Council staff:

##### *Chief Executive Officer*

- Sue Wilkinson

##### *General Managers*

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

##### *Governance*

- Phil De Losa                Manager Governance and Integrity
- Patrick O’Gorman        Senior Governance Coordinator
- Milica Latu                 Senior Administration and Projects Officer

## 3. Announcements

No announcements were made.

#### **4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Cr Aston, Cr Crossland, Cr Davies, Cr Gomez, Cr Jolly, Cr Harrison, Cr Ho, Cr McKenzie, 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.

#### **5. Confirmation of Minutes**

##### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

**Seconded:** Councillor McKenzie

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 February 2025 be confirmed.

##### **CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 6. Question Time

This record is provided from members of the public upon registration and also asked during Question Time and the responses provided is not a transcript of proceedings. A recording of the Council Meeting is available on Council's website for twelve months following the meeting.

The following questions were asked:

### 1. Elizabeth Honey

**Question:**

Last Council meeting the Mayor passionately stressed the importance of children's well-being yet at this Council's first meeting last December the park to grace Richmond Library, used by families and kids galore, was swept aside. Parks in Cremorne were to be announced. Where are these parks? How long will they take to plan?

Like you Mayor I'm passionate about children's safety.

To quote a local grandmother "When my granddaughter was going to Library Storytime I was always afraid that she'd run out the door and straight into traffic." Couldn't Library Park be built while the other parks are planned?

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

*Thank you Elizabeth for your question.*

*Council has decided not to pursue the Charlotte Street Pocket Park, however we are committed to enhancing open space opportunities and will continue to explore viable options that support the community's needs.*

*We are currently actively investigating potential sites in collaboration with landholders in the Cremorne and Richmond precincts; however, these discussions remain confidential at this stage.*

### 2. Diana Courtney

**Question:**

I am wanting to understand the guidelines/expectations around when and where traffic data assessments are undertaken.

*The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:*

*Thank you Diana for your question.*

*Generally traffic counts are undertaken when Council is responding to a reported traffic issue (like streetscape projects, speeding or rat running) and therefore when it is exploring a road or engineering treatment that might alter traffic flows (for example a treatment associated with a road safety study).*

*This is the first step before any designed solution is considered or undertaken.*

**3. Glenn Morrison**

**Question:**

Why did Council design the treatment at the corner of Brunswick Street North and Park Street to accommodate the turning of a semi-trailers from Brunswick Street North into Park Street.

*The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment provided the following response:*

*Thank you Glenn for your question*

*Council undertook the works at this intersection in 2022.*

*As with any traffic treatment we deliver, there is a requirement to accommodate the safe movement of vehicles that currently pass through the intersection. We aim to balance the needs of all road users including motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, larger vehicles (like garbage and delivery trucks) and being mindful of the needs of local residences and businesses.*

**4. Chris Driscoll**

**Question:**

What are security arrangements for residents and our elected officials when Councillors and residents are asked to gather under the banner of "City of Yarra"?

The General Manager Governance, Communications, Customer Experience and Transformation provided the following response:

Thank you Chris for your question.

A risk assessment is undertaken to determine the necessary security arrangements for council run events. Large events held at Council's town halls generally require security to ensure the safety of participants.

**5. Karen Hovenga**

**Question:**

Why have the September 2020 minutes been removed from the Council website & can they be restored until the Elizabeth st bike lanes have been reviewed by this Council, as per the November 2024 omnibus motion?

The General Manager Governance, Communications, Customer Experience and Transformation provided the following response:

Thank you Karen for your question.

In November 2024, Council migrated its website to a new platform. Staff have initially prioritised the pages most frequently visited for updating and migration.

Since this date, officers have been updating and migrating additional pages, and this work is ongoing. The content you have identified will be migrated over this week.

In relation to previous decisions of Council, these matters and any previous decision taken by a past Council, would be included in contemporary Council Reports prior to any new decision being taken by the current Council.

