



## **Minutes of the Council Meeting**

Held in Bunjil (Council Chamber), Merri-bek Civic  
Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg  
on Wednesday 9 July 2025

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The Mayor opened the meeting at 6.37 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.

<b>Present</b>	<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
Cr Helen Davidson, Mayor	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Helen Politis, Deputy Mayor	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Nat Abboud	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Liz Irvin	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Dr Jay Iwasaki	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Chris Miles	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Ella Svensson	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Katherine Theodosis	6.37 pm	9.08 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	Apology	

## **OFFICERS**

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson  
 Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic  
 Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow  
 Director Community – Eamonn Fennessy  
 Director Place and Environment – Pene Winslade  
 Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan  
 Acting Unit Manager Governance – Sophie Barison  
 Executive Officer Civic and CEO Office – Sarah Lionakis

## **APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Cr Yildiz was an apology to the meeting.

Cr Irvin sought a leave of absence from 27 July to 3 August 2025 (inclusive).

## **Resolution**

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Svensson seconded -**

**That Council grants Cr Irvin a leave of absence from 27 July to 3 August 2025 (inclusive).**

**Carried**

## **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

## MINUTE CONFIRMATION

### Resolution

**Cr Irvin moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 June 2025 and the Special Council Meeting held on 23 June 2025 be confirmed.**

**Carried**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cr Irvin informed of her attendance at the unveiling of a peace pole at St Thomas More Primary School and thanked Pascoe Vale Rotary Club for donating it. The peace pole, part of a global initiative, displays the message "May peace prevail" in English, Vietnamese, Italian, and Greek to represent the local community.

Cr Irvin acknowledged the recent joint Ward meeting with Cr Svensson, Cr Iwasaki, Cr Pulford and herself, where residents shared community concerns and ideas. Cr Irvin thanked attendees and announced another joint Ward meeting will be held in the coming months.

Cr Politis acknowledged the installation of a 'beautifully painted' solar battery, which now provides energy to approximately 250 local households and businesses.

Cr Politis acknowledged that construction is underway of 326 apartments at 511 Sydney Road, the site of a former factory that has been vacant for approximately two decades.

Cr Politis acknowledged the progress with the design competition for the Coburg Library and Piazza and looks forward to reporting on it as it progresses.

Cr Politis acknowledged Glenroy West Primary School for their open street event, which allows students to reclaim the street and play. Held each term for a few hours, the event is supported by the Council as part of its open space strategy in partnership with the school.

Cr Abboud acknowledged that NAIDOC Week 2025 marks its 50th anniversary.

Cr Abboud acknowledged the installation of 2 new school crossings at Stockade Avenue and Tanderum Drive, Coburg.

Cr Abboud acknowledged Cr Bolton for supporting Kate Hall and her organisation, SWARM (Safer Walking and Riding for Murray Road) and the recent meeting held to discuss traffic issues on Murray Road, attended by Cr Abboud, Cr Svensson, Cr Irvin, Cr Bolton, former councillor Angelica Panopoulos, and the State Member for Pascoe Vale, Anthony Cianflone. Cr Abboud praised Kate Hall for her contributions and advocacy.

Cr Bolton acknowledged the recent SWARM meeting and the attendance of representatives from the newly formed group, Liveable Sydney Road, based in North Coburg. The group emerged in response to a serious car accident and similar incidents that have increased as the area becomes more populated.

Cr Bolton acknowledged a recent serious incident in Glenroy where a woman was set on fire with flammable liquid and highlighted the lack of media coverage and such acts of domestic and family violence are not labelled as a "crime wave" by the media, underscoring the broader issue of how these serious crimes are overlooked.

## PETITIONS

Nil.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*A summary of questions and the responses provided, and items for which community statements were made is provided below.*

6.51 pm Cr Miles left the meeting.

6.52 pm Cr Miles returned to the meeting.

*Public Question Time commenced at 6.52 pm.*

### **Report 7.2 Dog walking in Merri-bek – Consultation summary and stage 1 pilot implementation**

Council received 1 statement. It was presented to Council.

**Verity Campbell** made the following statement:

I'm Verity Campbell, co-convenor of Friends of Merri Creek East Coburg. Our community of volunteers are regenerating Tate Reserve for current and future generations.

I would like to thank the Mayor, and all Councillors and Officers for their thoughtful and consultative approach to hearing our views on Tate Reserve. I would also like to thank the Officers, Mayor Davidson, Cr Svensson and particularly Cr Abboud for meeting us on site at Tate Reserve.

Merri Creek Management Committee, Friends of Merri Creek, and Friends of Merri Creek East Coburg advocate for the Merri Creek habitat corridor as an ancient living waterway with important environmental, social and cultural value. After decades of ecological restoration, supported by a widely-shared community vision, open space along the Merri Creek has become a significant habitat area and movement corridor for native wildlife. Dogs off leash are an increasing threat to these values.

Tate Reserve also has a thriving Bush Kinder program where kindi kids - many of them refugees - develop a sense of belonging to this Country and respect for the natural world. Tate Reserve was chosen for the program because of its on-leash status. However the repeated vandalism of dog on-leash signs has led many in our community to understand Tate Reserve as an off leash area. To quote one of the Bush kindi teachers: "Dogs off leash pose the main safety risk to the Bush Kinder children."

The proposal outlined for Tate Reserve presented in the Stage 1 Pilot Implementation tonight includes a marginal expansion of the proposed dog prohibited zone and makes the remaining reserve fully off leash. This effectively places the Bush Kinder program in a new dog off-leash free-for-all and the habitat we are trying to regenerate under even more pressure from the damage dogs off leash bring to bear.

Therefore, we cannot support the Officer's proposal for Tate Reserve presented tonight.

We understand the strong feeling of some dog walkers and the difficult position that Council faces under this pressure.

