



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORELAND CIVIC CENTRE,
90 BELL STREET, COBURG
ON WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2016**

The meeting commenced at 7 pm and closed at 11.32 pm.

Present:	Time In	Time Out
Cr Samantha Ratnam (Mayor)	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Lita Gillies (Deputy Mayor)	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Meghan Hopper	7pm	11.32pm
Cr John Kavanagh	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Michael Teti	7.30pm	11.32pm
Cr Lenka Thompson	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Rob Thompson	7pm	11.32pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7pm	11.32pm

APOLOGIES:

Nil

OFFICERS:

Chief Executive Officer – Nerina Di Lorenzo
Director Corporate Services – James Scott
Director City Infrastructure – Grant Thorne
Director Social Development – Arden Joseph
Director Planning and Economic Development - Kirsten Coster
Executive Manager Organisation Development - Anita Craven
Manager Governance – Lidia Harding
Executive Assistant Mayor and Councillors - Monica Bucciarelli

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS AND/OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Cr Ratnam declared a conflict of interest in NOM25/16 Moreland Anti-Racism Rally. Cr Ratnam has been invited to address the Rally in her capacity as a candidate for the Wills electorate.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr Kavanagh seconded that -

Council resolve that Standing Orders be suspended to allow for submissions to be heard for Council Report DED35/16 184-186 Glenroy Road, Glenroy and 10-12 Blenheim Street, Glenroy - Application to Amend Planning Permit MPS/2000/1057 (D16/132097).

Carried

Standing orders were suspended at 7.04pm

7.30pm Cr Teti entered the Council Chamber

Resumption of Standing Orders

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Davidson seconded that -

Council resolve that Standing Orders be resumed.

Carried

Standing Orders were resumed at 7.35pm.

DED35/16 184-186 GLENROY ROAD, GLENROY AND 10-12 BLENHEIM STREET, GLENROY - APPLICATION TO AMEND PLANNING PERMIT MPS/2000/1057 (D16/132097)

At the 27 April 2016 Urban Planning Committee meeting (DED26/16), it was resolved that the planning application for construction of buildings and works at 184-186 Glenroy Road and 10-12 Blenheim Street, Glenroy be reported to full Council for a decision.

The application seeks approval for an amendment to the existing planning permit to allow for the construction of buildings and works to the existing place of assembly and gaming venue, an increase to the area licensed to serve liquor and the installation of ten additional Electronic Gaming Machines (EGMs). The application was advertised and 53 objections including 51 pro-forma objections and 1 submission of support have been received to date. The main issues raised in the objections relate to the negative social impact of the additional machines. One objector also raised a concern about proposed landscaping and access to the site. There has been no formal Information and Discussion Meeting held as the proposed increase in EGMs is clearly contrary to the Gaming Local Planning Policy in the Moreland Planning Scheme and an increase in EGMs cannot be supported. The submission of support suggest that the proposal does comply with Council gaming policy (Clause 22.10) and Council's withdrawal of its objection from the VCGLR application has estopped Council from considering gaming.

The report details the assessment of the application against the policies and provisions of the Moreland Planning Scheme, in particular Clause 22.09 (Entertainment and Licensed Venues), Clause 22.10 (Gaming) and Clause 52.28 (Gaming) of the Moreland Planning Scheme.

The key planning conclusions are:

- The buildings and works are a positive outcome as they enhance the existing conditions.
- The installation of 10 additional machines is inconsistent with Clause 22.10 (Gaming) and Clause 52.28 (Gaming).

It is recommended that a Notice of Decision to Amend Planning Permit MPS/2000/1057 be issued for the proposal supporting the proposed buildings and works without approval for the installation of the 10 additional Electronic Gaming Machines.

Adjournment of Meeting

Cr Ratnam moved that the Council meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Council meeting was adjourned at 7.08 pm.

Resumption of Meeting

Cr Ratnam moved that Council resolve that the Council meeting be resumed.

Carried

The Council meeting was resumed at 7.09 pm with all Councillors present.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Ratnam seconded that -

Council resolve:

That a Notice of Decision to Amend Planning Permit No. MPS/2000/1057 be issued for the construction of buildings and works at 184-186 Glenroy Road and 10-12 Blenheim Street, Glenroy, as per the conditions listed below with the new/amended conditions in bold. The permit preamble remains unchanged.

1. **Before the amended development commences, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans (advertised on 24/11/2015) but modified to show:**
 - a) **No more than 40 electronic gaming machines.**
 - b) **Replacement of the tree in the south-eastern property boundary adjoining the vehicle access with low lying shrubs.**

The development as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must not be altered or modified unless with the further written approval of the Responsible Authority.

2. The use and development as shown on the endorsed plan must not be altered unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. Signs shall be erected near all entries/exits to the premises and adjacent car park requesting that patrons depart the premises in quiet and orderly manner so as not to cause disturbance to nearby residences to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
4. At any time when live entertainment is being provided at the premises, the occupier shall engage a security person to be present in such a position as to be able to monitor and control the behavior of patrons arriving and departing the premises from the commencement of the live entertainment until one hour after the premises cease to trade or operate to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
5. Operation hours as per Liquor License of Victoria Liquor License.
6. The number of gaming machines in the premises must not exceed 40.
7. The number of persons on the land must at no time exceed 350 unless with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.
8. Before the use or development commences, a landscape plan prepared by a suitably qualified person must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. The landscape plan must show the location, quantity, size and botanical name of each proposed tree, shrub and ground cover and show the treatment of each landscaped surface. An endorsed copy of the plan will form part of this permit.

9. Each garden area and plant shown on the endorsed plan must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority constructed and planted prior to the use commencing and then maintained.
10. Prior to the commencement of the development, samples or details of all external fencing and roofing material (including the colour of the external material) must be submitted and be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
11. The area set aside for the parking of vehicles and access lanes shown on the endorsed plan must to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:
 - a) Be completed prior to the commencement of the use.
 - b) Be maintained.
 - c) Be properly formed to such levels that it can be used according to the endorsed plan.
 - d) Be drained and surfaced with an all weather seal coat.
 - e) Have the boundaries of all vehicle parking spaces clearly marked on the ground to accord with the endorsed plan.
 - f) Not be used for any purpose other than the parking of vehicles unless with written consent of the responsible authority.
12. No fewer than 88 car spaces between the hours of 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and 98 car spaces at all other times must be provided on the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
13. A sign directing drivers to the area set aside for vehicle parking must be provided, located and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The sign must not exceed 0.3 square metres.
14. Where the boundary of any vehicle parking space, access lane or driveway adjoins a footpath, garden area or lawn area, a barrier kerb must be constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
15. Provision must be made for disabled access into the building in accordance with the Australian Design Standards for Disabled Access to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
16. A vehicle crossing must be constructed in every location shown on the endorsed plans to a standard satisfactory to the Responsible Authority.
17. Access to the site, any vehicle crossover and any ancillary road and road drainage works must be constructed in accordance with any requirement of the Responsible Authority.
18. Any existing vehicle crossing not to be used in this use or development must be removed and the kerb and channel, footpath and nature strip reinstated to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
19. The loading or unloading of a vehicle in association with the use of the land must only be carried out within the boundaries of the land.
20. No goods, storage containers, pallets or materials are to be stored on car parks, right of ways or roadways.
21. The use must not detrimentally affect the amenity of the neighbourhood, including through the:
 - a) Transportation of any material, goods or commodity to or from the land.
 - b) Appearance of any stored goods or material.
 - c) Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, odour- fumes, smoke, vapour-steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste product, grit or oil.