**6. Michael Oxe**

**Question:**

Re council meeting 15th September 2020, Item 11.1 an officers report regarding alternative street layout options for protected lanes on Elizabeth St.

It is noted re guidelines - if Council installs a facility which does not comply then this can present a risk... if a cyclist was 'car doored' and or seriously injured on a recently installed bike lane, ... if it did not meet a minimum standard, ... Council could be found to be liable... and need to demonstrate to a third party that the design decisions taken ... were appropriate in the circumstances."

Has this advice changed?

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

*Thank you Michael for your question.*

*The standards and guidelines regarding infrastructure design for bike lanes as detailed in the 2020 report have not changed.*

*Officer advice regarding safety matters and other risks associated with having non-compliant infrastructure continues to apply.*

*Officers are currently reviewing options for the Elizabeth Street bike path and will be coming back to Council with a report in April.*

## 7. Council Business Reports

### 7.1. Extension to existing E-Scooters contract

**Author** Mary Osman – General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

#### Officer Recommendation

#### That Council:

1. Authorises the CEO to extend the two existing e-scooter share agreements until the finalisation of a permanent shared e-scooter contract, subject to the following;
  - (a) Relevant amendments to Clauses 9 and 22 of the Shared E-Scooter Services Trial Commercially operated share scheme (COSS) to increase the daily fee from \$1 per scooter per day to \$3.20 per scooter per day.
2. Authorises the CEO to write to the two operators informing them that the existing agreement will not be extended, and it will cease as per the exit process detailed in the agreement (a 5 day notice period with 30 days for companies to cease operations) in the event that agreement is not reached for the new fee structure described in 1(a) above.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

#### That Council:

1. Authorises the CEO to extend the two existing e-scooter share agreements until the finalisation of a permanent shared e-scooter contract, subject to the following;
  - (a) Any extension to the existing shared e-scooter agreements must be revenue positive.
  - (b) Relevant amendments to Clauses 9 and 22 of the Shared E-Scooter Services Trial Commercially operated share scheme (COSS) to increase the daily fee from \$1 per scooter per day to \$5.00 per scooter per day.
2. Authorises the CEO to write to the two operators informing them that the existing agreement will not be extended, and it will cease as per the exit process detailed in the agreement (a 5 day notice period with 30 days for companies to cease operations) in the event that agreement is not reached for the new fee structure described in 1(b)above.

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

**Against:** Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

## 7.2. Strengthening the Community Grants Program

<b>Author</b>	Sarah Ernst – Senior Policy Advisor
<b>Authoriser</b>	General Manager Community Strengthening

### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the development of a formalised approach to measure the overall impact of the Community Grants Program (CGP) to ensure alignment with the Council Plan 2025–2029 and the updated Yarra 2036 Community Vision;
2. Requests a further report to Council early in FY26, regarding the strategic directions for the CGP and its alignment to the Council Plan 2025-2029, including its purpose, funding pool, and allocation priorities;
3. Recognises the implementation of key governance enhancements, including grant application assessment tools and processes through streamlined conflict-of-interest procedures, panel rotation and tenure limits, and scoring matrices with weighted criteria for greater consistency and fairness;
4. Endorses the position that grant-making is appropriate for achieving broad outcomes without clearly defined outputs, while specified services or programs should be managed through procurement mechanisms, such as funding or service agreements;
5. Subject to the adoption of the FY26 budget, endorses transitional funding arrangements for the following specific programs, to move from being funded under the CGP to formalised funding and service agreements. These agreements will include a 3% increase on the FY25 rate, with annual increases linked to the local government rate cap:
  - (a) Toy Libraries (Richmond, Collingwood, Fitzroy) – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (b) Young Farmers Program (Collingwood Children's Farm) – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (c) Princes Hill Community Centre – Socialisation and Support Program – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (d) Fitzroy Legal Service – Free Evening Legal Advice – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (e) Yarra Drug and Health Forum (YDHF) – One-year funding extension (FY26), pending confirmation of state government funding and strategic objectives.
  - (f) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Engagement Programs – One-year funding extension (FY26). An independent evaluation will assess impact, with a future report to Council on continued resourcing. These programs are:
    - i. First Nations Pathways Program (Launch Housing).
    - ii. Aboriginal Access and Engagement Workers (cohealth).
    - iii. Billabong BBQ (cohealth).