Given this context, Friends of Merri Creek East Coburg would like the Councillors tonight to support the compromise proposal that we sent to Council on June 25. This proposal creates an expanded dog prohibited zone that will be large enough to fully enclose the Bush Kinder Program so that the children can learn in a safe, dog free area. It also provides an expansive new habitat and wildlife refuge for growing numbers of Merri-bek residents who want to connect with nature, each other, watch birds, and seek respite.

This proposal also includes a significant dog off-leash thoroughfare from Harding St Bridge to the existing and huge dog off-leash Egan Reserve to the south.

We believe this compromise provides significant long-term community and environment benefit at Tate Reserve, to the Merri Creek habitat corridor, and to communities beyond.

We urge Councillors to support this amendment to the plan for Tate Reserve.

## **Notice of Motion 8.2 Agroforestry Trial**

Council received 1 statement. It was presented to Council.

**Paul McKay** made the following statement:

I've read AS4360 which is the previous risk management standard and I've also read ISO31000 which is the current risk management standard and in my observation one of the things that councils and government often get wrong or don't do enough of is we do loads and loads of do we make things not go so wrong but we don't concentrate much on how do we make things go right so much, which those standards require us to do. I'll put that. So that makes me a nerd that I've read them.

By the way, I am a qualified arborist and I am doing a course to be a master tree grower. I'm a qualified sawyer and a qualified wood machinist and I run a funny little business milling urban logs. We pick up logs that would otherwise be wasted and turn them into timber and houses and furniture and all sorts of things.

In Merri-bek, my understanding is that the Council knock over about 1,200 trees a year and most of those are chipped or cut up for firewood. Very few of them that are Council trees, that's not of privately owned trees that had to be removed for some reason and most of those are I would call wasted or sent to low value chips or something and it doesn't have to be like that.

So I'm speaking in support of the idea of an agroforestry project but I would also say let's not waste all of the trees that we have.

Now it's possible to say that's too hard and all these things could go wrong and that we can't do it for all of these risk management reasons. If you say that, you'd be right.

Tomorrow morning at 5.30, I'm going to wake up and go out to the site, get my crane truck and I'm going to pick up 12 or 15 trees from the council next door to us and take them to another use so that they can get a higher use. So, yes, you're right if you say it can't be done for all these risk management reasons, but you don't have to be right. There are other options. So the master tree growers course and the agroforestry is where we not only don't waste the trees that we're taking down now, but we also prune the trees that we have so that when they get to their next life, we can get some great timber out of them.

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS - QUESTIONS**

Council received four questions on non-agenda items, they were presented to Council.

### **Fleming Park Pavilion**

**Alan Caras** asked Council to consider opening up the availability of the Lacrosse Clubhouse and Community Space at Fleming Park Pavillion to ensure it is fully utilised and accessible for the broader community?

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

It's a great question and a beautiful facility at Fleming Park that Council is really pleased to have opened.

The Brunswick Lacrosse Club, which is a growing club, use that space during the winter season, from April to September and apply for an annual allocation like all sports clubs across the city and they pay for the use of the ground and the pavilion annually.

Their training and competition schedule typically occurs on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons/evenings, as well as Saturdays and Sundays for match days.

The space is also occasionally used by junior football and cricket clubs throughout the year.

Council when it did that facility upgraded the beautiful hall at the back of the facility which is absolutely available for community groups to hire.

To answer your point, one of the things Council is really wanting to do across Merri-bek with the great assets that are sports pavilions is look at ways that we can unlock them so we can get more use out of what is a really significant investment and many of our clubs are really keen to do that in partnership.

Council has been trialling community access to the space you've mentioned, including rooms 107 and 108, which overlook the park. Part of that is working out how between sports clubs and other use, Council manage things like cleaning, utilities, payment, storage for different uses, and how costs and responsibilities are apportioned. The intent is to manage that through the sporting clubs. There's a bit to work through, however it is entirely possible that we'll see that space much more opened up for community use for all the great uses you suggested and that there is great demand for in places like Brunswick.

### **Rainbow Cities Network and Rainbow Crossings**

Sean Mulcahy on behalf of Chloe Holmes asked Council if it would consider joining the Rainbow Cities Network and will the rainbow crossing or paths proposed be accompanied by a fixed interpretation product that provides information on the LGBTIQ+ history in the area and Council's position on LGBTIQ+ inclusion?

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

Council are really happy to explore the Rainbow Cities Network and look at its suitability for a local context. The team will look into that. You'd probably be aware we're already members of Melbourne North is Coming Out which is another LGBTIQ+ network as well as a broader service network provider group as well. However, we're really happy to have a look at the Rainbow Cities Network.

On the crossings and paths that are being looked at. At this stage, there are no plans to put in a fixed plaque, which I think was the question, to accompany the installations. However, I think there is opportunities once they are in to really look at other educational or celebratory programs or information to compliment the painted flags.

### **Report 7.1 Coburg North Sports Hub Masterplan**

Council received 1 question. It was presented to Council.

**Jason Clarke** asked Council to schedule funding across the next 4 year budget period for the realignment and resurfacing of the athletics track to bring it up to a safe standard?

#### **At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Abboud responded:**

Firstly, let me acknowledge your advocacy for the athletics track. A big part of the masterplan determines that basketball needs to be relocated. There are 5,000 kids who are members of the basketball club, of which our kids are. This isn't noted in the masterplan report in the agenda, however there is money allocated for a feasibility study about where the basketball court will go. Until the basketball court is resolved, my concern about spending money at the athletics track would be that it would be money that would need to be re-spent if we ended up with a bigger footprint if basketball does get relocated. I understand the desire and the importance, the problem is we have to have a staged approach and this is what the masterplan has shown us, that basketball need to take precedent. Council has come up with the money to find out where it might go. Once that's gone, I think there is a better chance of Council realistically allocating money to the athletics track outside of what has already been mentioned and to acknowledge that some of the money is coming from the Federal Government. The athletics track it is on our minds. We're not ignoring it.