22. The use permitted must at all times be conducted in a manner which ensures that the residential amenity of any nearby residential property is not detrimentally affected.
23. All external plant equipment must be suitably insulated for the purpose of reducing noise to a level satisfactory to the Responsible Authority.
24. Before the commencement of the use, any external light on the land must be provided with a suitable baffle so that direct light is not emitted outside the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
25. Before the commencement of the use, an automatic system of external light on the land must to the satisfaction of the responsible authority be installed and maintained on the land so that the light operates automatically between dusk and dawn and no direct light is emitted onto adjoining property.
26. All stormwater from the land must be collected by an underground pipe drain approved by and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
27. Prior to the commencement of the development, a detailed storm water drainage plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority.
28. All telecommunications and power connections (where by means of a cable) and associated infrastructure to the land must be underground.
29. All plumbing pipes, ducting and plant equipment must be concealed from external views. This does not include external guttering or associated rain water down pipes.
30. All titles to the land must be consolidated into one title and certified plans lodged with the Land Registry Office within twelve months of the date of this permit.
31. An area constructed with an impervious floor and screened from view from the street must be provided for the storage of garbage bins and recycling containers. This area is to be designed and constructed before the commencement of the use and kept in a clean and tidy state to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
32. A cigarette butt bin is to be provided at locations nominated by the responsible authority and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
33. The permit expires if the use and development is not commenced within 12 months from the date of issue or the buildings and works are not completed within 24 months of the date of issue unless either of these dates are extended by the responsible authority in writing. An application for extension of time must be lodged in writing before the permit expires or within 3 months after the expiry date of the permit.
34. **The amendment approved by this permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:**
 - a) **The development approved by this amendment is not commenced within two (2) years from the date of issue of this permit.**
 - b) **The development approved by this amendment is not completed within four (4) years from the date of issue of this permit.**

The Responsible Authority may extend the period referred to if a request is made in writing before the amended permit expires or:

- **Within six months after the amended permit expires to extend the commencement date.**
- **Within 12 months after the amended permit expires to extend the completion date of the development if the development has lawfully commenced.**

NOTES: These notes are for information only and do not constitute part of this permit or conditions of this permit.

Note 1: This permit is to be read in conjunction with planning permit MPS 1995/0062, MPS 1995/0063 and MPS 1995/0652.

- Note 2:** A separate building permit is required for the proposed development from the relevant Building Surveyor, or Registered Building Surveyor.
- Note 3:** Approval by or registration with Council's public health department may be required.
- Note 4:** Unless no permit is required under the planning scheme, no signs must be constructed or displayed without a further permit.
- Note 5:** This permit does not authorise any works beyond the boundaries of the property. A separate permit is required from Council's City Works Department.

Amendment

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that point 1a) be replaced as follows:

- 1a) That installation of 10 additional electronic gaming machines be granted.

Lost

Cr Kavanagh called for a division.

For

- Cr Yildiz
- Cr Teti
- Cr Hopper
- Cr Gillies

Against

- Cr Bolton
- Cr Kavanagh
- Cr L Thompson
- Cr R Thompson
- Cr Tapinos
- Cr Davidson
- Cr Ratnam

Total For (4)

Total Against (7)

The substantive motion was carried

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 April 2016 and the Council Meeting held on 26 April 2016 be confirmed noting that Cr Hopper was in attendance at the 2 February 2016 MorLAC meeting.

Carried

QUESTION TIME:

QT43/16 MR SEBASTIAN FURNESS - COBURG NORTH

Mr Furness asked Council in relation to the Proposed Moreland City Council Budget 2016-2017, if Council states in the executive summary, point 11, page 14 of 154, that it will prioritise projects and programs that address community need, reduce risk and/or cost to Council and contribute to the renewal of existing assets, and Merlynston Hall has been identified as a valuable community asset in December 2015, why the hall has not been a project that is prioritised in the Budget 2016-2017?

QT44/16 MR DAVID SEIGNIOR - COBURG NORTH

Mr Seignior advised Council that in the detailed capital works program of the Budget 2016-2017 there is no mention of a Merlynston Hall feasibility study requirements of repair as a heritage building. If the Department of Planning within Council are currently looking for financial partners for Merlynston Hall; is it not fiscally responsible to allocate funds to the ongoing project that the Council has made a commitment to and recognises as a valuable asset?

QT45/16 MS EMMA CORNISH-GILES - COBURG NORTH

Ms Cornish-Giles asked Council why it does think it not 'financially responsible' to meet its heritage obligations for Merlynston Hall as it has been identified as a valuable asset?

Cr L Thompson advised that in December 2015, Council made a decision to partner with someone to redevelop Merlynston Hall. She has personally updated the community on Council's actions to date and advised that an Expression of Interest will be advertised in June 2016, close in July 2016, be assessed by an assessment panel and a final report with recommendations and possible partners provided to Council for a decision in October 2016.

Cr Bolton advised that she disagreed with the motion moved by Council in December 2015 as an Expression of Interest process will not guarantee success for the Hall. Council may not be able to find a suitable partner and this will further delay the restoration of the Hall. Council should guarantee money in the 2016-2017 Budget.

Cr Gillies advised that Council needs to take responsibility for its assets and the longer this Hall is left in disrepair the more it will cost to redevelop it. She understands that money has been allocated to the Oak Park Pool Redevelopment over this Hall and Council has sought money via grants for that project, however believes that both projects should have money allocated to them in the upcoming budget.

Cr Tapinos advised that he is disappointed for the community and does not feel that his request via the budget was irresponsible and unfair. He acknowledged that Council has had successful partnerships in other ventures, however in this case this is a community hall and not a private venture and the hall should remain for community use.

Cr Yildiz advised that he mistakenly thought there was always money put aside for the restoration of the Hall and upon discovering that there was not, he believes any money Council can allocate towards the project would be appreciated by the community. He advised that he is not against the redevelopment of Oak Park Pool, but also wants the Hall refurbished.

Cr Kavanagh advised that he does not believe Council should take money from the Oak Park Pool redevelopment to fund another project. The money has been allocated to this project from sales of land and it should stay there. Council does not want to continue to borrow money and risk getting into what the Auditor General's Office terms a moderate risk banding for loans. He is happy to continue to work with the Save Merlynston Hall Group.

ON5/16 MR ROBERT STANSELL - ON BEHALF OF COBURG PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mr Stansell advised Council of the Coburg Primary School's concerns with pedestrian/bike safety, parking and high rise apartments and asked Council:

As many of our families from Pentridge Village are now crossing Urquhart Street to come to school, what are Council's plans to ensure the safety of children and families who ride bikes and walk to the Northern Campus of the school?

What will Council do to ensure the safety of children and parents entering and leaving the school via Russell Street?

What will the Council put in place to ensure cars cannot reverse back into the fence of the Junior Campus?

With enrolments predicted to double by 2020 and more residents and traffic in the surrounds, will the Council provide appropriate signage for parents and children attending the school by car?

Have the planning permits been approved by Council and when did this take place?

How will Council ensure that the safety and privacy of children will be protected during the building process with the increased tradespersons and traffic in the area?

What measures have been taken in working with Future Estate to ensure balconies do not impinge on student safety and privacy?

8.40 pm Cr Hopper left the Council Chamber.

