



Merri-bek
City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Merri-bek Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 12 June 2024

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.03 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 Adam Pulford, Mayor	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.03 pm	9.28 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.05 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Mark Riley	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Monica Harte	7.03 pm	10.07 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.03 pm	8.50 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.03 pm	10.07 pm

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
 Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
 Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow
 Director Community – Eamonn Fennessy
 Acting Director Place and Environment – Victoria Hart
 Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
 Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

7.05 pm Cr Conlan entered the meeting.

7.11 pm Cr Bolton left the meeting.

The livestream of the meeting was suspended at 7.11 pm to resolve technical issues.

7.12 pm Cr Bolton returned to the meeting.

7.15 pm Cr Conlon left the meeting.

7.17 pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting.

7.22 pm Cr Bolton and Cr Harte left the meeting.

7.25 pm Cr Bolton and Cr Harte returned to the meeting.

The livestream resumed at 7.25 pm.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 May 2024 be confirmed.

Carried

Cr Pavlidis called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton
Cr Davidson
Cr Yildiz
Cr Pulford
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Conlan
Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Riley
Cr Tapinos
Cr Harte

Total For (10)

Against

Cr Pavlidis

Total Against (1)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cr Bolton acknowledged the passing of Destiny Deacon a prominent First Nations artist in Australia with strong ties to the Merri-bek area.

Cr Pavlidis raised the following:

- Arrangements and processes relating to public attendance at Hearing of Submission Committee meetings.
- Attendance of external presenters at Councillor briefings.

PETITIONS

Nil.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A summary of questions and the responses provided, and items for which community statements were made is provided below. Questions submitted in writing but not asked are taken On Notice.

Public Question Time commenced at 7.36 pm.

Report 7.3 O'Hea Street bike lane extension

Council received 3 statements. The following two statements were presented to Council.

Statement 1

Adam Carey made the following statement:

I'm a member of the Coburg North Primary School Council and of the school's active transport committee. It's a relatively informal committee that is made up of parents who volunteer their time to run the monthly Open Streets event. Open Streets is a wonderful monthly event where we close off Bishop Street to car traffic for an hour before the morning bell and students claim the street as a play space. It's a much-loved event that would not be possible without the support of the Council of course and we're fortunate to live in a council area that embraces active transport.

I'm writing on behalf of the school's active transport committee to advocate for the proposed extension of the O'Hea Street bike lane.

MySchool data tells us that Coburg North Primary is the largest primary school in Coburg and indeed in Merri-bek, with almost 600 students. The school has a really strong community culture of riding or walking to school, and one only has to journey along O'Hea Street at school drop-off and pick-up times to witness this.

The shared path is a pedal-powered arterial full of children and their parents on bikes and on foot. Children from other schools such as Coburg High use the path just as much. But a significant number of school families live to the west of Sussex Street, and don't have the protection and amenity of an off-road bike path. Some parents also must cross the Derby Street roundabout on their school journeys and have reported to us that it is a deterrent to riding with young children because it feels unsafe. We believe families in the western part of the school zone should have the same opportunity for a safe and active journey to school as those who live in the eastern part and use the current path in great numbers every day.

The Council's report on the proposed bike lane extension notes that it has been talked about for more than 10 years. This is a project that is overdue and the committee hopes the council will vote to finally make it happen.

Statement 2

Nicholas Zull, on behalf of the Merri-bek Bicycle User Group made the following statement:

We are buoyed to see 72 percent of respondents to the engagement feeling positive about the officer's proposed bike lane extension, and support the recommendation to build the bike lanes.

This extension to O'Hea St, from Sussex St through to Irvine St will close a gap in bicycle infrastructure that means families can now ride their bikes from the Upfield Shared user path to Pascoe Vale RSL without having to mix with cars and trucks. For building 650m of separated bike path, everyone can receive a whole kilometre of benefit as the two sections are connected.

In addition to connecting two already built sections, having an uninterrupted connection to Irvine St improves part of the Pascoe Vale shimmy route recommended in agenda item 7.4, further compounding the effectiveness of the officer's recommendation.

Further to this, we applaud the officer's recommendation to ask VicTrack and DTP to fix the dangerous Upfield Line Crossing at O'Hea St to continue the bidirectional bike path over the tracks. Many Coburg High students use the O'Hea Street bike path to get to and from school, and the rail crossing is certainly the most perilous section.

Report 7.4 Glenroy to Coburg Bike Route Survey Outcome

Council received 1 statement. It was presented to Council.

Statement 1

Nicholas Zull, on behalf of the Merri-bek Bicycle User Group made the following statement:

Merri-bek BUG supports the officer's recommendation to maintain Kent Rd and Derby St as the Glenroy to Coburg bike route, echoing calls from the community found in the survey.

Safety enhancements along the existing bike route such as speed bumps and much needed lighting in KW Joyce Reserve will help to improve ridership, and upgrades to wayfinding signage and line marking will aid vulnerable road users to travel between Glenroy, Pascoe Vale and Coburg.

Additionally, we appreciate there is no silver bullet to transport improvements. As such we find it encouraging to read recommendations 3 and 7, to write to the Department of Transportation and Planning to request safe cycling infrastructure along Pascoe St and Boundary Rd, and to prepare a report on the bike network between Glenroy and Coburg under the Streets For People Plan, respectively.

Report 7.5 Victoria Street - Streets for People Project

Council received 1 statement and 2 questions. 1 question and 1 statement were taken on notice. The following question was presented to Council.

Question 1

Pauline Carmichael enquired why has there been no community engagement other than a survey to vote on 1 of 2 design options and asked if there has been a breach of Council's community engagement policy?

At the request of the Mayor, Director City Infrastructure, Anita Curnow responded:

Community engagement for the Victoria Street project also included engagement with local businesses; we hand delivered letters to each of the businesses along Victoria Street and offered a meeting with any that had questions about the project. We had a mail-out to residents and businesses within 400 metres of the project area.

The scope of the engagement was guided by the endorsed position for Victoria Street in that it include protected bike lanes in line with the street's designation by the State Government as a Strategic Cycling Corridor. We developed two design concepts in response to that and provided the community with opportunities to comment on aspects of those designs and to provide broader comments about their aspirations for Victoria Street.

Our Community Engagement Policy states that "Occasionally our projects will apply different engagement methods at different stages."

On the Conversations Merri-bek project page we included a section about what could be influenced and what could not be influenced. We also provided information as to why aspects of the project could not be influenced.

Best practice community engagement should be fit for purpose, and depends on the scope and level of influence the community can have. Each project is different and therefore the level of engagement is different and cannot be pre-determined.

Our assessment is that we have not breached our community engagement policy.

Overall, our engagement for this project has been hugely successful, with 307 surveys completed by the community.

Report 7.6 Food System Strategy 2024-2027

Council received 2 questions. They were presented to Council.

Question 1 and 2

Nat Abboud asked if Council will commit to making themselves available to receive a briefing on the different programs involved in the Community Food Hub in the north when that opportunity is offered; and will it commit to further funding the work of the Strategy?

At the request of the Mayor, Director Community, Eamonn Fennessy responded:

Officers provide regular briefings to Councillors in the lead up to Strategies/Policies and documents referred to Council meetings. Officers are always available to provide a Councillor briefing on The Community Food Hub when required.

Council has referred \$130,000 per year, total funding \$390,000 to the draft 2024/2025 budget process for consideration for a further three years of the strategy. This is presented within this evenings report on Food Systems Strategy.

Report 7.13 Open Council Resolutions Report

Nic Dolby asked if the Open Council Resolutions Report has contributed to Council finalising open resolutions?

The Mayor responded:

Your observation seems correct and the report is a good accountability measure for Council and Council officers to make sure we are tracking the decisions that we make and putting them into action.

Notice of Motion 8.4 Speed Surveys and Accessible Tram Stops for Nicholson Street, Coburg

Council received 1 question. It was presented to Council.