7.20 pm     *Cr Miles left the meeting.*

7.22 pm     *Cr Miles returned to the meeting.*



## **Councillors voting rights**

**Romeo De Lorenzis** asked Council why are Councillors who don't pay rates allowed to vote on financial decisions?

### **Mayor, Cr Davidson responded:**

There is nothing preventing Councillors from running for Council or voting on particular matters. There is no conflict of interest if they pay rates or if they don't. Every Councillor sitting here is a representative of their community, of their ward, and of the municipality as a whole. They come here with good faith. They put their hand up to run. They've been elected democratically so they are entitled to vote on all financial matters, even matters that aren't financial, anything that comes before Council. It does the community a huge service to have diversity of representation whether it is from a political party, ethnicity - we have many ethnicities here on Council. Every Councillor here tries to act in the best interests of the municipality as a whole and there is no restrictions on whether or not you are a renter or you are a ratepayer or if you are someone who is living with an elderly person, there is no restrictions and everyone can vote on any kind of matter that comes before the Council.

## **Development contributions fee**

**Romeo De Lorenzis** asked if Councillors aware that by doubling the development contributions fee, the extra cost incurred by the developer will be passed on to the buyer, who if an investor, will pass it on to the tenant?

### **At the request of the Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson responded:**

It is really challenging for the Merri-bek community when we are in a situation of growing population that we need to provide really essential community infrastructure to this population as well, whether that is roads or parks or kindergartens. One of the things this Council has been looking at is ways to make sure that when there is additional developments built in this municipality, that funding is also collected to help support the new infrastructure like parks or like roads or like kindergartens.

There are 2 proposals that Council is seeing along a journey at the moment which would change some of the ways that some developers might pay contributions when they increase the density of dwellings on their land. That is firstly through a potential change to the open space levy arrangements, and secondly, a new developer contribution program. They are both really complex. They are both the subject of planning scheme amendments and they are both out in the public arena.

*Public Question Time concluded at 7.22 pm.*

## **ITEM TABLED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020**

In accordance with section 147(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, a copy of the Arbiter's determination and statement of reasons in the matter of Cr Iwasaki and Cr Yildiz was tabled for recording in the Minutes of this meeting.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **7.1 COBURG NORTH SPORTS HUB MASTERPLAN**

#### **Executive Summary**

The Coburg North Sports Precinct is an important community asset that accommodates a variety of sporting activities and recreational uses. Council has been working towards the development of a comprehensive Masterplan to guide the precinct's future improvement and development to ensure it meets the evolving needs of a growing community.

The Coburg North Masterplan provides a long-term vision and short-to-medium-term development plans for a significant community open space in Coburg North.

The scope of the Master Plan area includes the Coburg Olympic Swimming Pool facility, Jackson Reserve sports field, Harold Stevens Athletics Track, Coburg Basketball Stadium and the proximal open space and creek corridors of Merri Creek and Edgars Creek.

It is a precinct with enormous potential to support community physical activity, sport, leisure and social opportunities, however there are equally significant complexities and constraints that inform its development. To address the existing issues, the proposed approach of the Masterplan is to maintain and enhance existing community on the site, while strategically advocating to other levels of government for funding to support large-scale changes and significant facility renewal that will transform the site for the community to enjoy for the next 50 years.

Development of the Masterplan has been enabled by a \$2 million Australian Government grant. This funding has also helped realise some short-term facility accessibility and enhancement projects to commence across the site with an overall value of \$1.78 million.

The community has engaged with the project and demonstrated strong interest in its outcomes. The final Masterplan is reflective of the aspirations and recent community feedback received from the community after the public exhibition period. Changes that have been made in this final recommended version include:

- Feasibility study for a new relocated basketball stadium (short-term action)
- Implementation of appropriate netting solutions at Jackson Reserve Oval (short-term action)
- Ongoing maintenance of the athletics track (short-term action)
- Future replacement of the athletics track with a new, competition standard synthetic track (long-term action).

This report recommends a final Masterplan for Council's consideration following extensive community engagement and feedback.

#### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the findings of the Coburg North Sports Hub Community Engagement Report and thanks the community for their contributions (Attachment 2).
2. Endorses the Coburg North Sports Hub Masterplan (Attachment 1), including:
  - a) The short-term development plans and long-term Vision plans for Zone 1 and Zone 3.
  - b) The updated short-term development plan for Zone 2, including:
    - Completion of the new Sports Hub indoor gym
    - Refurbishment of the Basketball Stadium entry

- Completion of a feasibility study and concept design for a new, relocated basketball stadium to allow for expansion
  - Improvements to Basketball Stadium changerooms
  - Implementation and investigation of appropriate netting solutions to enable the return of senior cricket to Jackson Reserve Oval
  - Incorporation of access gates into the athletics track fencing
  - Ongoing maintenance of the athletics track and feasibility assessment of upgrade options, including LED lighting installation
- c) The updated long-term Vision plan for Zone 2, including:
- Enhancement of the creek corridor and vegetation buffer
  - Replacement and expansion of the play space
  - Refurbishment of the cricket pavilion
  - Replacement of the athletics track with a new, competition standard synthetic track to support existing activities.
  - Future removal of the existing basketball stadium (once a new off-site stadium is operational and if no longer required), enabling reconfiguration of car parking with increased landscaping and canopy cover
3. Notes the estimated costs for the implementation of the short-term development priorities and that these will be considered in future Council budget processes.
4. Thanks the Australian Government for its funding contribution towards the development of the Coburg North Sports Hub Masterplan.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the findings of the Coburg North Sports Hub Community Engagement Report and thanks the community for their contributions (Attachment 2).**
- 2. Endorses the Coburg North Sports Hub Masterplan (Attachment 1), including:**
  - a) The short-term development plans and long-term Vision plans for Zone 1 and Zone 3.**
  - b) The updated short-term development plan for Zone 2, including:**
    - **Completion of the new Sports Hub indoor gym**
    - **Refurbishment of the Basketball Stadium entry**
    - **Completion of a feasibility study and concept design for a new, relocated basketball stadium to allow for expansion**
    - **Improvements to Basketball Stadium changerooms**
    - **Implementation and investigation of appropriate netting solutions to enable**
    - **the return of senior cricket to Jackson Reserve Oval**
    - **Incorporation of access gates into the athletics track fencing**
    - **Ongoing maintenance of the athletics track and feasibility assessment of**