Cr Bolton asked officers if there have been any discussions about these matters to date.

Grant Thorne, Director City Infrastructure advised that on 23 March 2016 Council officers met with the Principal of Coburg Primary School and advised that a number of actions to address the issues raised are underway. Directional signage will be addressed, however safety issues are not currently funded, but will be addressed through the Coburg Activity Centre redevelopment.

Kirsten Coster, Director Planning and Economic Development advised that in 2011, the then Planning Minister approved a 7 storey development to be built in Pentridge, this has since been amended to request an 8 storey building. This decision will be referred to Council's Urban Planning Committee for a decision and the school have been consulted.

Cr Ratnam advised that the remainder of the question would need to be taken on notice.

Extension of Question Time

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Bolton seconded that question time be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

8.42 pm Cr Hopper returned to the Council Chamber and resumed her seat.

QT46/16 MR NIC DOLBY - BRUNSWICK WEST

Mr Dolby asked Council if it will implement its Affordable Housing Plan considering the recent activity of homeless people and backpackers at the Coburg Lake Reserve.

Grant Thorne, Director City Infrastructure advised that in this case there were two parties camping at the Reserve - homeless people and international tourists. It was a breach of Council's General Local Law and Council is acting on it. Council has provided them with information of other agencies that can assist them to find more permanent housing arrangements.

Cr Bolton advised that she will be moving a general business item regarding homelessness and it is on the increase in the municipality, especially visible homelessness and further action needs to be taken other than writing letters.

Cr Hopper advised Council that it needs to separate the two issues, being homeless people versus campers.

Cr Gillies advised that people who come to Australia on working visas don't always get paid well and then find themselves in difficult situations.

QT47/16 MR SIMON CARUANA - PASCOE VALE SOUTH

Mr Caruana asked Council what is happening with the Cumberland Road to the train line end of O'Hea Street? There is no room for vehicles coming in the opposite direction and the nature strips are too wide. Parking bays are required to alleviate on street parking.

Cr Yildiz advised that he understands that there is a lot of traffic congestion in this area, but unfortunately parking restrictions can cause additional issues.

QT48/16 MS ANNELY AEUCKENS - COBURG NORTH

Ms Aeuckens asked Council what steps it is taking to ensure additional open space will be provided for the extra residents envisaged for the Pentridge precinct.

Cr Ratnam advised that this is an issue that is important to Council and Council will continue to acquire open space where it can and maintain it.

Cr Tapinos advised that open space is difficult to obtain as the city gets more high density developments. The Open Space Contribution is designed to ensure developers contribute to this for properties that are more than two lot subdivisions. To date, Council has been putting this money back into existing open space and playground improvements, but he thinks Council needs to continue to strategically buy land for open space.

9.03pm Cr Teti left the Council Chamber.

Cr Bolton advised that she sees this as a real problem, because even with the open space provided at the Coburg Lake Reserve there are some periods where it is at capacity because of a mix of events going on at once.

QT49/16 MR MAUREEN MURPHY - BRUNSWICK

Ms Murphy advised Council that she is one of the organisers of the Moreland Anti-Racism Rally planned for 28 May 2016. She asked Council for its endorsement of the rally and noted that it is consistent with a number of Council policies. She advised that she understands that another counter rally is being organised on the same day and asked Council for its support to rally peacefully and safely.

Cr Ratnam advised that there would be a notice of motion on this item considered later in the agenda.

Cr Gillies advised that she supports this rally and Council's role is not to deny people freedom of speech. She would support endorsing this event.

Adjournment of Meeting

Cr Ratnam moved that Council resolve that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Council meeting was adjourned at 9.03 pm.

Resumption of Meeting

Cr Ratnam moved that Council resolve that the meeting be resumed.

Carried

The Council meeting was resumed at 9.23 pm with all Councillors present, except Cr Teti.

QT50/16 MR NIC DOLBY - WEST BRUNSWICK

Mr Dolby advised Council that he supports the Christmas Decoration proposal being put forward by Council and feels that Council should celebrate Christmas as a non-secular festival.

9.25 pm Cr Bolton left the Council Chamber.

He advised that he believes that Council should buy decorations locally or from artists in the area.

Cr R Thompson advised that there are many opinions about Christmas decorations and they will be considered in the report before Council.

9.26 pm Cr Bolton returned to the Council Chamber and resumed her seat.

PETITIONS:

PET16/16 APPROVE A PLANNING PERMIT FOR GLENROY RSL MPS/2000/1057A (D16/159609)

A petition has been received containing 156 signatures requesting Council to approve a planning permit for Glenroy RSL.

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. The petition be received and noted.
2. The petition be referred to the Director Planning and Economic Development for consideration.
3. Any proposed action is emailed to all Ward Councillors and Councillors Responsible For, allowing seven clear days for Councillor feedback.
4. The petition organiser be advised of this action.

Carried

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL:

RCC10/16 MORELAND RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (D16/99575)

The minutes of the Moreland Reconciliation Advisory Committee meetings held on 20 August 2015 and 26 November 2015 are provided for Council's information.

Key Items Discussed:

- Three new community members joined the committee. Philippa Day and Aroon Naidoo joined as individual members and Gary Murray joined on behalf of the Ballert Mooroop College Working Group.
- Ballert Mooroop College Site Campaign and Council's commitment to retain the site in public ownership.
- The Lisa Belleard Award for Contribution to Reconciliation Activities awarded to Robinson Reserve Neighbourhood House at the Moreland Awards in October 2015.
- Plans for 2016 Reconciliation and NAIDOC Weeks to include launch of the new signage at the Bababi Djinanang (former Jukes Road Grassland) and support for local NAIDOC Week celebration.
- Proposed Human Rights Policy and the establishment of the Human Rights Advisory Committee and the establishment of Community Reconciliation Committee.
- Renaming roads and places to Indigenous names included Win-malee Street and Pimbial Court within the development at 8-10 Walter Street, Hadfield.

Cr Ratnam moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that the report from Committee to Council be received and noted.

Carried

RCC11/16 MORELAND DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (D16/111467)

The minutes of Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meetings held on 25 September and 25 November 2015, plus draft Minutes from 16 February 2016, are provided for Council's information.

Key Items Discussed:

- Framework for a new Disability Action Plan tabled, feedback sought from Committee
- Comment sought on a new Human Rights Policy for Council, to include Disability

- Event planning for International Day of People with Disability in December 2015
- Hearing augmentation equipment purchased for Council meetings and events
- Joint NDIS forum for people with disability in Moreland, Darebin and the City of Yarra
- Accessibility in the design of streetscape improvements: Dawson Street, Brunswick
- Consideration of the draft Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, now with Actions
- Discussion on future role of the DAC, given that a new Advisory Committee will be formed to support the new Human Rights Policy.

Cr Ratnam moved, Cr Bolton seconded that the report from Committee to Council be received and noted.

Carried

**RCC12/16 FRIENDS OF AILEU COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING
5 APRIL 2016 (D16/118332)**

The minutes of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee meeting held on 5 April 2016 are provided for Council's information.