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council:

Victoria Chipperfield

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

1. Endorses the development of a formalised approach to measure the overall impact of the Community Grants Program (CGP) to ensure alignment with the Council Plan 2025–2029 and the updated Yarra 2036 Community Vision;
2. Requests a further report to Council early in FY26, regarding the strategic directions for the CGP and its alignment to the Council Plan 2025-2029, including its purpose, funding pool, measurable community benefits and allocation priorities;
3. Recognises the implementation of key governance enhancements, including grant application assessment tools and processes through streamlined conflict-of-interest procedures, panel rotation and tenure limits, and scoring matrices with weighted criteria for greater consistency, measurable community benefits and fairness;
4. Endorses the position that grant-making is appropriate for achieving broad outcomes with clear and measurable community benefits while specified services or programs should be managed through procurement mechanisms, such as funding or service agreements;
5. Requests transparency of the grants process, through making public the information used to make recommendations to Council, including:
  - (a) The scoring matrices used to evaluate grants applications, and
  - (b) minutes of panel meetings, including declarations of conflicts of interest, to be made publicly available after Council's endorsement of the grants and applicants have been advised of the outcome.
6. Subject to the adoption of the FY26 budget, endorses transitional funding arrangements for the following specific programs, to move from being funded under the CGP to formalised funding and service agreements. These agreements will include a 3% increase on the FY25 rate, with annual increases linked to the local government rate cap:
  - (a) Toy Libraries (Richmond, Collingwood, Fitzroy) – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (b) Young Farmers Program (Collingwood Children's Farm) – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (c) Princes Hill Community Centre – Socialisation and Support Program – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (d) Fitzroy Legal Service – Free Evening Legal Advice – Four-year funding extension (FY26–FY29).
  - (e) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Engagement Programs – One-year funding extension (FY26). An independent evaluation will assess impact, with a future report to Council on continued resourcing. These programs are:

- i. First Nations Pathways Program (Launch Housing).
- ii. Aboriginal Access and Engagement Workers (cohealth).
- iii. Billabong BBQ (cohealth).

- 7. Request officers conduct a comprehensive analysis of non-cash contributions made to non-profit organisations, such as subsidised leases and licenses of properties, resulting in a loss of potential revenue; and report back to Council no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.
- 8. Requests that officers provide regular reports to the Audit and Risk Committee regarding the Community Grants Program, to ensure that adequate risk controls are in place.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor Aston, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Davies and Councillor Ho

**Against:** Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

### 7.3. Atherton Reserve Futsal and Dog Park

**Author** Sarah Harrington – Manager Recreation and Leisure  
**Authoriser** General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the delivery of an all-weather outdoor futsal pitch and makes budget provision in its 2025/26 capital works program for the due diligence, design, approvals and community consultation phase of the project (Year One).
2. Defers the delivery of a fenced area for safe off-leash dog exercise at Atheron Gardens given the reserve's size constraints.
3. Receives an update from officers once the consultation stage has been completed.

#### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council:

Phu Nguyen

#### MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the delivery of an all-weather outdoor futsal pitch and makes budget provision in its 2025/26 capital works program for the due diligence, design, approvals and community consultation phase of the project (Year One).
2. Defers the delivery of a fenced area for safe off-leash dog exercise at Atheron Gardens given the reserve's size constraints.
3. Receives an update from officers once the consultation stage has been completed.

#### AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the delivery of an all-weather outdoor futsal pitch and makes budget provision in its 2025/26 capital works program for the due diligence, design, approvals and community consultation phase of the project (Year One).
2. Defers the delivery of a fenced area for safe off-leash dog exercise at Atheron Gardens given the reserve's size constraints.

3. That consideration is given to the placement of the futsal pitch through the design process to maximise opportunities for a broader range of other uses and functions within the reserve in future.
4. Receives an update from officers once the consultation stage has been completed.  
*The amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder and incorporated into the motion.*

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Jolly

**Seconded:** Councillor Ho

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the delivery of an all-weather outdoor futsal pitch and makes budget provision in its 2025/26 capital works program for the due diligence, design, approvals and community consultation phase of the project (Year One).
2. Defers the delivery of a fenced area for safe off-leash dog exercise at Atheron Gardens given the reserve's size constraints.
3. That consideration is given to the placement of the futsal pitch through the design process to maximise opportunities for a broader range of other uses and functions within the reserve in future.
4. Receives an update from officers once the consultation stage has been completed.

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.4. Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund and Activity Centre Heritage Façade Conservation Grant

**Author** Richa Swarup – Principal Advisor City Heritage

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

### Officer Recommendation

#### That Council:

1. Extend the Activity Centre Heritage Façade Conservation Grant, maintaining the existing interchangeability of funds between Yarra’s Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund streams: General Restoration Fund and the Activity Centre Heritage Façade Conservation Grant, noting that any allocations of funds would need to be considered as part of the 2025/26 budget process

Councillor McKenzie left the meeting at 8.05pm.

Councillor McKenzie returned to the meeting at 8.07pm.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Davies

That Council:

1. Retains the annual contribution to the Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund (VHRF) of \$20000 per annum, so as to meet the VHRF Administration and Management Fee, and consider the final annual contribution during the process to finalise the 2025/2026 Budget;
2. Continues the Activity Centre Heritage Facade Conservation Grant as part of the VHRF; and
3. Maintains the existing arrangement allowing interchangeability of funds between the two YHRF funding streams for two years.

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.5. Parking Permit Fees

**Author** Aoife Mulligan – Manager Parking and Compliance  
**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

### Officer recommendation

That Council:

1. Completes a full comprehensive review of parking under the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any decisions relating to fee structures, eligibility criteria and policy changes and or systematic changes.
2. Makes no changes to the current fee structure without further review and consideration.

### Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council:

Joe Gagliano

Elizabeth Honey

### MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Completes a full comprehensive review of parking under the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any decisions relating to fee structures, eligibility criteria and policy changes and or systematic changes.
2. Makes no changes to the current fee structure without further review and consideration.

### AMENDMENT:

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Jolly

1. Completes a full comprehensive review of parking under the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any decisions relating to fee structures, Parking Permit Policy, eligibility criteria and policy changes and or systematic changes.
2. Makes no changes to the current fee structure without further review and consideration.

*The amendment was withdrawn by the mover.*

**AMENDMENT:**

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

1. Completes a full comprehensive review of parking under the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any decisions relating to fee structures, eligibility criteria and policy changes and or systematic changes and for a report to be brought back to Council by no later than 30 June 2025.
2. Makes no changes to the current fee structure without further review and consideration.

*The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.*

**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Councillor Aston

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Completes a full comprehensive review of parking under the Kerbside and Parking Strategy, including community engagement prior to making any decisions relating to fee structures, eligibility criteria and policy changes and or systematic changes.
2. Makes no changes to the current fee structure without further review and consideration.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.6. Proposed discontinuance of Road abutting 609 – 615 Church Street, Richmond