- upgrade options, including LED lighting installation
- c) The updated long-term Vision plan for Zone 2, including:
  - Enhancement of the creek corridor and vegetation buffer
  - Replacement and expansion of the play space
  - Refurbishment of the cricket pavilion
  - Replacement of the athletics track with a new, competition standard synthetic track to support existing activities.
  - Future removal of the existing basketball stadium (once a new off-site stadium is operational and if no longer required), enabling reconfiguration
  - of car parking with increased landscaping and canopy cover
- d) That the short-term development plan for Zone 3 includes the development of concept design options for a redeveloped Coburg Olympic Pool and associated facilities that are informed by the community needs identified in the Master Plan and the directions of an updated Merri-bek Aquatic and Leisure Strategy.
- 3. Notes the estimated costs for the implementation of the short-term development priorities and that these will be considered in future Council budget processes.
- 4. Notes the strong community advocacy to achieve safer access for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport users and drivers to the Coburg North Sports Hub facilities on the local road and footpath network.
- 5. Thanks the Australian Government for its funding contribution towards the development of the Coburg North Sports Hub Masterplan.

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.2 DOG WALKING IN MERRI-BEK - CONSULTATION SUMMARY AND STAGE 1 PILOT IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Executive Summary**

This report outlines the policy context, background, consultation process and proposed next steps for improving how dogs and their owners share Merri-bek's open spaces with other users as part of the *Dog Walking in Merri-bek* project.

Dog ownership in Merri-bek has tripled since 2018, with over 14,000 registered dogs and increasing demand for dog-friendly infrastructure - particularly in high-density areas. While Merri-bek leads neighbouring municipalities in the number of off-leash areas (54), there are growing concerns about conflicts between dog walkers and other park users and impacts of dogs on biodiversity as population density increases.

As Stage 1 of a two-stage process, Council identified ways to better manage dog walking in open space at nine sites to improve safety, accessibility and environmental protection. These include zoning of reserves, shared timed access, fenced dog areas and habitat protection zones.

Through March, April and May 2025 Council conducted extensive community engagement including surveys, park pop-ups, focus groups and stakeholder sessions on these Stage 1 proposals. Feedback highlighted both strong community support for dog-friendly spaces but also concerns about dogs in sensitive environmental areas, near playgrounds, and during sports events. The need for clearer signage, greater enforcement and increased education were consistently raised. The consultation has resulted in several proposed changes to the implementation of Stage 1, including removing one area from the trial.

In summary, there are new designated dog off-leash areas in GE Clarke Reserve in Glenroy, Robinson Reserve, Harmony Park and Tate Reserve in Coburg and at Lorne Street Reserve in Fawkner. Modifications are proposed to the designated dog off-leash areas at Gilpin Reserve and Fleming Park in Brunswick, and addition of lighting at Robinson Reserve, Coburg. A proposed new dog off-leash area at Bababi Djinanang in Fawkner has been removed from the pilot following community feedback.

The nature of the feedback meant that it was not possible to meet all requests. This was particularly the case at Tate Reserve in Coburg, where the adjusted approach seeks to account for strongly held differing views; on one hand, dog walkers were unhappy with the original proposal to retain the dog on-lead status of the reserve, arguing it operates now (despite its on-lead zoning) as an off-lead area, while those speaking for the environmental qualities of the area observed degradation of habitat due to dogs and considered it a priority to retain and strengthen dog on-lead requirements. The officer recommendation for this site seeks to strike a balance; to have a fenced, larger-than-originally-shown area prohibiting all dogs in the most sensitive vegetated areas adjacent to a dog off-leash corridor.

The Stage 1 approaches and interventions will be piloted for six months. The pilot will be evaluated and used to inform Stage 2 (review of the remaining dog off-lead areas) and guide long-term policy on dog access in public spaces.

As part of the 2025/26 Budget Council has allocated \$150,000 to support the implementation of the Stage 1 pilot through the provision of temporary infrastructure, minor permanent upgrades and additional staff engagement activities. Additional funding of \$160,000 has been allocated to adjustments of the Gilpin Reserve dog park facilities, which will be permanent improvements.

This project represents an important opportunity to ensure our open spaces remain safe, inclusive, and sustainable for all members of the Merri-bek community.

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Adopts the Council Order at Attachment 1 (Dog Off-Leash and Dog Prohibited Areas) and directs for it to be published with tracked changes accepted in the Victorian Government Gazette with an effective date of 28 July 2025, noting that the Order creates five new designated off-leash areas and modifies two.
2. Endorses the implementation of the Stage 1 pilot program across eight identified parks that support the Council Order to trial draft principles and interventions for improved management of dog access (Attachment 2) for a minimum of six months, utilising capital funding of \$150,000 set aside in 2025/26 for this purpose
3. Notes that the community has participated significantly in consultation on Stage 1 of the *Dog Walking in Merri-bek* project summarised in Attachment 3 of this report and that officers will continue to engage with the community during the pilot.
4. Receives a future report at the conclusion of the Stage 1 pilot on outcomes, learnings and future recommendations as part of the preparation of Stage 2 of the *Dog Walking in Merri-bek* project (remaining off leash reserves).