Helen Kratzmann followed up on a previous question to Council regarding the State Government's \$1.27 million announcement for road safety infrastructure on Nicholson and Holmes Streets, inquiring whether Council would conduct a speed survey on Nicholson Street after the infrastructure is delivered. Following the Director of City Infrastructure's confirmation that post-installation speed surveys would be organized to measure impact, noting that traffic patterns take time to settle, Ms Kratzmann asked about the expected period for motorists' behavior to settle.

At the request of the Mayor, Director City Infrastructure, Anita Curnow, responded:

Thank you Helen for your question and insights relating to the history of road safety issues on Nicholson Street.

The timeframe for driver behaviour to adjust to a change in the road network can vary depending on the scale of the change, the use of the road and other infrastructure in the surrounding transport network.

In the case of Nicholson, Holmes and Albion Street and the associated road safety infrastructure changes announced by the state government, we would suspect traffic patterns to adjust to the changes and driver behaviour to respond within six months of project completion.

Notice of Motion 8.5 Investigate Reducing Council Rates for Local Residents and Businesses

Council received 3 statements. The following statement was presented to Council.

Statement

Terry Dalziel made the following statement:

I am disappointed that Council is considering a doubling of rates on landlords on a generalisation view that doing so will release properties for acquisition by first home and owner occupiers.

The generalised view does not consider the preference for persons to live in a more desirable location through renting rather than home owners so as to provide flexibility.

Certainly, if you increase the impost on one section of the community, the affected persons may decide to no longer invest in an asset.

Unfortunately, a perceived short-term advantage means longer term a decline of investment in housing in an area with the associated rejuvenation that accompanies such investment.

I am disappointed that my wife and myself will be treated differently from other resident as a result of providing housing to others.

Non-Agenda Items - Questions Taken On Notice

Council received 1 question that was taken on notice relating to:

- Captain Chris Slattery (MBE) Reserve, Glenroy

Public Question Time concluded at 8.03 pm.

ALTER THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

With the agreement of Council the order of business was altered to bring forward Notice of Motion 8.5 to be the first item considered at the meeting.

8.5 INVESTIGATE REDUCING COUNCIL RATES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES BY CHARGING HIGHER RATES FOR INVESTMENTS

Motion

That Council:

1. Investigates if a differential rate for property investors who have more than one residential property in Merri-bek is possible and could see a reduction in the rates paid by residential homeowner occupiers and local businesses, and provides a report back to Council by August/September 2024.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. Investigates if a differential rate for property investors who have more than one residential property in Merri-bek is possible and could see a reduction in the rates paid by residential homeowner occupiers and local businesses, and provides a report back to Council by August/September 2024.

8.22 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting.

8.24 pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting during the debate.

8.36 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting.

8.37 pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting during the debate.

Carried

Mayor, Cr Pulford called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton
Cr Pulford
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Conlan
Cr Riley
Cr Harte

Total For (6)

Against

Cr Davidson
Cr Yildiz
Cr Pavlidis
Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Tapinos

Total Against (5)

8.38 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 OPTIONS TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE ARTS IN MERRI-BEK

Executive Summary

Research and consultation have been undertaken to explore innovative ways that Council could increase its funding for the arts in Merri-bek. The research explored examples of arts and culture funding models across the Australian local government sector, with a focus on Victoria. A number of approaches were investigated to explore their relevance to Merri-bek, including:

- Percentages for public art in Council's capital works budgets
- Public art and/or arts infrastructure funded by developers
- Council aligned philanthropic trusts
- Partnerships.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Requests the development of a Merri-bek Public Art Policy in 2025, that includes a percentage for public art to be allocated from the Council capital works budget.
2. Receives a report in 2025 into mechanisms for how Council could request inclusion of public art and arts infrastructure in significant developments through the planning process.
3. Receives a future briefing in 2025 about the benefits and risks of establishing a Council-initiated philanthropic fund for the arts.

Motion

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Requests the development of a Merri-bek Public Art Policy in 2025, that includes a percentage for public art to be allocated from the Council capital works budget.
2. Receives a report in 2025 into mechanisms for how Council could request inclusion of public art and arts infrastructure in significant developments through the planning process.
3. Receives a future briefing in 2025 about the benefits and risks of establishing a Council-initiated philanthropic fund for the arts.

8.42 pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting during debate.

8.42 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting during debate.

Amendment

Cr Pavlidis moved -

That Council:

1. Requests the development of a Merri-bek Public Art Policy in 2025, that includes:
 - a) a percentage for public art to be allocated from the Council capital works budget.
 - b) mechanisms for how Council could request inclusion of public art and arts infrastructure in significant developments through the planning process.

2. Receives a briefing in 2025 about the benefits and risks of establishing a Council-initiated philanthropic fund for the arts.

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Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Requests the development of a Merri-bek Public Art Policy in 2025, that includes a percentage for public art to be allocated from the Council capital works budget.**
2. **Receives a report in 2025 into mechanisms for how Council could request inclusion of public art and arts infrastructure in significant developments through the planning process.**
3. **Receives a future briefing in 2025 about the benefits and risks of establishing a Council-initiated philanthropic fund for the arts.**

Carried unanimously

7.2 SHARED MOBILITY (E-SCOOTERS) UPDATE

Executive Summary

Shared mobility services, including e-scooters and e-bikes, have grown in popularity and matured in service provision since the Victorian Government trial began in February 2022. The trial area includes the Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip, and Yarra. Since beginning, over 8 million trips have been taken by e-scooter and e-bike. The trial is due to end on 4 October 2024, after which shared mobility will become legal should an agreement between shared mobility operators and the relevant council be in place.

Though the scheme has been successful, errant rider behaviour and improper parking have persisted. In response, participating councils and operators have put in place measures to mitigate against improper behaviour. Cognitive tests to prevent drink-riding at night, sensors to detect and prevent 'dinking', and camera sensors to detect footpath riding have all been implemented through the trial. Geo-fencing and designated parking zones have been rolled out as well to prevent improper parking of e-bikes and e-scooters.

Reducing errant parking is a point of particular concern. For example, a disability advocate in the City of Yarra has taken council to VCAT over the issue. As such, this report recommends a designated parking zone approach that reduces parking issues by restricting shared mobility parking only in areas identified as being appropriate, enforced by geo-fencing, line marking and, when on-street, with additional protective bollards.

In preparation for the end of the trial phase, participating and prospective councils have begun informal discussions about a future inter-council procurement process. This process will investigate a future inter-council model to consider the number of operators, key performance indicators, service levels to respond to complaints, fee structures, and other common operating principles.

Significant work is required to develop council capacity to enable and manage a future shared mobility scheme in Merri-bek, and to actively participate in an inter-council procurement process. Additional staff resources are required and have been included in the draft council budget 2024/25 for consideration. Staff costs would be re-couped and additional funding provided by operator fees.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves in principle Merri-bek's participation in the development of an inter-council shared mobility procurement process
2. Seeks a report to Council in the first quarter of 2025 for a decision on enabling a shared mobility trial, with a designated parking approach that restricts parking to specific locations so that shared mobility devices do not impact pedestrian accessibility
3. Notes that there are both expenditure and revenue implications from pursuing shared mobility schemes, with required staffing resources expected to be offset through the collection of fees from operators, and
4. Refers the initial resource need of \$78,397 to the final 2024/25 Budget.