**Author** Fadi Fakhoury – Manager Property Services  
**Authoriser** General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act):
  - (a) Resolves, having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the road abutting 609-615 Church Street, Richmond, being the whole of the land in certificate of title volume 1094 folio 793 (and shown on the plan attached as Attachment 1 this report) is not reasonably required for public use for the reasons set out in this report, to discontinue the Road;
  - (b) Directs that, a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*
  - (c) Directs that, once discontinued, the road be transferred to the owner of 609-615 Church Street, Richmond (applicant) for market value (plus GST), subject to the parties reaching an agreement on the valuation of the road;
  - (d) Directs that the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment be authorised to:
    - i. negotiate the terms of the proposed sale of the former road with the applicant; and
    - ii. sign any transfer or transfers of the road and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the road and its subsequent transfer to the applicant;
  - (e) Directs that any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over the road by any authority and not be affected by the discontinuance of the road; and
  - (f) Directs that the applicant be required to consolidate the title to the discontinued road with the land contained in the certificates of title to the surrounding land, by no later than 6 months after the date of transfer of the discontinued road.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

That Council:

1. Acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act):
  - (a) Resolves, having followed all the required statutory procedures pursuant to sections 207A and 223 of the Act pursuant to its power under clause 3 of Schedule 10 of the Act, and being of the opinion that the road abutting 609-615 Church Street, Richmond, being the whole of the land in certificate of title volume 1094 folio 793 (and shown on the plan attached as Attachment 1 this report) is not reasonably required for public use for the reasons set out in this report, to discontinue the Road;
  - (b) Directs that, a notice pursuant to the provisions of clause 3(a) of Schedule 10 of the Act is to be published in the *Victoria Government Gazette*
  - (c) Directs that, once discontinued, the road be transferred to the owner of 609-615 Church Street, Richmond (applicant) for market value (plus GST), subject to the parties reaching an agreement on the valuation of the road;
  - (d) Directs that the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment be authorised to:
    - i. negotiate the terms of the proposed sale of the former road with the applicant; and
    - ii. sign any transfer or transfers of the road and any other documents required to be signed in connection with the discontinuance of the road and its subsequent transfer to the applicant;
  - (e) Directs that any easements, rights or interests required to be created or saved over the road by any authority and not be affected by the discontinuance of the road; and
  - (f) Directs that the applicant be required to consolidate the title to the discontinued road with the land contained in the certificates of title to the surrounding land, by no later than 6 months after the date of transfer of the discontinued road.

## CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.7. Proposed Discontinuance of Road abutting 98 Park Street, Fitzroy North

**Author** Kirti Madan – Property Project Officer

**Authoriser** General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

### Officer recommendation

1. That Council, acting under section 17(4) of the Road Management Act 2004, resolves that the road abutting 98 Park Street, Fitzroy North, being part of the land in certificates of title volume 847 folio 297 and volume 12145 folio 684 (and shown as lots '1' and '2' on the title plan attached as Attachment 2 to this report) be removed from Council's Register of Public Roads on the basis that the road is no longer required for general public use for the reasons set out in the body of this report.
2. That Council, acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act):
  - (a) Resolves that the required statutory procedures be commenced to discontinue the road;
  - (b) Directs that, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act, a public notice of the proposed discontinuance be placed in the "The Age" newspaper and published on the Council's website;
  - (c) Resolves that the public notice required to be given under sections 207A and 223 of the Act should state that if the road is discontinued, Council proposes to sell the road to the adjoining owner for market value; and
  - (d) Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act in relation to this matter.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

1. That Council, acting under section 17(4) of the Road Management Act 2004, resolves that the road abutting 98 Park Street, Fitzroy North, being part of the land in certificates of title volume 847 folio 297 and volume 12145 folio 684 (and shown as lots '1' and '2' on the title plan attached as Attachment 2 to this report) be removed from Council's Register of Public Roads on the basis that the road is no longer required for general public use for the reasons set out in the body of this report.
2. That Council, acting under clause 3 of schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act):
  - (a) Resolves that the required statutory procedures be commenced to discontinue the road;

- (b) Directs that, under sections 207A and 223 of the Act, a public notice of the proposed discontinuance be placed in the "The Age" newspaper and published on the Council's website;
- (c) Resolves that the public notice required to be given under sections 207A and 223 of the Act should state that if the road is discontinued, Council proposes to sell the road to the adjoining owner for market value; and
- (d) Authorises the General Manager Infrastructure and Environment to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 223 of the Act in relation to this matter.