## **Resolution**

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Svensson seconded -**

**That Council:**

- 1. Revises Attachment 1 and Attachment 2 so that they reflect changes to Tate Reserve to increase the area zoned as No Dogs, still retaining a corridor for Dog Off-Leash along the western side of the No Dogs area.**
- 2. Adopts the Council Order at Revised Attachment 1 (Dog Off-Leash and Dog Prohibited Areas) and directs for it to be published with tracked changes accepted in the Victorian Government Gazette with an effective date of 28 July 2025.**
- 3. Endorses the implementation of the Stage 1 pilot program across eight identified parks the support the Council Order to trial draft principles and interventions for improved management of dog access (Revised Attachment 2) for a minimum of six months, utilising capital funding of \$150,000 set aside in 2025/26 for this purpose.**
- 4. Notes that the community has participated significantly in consultation on Stage 1 of the Dog Walking in Merri-bek project summarised in Attachment 3 of this report and that officers will continue to engage with the community during the pilot.**
- 5. Receives a future report at the conclusion of the Stage 1 pilot on outcomes, learnings and future recommendations as part of the preparation of Stage 2 of the Dog Walking in Merri-bek project (remaining off leash reserves).**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.3 GENERAL (AMENDMENT) LOCAL LAW 2025**

### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this proposed amendment to Council's General Local Law is to specifically address the issue with the feeding of birds as the impact of this issue is significant on community members.

Following the Council resolution on 14 May 2025, community consultation on the proposed local law was undertaken.

This report seeks to summarise the feedback, outline a small change in response to the feedback received and amend the existing local law to introduce new provisions which will enable enforcement action to be taken against those that breach the local law.

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, the engagement period ran for 15 business days, from 15 May 2025 to 4 June 2025. A total of 60 submissions were received.

The consultation and feedback received has informed the proposed Local Law amendments with one small change and is now being presented to Council for adoption.

The proposed amended local law has been certified from a qualified lawyer (Russell Kennedy Lawyers) in accordance with section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Officers will consider the most appropriate channels to inform the community of the changes based on the feedback received to date.

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Having:
  - a) completed the statutory process under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the making of the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025;
  - b) obtained a certificate under section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* from a suitably qualified lawyer who states that they are of the opinion that the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 is consistent with the local law requirements, attached to this Report as Attachment 1; and
  - c) undertaken community engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy in respect of the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 and having considered all submissions,resolves to make the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in the form attached to this Report (Attachment 2).
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the making of the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. Notes that after giving notice of the making of the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 will come into effect from Monday 28 July 2025.

## Resolution

**Cr Miles moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

That Council:

1. Having:
  - a) **completed the statutory process under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the making of the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025;**
  - b) **obtained a certificate under section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* from a suitably qualified lawyer who states that they are of the opinion that the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 is consistent with the local law requirements, attached to this Report as Attachment 1; and**
  - c) **undertaken community engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy in respect of the proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 and having considered all submissions,****resolves to make the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in the form attached to this Report (Attachment 2).**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of the making of the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**
3. **Notes that after giving notice of the making of the General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 in accordance with sections 74(4) and 74(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Proposed General (Amendment) Local Law 2025 will come into effect from Monday 28 July 2025.**

**Carried**

## **7.4 CARBON OFFSETS POLICY UPDATE**

### **Executive Summary**

In 2008, Council set its ambition to be carbon neutral as an organisation by 2012. This was achieved and Council certified as carbon neutral in 2012 by the Federal Government's Climate Active Program (previously NCOS), the third Local Government Area (LGA) in Australia to do so and the second in Victoria.

Under the Climate Active Standard, in order to be certified as carbon neutral organisations must measure their greenhouse gas emissions, reduce these where possible, offset their remaining emissions and prepare a publicly available report on their emissions trajectory.

Merri-bek City Council first adopted its Carbon Offsets Policy (Policy) in 2015, and this Policy was last updated and endorsed by Council 12 August 2020 (Attachment 2). The Policy is supported by Merri-bek Zero Carbon – 2040 Framework, Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020-21 – 2024-25 and the current draft Climate Emergency Action Plan 2025-26 – 2030-31.

Council has adopted an ambitious corporate carbon target, of 80-100 per cent reduction by 2030, against a 2011-12 baseline. This excludes offsets. Through a range of initiatives, including purchasing all its electricity from clean renewable wind energy, upgrading its fleet to electric vehicles, electrification of heating, street lighting upgrades and energy efficiency upgrades (a Council program operating since 2011), Council has reduced its operational emissions by 63 per cent since the 2011/12 FY.

The Policy outlines Council's approach to, and criteria for, the purchase of carbon offsets.

The process of purchasing is therefore guided by the Policy using:

- 1) mandatory criteria (offsets from Standards approved by Climate Active (e.g., Gold Standard, Australian Carbon Credit Units, Verified Carbon Standard); and
- 2) desirable criteria (co-benefits including location, reliability, affordability).

Indicative of the strong interest in local and affordable offsets, the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) is currently leading a project to explore whether a consortium of councils could develop a local carbon offsets project. Merri-bek will continue to monitor progress, however any outcome from this work will likely be several years away.

During FY 2025-26 council officers will explore alternatives to Climate Active certification, developing reporting tools and templates, and building consensus among interested Victorian councils.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Endorses the updated Carbon Offsets Purchase Policy (Attachment 1), with minor updates.
2. Notes that officers will continue to investigate reporting and offsetting solutions, working with neighbouring councils and the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA) to develop possible alternatives, and monitoring market developments for improved options over time.
3. Receives a further report in the financial year 2026-27 at a briefing or similar.



## Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Miles seconded -

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that Council has achieved significant reductions to its direct emissions over many years through investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency, fleet electrification and other measures, and that initiatives to reduce Council's remaining emissions while in train are more difficult and expensive than those already delivered.
2. Commits to ongoing direct action to reduce Merri-bek Council's operational emissions to zero, as outlined in the Merri-bek Zero Carbon – 2040 Framework corporate target of 80-100% reduction by 2030.
3. Commits to releasing a public statement indicating that Merri-bek City Council is determined to reach its target of carbon neutrality, with transparency in the way we work towards it.
4. Pauses its Carbon Offsets Purchase Policy for a period of up to 12 months, and diverts the budget allocation for carbon offsets to develop options for verified local offsets for Council's residual emissions (including working with neighbouring councils and the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action where appropriate).
5. Notes that to obtain Climate Active certification in future would currently require that Council "catch up" 2025-26 offsets.
6. Continues to monitor developments with carbon offsets and receives a future report which outlines a timeline and investment for options for council to reach zero emissions over time, prioritising direct reductions.