Resolution

Cr Harte moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Approves in principle Merri-bek's participation in the development of an inter-council shared mobility procurement process, in order to influence the form of future Agreements, but noting that participation does not tie Merri-bek to signing any Agreement.**
2. **Expresses its strong preference for any further e-scooter scheme in Merri-bek to adopt a designated parking approach, that restricts shared mobility parking to specific locations and considers options for compliance and enforcement**
3. **Establishes a Stakeholder Reference Group on Shared Mobility made up of suitable representatives from the community including community groups, Council's current reference groups and Advisory Committees to first meet within 3 months and continue until any operator has been in place for 12 months or a Council decision is made not to participate**
4. **Seeks a report to Council in February 2025 seeking endorsement to consult on a draft Framework for shared mobility in Merri-bek that benefits from Stakeholder Reference Group input as well as inviting expert advice from Vision Australia, formal advocacy groups for aged and disability access and risk experts, to come back for final adoption**
5. **Seeks a report to Council in April 2025 for a decision on enabling a shared mobility trial, with a designated parking approach that restricts parking to specific locations so that shared mobility devices do not impact pedestrian accessibility consistent with the intent of the Framework for shared mobility in Merri-bek.**
6. **Notes that there are both expenditure and revenue implications from pursuing shared mobility schemes, with required staffing resources expected to be offset through the collection of fees from operators, and**
7. **Refers the initial resource need of \$78,397 to the final 2024/25 Budget.**

8.47 pm *Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting.*

8.48 pm *Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.*

8.50 pm *Cr Yildiz left the meeting and did not return.*

Carried

Mayor, Cr Pulford called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain
Cr Bolton		Cr Pavlidis
Cr Davidson		
Cr Pulford		
Cr Panopoulos		
Cr Conlan		
Cr Riley		
Cr Tapinos		
Cr Harte		
Total For (8)	Total Against (0)	Total Abstain (1)

7.3 O'HEA STREET BIKE LANE EXTENSION

Executive Summary

This report proposes a westerly extension of the O'Hea Street bike lane between Sussex Street and Irvine Street that has been subject to discussion for more than 10 years. It fills in the missing link between the existing bike lane east of Sussex Street and the existing shared path west of Irvine Street. In addition, the proposed extension offers safer crossing options for cyclists at the Sussex Street / O'Hea Street intersection and the Derby Street / O'Hea Street roundabout.

The extension will be a two-way bike lane on the north side of O'Hea Street, replacing an on-street car parking lane. A 0.8 m buffer will protect cyclists from vehicles and provides bin zones for residents to store their bins on collection day. Parking studies undertaken in 2019 and 2022 found that on-street parking occupancy is generally low (max. 37%) and all dwellings have driveways and off-street parking.

A diagonal crossing with a dedicated signal phase is proposed for the intersection at Sussex Street. Final designs for this intersection are subject to detailed design and approval from the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP).

Council has undertaken community engagement for this project in April 2024. Some 190 letters were sent to residents and property owners along O'Hea Street. Community members had the opportunity to fill out a survey on the Conversations Merri-bek website.

Council received 212 survey submissions. The survey results show that 72 per cent of the respondents feel 'positive' or 'very positive' about the proposed bike lane extension. The most common concern raised is the safety of cyclists and pedestrians crossing side streets of O'Hea Street. Respondents report motorists often fail to give way and maintain a high speed when exiting a side street to drive onto O'Hea Street.

Based on the community engagement, Council officers recommend proceeding with the extension of the O'Hea Street bike lane for the entire section between Irvine Street to Sussex Street. The design has been updated to address community concerns regarding safety of crossings.

The design has also been updated to retain 10 well-established trees between Irvine Street and Hatter Street on the south side of O'Hea Street. This means that 13 parking bays for that section will not be constructed. A further 6 additional parking bays will be constructed further east (without tree loss) to offset this. This aspect of the design has been updated since the community engagement. Together with the removal of kerbside parking on the north side of O'Hea Street, there will be a 220 metre section with no on-street parking.

Should the recommendations be adopted, Council officers will proceed to the detailed design stage of the project. The designs and a signal plan for Sussex Street / O'Hea Street are planned to be finalised by the end of 2024 so construction can start in the first half of 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Proceeds with the extension of the bi-directional bike lane on O’Hea Street between Sussex Street and Irvine Street shown at Attachment 1, noting that the designs are planned to be completed by the end of 2024 and construction is planned to commence in the first half of 2025.
2. Delegates minor changes to the proposed designs to the Director of City Infrastructure.
3. Writes to Department of Transport and Planning and VicTrack to advocate for a safe bi-directional cycling crossing on the south side of O’Hea Street at the O’Hea Street / Upfield Railway Line crossing.
4. Notes the community engagement report (Attachment 2) detailing the methodology and findings of community engagement on the proposed designs and thanks the community for their participation in this engagement.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Proceeds with the extension of the bi-directional bike lane on O’Hea Street between Sussex Street and Irvine Street shown at Attachment 1, noting that the designs are planned to be completed by the end of 2024 and construction is planned to commence in the first half of 2025.**
2. **Delegates minor changes to the proposed designs to the Director of City Infrastructure.**
3. **Writes to Department of Transport and Planning and VicTrack to advocate for a safe bi-directional cycling crossing on the south side of O’Hea Street at the O’Hea Street / Upfield Railway Line crossing.**
4. **Receive a report on the number of crashes at the Main St/O’Hea St intersection which recommends further steps to make this intersection safer for cyclists, skaters and pedestrians.**
5. **Notes the community engagement report (Attachment 2) detailing the methodology and findings of community engagement on the proposed designs and thanks the community for their participation in this engagement.**

8.56 pm *Cr Pavlidis left the meeting.*

8.59 pm *Cr Carli Hannan returned to the meeting during the debate.*

8.59 pm *Cr Pavlidis returned to the meeting during the debate.*

Carried

7.4 GLENROY TO COBURG BIKE ROUTE SURVEY OUTCOME

Executive Summary

Between 1 March and 1 April 2024 feedback was sought from the community on how to connect the Glenroy to Coburg bike route through Pascoe Vale, with the aim of creating a safe, connected and convenient experience for bike riders. This consultation followed the conclusion of the Kent Road separated bike lane trial and the consequent removal of bike lanes in December 2023. Feedback was sought from the community on 6 potential routes that could create this connection, taking riders between Rhodes Parade and O’Hea Street.

Council officers had recommended a route (referred to as the Shimmy Route) and provided concept plans for treatments intended to support the adoption of that route for the Glenroy to Coburg bike route (a route intended to support and attract new and less confident riders).

Feedback was provided via 78 survey responses (online with option of a physical survey on request). In addition, 40 community members attended two community drop-in sessions and provided input. Most of these people lived along or near the recommended Shimmy Route option.

The results of the survey showed that the preferred route was the current route (via Kent Road and Derby Street), with second preference being Alternative route 2 (via Pascoe Street and Boundary Road to Derby Street).

Community groups Climate Action Merri-bek and the Merri-bek Bicycle User Group (BUG) provided formal submissions to the consultation. Climate Action Merri-bek was in support of Alternative route 2 (via Pascoe Street and Boundary Road). Merri-bek BUG did not offer a preference for any of the routes in the consultation, instead opting to provide recommendations for the area which included installing the treatments that were proposed to support the Shimmy Route, as well as seeking improvements for safer bike options for north-south movement along a Landells Road route and east-west movement along a Warwick Road route while presenting other opportunities for improving the bike network in the area.

Given the survey respondents’ preference for the current Kent Road and Derby Street route alignment, it is recommended to continue to refer to this as the Glenroy to Coburg bike route and apply the 2024/25 funding for the completion of the Kent Road Trial to resurface Kent Road between Cumberland Road and Cornwall Road, provide a pedestrian crossing in front of Pascoe Vale Health Medical Centre and improve lighting in KW Joyce Reserve. Further measures to address traffic issues and improve wayfinding near local destinations will help to improve the quality of bike riding in the area. This will allow council to make minor improvements to in the short-term while investigating more significant opportunities for bike network and streetscape improvements as part of the Streets for People Plan in the 2024/25 financial year.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the community-preferred current route (via Kent Road and Derby Street) as the Glenroy to Coburg bike route, without any new infrastructure commitments.
2. Confirms the use of the 2024/25 Kent Road trial outcome budget to:
 - a) resurface Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road;
 - b) install a raised zebra pedestrian crossing outside the Pascoe Vale Health Medical Centre; and if possible with the funding available; and
 - c) install lighting in the KW Joyce Reserve shared user path linking Northumberland Road to Kent Road to make it more practical for bike riders at night.