Key Items Discussed:

- Presentation by Professor Patricia Vickers Rich, AO, Honorary Director Prime SCI Monash University, and member of Friends of Aileu Community Committee, on science education activities in Aileu, and elsewhere in Timor-Leste, associated with her work on Timor-Leste geology, fossils and pre-history.
- Advice from Katerina Angelopoulos, Director of Merri Health, and partner organisation representative on Friends of Aileu Community Committee, on the Merri Health fact-finding delegation planning a visit to Aileu in June 2016.
- A draft of updated Terms of Reference for Friends of Aileu Community Committee, which was adopted by the Committee, subject to clarification of some aspects in relation to its roles in relation to providing advice to Council (as per other Citizens' Committees) and in providing the means for both Moreland and Hume City Councils in implementing the friendship relationship with Aileu as part of the Councils' East Timor Partnership Project (including the raising of funds and oversight of expenditure for project activities in Aileu).
- The proposal by Moreland City Council to call for expressions of interest for appointment as a Community Member on this and other Citizens Committees.
- The imminent signing of the Municipal Agreement for cooperation during Timor-Leste's decentralisation process (8th April) and the associated 3-day placements of four members of an urban planning delegation from Timor-Leste (two at Moreland and two at Hume).
- Recent and proposed activities in Aileu including the solar power Village Lighting Scheme in Besilau with ATA, and several planned visits to Aileu by partner organisations including Merri Health, North Richmond Community Health and CERES Global.
- Upcoming fundraising events including:
 - Friday 6 May at Brunswick Town Hall: Annual Dinner and Forum, with keynote speaker Mr Abel Guterres, Timor-Leste Ambassador to Australia, and a Q&A session with a panel.
 - Friday 29 July at Brunswick Town Hall: Second annual Music and Comedy Night.
 - Thursday 29 September at Coburg Town Hall: Annual Trivia Night.

- The proposal to build on the Friends of Aileu Strategy and Action Plan by agreeing to address future Agenda Items on ways to:
 - Better engage with and involve younger people.
 - Provide more opportunities for enhanced contributions by community members of the Committee.
 - Employ the most appropriate communications strategies and tools.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that the report from Committee to Council be received and noted.

Carried

RCC13/16 MORELAND ARTS BOARD (D16/129229)

The minutes of the Moreland Arts Board meeting held on 19 April 2016 are provided for Council's information.

Key Items Discussed:

- Acquisitions for Moreland Art Collection
- Update on Moreland Arts and Culture Strategy

Lay Motion on the Table

Cr Tapinos moved that the motion lay on the table.

Carried

ON NOTICE ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING:

ONR3/16 ON NOTICE ITEMS FROM 13 APRIL 2016 COUNCIL MEETING (D16/139499)

The following items were taken on notice at the previous Council meeting.

- ON2/16 Ms Naomi May - Draft Moreland Industrial Land Strategy
- ON3/16 Mr James Atkinson - Draft Moreland Industrial Land Strategy

A copy of the responses are attached for information.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr R Thompson seconded that the On Notice Items from the Council meeting dated 13 April 2016 be noted.

Carried

DCI18/16 O'HEA STREET, COBURG - PASCOE VALE TRAFFIC ISSUES (D16/121755)

On-going concerns have been raised regarding the vehicle volume and pedestrian facilities along O'Hea Street, between Sydney Road, Coburg and Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale.

This report provides an update on the meeting held on 18 April 2016 to better understand the concerns held by members of the community. The meeting was open to residents, representatives of businesses, partner agencies and community groups along O'Hea Street from Coburg to Pascoe Vale.

The residents raised concerns and suggestions including the following:

- Volume and type of vehicles using O'Hea Street
- The location of the traffic counts undertaken on O'Hea Street
- Lack of pedestrian facilities for crossing O'Hea Street

- Possible reduction from 50km/h to 40km/h for length of O’Hea Street
- The installation of a 40km/h area north of O’Hea Street
- Discourage through traffic along O’Hea Street
- Trial closure of O’Hea Street at the Upfield Railway Line.

Council officers seek to achieve the best possible outcome for the whole community. To achieve this, every request is assessed for traffic calming according to an objective, evidence-based methodology to determine if works are warranted. If works are warranted, they are carried out in a prioritised order, dealing with the most severe issues first. The methodology is important because many requests for traffic management devices are received with approximately 500 requests so far this financial year.

In order to investigate and progress the issues raised at the public meeting, it is recommended that a working group of six residents be established for a period of six to eight months. A working group consisting of residents along the whole length of O’Hea Street can work in detail with Council through the issues raised. The process would be similar to the working group formed to address parking and traffic concerns in the vicinity of Darul Ulum College in Fawkner. Following the consideration of the working group, a further public meeting will be held to report back to members of the public prior to a final report being presented to Council.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. To undertake annual counts in O’Hea Street at the following locations:
 - a) O’Hea Street between May and Stawell Streets, Coburg
 - b) O’Hea Street between Bishop and Autumn Streets, Coburg
 - c) O’Hea Street between Sussex and Turner Streets, Coburg
 - d) O’Hea Street between Turner and York Streets, Pascoe Vale South
 - e) O’Hea Street between York Street and Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale South
 - f) York Street between Eastgate Street and O’Hea Street, Pascoe Vale South.
2. That Council officers continue to monitor O’Hea Street from Coburg to Pascoe Vale, particularly for pedestrian and vehicle volumes and speed. If traffic management devices are required, then they are referred to a Capital Works Program for future funding and implementation.
3. Pursue permanent 40km/h speed limit in O’Hea Street and the surrounding road network.
4. To undertake a pedestrian count in vicinity of May Street to confirm if warrants are met for a pedestrian crossing and if so that this project be referred to the Capital Works Program and its priority will be assessed along with all other projects within the Five Year Capital Works Program.
5. That Council officers work with residents to consider the proposals raised at the community meeting.
6. That this report be sent to all residents that attended the meeting.
7. To release to residents comparative data on collector roads in other parts of Moreland compared to O’Hea Street.
8. That Council publicise how residents can report crashes and near misses.

Lay Motion on the Table

Cr R Thompson moved that the motion lay on the table.

Carried on the casting vote of the Mayor

Take Motion Off the Table

Cr Bolton moved that the motion be taken off the table.

Carried

Extension of Time

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Kavanagh seconded that the Council Meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

Amendment

Cr Ratnam moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that a Working Group chaired by a Councillor, consisting of ten residents be established for a period of approximately six to eight months to work through the issues raised by the community concerning O'Hea Street.

10.07 pm Cr Hopper left the Council Chamber.

10.08 pm Cr Hopper returned to the Council Chamber and resumed her seat.

**The amendment was carried
The substantive motion was carried**

Appointment of Temporary Chairperson

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Kavanagh seconded that Cr Gillies be appointed as Temporary Chairperson.

Carried

Cr Gillies assumed the Chair.

9.33 pm Cr Teti returned to the Council Chamber and resumed his seat.

9.34 pm Cr Ratnam left the Council Chamber.

NOM25/16 MORELAND ANTI-RACISM RALLY (D16/138819)

A group of Moreland residents are organising a Moreland Anti-Racism Rally in response to an alarming increase of racism in society towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, refugees and Muslims. The Rally will be held on Saturday 28 May 2016 in Coburg.