**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 7.8. Governance Report - March 2025

**Author** Patrick O'Gorman – Senior Governance Coordinator

**Authoriser** General Manager Governance, Communications and Customer Service

### Officer recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 16 May 2025:
  - (a) That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to direct its agencies to take stronger action to police the increasing number of graffiti incidents and remove graffiti from state government owned assets.
  - (b) That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to improve community safety by collaborating with local councils to develop and fund place-based safety initiatives, including:
    - i. employing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enhance public space safety
    - ii. supporting Community Safety Audits tailored to local circumstances, and
    - iii. strengthening local partnerships to address crime, anti-social behaviour, and promote social cohesion.
  - (c) That the MAV call on the State Government to urgently upgrade its storm water drain network to have sufficient capacity and interconnection with Council assets to reduce the flood risk based on major weather events and future projections.
2. Endorse the following motion for submission to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) to be held on 24-27 June 2025:
  - (a) That the ALGA call on the Australian Government to increase its investment in maintaining, upgrading and creating new community infrastructure, to ensure that communities in all municipalities have access to community infrastructure that is fit for purpose and has adequate capacity to meet the needs of the community.

### MOTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

That Council:

1. Endorse the attached following motions for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held on 16 May 2025:
  - (a) That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to direct its agencies to take stronger action to police the increasing number of graffiti incidents and remove graffiti from state government owned assets.

(b) That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to improve community safety by collaborating with local councils to develop and fund place-based safety initiatives, including:

- i. employing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enhance public space safety
- ii. supporting Community Safety Audits tailored to local circumstances, and
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## AMENDMENT

**Moved:** Councillor Harrison

**Seconded:** Councillor Aston

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(d) That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to properly resource councils to fulfil their role in enforcing the (or current and future) Victorian Government's fire safety regulatory requirements (noting that the exact wording of this motion will be finalised by the CEO prior to being submitted subject to further advice).

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## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Gomez

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

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**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 8. Notices of Motion

### 8.1. – Notice of Motion No.2 of 2025 - Implementation of Richmond Shopping Strip Parking Pilot Program

**Author** Councillor Davies

#### Motion

That Council:

1. Requests a council officer report considering resources, budget, traffic enforcement, potential local business and services benefits and resident amenity implications of a proposal to implement a 1-HR FREE Richmond Shopping Strip Parking Pilot Program and the feasibility of a trial commencing on 1 July 2025.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

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#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison and Councillor Ho

**Against:** Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland and Councillor Wade

**CARRIED**

## 8.2. – Notice of Motion No.3 of 2025 - Report on Current Status of Grants Programs

**Author**                      Councillor Davies

### **Motion**

That Council:

1. Requests that Officers provide a Report on the Current Status of the City of Yarra grants to community to support a variety of organisations and projects (Report).
2. Requests that the Report contain the total grants budget
3. Requests that the Report contain details on all grants under the following categories:
  - (a) Annual grants
  - (b) Celebrate Yarra
  - (c) Climate Action Small Grants
  - (d) Community Partnerships Grants
  - (e) Richmond and Collingwood Youth Program Grants
  - (f) Room to Create Grants
  - (g) Small Project Grants
  - (h) Sustainability Arts Grants
  - (i) Sustaining Tenancies Relief
  - (j) Town Hall Community Subsidy Grant
  - (k) Yarra Arts Fellowship
  - (l) Youth-led Grants, and
  - (m) Any other category of grants made by Council.
4. Requests that for each grant, the Report specify:
  - (a) The recipient
  - (b) Ward of grant
  - (c) Date of grant
  - (d) Amount of grant, and
  - (e) Purpose of the grant and the grant program under which the grant was made.
5. Requests the Report contain the status of grants as at 28 February 2025
6. Requests that Report to be provided to Council by Wednesday 30 April 2025.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