3. Writes to Department of Transport and Planning in response to community feedback to request safe cycling infrastructure along Pascoe Street and Boundary Road to support east west bike movements along the state's Strategic Cycling Corridor.
4. Upgrades wayfinding signage and linemarking to support the Pascoe Vale Shimmy Route as it provides an important local connection to many destinations including the Pascoe Vale Community Centre.
5. Continues to monitor speed of vehicles and compliance with the new 40 km/h limit along the endorsed Glenroy to Coburg route as well as the Pascoe Vale Shimmy Route, and where 85th percentile speeds are not below 40 km/h, design and seek funding opportunities for infrastructure to support the 40 km/h speed limit to improve safety of people riding bikes on these routes, including particular consideration of speed humps in Irvine Street between O'Hea Street and Gaffney Street.
6. Approves construction of speed humps on all approaches to the intersection of Olive Grove and Sylvan Grove following repeat crash reports and discussions at the community drop in sessions, as part of annual road safety traffic management works in 2024/25 or 2025/26 as funds allow.
7. Receives a report on a comprehensive plan for a safe, direct and comfortable bike network between Glenroy and Coburg as part of the Streets for People Plan being prepared in the 2024/25 Financial Year.

Resolution

Cr Harte moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the community-preferred current route (via Kent Road and Derby Street) as the Glenroy to Coburg bike route, without any new infrastructure commitments.**
2. **Confirms the use of the 2024/25 Kent Road trial outcome budget to:**
 - a) **resurface Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road;**
 - b) **install a raised zebra pedestrian crossing outside the Pascoe Vale Health Medical Centre; and if possible with the funding available; and**
 - c) **install lighting in the KW Joyce Reserve shared user path linking Northumberland Road to Kent Road to make it more practical for bike riders at night.**
3. **Writes to Department of Transport and Planning in response to community feedback to request safe cycling infrastructure along Pascoe Street and Boundary Road to support east west bike movements along the state's Strategic Cycling Corridor.**
4. **Upgrades wayfinding signage and linemarking to support the Pascoe Vale Shimmy Route as it provides an important local connection to many destinations including the Pascoe Vale Community Centre.**
5. **Continues to monitor speed of vehicles and compliance with the new 40 km/h limit along the endorsed Glenroy to Coburg route as well as the Pascoe Vale Shimmy Route, and where 85th percentile speeds are not below 40 km/h, design and seek funding opportunities for infrastructure to support the 40 km/h speed limit to improve safety of people riding bikes on these routes, including particular consideration of speed humps in Irvine Street between O'Hea Street and Gaffney Street.**
6. **Approves construction of speed humps on all approaches to the intersection of Olive Grove and Sylvan Grove following repeat crash reports and discussions at the community drop in sessions, as part of annual road safety**

traffic management works in 2024/25 or 2025/26 as funds allow.

7. **Receives a report on a comprehensive plan for a safe, direct and comfortable bike network between Glenroy and Coburg as part of the Streets for People Plan being prepared in the 2024/25 Financial Year.**

9.04 pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting before the vote.

Carried unanimously

7.5 VICTORIA STREET - STREETS FOR PEOPLE PROJECT

Executive Summary

The Victoria Street Streets for People project arose following strong community support for improved bike riding facilities along this street in Brunswick between Pearson Street and Sydney Road and featured in the Moving Around Merri-bek Action Plan adopted by Council in March 2024.

Two concept designs were consulted upon in April and May 2024 – Concept 1 featuring one-way bike lanes and Concept 2 featuring a two-way bike lane. A total of 307 people completed the survey, providing feedback on the two concept designs, and their experience of Victoria Street more generally.

Of the two concept designs, Concept 1 received stronger support amongst respondents, with 77 per cent stating that they felt 'good' or 'very good' about it.

Concept 1 has been identified as the preferred option for Victoria Street. It is considered as the most appropriate option as it is more aligned with best practice design guideline, it is more user-friendly for people on bikes as well as other road-users, it garnered a higher level of community support through consultation, it has a lower impact on public parking, and it is less complex to deliver. Subject to endorsement, Concept 1 will undergo detailed design from July 2024.

The delivery of the project should be considered in two stages, with the section between Pearson Street and the Upfield Shared User Path to be delivered first, and the section east of the railway line delivered in future financial years. This is to avoid delays to the construction of the project overall as more complex design issues are resolved. Additional safety improvements should also be considered, such as a speed limit reduction on Victoria Street between Pearson Street and Sydney Road from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

The detailed design and delivery of the project is expected to be deliverable with the allocated budget in the draft Council budget. External funding opportunities should also be explored to complement the project delivery.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Community Engagement Report (Attachment 3) detailing the methodology and findings of community engagement on the Victoria Street – Streets for People project.
2. Endorses Concept 1 (one-way protected bike lanes) as the preferred design option to be progressed for detailed design and construction.
3. Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to make changes to the proposed design through the detailed design process in order to satisfy recommendations of a Road Safety Audit, requirements from the Department of Transport and Planning on bus stop design, and urban design improvements that do not significantly alter the function of the design.
4. Notes that the project is to be delivered in two stages, with the section of the project

between Pearson Street and the Upfield Shared User Path to be delivered first.

5. Endorses officers submitting an application to the Department of Transport and Planning for the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit on Victoria Street between Pearson Street and Sydney Road, Brunswick.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the Community Engagement Report (Attachment 3) detailing the methodology and findings of community engagement on the Victoria Street – Streets for People project.**
2. **Endorses Concept 1 (one-way protected bike lanes) as the preferred design option to be progressed for detailed design and construction.**
3. **Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to make changes to the proposed design through the detailed design process in order to satisfy recommendations of a Road Safety Audit, requirements from the Department of Transport and Planning on bus stop design, and urban design improvements that do not significantly alter the function of the design.**
4. **Notes that the project is to be delivered in two stages, with the section of the project between Pearson Street and the Upfield Shared User Path to be delivered first.**
5. **Endorses officers submitting an application to the Department of Transport and Planning for the installation of a 40 km/h speed limit on Victoria Street between Pearson Street and Sydney Road, Brunswick.**

Carried

Mayor, Cr Pulford called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain	Nil vote recorded
Cr Bolton			Cr Pavlidis
Cr Davidson			
Cr Pulford			
Cr Panopoulos			
Cr Conlan			
Cr Riley			
Cr Tapinos			
Cr Harte			
Total For (8)	Total Against (0)	Total Abstain (0)	Total Nil (1)

9.18 pm Cr Carli Hannan returned to the meeting after the vote.

7.6 FOOD SYSTEM STRATEGY 2024-2027

Executive Summary

Merri-bek Council has been at the forefront of the growing and evolving Food System policy area since the launch of our first Food System Strategy in 2017. Actions under the Food System Strategy 2024-2027 will consolidate the extensive knowledge, relationships and community networks built over the last seven years to embed the food system to build resilience in the face of the climate emergency and growing social and economic inequality.

This will be achieved under 6 strategic focus areas:

Strategic Focus Area	2024-2027 Goals
1. Food equity and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen the Food and Material relief network Understand the needs of food insecure cohorts Secure external funding for Food Hub coordinator and Community food hub projects in Glenroy / Fawkner
2. Sustainable local food production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to support and promote the benefits of urban agriculture using regenerative, closed loop principles Review and streamline Council processes for enabling food growing in public spaces
3. Inclusive, connected food cultures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with CERES to expand / strengthen Olives to Oil Festival Honour First Nations knowledge and culture in urban agriculture/edible landscapes
4. Education and capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement My Smart Garden program strategic plan Host local food system network / forums Upskill community organisations to measure their impact.
5. Strong local food economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support local community food enterprises to establish and thrive Help create viable local independent production, processing, logistics / distribution and food retail options which support employment and keep money circulating in the local economy
6. Food system advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to participate in local government network forums and collective advocacy to State and Federal governments Continue to participate in strategic research projects and partnerships Advocate for more reliable and ongoing funding streams, support for volunteering and access to infrastructure

The Food System Strategy outlines the holistic long-term approach Council will take to address the complex issues causing food insecurity.