The current list of endorsements includes: Victorian Traditional Owners Land Justice Group; Grandmothers against Children in Detention (Wills Branch); Voices against Bigotry; Cook Islander Community Group; Kurdish Democratic Community Centre of Victoria; Mariel Sudanese Cultural Forum; 3ZZZ Greek programme; Didi Bahini Samaj (Victoria); Brunswick Uniting Church, Coburg Uniting Church, Coburg Islamic Centre, Islamic Council of Victoria, Jews for Refugees, Australian Jewish Democratic Society, Northern Interfaith and Inter-cultural Network; Robinson Reserve Neighbourhood House; Fawkner Community House; Brunswick Neighbourhood House; Australia West Papua Association; Friends of the Earth; Socialist Alliance; Labor4Refugees; Freedom Socialist Party; North-West FM; Electrical Trades Union; Construction Forestry Mining and Energy Union; Indigenous Social Justice Association; Campaign against Racism and Fascism; Radical Women; Freedom Socialist Party and Mums for Refugees.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Hopper seconded that -

Council resolves:

1. To add its endorsement to the "Moreland says NO to Racism" rally to be held on Saturday 28 May 2016 in Coburg. The themes of the rally are:
 - a) Stop the forced closure of Aboriginal communities – Treaty now;
 - b) Let the refugees in – Close Manus and Nauru;
 - c) No to Islamophobia.
2. Publicise the rally via Council's *Moreland Leader* page; Council's social media platforms; and displaying posters in Council buildings.

Amendment

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that point 2 be deleted.

**Lost on the casting vote of the Acting Chairperson
The substantive motion was carried on the vote of the Acting Chairperson**

Cr Kavanagh called for a division.

For	Against
Cr Bolton	Cr Kavanagh
Cr Yildiz	Cr Teti
Cr L Thompson	Cr R Thompson
Cr Gillies	Cr Davidson
Cr Hopper	Cr Tapinos

Total For (5)

Total Against (5)

9.58 pm Cr Ratnam returned to the Council Chamber and resumed the Chair

REPORTS BY MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS:

MCC12/16 Cr Meghan Hopper

Cr Hopper advised Council that Emergencies Services (Paramedics and Fire Services) highly commended library staff Justin Edwards, Jude Raymond, Vicki West and Shannan Warnacke for their quick, calm and competent actions in phoning the ambulance, carrying out CPR and applying the defibrillator to a gentleman who had a heart attack in the Glenroy Library on the evening of Wednesday 4 May.

It was a tremendous team effort and paramedics said the quick and courageous actions of staff had significantly improved the gentleman's chances of survival. They also said it was the perfect situation for them to attend where staff had done everything that they possibly could.

As well as the outstanding actions of the library staff and their teamwork approach, the incident and positive outcome had been helped by Council purchasing defibrillators for the libraries and providing First Aid and other important OH&S training for staff.

Cr Hopper advised that this week is National Volunteer Week and thanked all volunteers in Moreland who work tirelessly to make the city a better place to live by giving up their own time to help others.

MCC13/16 Cr John Kavanagh

Cr Kavanagh advised that he attended the Pascoe Vale RSL celebrations on Anzac Day, the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the Glenroy Art Group and the turning of sod at the Pascoe Vale Community Centre. All of the events were a great success.

Cr Kavanagh paid tribute to The Honourable Kelvin Thomson MP who made his final address to Parliament last week.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

DSD7/16 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR WALK FOR JUSTICE FOR REFUGEES AND WORLD REFUGEES DAY RALLY (D16/83501)

At the 10 February 2016 meeting (NOM8/16), Council resolved to receive a report regarding the provision of ongoing support for the Walk for Justice Palm Sunday and World Refugee Day rallies, both of which have been supported by Council over the past three years. A total amount of \$1000 has been sought by the rally organisers, the Refugee Advocacy Network.

The Palm Sunday and World Refugee Day Rallies have a long standing history, raising awareness of social justice issues. Both events provide Council with the opportunity to reach the broader public and the media coverage the rallies attract helps to focus public attention on one of the most vulnerable groups in our community.

Council notes the importance of the issues highlighted at these rallies and acknowledges the role played by the Refugee Advocacy Network.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Gillies seconded that -

Council resolve to:

1. Provide financial support to the Refugee Advocacy Network of \$500 for each event; Walk for Justice Palm Sunday Rally and World Refugee Day rallies in 2017 and 2018.
2. As any requests post-2018 in accordance with Council's Guidelines for Sponsorship and Donations.

Carried

DSD8/16 MORELAND HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY 2016 - 2026 (D16/99638)

The *Moreland Human Rights Policy 2016 - 2026: One Community, Proudly Diverse* will strengthen and consolidate Council's current social policies that address anti-discrimination and social inclusion under one overarching policy, bringing these stand-alone policies together with stronger links to Australia's Human Rights Framework 2010 and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006. The Policy has a focus on specific groups that are at greatest risk of exclusion from social, economic and political life because of access barriers and discrimination.

The Policy positions Council to take a pro-active approach in protecting and promoting the human rights of the Moreland community in key priority areas, in collaboration across separate Council portfolios or Units, in partnership with external organisations and the community. The three broad policy goals for Council are to:

- Be an inclusive organisation;
- Deliver inclusive and accessible services; and
- Promote inclusion and social cohesion in the community.

Importantly the Policy also provides the flexibility for Council to consider future needs of newly emerging priority areas, groups and issues not yet identified or covered by existing Council policies or portfolio areas.

Cr Ratnam moved, Cr Bolton seconded that -

Council resolves to:

1. Endorse the draft Moreland Human Rights Policy 2016 - 2026 for public exhibition for one month.
2. Note the Moreland Human Rights Policy Context and Background document that informed the policy.

Carried

**DSD9/16 MORELAND DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION ACTION PLAN
2016-2020 (D16/111626)**

The Victorian *Disability Act 2006* requires all public sector bodies to have a Disability Action Plan (DAP), including local councils. Following a review of current evidence, key frameworks and legislation, and supported by an extensive consultation process in 2015, a new DAP was developed: the Moreland City Council *Disability Access and Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020*.

This Action Plan provides a framework to assist Council in providing leadership for disability access and inclusion in Moreland. It will also guide staff in delivering accessible, equitable and inclusive facilities, services, events and activities to the whole of our community.

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Bolton seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. To adopt the Moreland City Council Disability Access and Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2020.
2. That all meetings organised by Council that involve participation by the public be held in accessible venues.

Carried

DSD10/16 SUPPORT FOR IMMUNISATION IN MORELAND (D16/129825)

Media reporting of the recent outbreak of measles has highlighted the importance of immunisation as a measure to prevent the spread of communicable diseases in the community.

At its meeting on 9 March 2016 (NOM12/16) Council resolved to receive a report on current actions it is taking to improve immunisation rates in the municipality, including for newly arrived communities, and further actions that can be undertaken to improve community awareness of the benefits of vaccination.

Moreland has a child immunisation rate for children aged between 12-15 months old of 91.57% compared with a Victorian rate of 92.90%. The ongoing challenge is to increase the percentage of those immunised at all ages.

Council undertakes a range of strategies to promote the availability of the Immunisation Service to the Moreland community, including through other Council services such as Libraries, Maternal and Child Health Service. Daytime and evening Immunisation sessions are provided in accessible community venues across the city and are promoted widely to families. A range of strategies are in place to promote the Service, including targeted information and promotion for newly arrived and vulnerable groups. In addition to use of traditional media there will be increased promotion of the Service through social media.

Cr L Thompson moved, Cr Gillies seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. To note this report.
2. To receive further information about geographic areas that may have low immunisation rates and strategies to increase the immunisation levels.

Carried

DSD11/16 DRAFT PAVILION AND OUTDOOR SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY (D16/113804)

Council is the primary provider of community based sports and recreation facilities and is responsible for the maintenance and development of this infrastructure in partnership with its users. Due to the significant investment in sporting facilities it is crucial that facilities are planned and managed to ensure maximum benefit and usage for the total community.

