



Moreland City Council

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting

Held at the Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg on
Thursday 23 June 2022

The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.03 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Mark Riley, Mayor	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	Apology	
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr James Conlan	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Monica Harte	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	6.03 pm	6.40 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.13 pm	6.40 pm

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow
Director Community – Eamonn Fennessy
Director Place and Environment – Joseph Tabacco
Chief Financial Officer – Amanda Burgess
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
Unit Manager Governance – Troy Delia

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Pulford was an apology to the meeting.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

COUNCIL REPORTS

4.1 PROPOSED MORELAND CITY COUNCIL 4-YEAR BUDGET 2022-2026 AND COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2022-2023 - FOR ADOPTION

Executive Summary

Council must prepare and adopt a rolling 4-year Budget that contains financial statements and other matters. This must be finally adopted by Council no later than 30 June each year.

The purpose of this report is to present for adoption the:

- 4-Year Budget 2021-2025 (Attachment 1); and
- Council Action Plan 2022-23 (Attachment 6)
- Active Travel (Walking and Riding) 10 Year Capital Program (Attachment 5)

The 4-Year Budget 2022-2026 (Proposed budget) continues to deliver services to Moreland's 188,000 plus residents within the 1.75 per cent rate cap set by the State Government. The Proposed budget funds Councillor and community initiatives and delivers critical major projects while maintaining Council's financial sustainability.

The Proposed Budget has been developed in a rapidly changing environment following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on Councils revenue over the past two years and the financial impact is anticipated to continue in to the 2022-23 financial year.

Since public exhibition of the draft budget in May 2022, amendments have been made to develop the Proposed budget based on new information (e.g. changes to fees as set by the State Government) and community feedback received on the draft budget as part of the community engagement process. Details of the changes are summarised in section 3 of this report.

The public exhibition period on the draft budget was held from 2 May 2021 to 22 May 2022. 53 submissions were made to the proposed budget in this second round of community engagement; these submissions are in addition to the 32 community budget ideas received in the first stage of engagement. A copy of public submissions is provided as Attachment 3.

Since public exhibition of the draft budget in May 2022, Council has also approved the Active Travel (Walking and Riding) 10 Year Capital Program.

When integrating the Active Travel 10 Year Capital Works Program back into Council's full 5-Year Capital Works Program, a shortfall in grant funding to deliver the full revised infrastructure program was identified. As a result, an updated Active Travel (Walking and Riding) 10 Year Capital Program (Attachment 5) has been provided for approval and the changes have been incorporated into the Proposed Budget.

Key changes made to the proposed Budget since public exhibition are detailed in this report.

The Council Action Plan 2022-2023 (provided as Attachment 6) has been developed as an annual plan to support implementation of the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025 and identifies the major priorities and actions to deliver against the Strategic Objectives (as contained in the Council Plan), and in alignment with the Proposed Budget.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Having considered all submissions received and in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, adopts the Annual Budget 2022-26 (Attachment 1 to this report).
2. Formally declares the Rates Levies and Annual Service Charges for the 2022-23 rating year as follows:

- a) Declaration of Rates and Charges:

In accordance with section 158 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the following rates and charges are declared for the rating year commencing 1 July 2022 and ending 30 June 2023.

- b) Amount intended to be raised:

An amount of \$176,568,599 (or such other amount as is lawfully raised as a consequence of this resolution) be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates and the annual service charge, which is calculated as follows:

Category	Amount
Residential properties	\$140,030,007
Commercial properties	\$7,843,736
Industrial properties	\$4,985,495
Municipal charge	\$0
Service charges	\$23,695,732
Charge in lieu of rates on cultural and recreational lands	\$13,629
Total	\$176,568,599

Rates Information:

- i. General rates:

A general rate to be declared for the 2022-23 financial year. The rateable amount per property will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable property by the rate in the dollar indicated in the following table:

Category	Rate
Residential properties	0.00211750 (0.21175 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)
Commercial properties	0.00211750 (0.21175 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)
Industrial properties	0.00211750 (0.21175 cents in the dollar of Capital Improved Value)

- ii. No amount is fixed as the minimum amount payable by way of general rate in respect of each rateable property within the municipal district.
- c) Municipal charge:
No municipal charge is declared in respect of the 2022-23 financial year.
- d) Annual service charge:
 - i. An annual service charge, for the collection and disposal of refuse, be declared in respect of the 2022-23 financial year.
 - ii. The annual service charge be in the sum of, and be based on the criteria, set out below:

Category	Rate
60 litres of capacity	\$134.17
80 litres of capacity	\$275.22
120 litres of capacity	\$619.25
120 litre bin (shared 240 litre)	\$464.44
160 litres of capacity	\$733.93
160 litres of capacity (concession approved)	\$366.96
200 litres of capacity	\$848.60
200 litres of capacity (concession approved)	\$424.30
240 litres of capacity (residential properties)	\$963.28
240 litres of capacity (shared)	\$206.42
240 litres of capacity (residential property concession approved)	\$481.64

- e) Cultural and recreational land:
In accordance with section 4(4) of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, the following amounts be declared as a charge in lieu of the general rate (which would otherwise be payable):

Glenroy Road, Glenroy	Northern Golf Club	11,974
Outlook Road, Coburg	Vic Amateur Basketball Association	1,654
Total:		13,629

- f) Incentives:
No incentives are declared for the payment of general rates (and annual service charge described earlier in this resolution) before dates fixed or specified for their payment under section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- g) Interest on rates and charges:
 - i. Interest is to be charged in accordance with section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, on any amounts of rates and charges which have not yet been paid by the instalment dates fixed by the Minister in accordance with section 167 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
 - ii. That the interest to be charged is at the rate fixed under section 2 of the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983*, that applied on the first day of July immediately before the due date for payment; and
 - iii. Interest on rates and charges is to be calculated from the date on which the instalment was due.

- h) Interest on unpaid monies:
 - i. Interest is to be charged on any amounts of money (other than rates and charges) which a person owes to the Council, and which has not been paid by the due date;
 - ii. The interest rate shall be determined by Council from time to time and shall not exceed the rate fixed from time to time by the Order-in-Council; and
 - iii. That such interest is to be applied in accordance with the provisions of section 120 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make the final documents available for public inspection.
- 4. Advises submitters that Council has considered their submissions relating to the Draft Annual Budget 2022-23 and that the submitters be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission through this council report, and they be thanked for their contributions
- 5. Adopts the updated Active Travel (Walking and Riding) 10 Year Capital Program as shown at Attachment 5 and in Annual Budget 2022-26 which:
 - a) Moves the O’Hea Street bike project construction into 2023/24 instead of 2024/25, using the \$700,000 currently allocated to Craigieburn Shared User Path Stage 4 project;
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 - d) Reduces the funding for “Road Renewal Improvement Outcomes-Variou Locations” from \$250,000 per annum to \$0 in 2022/23 and to \$100,000 in the subsequent 4 years;
 - e) Groups the projects into the three categories of Walking, Riding and Shared Infrastructure;
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- 6. Adopts Moreland Council Action Plan 2022-2023 (provided as Attachment 6) as the second-year actions to deliver against the Moreland Council Plan 2021-2025.
- 7. Authorises the Director Business Transformation to finalise the Moreland Council Action Plan 2022-2023, including any amendments as a result of the adoption of the Budget 2022/23 and or/minor administrative changes.

6.13 pm Cr Bolton entered the meeting.

6.13 pm Cr Tapinos left the meeting during discussion of this item.

6.14 pm Cr Tapinos returned to the meeting during discussion of this item.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

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Carried unanimously

4.2 ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Executive Summary

The Community Infrastructure Plan guides Council’s planning and delivery of community infrastructure. The Plan responds to increasing demand for community infrastructure in Moreland in response to a growing and changing population. It focuses on improving the performance of what we have while directing new investment to where the community benefits most. The Plan also helps Council secure external funding and project partners.