Council's role in food relief is to facilitate and advocate, and to actively support CIS Merri-bek to convene the Food and Material Relief Network.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- Endorses the draft Food System Strategy 2024-2027 for public exhibition.
- Notes the food and material relief organisations and volunteer groups in Merri-bek

and thanks them for their significant contribution to life in Merri-bek.

3. Notes the level of support that is offered to emergency food and material aid services and volunteer groups by Merri-bek City Council.
4. Notes how food security and food relief is addressed in the Food System Strategy 2024–2027.
5. Note that pursuing the acquisition of land for the construction of a purpose-built facility for food relief organisations is not recommended based on significant and unbudgeted costs and the very varied needs of different groups.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the draft Food System Strategy 2024-2027 for public exhibition from the 17 June 2024 to the 8 July 2024.**
2. **Notes the food and material relief organisations and volunteer groups in Merri-bek and thanks them for their significant contribution to life in Merri-bek.**
3. **Notes the level of support that is offered to emergency food and material aid services and volunteer groups by Merri-bek City Council.**
4. **Notes how food security and food relief is addressed in the Food System Strategy 2024–2027.**
5. **Requests a feasibility study is undertaken to determine the accommodation needs of food relief organisations in Merri-bek including the advantages and disadvantages of various options such as use of existing Council buildings, long term lease or property acquisition.**

9.21 pm *Cr Pavlidis left the meeting during the debate.*

9.23 pm *Cr Pavlidis returned to the meeting during the debate.*

Carried unanimously

7.7 CONTRACT AWARD: RFT-2023-574 - PANEL FOR PROVISION OF SOLAR PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

Executive Summary

The report seeks Council endorsement to award RFT-2023-574 - Provision of Solar Public Lighting for Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance. This contract will provide public lighting in streets, car parks, open space areas, etc in accordance with the Public Lighting Policy. In areas such as car parks and open space areas, solar lighting is the typical solution to avoid the need to establish a new point of supply and to improve environmental sustainability.

The contract term is proposed as three (3) years with two (2) x one (1) year extension periods of the contract at the discretion of Council. The total contract term including options is 5 years.

Tenders were called for panel suppliers that can design, supply, install and maintain solar lighting in Merri-bek. Council requires suppliers (or their sub-contractors) to have the capacity to provide all these services in order to provide an end-to-end solution for Council and ensure good value for money across the lifecycle of the lighting asset.

The tender complies with section 109(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Make a formal offer to Eco Solar Lighting Pty Ltd ACN 730 830 027 and Leadsun Australia Pty Ltd ACN 158 717 750 (**Contractor**) to award to each Contractor panel contract RFT-2023-574 for the Provision of Solar Public Lighting for Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance (**Contract**):
 - i. For a term of three (3) years with two (2) x one (1) year extension options at the discretion of Council
 - ii. for an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 incl. GST across all the Contractors over the life of the contract on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
 - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract.
 - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract and subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor.
 - c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a) **Make a formal offer to Eco Solar Lighting Pty Ltd ACN 730 830 027 and Leadsun Australia Pty Ltd ACN 158 717 750 (Contractor) to award to each Contractor panel contract RFT-2023-574 for the Provision of Solar Public Lighting for Design, Supply, Installation and Maintenance (Contract):**
 - i. **For a term of three (3) years with two (2) x one (1) year extension options at the discretion of Council**
 - ii. **for an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 incl. GST across all the Contractors over the life of the contract on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i. **the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - ii. **other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution,**

the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;

2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
 - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract.
 - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract and subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor.
 - c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

9.28 pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting during the debate and did not return.

9.28 pm Cr Bolton left the meeting during the debate.

Carried unanimously

7.8 CONTRACT RFT-2024-2 WHEATSHEAF ROAD STREETScape IMPROVEMENT

Executive Summary

This report seeks the appointment of the preferred contractor, Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd, to deliver the construction works for Wheatsheaf Road Improvement, located along Wheatsheaf Road between Glenroy Road and Blucher St, Glenroy.

A total budget of \$2,402,818 has been allocated to the Wheatsheaf Road Improvement program over the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2025/26.

An advertisement was placed in *The Age* newspaper on 16 March 2024 inviting tenders via the e-tender portal from suitably qualified contractors to undertake the Wheatsheaf Road Improvement works. Tenders closed on 12 April 2024 and three tenders were received. Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd received the highest score through the evaluation process.

The tender complies with section 109(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Make a formal offer to **Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd, ACN:128 554 307 (Contractor)** to award **Contract RFT-2024-2** for the **Wheatsheaf Road Streetscape Improvement (Contract)** on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - i. For the lump sum of \$2,616,165 (excluding GST)
 - ii. Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the

terms of this Resolution:

- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for Contract RFT-2024-2 Wheatsheaf Road Streetscape Improvement; and
- b) Refers the budget shortfall of \$775,000 to the 2024/25 budgeting process as part of the reallocation and planned reprioritisation of the activity centre capital budgets over forward years with no net dollar impact on the 2024/25 Capital Works Program.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a) Make a formal offer to Evergreen Civil Pty Ltd, ACN:128 554 307 (Contractor) to award Contract RFT-2024-2 for the Wheatsheaf Road Streetscape Improvement (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - i. For the lump sum of \$2,616,165 (excluding GST)**
 - ii. Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;**
- 2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
 - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for Contract RFT-2024-2 Wheatsheaf Road Streetscape Improvement; and**
 - b) Refers the budget shortfall of \$775,000 to the 2024/25 budgeting process as part of the reallocation and planned reprioritisation of the activity centre capital budgets over forward years with no net dollar impact on the 2024/25 Capital Works Program.**

9.30 pm Cr Bolton returned to the meeting during the debate.

Carried unanimously

7.9 CONTRACT VARIATION: RFT-2021-230 - 14 FRITH STREET, BRUNSWICK PARK CLOSE TO HOME

Executive Summary

In February 2022, Council awarded the Contract RFT-2021-230 – 14 Frith Street, Brunswick – Park Close to Home to Building Engineering to construct the park. The original contract sum was \$4,772,212.00 (GST exclusive). The total approved contract expenditure was \$5,249,433.00 (GST exclusive) including 10 per cent contingency.

In May 2023, Council approved an increase in the total contract sum under Contract RFT-2021-230 to \$5,965,265.00 (GST exclusive), which represented a 25 per cent increase above the original contract sum.

In August 2023, Council approved a further increase in the total contract sum under Contract RFT-2021-230 to \$7,086,882.00 (GST exclusive), which represented a 48.5 per cent increase above the original contract sum.

Now, with the project nearing completion, Council approval is sought for a third increase in the total contract sum under Contract RFT-2021-230 to \$7,620,926.53 (GST exclusive), which represents a 59.7 per cent increase above the original contract sum.

The value of the increase in this instance is \$534,044.53 (GST exclusive). The previously approved contingency has been effectively exhausted. The circumstances that have contributed to this increase are due to unknown site conditions and are:

- three steel columns leaning outwards, consultants redesign of steel structure and installation of three new steel columns (east end of building Lobb Street)
- demolition works including traffic control, footpath reinstatement (Frith and Lobb Streets)
- further soil contamination under the existing concrete slab and wall foundry
- contractor delay costs.

Council approval is required of the release of funds from the Public Resort and Recreation Land Reserve to cover remaining shortfall to the project.

With this increase in contract cost and a small increase in non-contract costs of \$37,474, the total project budget will become \$8,281,829.53, up from \$7,710,311.00.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves an increase of the total contract spend under Contract RFT-2021-230 – 14 Frith Street Park Close to Home by \$534,044.53 (GST exclusive), taking the total to \$7,620,926.53 (GST exclusive), noting that this brings the total contingency to 59.7 per cent over the original contract sum of \$4,772,212.00 (GST exclusive).
2. Approves the additional budget (shortfall) of \$650,135.53 being drawn from the Public Resort and Recreation Land Reserve, taking the Reserve balance to \$25,758,714.00.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to approve contract variations, extension and related documentation as identified in point 1.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. Approves an increase of the total contract spend under Contract RFT-2021-230 – 14 Frith Street Park Close to Home by \$534,044.53 (GST exclusive), taking the total to \$7,620,926.53 (GST exclusive), noting that this brings the total contingency to 59.7 per cent over the original contract sum of \$4,772,212.00 (GST exclusive).
2. Approves the additional budget (shortfall) of \$650,135.53 being drawn from the Public Resort and Recreation Land Reserve, taking the Reserve balance to \$25,758,714.00.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to approve contract variations, extension and related documentation as identified in point 1.