Moreland City Council owns and manages 56 sporting fields, 59 pavilions and 24 leased facilities, that service and support 73 sports clubs, community based programs and numerous casual users. Council has a 5-year forward Capital Works program. The large number of facilities owned by Council combined with competing Council priorities and the substantial capital investment required for sporting pavilion and outdoor sporting infrastructure capital works results in the process for scheduling projects within the capital works forward program and is highly competitive.

The Moreland Sport and Physical Activity Strategy 2014-2018 highlighted that seasonal agreements do not encourage investment by clubs. It is proposed that to leverage club investment in sporting facilities, Council provide clubs with tenancy security by negotiating improved tenancy terms where significant capital investment has been made. The draft Pavilion and Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Contributions Policy outlines the contribution framework that clubs can work within to negotiate improved tenancy terms to their annual and/or seasonal allocations.

It is proposed that Council endorse the draft Policy for stakeholder consultation prior to being presented to Council for final consideration.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. To endorse the draft Pavilion and Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Contributions Policy for stakeholder consultation.
2. That following stakeholder consultation, a final Pavilion and Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Contributions Policy be presented to Council for consideration.

Carried

DED36/16 CITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY REPORT - MARCH QUARTER 2016 (D16/118331)

By the end of the March quarter planning permit activity finished only marginally below the record high in the first quarter of 2015. The first quarter is traditionally the lowest for the year but with 395 applications being lodged it was very busy indicating that the record numbers of 2015 are set to continue.

Decision making remained high in the first quarter with 438 planning permit applications decided in the March quarter. By decision type the top three decisions were:

- 68% delegate approvals where no objections were received;
- 20% notices of decision to approve where objections had been received; and
- 6% refusals, noting refusals are tracking above the Statewide average of 4%.

The high number of planning decisions achieved lead to an 8% reduction in the backlog which dropped to 546 applications awaiting a decision. Statutory timelines were also stable in the March quarter with an average of 58 days to make a decision against statutory timeframes of 60 days.

After the first quarter of 2016 it is clear that the VCAT planning caseload has remained at the high levels of 2015 but appeal rates have remained stable at around 6% of decisions appealed which is consistent with Council's long term benchmark of no more than 10%. In the March quarter Council won 77% of appeals heard.

Planning enforcement activity remains high largely as a result of the increase in planning activity in 2014 and 2015. This continues to be closely monitored.

Building enforcement activity continues to improve following the dramatic improvements in 2015 with a large number of cases being resolved and the backlog reduced to the lowest seen in many years. The backlog of cases to be resolved fell again by 14% in the March quarter. Despite these pleasing results the backlog remains of concern.

Some aspects of building activity are listed on Council's Corporate Risk Register and Risk Management Plan. These are:

- the private swimming pool safety program;
- the essential safety measures proactive enforcement program; and
- the unauthorised accommodation premises.

The private swimming pool safety program is on track to meet its targets in the 2015-2016 financial year. The new essential safety measures proactive enforcement program is behind target but this has been as a result of system development and is expected to be attainable in 2016. The unauthorised accommodation premises procedure is working well with only 18 cases remaining under investigation in the municipality down from 45 at the end of June 2015.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Davidson seconded that Council resolve to note the City Development Activity Report – March Quarter 2016.

Carried

DED37/16 OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS PROGRAM REVIEW AND PROPOSED FUTURE PROGRAM (D16/112476)

Moreland has invested in an Outdoor Christmas Decoration program over a number of years for the purpose of meeting both a general community desire and as a promotional mechanism at a number of Activity Centres. There are strong views held by a range of stakeholders on the program. Council's current Outdoor Christmas Decorations policy has come to its expiry and this provides an opportunity to revisit the current program and to consider how best to deliver the program into the future.

There is an opportunity to consider the wider context of celebration in Moreland's diverse community.

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current program, consider two options and seek Council's support for preferred Option 1, having considered a range of issues and implications outlined in this report. The current program will continue to be delivered by Council's external contractor for Christmas 2016.

It is proposed that Option 1 gradually commence a transition to a wider 'celebration program', throughout the year, celebrating Christmas but also adding value to current festivals and events and providing a more inclusive program for Moreland's diverse community. At the same time Option 1 will retain and focus Christmas decorations within Council's Major Activity Centres of Brunswick, Coburg and Glenroy to achieve greater affect in fewer centres. It is proposed to transition the program within the existing budget allocation by minimising any new spend for traditional Christmas decorations to enable the expansion of the program to include other celebrations.

A 'sell-off' of surplus Christmas Decorations stock will be investigated and implemented over time, as appropriate, to ensure that only the best stock is retained and maintained, and can be accommodated as part of the proposed transition program.

It is proposed to revoke the current Outdoor Christmas Decorations policy and replace it with an annual project implementation plan.

Cr Teti moved that this item be deferred.

Lost
Cr R Thompson abstained from voting

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Kavanagh seconded that -

Council resolve to:

1. Note the current Outdoor Christmas Decorations Program will be delivered during December 2016/January 2017.
2. Revoke the Outdoor Christmas Decorations Policy adopted on 8 September 2010 (DED22/10) as it is not required to deliver an endorsed Council program and replace it with a yearly Project Implementation Plan.
3. Adopt Option 1 and gradually transition to a 'Moreland Celebrations' program commencing in June 2017 to include:
 - a) A mix of contemporary and traditional Christmas celebrations program during December/January each year focused at the three Major Activity Centres in Brunswick, Coburg and Glenroy only.
 - b) A contemporary program that links and adds-value to selected festival and events, each within yearly budget allocations as approved in the Project Implementation Plan.
 - c) Illumination light shows or projections, alternating at various locations throughout the year, as agreed and approved in the yearly Project Implementation Plan.
4. Develop a yearly Project Implementation Plan (by 31 May each year) as part of the 'Moreland Celebrations' program, developed by the Economic Development Branch in consultation with Arts and Culture, Places, Marketing and Communications and City Strategy and Design and other stakeholders as appropriate.
5. Continue to engage an external contractor to manage the yearly Project Implementation Plan and seek approvals to erect decorations and fixtures as required.
6. Investigate and implement the sale of surplus stock, after 2016, supporting the gradual transition process to Option 1.
7. Any funds received from the sale of surplus stock will contribute to the gradual transition process supporting Option 1.

Carried

Extension of Time

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr Gillies seconded that the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

10.35 pm Cr Bolton left the Council Chamber.

DED38/16 WATER FOR VICTORIA DISCUSSION PAPER - SUBMISSION (D16/127128)

In mid March 2016, the Victorian State Government released *Water for Victoria Discussion Paper* for comment, which can be viewed via <http://haveyoursay.delwp.vic.gov.au/water-for-victoria> (referred to as "the Paper" in this report). The Paper outlines the water management opportunities and challenges facing Victoria over the coming decades, which include:

- Most of our water resources are already at their sustainable limits
- Climate change is placing pressure on our water resources
- Drought is never far away
- A healthy environment underpins our communities and a productive economy
- Many of our urban centres are growing rapidly
- Secure, high quality supplies are essential for a growing economy
- Aboriginal wellbeing is a priority
- Water provides a range of liveability and recreational benefits.