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## CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### 8.3. – Notice of Motion No.4 of 2025 - Report on Current Status of the Capital Works Programs

**Author**                      Councillor Davies

#### **Motion**

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

That Council:

1. Requests that Officers provide a Report on the Current Status of the City of Yarra Capital Works program.
2. Requests that the Report be formatted as Council currently reports on Capital Works, namely, by the following categories:
  - (a) Building and facilities
  - (b) Plant, machinery and equipment
  - (c) Fixtures, fittings and furniture
  - (d) Computers and telecommunications
  - (e) Library resources
  - (f) Roads
  - (g) Footpaths and cycleways
  - (h) Drainage
  - (i) Waste management
  - (j) Parks, open space and streetscapes. And
  - (k) Other infrastructure
3. Requests that for each capital works project, the report specify at the least the following details:
  - (a) Name of project
  - (b) Ward of Project
  - (c) Original date commencement of project
  - (d) Actual date commencement of project
  - (e) Total project budget
  - (f) Funding source(s) and source amount for the project
  - (g) Amount expended to the date of the Report to Council
  - (h) Original completion date
  - (i) Expected completion date, and

(j) Expected total final amount to be spent.

4. Requests the Report to be provided to Council by Wednesday 30 April 2025.

**AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Councillor Wade

**Seconded:** Councillor Harrison

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4. Requests the Report to be provided to Council by Wednesday 30 April 2025.
5. Considers adding to the functionality of Council's publicly accessible capital work map -
  - (a) the ability to search by listed project, and

(b) further static information/data to help community access and understand Council projects.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Gomez

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**CALL FOR A DIVISION**

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 9. Petitions and Joint Letters

A joint letter containing 32 signatures was received in relation to Rowena Parade.

Public Submissions

The following people addressed Council on the matter:

Joe Gagliano

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor Davies

**Seconded:** Councillor Wade

That the petition be accepted, noted and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response.

### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10. Questions without Notice

### 10.1 – Councillor Harrison – Bike hoops

Question:

How many complaints have Council received in relation to privacy in the last 12 months?

Can Council confirm how many bike hoops have been installed in 2024/25 and provide a list of where these bike hoops have been installed?

The General Manager Infrastructure and Environment took the question on notice.

## 11. Delegates Reports

Nil.

## 12. General Business

Nil.

### 13. Urgent Business

Nil.

### 14. Confidential Business Reports

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Councillor McKenzie

**Seconded:** Councillor Crossland

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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

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 the following confidential items:

#### CALL FOR A DIVISION

**For:** Councillor Jolly, Councillor McKenzie, Councillor Aston, Councillor Crossland, Councillor Davies, Councillor Gomez, Councillor Harrison, Councillor Ho and Councillor Wade

**Against:** Nil

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 14.1. 30 Chandler Highway - Amcor Riverbank

**Author** Lara Fiscalini – Senior Coordinator Statutory Planning

**Authoriser** General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

**Confidential Reason:** This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 for the following reason:

(h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a).

The explanation as to why the specified ground applies is outlined in the Executive Summary.

### 14.2. E-Scooters Contract

**Author** Mary Osman - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

**Authoriser** Chief Executive Officer

**Confidential Reason:** This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 for the following reason:

(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

The explanation as to why the specified ground applies is outlined in the Executive Summary.

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### 14.3. Bundha Sports Centre at Former Gasworks Site

**Author** Sam Hewett – General Manager Infrastructure and Environment

**Authoriser** Chief Executive Officer

**Confidential Reason:** This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 for the following reason:

(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

(h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a).

The explanation as to why the specified ground/s applies is a confidentiality agreement currently in place between Council and the State Government on the matter.

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

**Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 10.30pm

Confirmed on Tuesday 8 April 2025.

Mayor