Carried

Mayor, Cr Pulford called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain
Cr Davidson	Cr Tapinos	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Pulford		Cr Bolton
Cr Panopoulos		
Cr Conlan		
Cr Riley		
Cr Harte		
Total For (6)	Total Against (1)	Total Abstain (2)

9.33 pm Cr Conlan left the meeting.

7.10 CONTRACT VARIATION: RFT-2022-287 - PROVISION OF AN INTEGRATED PARKING SOLUTION - INCORPORATION OF OPTIONAL ITEMS INTO CONTRACT

Executive Summary

When Contract RFT-2022-287 was awarded by Council in September 2022, Council was advised that it was “feasible that officers may seek Council approval of optional components in the tender such as the licence plate recognition units or the fully hosted end-to-end infringement management system in the future.”

Officers have now undertaken detailed analysis of these two optional items and have concluded that it is appropriate to now exercise those options.

Licence plate recognition allows more effective deployment of parking and road safety officers, instead of chalking vehicles it allows ‘electronic chalking’ and so when the officer and vehicle return it more quickly identifies vehicles that have overstayed. It is particularly suited to the enforcement of timed parking, and costs will be offset through a small amount of additional infringement revenue.

Infringement Management as a Service (IMaaS) is a cloud-based service that provides a better customer experience, with the ability for the customer to apply for an extension of time, make an application for a payment plan, lodge an application for internal review or view the status of their infringement and reduced number of infringements ageing to the extent that statutory fees are added to the infringement cost. IMaaS also provides a much more streamlined back-of-house operation, allowing staff to focus on consideration of appeals and assisting customers with payment difficulties.

Even with conservative estimates, the IMaaS option will more than pay for itself in reduced costs relating to infringement management.

In addition to the above benefits, IMaaS will also help to improve the management of infringements relating to Construction Management, Working Within Road Reserves and Temporary Road Occupations, which have been identified for attention in an internal audit and would otherwise require additional resourcing.

Further, IMaaS will enable more straightforward and reliable reporting on Council's performance as a regulator to external bodies such as Fines Victoria, Local Government Victoria, the Department of Transport and Planning, the Attorney-General, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office and Animal Welfare Victoria.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Vary Council's formal Contract RFT-2022-287 Provision of an Integrated Parking Solution awarded to **Orikan Group Pty Ltd and ACN 620 056 715 (Contractor)** and effective as of 1 January 2023 to take up options for licence plate recognition technology and Infringement Management as a Service on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - i. For the same maximum term as Contract RFT-2022-287, with the initial term expiring on 31 December 2027 and then five 2-year extension options.
 - ii. For licence plate recognition, at the rates outlined in Confidential Attachment 1.
 - iii. For Infringement Management as a Service, at the up front costs and rates per infringement and per year not higher than those outlined in Confidential Attachment 2.
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Change Order for Contract RFT-2022-

287 between Council and the Contractor provided that:

- i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
 - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Change Order to the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract;
 - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the first two options to extend the contract in accordance with the provisions within the Contract.
3. Authorises an increase in the total spend on Contract RFT-2022-287, after incorporation of these optional items to the end of the initial Contract Term (to 31 December 2027) and exercising of the first two 2-year extensions to the contract, to a total of 9 years from \$4,493,750 (excluding GST) to \$14,348,796 (excluding GST).
4. Notes that the additional costs relating to the proposed Change Order will be primarily funded by savings in the costs of collecting infringement revenue including a reduction in expenses relating to referrals to Fines Victoria, a reduction in lookup fees from the Vehicle Registration Enquiry (VRE) database, a reduction of bad debts and no net change in budget is required.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a) **Vary Council's formal Contract RFT-2022-287 Provision of an Integrated Parking Solution awarded to Orikan Group Pty Ltd and ACN 620 056 715 (Contractor) and effective as of 1 January 2023 to take up options for licence plate recognition technology and Infringement Management as a Service on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - i. **For the same maximum term as Contract RFT-2022-287, with the initial term expiring on 31 December 2027 and then five 2-year extension options.**
 - ii. **For licence plate recognition, at the rates outlined in Confidential Attachment 1.**
 - iii. **For Infringement Management as a Service, at the up front costs and rates per infringement and per year not higher than those outlined in Confidential Attachment 2.**
 - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Change Order for Contract RFT-2022-287 between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i. **the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - ii. **other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;**
2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance**

with the terms of this Resolution:

- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Change Order to the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract;
 - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the first two options to extend the contract in accordance with the provisions within the Contract.
3. Authorises an increase in the total spend on Contract RFT-2022-287, after incorporation of these optional items to the end of the initial Contract Term (to 31 December 2027) and exercising of the first two 2-year extensions to the contract, to a total of 9 years from \$4,493,750 (excluding GST) to \$14,348,796 (excluding GST).
 4. Notes that the additional costs relating to the proposed Change Order will be primarily funded by savings in the costs of collecting infringement revenue including a reduction in expenses relating to referrals to Fines Victoria, a reduction in lookup fees from the Vehicle Registration Enquiry (VRE) database, a reduction of bad debts and no net change in budget is required.

9.35 pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting during the debate.

9.35 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting during the debate.

Carried

Cr Pavlidis called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain
Cr Pulford	Cr Pavlidis	Cr Bolton
Cr Panopoulos		
Cr Conlan		
Cr Riley		
Cr Tapinos		
Cr Harte		
Total For (6)	Total Against (1)	Total Abstain (1)

7.11 CONTRACT RFT-2023-504 - PROVISION OF CATERING SERVICES

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend the award of a contract for the provision of corporate catering services to Council.

Tenders were invited and assessed for services including the preparation, delivery and serving of meals and where required, upon completion of the meal, the cleaning of tables, relevant equipment, crockery and cutlery.

The aim of the tender process is to engage a panel of registered food businesses, including local businesses and social enterprises.

Successful contractors will be required to provide and deliver meals ranging from fruit, snacks and sandwiches to formal main course type meals to Council Civic Centres and other locations throughout the municipality on an as needs basis. The functions at which catering will be required will vary from Council meetings, committee meetings, internal meetings, civic events including citizenship ceremonies and dinners for evening meetings or events.

Successful contractors will be required to provide a diverse range of foods, adapting for religious beliefs, special dietary requirements, healthy food choices and catering should

reflect Merri-bek's culturally diverse community.

The tender process was designed to facilitate all businesses, small to large, local and outside of the municipality, to have the same opportunity to tender for the contract whilst applying a strong emphasis on environmental, economic and social sustainability. The process also sought to seek suppliers who source ethically and sustainably produced, seasonal and local food/ingredients, to meet high standards of animal welfare and minimise the water and energy used to produce and transport the food.

The potential term for the successful tenderers is five years, consisting of the initial contract term of 3 years with two 1-year extension options.