7.47 pm Cr Miles left the meeting during debate.

7.47 pm Cr Miles returned to the meeting during debate.

Cr Pulford called for a division.

### For

Cr Bolton  
Cr Davidson  
Cr Miles  
Cr Politis  
Cr Theodosius

**Total For (5)**

### Against

Cr Pulford  
Cr Svensson  
Cr Iwasaki  
Cr Abboud  
Cr Irvin

**Total Against (5)**

**Carried on the casting vote of Mayor**

## **7.5 SISTER CITY WITH BHARATPUR METROPOLITAN CITY OF NEPAL**

### **Executive Summary**

Australia and Nepal have enjoyed a robust and evolving bilateral relationship since 1960, marked by deepening diplomatic, economic, and people-to-people ties. The Nepalese community in Australia, particularly in Victoria and the City of Merri-bek, has grown significantly, reflecting strong educational and migration links. This vibrant community connection is complemented by Australia's longstanding support for Nepal's development across sectors such as healthcare, education, and sustainable infrastructure.

In May 2025, Council resolved to explore a sister city partnership with Bharatpur Metropolitan City, Nepal, recognising the substantial Nepalese population in Merri-bek, many of whom have roots in Bharatpur. This proposed relationship aims to formalise and strengthen cultural, social and economic bonds, leveraging Bharatpur's progressive leadership and Merri-bek's multicultural community. Key areas of collaboration identified include economic development, education and youth engagement, environmental sustainability, and community involvement.

This report recommends the establishment of a sister city relationship with Bharatpur Metropolitan City, facilitated by a Steering Committee co-led by Merri-bek and the Honorary Consul of Nepal. The partnership is designed to deliver mutual benefits, deepen people-to-people connections, and foster innovation, all while aligning with Council's guidelines for international engagement. A draft Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared to outline the purpose and governance of the sister city relationship, ensuring a structured and sustainable approach to collaboration.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Endorses the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Bharatpur Metropolitan City, Nepal.
2. Notifies the Minister Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the intention to enter into a non-core foreign arrangement within 14 days, in accordance with the Foreign Arrangements Scheme.
3. Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding (provided in Attachment 1), and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and make minor or non-substantive amendments as necessary.
4. Writes to Ms Renu Dahal, Mayor of Bharatpur Metropolitan City, to extend an invitation to sign the for the Sister City relationship.
5. Submits the signed Memorandum of Understanding to the Minister for Foreign Affairs within 14 days of execution.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Miles moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Endorses the establishment of a Sister City relationship with Bharatpur Metropolitan City, Nepal.**
2. **Notifies the Minister Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the intention to enter into a non-core foreign arrangement within 14 days, in accordance with the Foreign Arrangements Scheme.**
3. **Endorses the Memorandum of Understanding (provided in Attachment 1), and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and make minor or non-**

**substantive amendments as necessary.**

- 4. Writes to Ms Renu Dahal, Mayor of Bharatpur Metropolitan City, to extend an invitation to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Sister City relationship.**
- 5. Submits the signed Memorandum of Understanding to the Minister for Foreign Affairs within 14 days of execution.**

7.58 pm Cr Pulford left the meeting during debate.

8.01pm Cr Pulford returned to the meeting during debate.

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.6 10 MURRELL STREET, GLENROY**

### **Executive summary**

At its meeting on 13 June 2018, the sale of 10 Murrell Street, Glenroy was highlighted as a funding source for the construction of the new Glenroy Community Hub. The sale of the property formed part of the funding strategy for the new Hub.

Due to the time elapsed since the Council's decision in 2018, Council was asked at the 11 September 2024 meeting if it still supported the declaration that the site is surplus to its needs, prior to officers commencing the public notice process.

Council resolved at that meeting that a report be brought to Council in April 2025 detailing investigations into alternative uses for 10 Murrell Street, Glenroy including distribution of emergency relief, crisis housing or social housing, a Glenroy Men's Shed, and for this to be alongside the feasibility study determining accommodation needs for food relief organisations in Merri-bek.

Council officers have undertaken internal consultation and discussions with key external stakeholders to assess how this site could serve the uses identified in the resolution, and what the financial and other resource implications of these uses would be. The results of these investigations are detailed below. Based on this, use for these purposes is not recommended.

Use	Assessment
Social housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council has identified a number of sites for a pipeline for Merri-bek Affordable Housing to undertake feasibility studies for potential future use for social and affordable housing.</li><li>• 10 Murrell Street, Glenroy presents a better opportunity to replenish Council's unrestricted cashflow compared to all the other properties being considered for future use by Merri-bek Affordable Housing.</li></ul>
Crisis housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key homelessness service providers who indicated this site would not be suitable to consider for crisis accommodation.</li><li>• Use of this site would require considerable expenditure to either refurbish or expand the current buildings or demolish and construct new fit for purpose buildings.</li><li>• Provision of crisis services also comes with high ongoing operational costs, with very few available funding sources.</li></ul>
Emergency or food relief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The current buildings would not easily provide for food/emergency relief service, and food relief operations would be prohibited in the current Residential Growth Zone (RGZ).</li><li>• Considerable cost and time would be required to re-zone the site (which may not succeed in this location) and either demolish,</li></ul>

	<p>refurbish or expand the buildings, which is not financially sustainable within Council's current resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is recommended that Council continues to work to support local food and emergency relief needs through advocacy for state and federal government investment and prioritising the use of existing and available Council assets to support these needs, including through co-location opportunities and enabling access to community venues.</li> </ul>
Glenroy Men's Shed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An alternative site is being explored for the Glenroy Men's Shed. They do not require an entire building/site, and there would be a considerable cost implication to provide a fit for use space at this site.</li> </ul>

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to authorise that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the site.
2. Appoints the Mayor and all Councillors to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission in relation to the proposed sale of land.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date and place of the meeting of the committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intention to sell 10 Murrell Street, Glenroy.
4. Receives a report outlining any submissions received, including a summary of proceedings of the Hearing of Submissions Committee and presenting a recommendation regarding whether to proceed with the proposed sale of the site.