The Paper sets out nine key focus areas and associated proposals for how a strong and resilient water future could be achieved, which are: responding to climate change; managing waterway and catchment health; managing water for agriculture; developing resilient and liveable cities and towns; recognising and managing for Aboriginal values; recognising recreational values; strengthening water entitlement and planning frameworks; realising the potential of the grid and markets; focusing on jobs, economy and innovation.

Public consultation on the Paper is from 16 March to 13 May 2016 (submissions due by 13 May 2016). The final Water Plan is expected to be released in mid-2016, which aims to set out a longer term plan that recognises and prioritises water's role in ensuring Victoria's future health and wellbeing, environmental sustainability, a healthy economy and overall vitality.

The main thrust of Council's proposed submission on the Paper (shown at Attachment 1) is that preparation of a long term plan is welcome. Many of the proposals outlined in the Paper are supported as they contribute to sustainable water management and align with Council's adopted policies such as Moreland Watermap 2020. For example, the Paper supports a whole of government and collaborative approach to achieve integrated water management. Council's proposed submission also highlights a number of key opportunities areas which need to be considered by the State Government in order to help shape an effective final plan. Key feedback includes:

- Recognition of the Moonee Ponds and Merri Creek as key tributaries to the key waterways named in the paper is required to prioritise these areas for investment and eligibility for funding opportunities as they are critical in achieving integrated water management.
- Planning system reform is required to support the achievement of improved water outcomes.
- Support for the review and upgrade of tools such as the Melbourne Water STORM tool.

Council Officers have prepared a draft submission (Attachment 1) on behalf of Council. This report seeks Council endorsement of the draft submission.

Cr L Thompson moved, Cr Hopper seconded that Council resolve to adopt the submission to the Water for Victoria Discussion Paper as per Attachment 1.

Carried

10.36 pm Cr Bolton returned to the Council Chamber and resumed her seat.

DOD5/16 COUNCIL ACTION PLAN AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM 2015-2016 - 3RD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT (D16/109528)

Council Action Plan and Advocacy Program Reporting tracks Council's progress towards meeting the annual targets set in the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

This 3rd quarter performance report provides a view of achievement against the Council Action Plan and the Advocacy Program for the financial year 2015-2016. Overall 85.9% of Council Action Plan actions are either 'achieved' or 'on target' and 100% Advocacy Program actions are 'on target' or 'achieved'.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that -

Council resolve:

- 1 To receive and note the 3rd Quarter Performance Report for the 2015-2016 Council Action Plan and 2015-2016 Advocacy Program.
- 2 To endorse those actions that are noted as key changes in this report.

Carried

DCS22/16 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD 1 MARCH 2016 TO 31 MARCH 2016 (D16/4305)

Pursuant to Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*, an Assembly of Councillors Record must be reported to the next practicable Council meeting and recorded in the minutes.

The Assembly of Councillors Record for the period 1 March 2016 to 31 March 2016 is presented at Attachment 1.

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr L Thompson seconded that -

Council resolve to receive and note the Assembly of Councillors Record for the period, 1 March 2016 to 31 March 2016 at Attachment 1, noting that Cr Yildiz, JP was an apology for the Glenroy Advisory Group meeting on 17 March 2016.

Carried

DCS23/16 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT - FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2016 (D16/130182)

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date (YTD) period ending 31 March 2016.

The Base Operating Performance shows a year to date actual result of \$33.819 million before operating projects, capital projects and other items.

Base Operating Performance	\$9.3 million	Better than budget
Operating Projects and New Initiatives Expenditure	\$0.9 million	Less than budget
Capital Projects Expenditure	\$12.4 million	Less than budget
Accounting Surplus	\$17.7 million	Better than budget
Underlying Result	\$10.6 million	Better than budget

Many of the YTD variances are due to timing differences between budget and actual results.

The recommendations approved by Council at its February meeting have been incorporated into this report for March 2016.

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr Hopper seconded that Council receive the Financial Management Report for the year to date 31 March 2016.

Carried

DCS24/16 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND - 43 TURNER STREET, PASCOE VALE SOUTH AND 235-237 SUSSEX STREET, PASCOE VALE (D16/108579)

In 2009, Council received funding under the then Department of Planning and Community Development's (DPCD) Modernising Neighbourhood House Program for a feasibility study to relocate the Sussex Neighbourhood House. During the same year, Council endorsed the Moreland Neighbourhood House Review (DSD 16), which recommended the relocation of the House as a priority.

In 2010, Council resolved to amalgamate the Turner Street and Cumberland Road Maternal and Child Health Centres and incorporate the service within the new Pascoe Vale Community Centre at Rodger's Reserve (DSD29).

At its meeting on 10 February 2016 (DCI16/16), the sale of the Turner Street and Sussex Street sites was identified as a funding model for the construction of the new Pascoe Vale Community Centre at Rodger's Reserve.

The purpose of this report is to declare the sites surplus to Council's needs once vacated by the Sussex Street Neighbourhood House and the Maternal and Child Health Centre and commence the statutory process for the proposed sale of the land at 43 Turner Street, Pascoe Vale South and the land at 235-237 Sussex Street, Pascoe Vale.

Cr Kavanagh moved, Cr R Thompson seconded that -

Council resolve:

1. To declare the sites at 43 Turner Street, Pascoe Vale South and 235-237 Sussex Street, Pascoe Vale as surplus to Council's needs once vacated by the relevant service.
2. That in accordance with section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council authorises that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the land at 43 Turner Street, Pascoe Vale South and the land at 235-237 Sussex Street, Pascoe Vale.
3. That in the event of any submissions being received by Council of its intention to sell the properties, the Urban Planning Committee considers such submissions and a further report is presented to Council for a final decision.
4. That in the event that no submissions are received, Council resolves to sell the sites and authorise the Director Corporate Services to do all things necessary to effect the sale of land by a public process at no less than 90% of the current market valuation.
5. That all net funds received by the sale be used for the Pascoe Vale Community Centre project.

Carried

DCI19/16 PROPOSED 2P PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN SAXON STREET, BRUNSWICK (D16/113893)

In July 2011, Council adopted a Parking Management Policy (DCI37/11). Within the policy, provisions are outlined that allow for the introduction of parking restrictions within the Municipality.

Saxon Street, Brunswick, just south of Michael Street is an area in high demand for parking. A new apartment complex on Michael Street, between Sydney Road and Saxon Street has had a significant effect on the availability of parking in the area.

Jewell train station is nearby which also increases parking pressures in the area. Vehicles have been reported staying all day in the unrestricted section of Saxon Street.

Local community consultation was recently carried out following a resident requesting parking restrictions in Saxon Street. This consultation was sent to nearby owners and occupiers proposing to install 2P parking restrictions on the west side of the street to assist local residents find parking opportunities.

Questionnaires were distributed to 76 properties on 10 March 2016. At the close of the consultation period, 8 April 2016, 10 responses were received (13%). Eight were in favour (80%) and two against (20%).

Council's Parking Management Policy requires a response from at least 25% of the affected properties, with 60% of those responses in support of the change for Council officers to approve any time based parking under delegation.

Although the circular did not meet the required level of responses from residents (13%), it did meet the required level of support of the proposed restrictions (80%).

In light of this majority support for the proposal it is recommended that the parking restrictions be installed.

Cr R Thompson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Council resolve to:

1. Approve the proposed 2P parking restrictions in Saxon Street, Brunswick.
2. Notify residents and traders of the outcome of the circular and Council's decision to implement parking restrictions as per the Parking Management Policy.