The tender complies with section 109(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Make a formal offer to the following contractors (**Panel Contractor**) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2023-504 for the provision of catering services (**Contract**) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution to:

Category A - Refreshments, snacks and light lunches

- i) Elizabeth Andrews Catering (354 691 603)
- ii) Green Refectory Pty Ltd (168 257 565)
- iii) Jarrah Integrated Services Pty Ltd (622 902 167)
- iv) Mela Patisserie Pty Ltd (640 377 215)
- v) Roti-Shot by Pooja (80 841 626 343)
- vi) Treat Enterprises (165 399 413)
- vii) Youth Projects - The Little Social Catering Co (149 618 486)

Category B – Hot meals and events

- i) Elizabeth Andrews Catering (354 691 603)2) Green Refectory Pty Ltd (168 257 565)
 - ii) Jarrah Integrated Services Pty Ltd (622 902 167)
 - iii) J & CO Melbourne Pty Ltd (Catering Project Melbourne) (658 451 211)
- b) For a term of three (3) years with two (2) x one (1) year extension options at the discretion of Council.
- c) For an amount not exceeding \$1,333,541 including GST across all contractors over the life of the contract on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this resolution.
- d) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
- i) The terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council.
 - ii) Other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor(s) in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:

- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract.
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept new panel contractor(s) during the contract term subject to the same tender/evaluation process as adopted for the original panel contractors, to ensure we can maintain a range of suitable suppliers to meet Council's needs, providing the total contract amount to remain as paragraph 1 (a).
- c) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor.
- d) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) **Make a formal offer to the following contractors (Panel Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2023-504 for the provision of catering services (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution to:**

Category A - Refreshments, snacks and light lunches

- i) **Elizabeth Andrews Catering (354 691 603)**
- ii) **Green Refectory Pty Ltd (168 257 565)**
- iii) **Jarrah Integrated Services Pty Ltd (622 902 167)**
- iv) **Mela Patisserie Pty Ltd (640 377 215)**
- v) **Roti-Shot by Pooja (80 841 626 343)**
- vi) **Treat Enterprises (165 399 413)**
- vii) **Youth Projects - The Little Social Catering Co (149 618 486)**

Category B – Hot meals and events

- i) **Elizabeth Andrews Catering (354 691 603)2) Green Refectory Pty Ltd (168 257 565)**
 - ii) **Jarrah Integrated Services Pty Ltd (622 902 167)**
 - iii) **J & CO Melbourne Pty Ltd (Catering Project Melbourne) (658 451 211)**
- b) **For a term of three (3) years with two (2) x one (1) year extension options at the discretion of Council.**
 - c) **For an amount not exceeding \$1,333,541 including GST across all contractors over the life of the contract on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this resolution.**
 - d) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i) **The terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council.**
 - ii) **Other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the**

terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.

2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor(s) in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
 - a) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract.**
 - b) **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to accept new panel contractor(s) during the contract term subject to the same tender/evaluation process as adopted for the original panel contractors, to ensure we can maintain a range of suitable suppliers to meet Council's needs, providing the total contract amount to remain as paragraph 1 (a).**
 - c) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract subject to satisfactory performance of the contractor.**
 - d) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

Carried unanimously

9.39 pm *Cr Davidson returned to the meeting after the vote.*

7.12 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2024 (INCLUDING SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING STRATEGY RESERVE GUIDELINES)

Executive Summary

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date period ending 30 April 2024.

A detailed financial review was undertaken across the organisation at the end of February 2024. The results of this review are included in this report as the Full Year Revised Forecast.

The April 2024 Income Statement shows the Council surplus is \$4.1 million higher than the year-to-date revised forecast as a result of higher overall revenue and lower overall expenditure. These differences are considered largely timing in nature. As set out in the Issues section of this report, operating surplus funds do not convert to immediately available cash to Council; they are used to fund important community infrastructure projects like the Fawkner Leisure Centre redevelopment or the Cultural and Community Hub at 33 Saxon Street, Brunswick.

Council has spent \$55.4 million on capital expenditure, which is tracking below the year-to-date (YTD) forecast of \$70.6 million, with \$53.6 million budget remaining.

This report also outlines an administrative update of the guidelines for operation of the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy Reserve to align with the parent policy, the Financial Reserves and Capital Management Policy. The updated guidelines replace the Moreland Housing Reserve - Guidelines for Allocation of Funds which were endorsed by Council on 8 June 2016 (Attachment 3).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 30 April 2024, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Endorses the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy Reserve Guidelines at Attachment 2 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 30 April 2024, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Endorses the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy Reserve Guidelines at Attachment 2 to this report.**

Carried

7.13 OPEN COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Executive Summary

The Open Council Resolutions Report provided as **Attachment 1**, has been prepared to inform Councillors and the community, of the actions taken to date to implement the Council resolutions that are currently still open and not yet finalised.

There are currently 46 Open Resolutions, with 1 of these relating to a petition, 30 relating to Council officer reports, 2 relating to responses to Notices of Motion and 13 relating to Notices of Motion.

The Open Council Resolutions Report is presented to Council on an ongoing basis, promoting transparency of how Council resolutions are being implemented.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the Open Council Resolutions Report provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council receives and notes the Open Council Resolutions Report provided as Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried unanimously

Deputy Mayor assumed the Chair

At the request of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Tapinos assumed the Chair.

9.41 pm Cr Pulford left the meeting.

7.14 GOVERNANCE REPORT - JUNE 2024 - CYCLICAL REPORT

Executive Summary

The Governance report is prepared as a monthly standing report to Council which provides a single reporting platform for a range of statutory compliance, transparency, and governance related matters.

This Governance report includes:

- A summary of the minutes of Advisory Committees and Groups.
- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation that Council notes the records.

- Responses to Public Question Time items taken on notice at 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2024 Council meetings, with a recommendation that Council notes the responses.
- An overview of the recruitment process undertaken, and the recommended preferred candidate for appointment as a community appointed member on the Inner North Community Foundation Board.
- A recommendation to reschedule the Planning and Related Matters meeting originally set for Monday, 23 September 2024 to Wednesday, 25 September 2024 in order to align with the usual meeting cycle, given the changes proposed on the election timeline that is currently in a Bill before Parliament.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the summary of minutes from Advisory Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report:
 - a) First Nations Advisory Committee held 15 April 2024.
 - b) Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee held 23 April 2024.
 - c) Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee held 16 May 2024.
2. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2024 Council meetings, at Attachment 3 to this report.
4. Endorses Mr Nicholas Tsiaras as the preferred candidate for appointment as a community appointed member on the Inner North Community Foundation Board (as put forward by the foundation).
5. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Inner North Community Foundation of Council's endorsement of Mr Nicholas Tsiaras as its community appointed member on the Inner North Community Foundation Board, effectively withdrawing the current nomination of the Director Community for Merri-bek.
6. Reschedule the Planning and Related Matters meeting originally set for Monday, 23 September 2024 to Wednesday, 25 September 2024 in order to align with the usual meeting cycle, given the changes proposed on the election timeline that is currently in a Bill before Parliament.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes the summary of minutes from Advisory Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report:
 - a) First Nations Advisory Committee held 15 April 2024.**
 - b) Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee held 23 April 2024.**
 - c) Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee held 16 May 2024.****
- 2. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
- 3. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the 10 April 2024 and 8 May 2024 Council meetings, at Attachment 3 to this report.**
- 4. Endorses Mr Nicholas Tsiaras as the preferred candidate for appointment as a community appointed member on the Inner North Community Foundation Board (as put forward by the foundation).**
- 5. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer write to the Inner North Community Foundation of Council's endorsement of Mr Nicholas Tsiaras as its community appointed member on the Inner North Community Foundation Board, effectively withdrawing the current nomination of the Director Community for Merri-bek.**
- 6. Reschedule the Planning and Related Matters meeting originally set for Monday, 23 September 2024 to Wednesday, 25 September 2024 in order to align with the usual meeting cycle, given the changes proposed on the election timeline that is currently in a Bill before Parliament.**

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 STANDARDS FOR ENCLOSED DOG PARKS

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Conducts a review of the standards for enclosed off-lead dog parks with consideration given to:
 - eliminating gaps in fences, underneath fences and underneath gates that allow tiny dogs to escape
 - provision of water in both the large dog and small dog sections of the dog park
 - provision of shade in dog parks, especially in the area where people gather to watch their dogs
 - latches on gates to be accessible on both sides of the gate for people in wheelchairs**
- 2. Receives a report on the outcome of the review.**

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Conducts a review of the standards for enclosed off-lead dog parks with consideration given to:**
 - **eliminating gaps in fences, underneath fences and underneath gates that allow tiny dogs to escape**
 - **provision of water in both the large dog and small dog sections of the dog park**
 - **provision of shade in dog parks, especially in the area where people gather to watch their dogs**
 - **latches on gates to be accessible on both sides of the gate for people in wheelchairs**
2. **Receives a report on the outcome of the review.**

9.43 pm Cr Pulford returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Carried unanimously

8.2 IMPROVING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR OLDER, NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS

Motion

That Council:

1. Commences a review of its Community Engagement Policy (2023) with a focus on improving engagement for older, non-English speaking residents to maximise opportunities for them to have their say on decisions that affect their lives.
2. Receives a Council report at the 10 July Council meeting on the outcomes of the review of its Community Engagement Policy.