## Resolution

**Cr Miles moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to authorise that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the site.**
2. **Appoints the Mayor and all Councillors to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission in relation to the proposed sale of land.**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date and place of the meeting of the committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intention to sell 10 Murrell Street, Glenroy.**
4. **Receives a report outlining any submissions received, including a summary of proceedings of the Hearing of Submissions Committee and presenting a recommendation regarding whether to proceed with the proposed sale of the site.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.7 WORKSITE MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Executive Summary**

Construction worksites in Merri-bek are becoming more complex and demanding in highly contested spaces, which requires compliance and enforcement of building sites to become more sophisticated. Consequently, issues with worksites failing to comply with the *Road Management Act (2004)* and Merri-bek Local Laws has reportedly escalated in recent years, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic.

Following a review of internal practices and the creation of a new compliance and enforcement framework, Merri-bek Council has been implementing new processes and procedures relating to worksite compliance and enforcement over the past 12 month. This report provides an update on the implementation of these practices and their effectiveness to date.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the content of the report on the progress of improving compliance and management of worksites in Merri-bek.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Miles seconded -**

**That Council notes the content of the report on the progress of improving compliance and management of worksites in Merri-bek.**

**Carried**

## **7.8 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

### **Executive Summary**

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date period ending 31 May 2025. A detailed financial review was undertaken across the organisation at the end of February 2025. The results of this review are included in this report as the Full Year Revised Forecast.

The 31 May 2025 Income Statement shows that Council has recorded a surplus of \$43.5 million, \$1.0 million higher than the year-to-date budget of \$42.5 million, 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 project like the Coburg Library and Piazza Redevelopment or recently completed projects like Fawkner Leisure Centre redevelopment and Balam Balam Place, Brunswick.

Council has spent \$80.0 million on capital expenditure, which is tracking below the year-to-date (YTD) budget of \$84.4 million, with \$12.7 million budget remaining.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2025, at Attachment 1 to this report.

## Resolution

Cr Abboud moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 May 2025, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried

## 7.9 STATUTORY REVIEW OF INSTRUMENTS OF DELEGATION FROM COUNCIL

### Executive Summary

This report proposes the updated instruments of delegation from Council in accordance with section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). The Act requires under section 11(7) that within the period of 12 months after a general election, the Council must review all delegations which it has made under the Act. The Instruments of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer and from Council to members of Council staff been reviewed to ensure compliance with this requirement.

The Instrument of Sub-Delegation under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* is not subject to the 12-month post-election requirement. It is reviewed as part of Council's routine review and remake of all Instruments of Delegation.

Instruments of Delegation represent the formal and authorised delegation for powers of Council under the Act and enable the business of Council to be carried out efficiently and in line with Council approved policies. The Instruments are essential to enable Council staff to effectively carry out operational duties, particularly in areas that involve enforcement, such as town planning, local laws, environmental health, building enforcement, asset protection, animal management and parking control.

Powers are delegated to a role or position title rather than to a person or name. Where there are changes to organisational titles, roles or responsibilities, or applicable legislation, the delegations require review and are reviewed and updated biannually.

The proposed instrument provided in **Attachment 2** reflects legislative updates that have occurred since the Instrument was last executed in September 2024 as well as updates to organisational structure and officer position titles.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation, delegates to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, provided as Attachment 1 to this report, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:
  - a) The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
  - b) On the coming into force of the instrument the previous delegation to the Chief Executive Officer adopted 13 October 2021 is revoked.
  - c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

2. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation, delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 2 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:
  - a) The instrument comes into force immediately on being signed by the Chief Executive Officer.
  - b) On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous delegation to members of Council staff adopted 11 September 2024 is revoked.
  - c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
3. In the exercise of the power conferred by s 437(2) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the Instrument of Delegation of the Environment Protection Authority under the Act dated 4 June 2021, delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 3 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument:
  - a) The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
  - b) On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous of sub-delegation to members of Councils staff adopted 12 October 2022 is revoked.
  - c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

## Resolution

**Cr Pulford moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation, delegates to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties, of Chief Executive Officer the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer, provided as Attachment 1 to this report, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:**
  - a) **The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.**
  - b) **On the coming into force of the instrument the previous delegation to the Chief Executive Officer adopted 13 October 2021 is revoked.**
  - c) **The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**
2. **In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached Instruments of Delegation, delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 2 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument subject**

to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:

- a) The instrument comes into force immediately on being signed by the Chief Executive Officer.
  - b) On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous delegation to members of Council staff adopted 11 September 2024 is revoked.
  - c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
3. In the exercise of the power conferred by s 437(2) of the Environment Protection Act 2017 and the Instrument of Delegation of the Environment Protection Authority under the Act dated 4 June 2021, delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 3 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument:
- a) The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
  - b) On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous of sub-delegation to members of Councils staff adopted 12 October 2022 is revoked.
  - c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Carried

## **7.10 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 Council resolutions that are currently open and not yet finalised.