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION:

NOM23/16 REFUGEE ADVOCACY (D16/138736)

Overwhelming evidence indicates severe and systemic abuse of asylum seekers' human rights is occurring within Australia's immigration processing system. There has been the surge of concern about the conditions in Australia's offshore detention centres in particular as a result of the impending deportation of 267 asylum seekers, focussed especially around the fate of "Baby Asha" who doctors at the Lady Cilento Hospital in Brisbane only agreed to release on the condition that she would not be returned to Nauru.

The immigration detention system is administered in contravention of the obligations upon all business enterprises to respect fundamental human rights as set out within the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. The preamble to the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights calls on "every individual and every organ of society" to promote and respect human rights. This Council is an important institution in our community, and takes this responsibility seriously - to lead by example in encouraging responsible business practices and the adherence to human rights standards.

It is incumbent on the City of Moreland to consider its business relationships with companies which hold contracts in Australia's system of mandatory detention, and the impact these companies' activities are having on asylum seekers and refugees. In light of the recent publication of a "No Business in Abuse" report detailing the complicity of Broadspectrum (formerly Transfield Services) and its security sub-contractor Wilson Security in gross human rights abuses occurring within Australia's offshore detention regime, it is particularly incumbent on the City of Moreland to better understand its business relationships with Broadspectrum and its associated entities such as Wilson Security.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Gillies seconded that -

Council resolves to:

1. Agree, in principle, to only support and/or contract companies, institutions and organisations that do not support or profit from the system of offshore detention and practices which abuse the fundamental human rights of asylum seekers. A company that is not abusive is one which:
 - i. Has zero tolerance for child abuse, in policy and practice;
 - ii. Respects people's fundamental rights to freedom from arbitrary and indefinite detention;
 - iii. Does not treat people in a cruel, inhumane or degrading manner;
 - iv. Commits to transparency and independent monitoring to ensure these principles are upheld.

2. The City of Moreland review its Procurement Policy to consider incorporating the four principles of the No Business in Abuse (NBIA) pledge, thereby excluding from future contracts, tenders or business dealings any companies involved in Australia's offshore and onshore immigration processing system that fail to meet the NBIA pledge requirements from any future contracts, tenders or other business dealings.

Carried

Extension of Time

Cr Hopper moved, Cr Bolton seconded that the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

NOTICE OF RESCISSION:

Nil.

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS:

Cr Hopper moved, Cr Kavanagh seconded that -

Council resolve that the Urgent Business Council report DCS25/16 Appointment of Acting Mayor be admitted for consideration because it relates to a matter that has arisen since the distribution of the agenda and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Carried

URGENT REPORTS:

DCS25/16 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR (D16/148743)

Cr Samantha Ratnam advised Council on 9 May 2016 that she will be taking leave for the period, 5pm 27 May 2016 to 6 July 2016. In order for Council operations to continue, it is considered appropriate to elect an Acting Mayor for this period to undertake the Mayor's duties. These are summarised within the body of the report.

Cr Hopper moved, Cr Yildiz seconded that -

Council resolve to:

1. Note that the Mayor, Cr Samantha Ratnam will be taking leave from Council duties for the period 5pm, 27 May 2016 to 6 July 2016. Leave from these duties includes:
 - Four Council meetings (6 June, 8 June, two meetings on 14 June 2016)
 - Two Issues and Discussion Workshops
 - Some confirmed and other proposed Civic Events; and
 - Other day to day meetings as detailed in section 3 of this report

During this time, the Mayor has elected to not receive the Mayoral Allowance.

2. Appoint Cr Gillies as Acting Mayor for the period 5pm 27 May 2016 to 6 July 2016 on the proviso that Cr Gillies signs the Councillor Code of Conduct by 5pm on 27 May 2016.

Carried

NOM24/16 PRIVATISATION OF DISABILITY SERVICES (D16/138802)

On 1 December 2015, the State Government announced the first stage of a contracting out process for disability specialist services and services in group homes, respite facilities and residential institutions run by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), as well as early childhood intervention services provided by the Department of Education and Training.

The first stage of the contracting out process is identifying non-government and for-profit organisations which have the capacity to take over Government services. Very little information has been released by the Government. No information has been released about what DHHS services, if any, will be retained by the Government.

Currently, DHHS services are nearly 50% of the disability services system. Contracting out will result in a loss of continuity of care.

In the private sector services there is a highly casualised workforce (35% of the workforce) with a higher staff turnovers in a sector that needs continuity of care, insufficiently trained and lower levels of qualifications than the public sector, less direct line supervision in group homes, and poor pay rates and working conditions leading to difficulty to attract and retain staff.

This decision will affect over 2600 people living with disabilities and 5000 workers.

The solution is to maintain a balance of quality public sector and nongovernment sector providers.

We need better NDIS pricing structures that properly reflect the true cost of service delivery. We need national quality safeguarding standards (Current NDIS being implemented by the Turnbull Government is all about low regulation with still no quality and safeguarding systems.)

We need a skilled and qualified workforce who are decently paid, with career structures so we can recruit and retain workers and provide a stable workforce with continuity of care for people with a disability.

The Victorian Government should be joining with HACSU members, families and advocates to improve NDIS pricing arrangements, to develop the workforce and provide quality services with safeguards.

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Gillies seconded that -

Council resolves to:

1. Note that the Victorian Government's decision to contract out most or all disability services is likely to result in a loss of continuity of care and a decline in standards of disability services.
2. Write to Premier, Daniel Andrews and Minister for Disability and Ageing, Martin Foley
 - a) To request information on what services will be contracted out and what services will remain as government provided services.
 - b) To request information on what services will be affected in Moreland.
 - c) To strongly oppose the contracting out of disability services because of the likely reduction in standards, reduction in transparency, loss of continuity of care.
3. To send copies of the letter to the local state parliamentarians, the Honourable Jane Garrett MP and Ms Lizzie Blandthorn MP and the state parliament Northern Metropolitan members.

Carried

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS:

Cr Hopper moved, Cr R Thompson seconded that -

In accordance with section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* this Council meeting be closed to the public to consider these reports:

- DSD12/16 Aged Care Reform update 3 (D16/48574) because it relates to personnel matters; and contractual matters.

Carried

The Council Meeting was closed to the public at 11.26 pm.

OPENING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Hopper seconded that the Council Meeting be open to the public.

Carried

The Council meeting was opened to the public at 11.29 pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

GB30/16 PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS FOR BOX FOREST ROAD

Cr Lita Gillies

In 2012 I met with residents of Federation Village Retirement Village and Ilim College to discuss a pedestrian crossing with lights and other traffic remedies to allow safe passage for pedestrians and vehicles in Box Forest Road. There are bus stops on both sides of the road, and as the road is a main thoroughfare through to Sydney Road and the Western Ring Road traffic is heavy and vehicles travel in excess of the speed limit frequently. I witnessed this at the time. I arranged for our current Chief Executive Officer to also attend the site in her capacity as Director of Infrastructure at the time. Residents have reported back to me that they believe engineers may have taken levels in the area, but they are unsure for what purpose. To date, there are no lights for safe passage at the site, although I have been advised that some traffic remedy has been implemented. There has been criticism about the practicality of those measures.

Cr Gillies moved, Cr Bolton seconded that Council investigate, or seek the assistance of VicRoads, to have traffic lights installed on Box Forest Road.

Extension of Time

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Hopper seconded that the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Lost
The substantive motion lapsed

The meeting closed at 11.32 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Samantha Ratnam
MAYOR