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Council:

1. **Commences a review of its Community Engagement Policy (2023) with a focus on improving engagement for older, non-English speaking residents to maximise opportunities for them to have their say on decisions that affect their lives.**
2. **Receives a Council report at the 10 July Council meeting on the outcomes of the review of its Community Engagement Policy.**

Carried unanimously

8.3 CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORTING

Motion

That Council receives a quarterly report on key customer service measures (including but not limited to CRS's) to commence from 1 July 2024. For the purpose of context, Customer Requests (CRS's) will include:

- Category/type
- Date received
- Date completed (inside/outside SLA)
- In progress (overdue/not overdue)

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council receives a quarterly report on key customer service measures (including but not limited to CRS's) to commence from 1 July 2024. For the purpose of context, Customer Requests (CRS's) will include:

- **Category/type**
- **Date received**
- **Date completed (inside/outside SLA)**
- **In progress (overdue/not overdue)**

Carried unanimously

8.4 SPEED SURVEYS AND ACCESSIBLE TRAM STOPS FOR NICHOLSON STREET, COBURG

Motion

That Council:

1. Conducts a speed survey along Nicholson Street between Moreland Road and Bell Street, at the same location as the 2022 speed surveys, both before and after the implementation of the new infrastructure, to measure the effectiveness of the infrastructure on motorist compliance.
2. Writes to the Minister for Public and Active Transport, Gabrielle Williams and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne, seeking an update on when accessible tram stops will be delivered for Nicholson Street, Coburg.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Conducts a speed survey along Nicholson Street between Moreland Road and Bell Street, at the same location as the 2022 speed surveys, both before and after the implementation of the new infrastructure, to measure the effectiveness of the infrastructure on motorist compliance.**
2. **Writes to the Minister for Public and Active Transport, Gabrielle Williams and the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Melissa Horne, seeking an update on when accessible tram stops will be delivered for Nicholson Street, Coburg.**

9.56 pm *Cr Tapinos left the meeting.*

9.57 pm *Cr Tapinos returned to the meeting.*

Carried unanimously

Time Extension

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes at 9.58 pm.

Carried

The order of business was altered to bring forward Notice of Motion 8.5 Investigate reducing council rates for local residents and businesses by charging higher rates for investments, to be the first item considered at the meeting.

8.6 UNION SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE/GRANTHAM STREET

Motion

That Council:

1. Calls for a report outlining the options, cost and timing of a community engagement program that develops a community vision for the Grantham Street/Union Street Neighbourhood Centre in Brunswick West. The report should consider how the following elements could be included in the community engagement:
 - a) Economic output, job creation, offering of shops and other services in the neighbourhood centre.
 - b) Streetscape renewal, beautification, including public seats, streetlights, greening, and public realm works.
 - c) New public space as identified in the Open Space Strategy and the Merri-bek Planning Scheme at the Union Square Shopping Centre
 - d) Advocacy related to traffic, trams, cycling and pedestrian movements, including lower speed limits, accessible tram stops, and possible relocated traffic lights to the intersection of Grantham and Union Street.
 - e) The report should also provide advice on the timing and implications of the review of the Shopping Strip Renewal Policy, Design and Development Overlay, as well as consider development of a Place Framework for the Neighbourhood Centre and advice on how a community vision could inform these strategies.
2. Writes to the landowners of the Union Square Shopping Centre about the cleanliness and amenity at the shopping centre, offering to assist them with developing a plan to make the centre more safe and visually appealing, and alerting them to the future report about the community engagement program.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Calls for a report outlining the options, cost and timing of a community engagement program that develops a community vision for the Grantham Street/Union Street Neighbourhood Centre in Brunswick West. The report should consider how the following elements could be included in the community engagement:**
 - a) **Economic output, job creation, offering of shops and other services in the neighbourhood centre.**

- b) **Streetscape renewal, beautification, including public seats, streetlights, greening, and public realm works.**
 - c) **New public space as identified in the Open Space Strategy and the Merri-bek Planning Scheme at the Union Square Shopping Centre.**
 - d) **Advocacy related to traffic, trams, cycling and pedestrian movements, including lower speed limits, accessible tram stops, and possible relocated traffic lights to the intersection of Grantham and Union Street.**
 - e) **The report should also provide advice on the timing and implications of the review of the Shopping Strip Renewal Policy, Design and Development Overlay, as well as consider development of a Place Framework for the Neighbourhood Centre and advice on how a community vision could inform these strategies.**
2. **Writes to the landowners of the Union Square Shopping Centre about the cleanliness and amenity at the shopping centre, offering to assist them with developing a plan to make the centre more safe and visually appealing, and alerting them to the future report about the community engagement program.**

Carried unanimously

8.7 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE BRUNSWICK SOUTHWEST

Motion

That Council calls for a report into traffic management and possible interventions that improve the transport network in the southwest of Brunswick including consideration of the following:

- 1. **The need to improve safety, visibility and pedestrian access at the Pearson Street / Dawson Street intersection and the Dawson Street / South Daly Street intersection.**
- 2. **Rat-running in the morning, using Moule Street, Union Street U-turn to Fleming, and the afternoon variation using Fleming, Teague, Ferriman Streets.**
- 3. **Investigate speed humps, wombat crossings, and traffic calming measures in the area.**

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council calls for a report into traffic management and possible interventions that improve the transport network in the southwest of Brunswick including consideration of the following:

- 1. **The need to improve safety, visibility and pedestrian access at the Pearson Street / Dawson Street intersection and the Dawson Street / South Daly Street intersection.**
- 2. **Rat-running in the morning, using Moule Street, Union Street U-turn to Fleming, and the afternoon variation using Fleming, Teague, Ferriman Streets.**
- 3. **Investigate speed humps, wombat crossings, and traffic calming measures in the area.**

Carried unanimously

8.8 MORE BIKE PARKING NEAR LOUISA STREET CARPARK COBURG

Motion

That Council:

1. Notes the inclusion of the much needed, 14 new bike parking spaces, as part of Council's current Louisa Street Car Park Upgrade works, that will support more people travelling to central Coburg by bike.
2. Investigates further opportunities to increase bicycle parking in central Coburg, especially close to the existing supermarkets.
3. Writes to the management of the Louisa Street, Coburg, Woolworths supermarket and Dan Murphy's liquor store, to request the installation of bicycle hoops to service the growing needs of active transport in the area and informs the Mayor and Councillors of the responses received (or any lack of response), by August 2024.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the inclusion of the much needed, 14 new bike parking spaces, as part of Council's current Louisa Street Car Park Upgrade works, that will support more people travelling to central Coburg by bike.**
2. **Investigates further opportunities to increase bicycle parking in central Coburg, especially close to the existing supermarkets.**
3. **Writes to the management of the Louisa Street, Coburg, Woolworths supermarket and Dan Murphy's liquor store, to request the installation of bicycle hoops to service the growing needs of active transport in the area and informs the Mayor and Councillors of the responses received (or any lack of response), by August 2024.**

10.04 pm *Cr Tapinos left the meeting during the debate.*

10.04 pm *Cr Tapinos returned to the meeting during the debate.*

Carried unanimously

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Cr Pavlidis foreshadowed motions on 3 matters: contracts; the Procurement Policy relating to consultants; and submissions.

Cr Tapinos foreshadowed a motion relating to Brunswick Town Hall, specifically the expansion of the Counihan Gallery to include exhibition of Council's permanent collection and historical artefacts in partnership with the Historical Society.

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Nil.

The Council meeting closed at 10.07 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Adam Pulford
MAYOR