The draft Community Infrastructure Plan was on community exhibition for three weeks from 2 to 22 May. A total of 50 community submissions were received. Attachment 2 to this report provides a summary of the public submission with officer responses.

Key features of the Community Infrastructure Plan include:

- An overarching policy framework, linked to the Community Vision, designed to guide Council's planning and delivery of all community infrastructure over a 10-year period.
- Two broad approaches for addressing community infrastructure needs:
 - Strategies to optimise the use of facilities, seek other forms of investment and improve experiences for the community. The strategies apply to the entire network of Council-owned community infrastructure.
 - Capital investment projects to upgrade, expand or build new community infrastructure. This includes further planning activities for capital projects.
- A total of 43 capital projects including 15 projects in Moreland North, 15 in Moreland Central and 13 in Moreland South. Of those projects, a total of 26 capital projects are proposed to be funded and delivered in the next five years through Council's Capital Works Program with accompanying external grants and contributions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the feedback from the community as outlined in the Community Submissions Report at Attachment 2 to this report.
2. Adopts the final Community Infrastructure Plan at Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the feedback from the community as outlined in the Community Submissions Report at Attachment 2 to this report.**
2. **Adopts the final Community Infrastructure Plan at Attachment 1 to this report.**
3. **Continues to work with Neighbourhood Houses to identify and explore infrastructure needs through its annual budgeting process and annual Community Infrastructure Plan review.**
4. **Notes that the Fawkner Library upgrade proposed for 2026/27 will consider the needs of the Fawkner Neighbourhood House as a key stakeholder and that any additional funding required to achieve this will be referred to future budgets when the scope of works is clearly known.**

6.34 pm *Cr Tapinos left the meeting during discussion of this item.*

6.35 pm *Cr Tapinos returned to the meeting during discussion of this item.*

Carried unanimously

4.3 ASSET PLAN 2022-2032

Executive Summary

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to develop, adopt and maintain a 10-year Asset Plan for maintenance, acquisition, disposal and management of Council-managed assets. The first plan, in accordance with the Act, must be adopted to be effective from 1 July 2022. A review of the Asset Plan must be completed by 31 October in the year following a General Council election.

Council's \$2.4 billion portfolio of assets has been built up progressively over many decades. Assets such as roads and drainage provide the building blocks of our way of life, while others add to the quality of life by facilitating recreation, arts, culture, health and educational activities. Our assets are also integral to us achieving our zero carbon, water management and social inclusion goals, and support local business and economic development.

The Act requires the first Asset Plan to be developed through Council's adopted engagement policy and subsequent Asset Plan reviews in accordance with the Act through a deliberative engagement process. Community participation in the development of the Moreland Asset Plan occurred through the *Imagine Moreland* engagement program, guided by Moreland's Community Engagement Policy 2020. The draft Asset Plan was made available for public exhibition to allow the community to have further feedback and submissions between the period of 2 May 2022 and 29 May 2022 (inclusive).

There were 4 submissions on the draft Asset Plan. The Asset Plan has not required amendment in response to submissions received. It is noted that the Asset Plan section relating to Transport Infrastructure has been updated to reflect amendments in the Active Travel (Walking and Riding) 10 Year Capital Program adopted by Council on 8 June 2022 and reflected in the 2022/23 Budget as proposed for adoption at this meeting.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the Asset Plan 2022-2032 at Attachment 1 to this report prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;
2. Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to approve cosmetic edits only to the document ahead of publishing the final Asset Plan on Council's website.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Asset Plan 2022-2032 at Attachment 1 to this report prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 92 of the *Local Government Act 2020*;**
2. **Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to approve cosmetic edits only to the document ahead of publishing the final Asset Plan on Council's website.**

Carried unanimously

The meeting closed at 6.40 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley
MAYOR