There are currently 47 open Council resolutions, with 2 of these relating to Petitions, 29 relating to Council officer reports and 16 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 Abboud moved, Cr Pulford seconded -**

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

Carried



## **7.11 GOVERNANCE REPORT - JULY 2025 - 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 the Advisory Committees for Council to note.
- Records of Meetings for Council to note.
- Resubmitted Contract Award RFT-2024-45 - Cleaning Services - Collaborative Procurement.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the summary of minutes from the Advisory Committees and Groups to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report, as follows:
  - a) Friends of Aileu Community Committee – 15 April 2025
  - b) Sustainable Transport Advisory Committee – 15 April 2025
  - c) Merri-bek First Nations Advisory Committee – 12 May 2025
2. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Notes the resignation of Cr Miles from the Friends of Aileu Community Committee
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract terms for RFT-2024-45 for the Provision of Cleaning Services (as awarded 11 June 2025) to the following updated contract extension terms, noting all other terms and conditions of the original resolution remain unchanged:
  - i. For a supply contract for an initial term of three (3) years ending 30 June 2028, with the option for Council to extend the contract for a further 1 x 2 year option to extend, and a further 2 x 1 year periods.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Theodosis moved, Cr Miles seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the summary of minutes from the Advisory Committees and Groups to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report, as follows:**
  - a) **Friends of Aileu Community Committee – 15 April 2025**
  - b) **Sustainable Transport Advisory Committee – 15 April 2025**
  - c) **Merri-bek First Nations Advisory Committee – 12 May 2025**
2. **Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
3. **Notes the resignation of Cr Miles from the Friends of Aileu Community Committee**

4. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend the contract terms for RFT-2024-45 for the Provision of Cleaning Services (as awarded 11 June 2025) to the following updated contract extension terms, noting all other terms and conditions of the original resolution remain unchanged:**
- i. **For a supply contract for an initial term of three (3) years ending 30 June 2028, with the option for Council to extend the contract for a further 1 x 2 year option to extend, and a further 2 x 1 year periods.**

**Carried**

## **7.12 CONTRACT AWARD: RFT-2024-40 COLE RESERVE NORTH SPORTS FIELD UPGRADE WORKS**

### **Executive Summary**

After a competitive tender process this report seeks the award of contract RFT-2024-40 Cole Reserve North Sports Field Upgrade works to the preferred contractor, Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd for the. The focus of this project is to improve ground playing conditions increasing the availability of the ground used by Coburg Districts Football Club and West Coburg/St Andrews Cricket Club.

The project was initiated by a \$1.25 million State Government grant committed during the 2022 state election. In addition to the north oval works (the subject of this contract), the funding was also to cover sportsfield lighting installation on the south ground, which cost \$372,974. Some \$877,026 remains available from the grant for the north oval works. Despite 'value engineering' being undertaken to focus the scope of the north oval works, even a minimum scope project to upgrade the ground has not been possible with the state government grant, as a such Council has needed to contribute an additional \$667,974 to see the project through.

A request for tender was released on Wednesday 14 August 2024 and closed on Friday 30 August 2024, with six (6) tenders received. Contract award was initially planned to enable works to commence in December 2024, however due to concerns relating to the timing of works, Council did not award the tender at that time. The six (6) tenderers were invited to resubmit their lump sum price based on an August/September 2025 start of construction.

At the time of tendering, it was uncertain whether the additional Council funding would be able to be contributed to the project and so the tender included an undesirable minimum scope upgrade project as the lump sum component as well as highly desirable additional scope items as provisional sums to deliver a functional, worthwhile upgrade.

The tenders were evaluated, and Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd was identified as the preferred tenderer, achieving the highest score through the evaluation process by the evaluation panel. The project scope was assessed including the provisional sum items.

Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd has previously delivered similar type of sports field upgrade projects successfully to a very good standard and demonstrated in their tender submission that they have undertaken soccer field upgrade works that included drainage, irrigation and re-shaping of the ground for other local government authorities.

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 **Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd, ACN 608 443 670 (Contractor)** to award the Contractor contract **RFT-2024-40 Cole Reserve North Sports Field Upgrade works** on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. For the lump sum of \$837,912 (excluding GST) plus provisional sum(s) of \$560,865 (excluding GST), totalling \$1,398,777.70 (excluding GST).
  - 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; and
  - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

## Resolution

**Cr Bolton moved, Cr Miles seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
  - a) **Make a formal offer to Global Turf Projects Pty Ltd, ACN 608 443 670 (Contractor) to award the Contractor contract RFT-2024-40 Cole Reserve North Sports Field Upgrade works on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
    - i. **For the lump sum of \$837,912 (excluding GST) plus provisional sum(s) of \$560,865 (excluding GST), totalling \$1,398,777.70 (excluding GST).**
  - 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; and**
  - b) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

**Carried**

## 7.13 CONTRACT AWARD: RFT-2025-15 YORK STREET LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION

### Executive Summary

Following a competitive tender process, this report seeks the award of Contract RFT-2025-15 York Street Park Close to Home Landscape Works to Urbania Group Pty Ltd.

The Park Close to Home site at 33 Westgate Street, Pascoe Vale comprises a total area of approximately 2,500sqm, part of a larger site that Council purchased. The remainder of the site fronting Bell Street has been subdivided and will be sold, with the funds from the sale going back into the Public Recreation and Resort Land Fund (PRRLF). The construction of a new park in this location addresses a high priority gap area within the framework.

Design of the park occurred with input from the community through two stages of engagement in 2024. Value management was undertaken between the concept and tender phase of this project to reduce costs of the project whilst keeping the integrity of the design and community expectations intact.

Urbania Group Pty Ltd has previously delivered a similar type of landscape construction project for Merri-bek City Council (as the landscape arm of Marcus Constructions Pty Ltd). This project was successfully delivered to a very good standard. The Contractor demonstrated success with similar landscape construction projects for other local government authorities.

The lump sum construction contract offered includes preliminaries, site preparation, drainage work, minor earthworks (footings and levels), playground equipment, shelters, shade sails, arbours, fencing, irrigation, paving, turf and planting works. It also includes toilet construction featuring on-site, worm-composting effluent treatment and below ground distribution.

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 **Urbania Group Pty Ltd, ACN 673 519 250 (Contractor)** to award contract **RFT-2025-15 York Street Landscape Construction** on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. For the lump sum of \$1,107,836.29 (excluding GST) plus provisional sum(s) of \$10,000 (excluding GST), totaling \$1,117,836.29 (excluding GST)
  - 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; and

- b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.
- 3. Refers the remaining budget shortfall of \$265,374 to the first quarterly financial review.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Irvin moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
  - a) **Make a formal offer to Urbania Group Pty Ltd, ACN 673 519 250 (Contractor) to award contract RFT-2025-15 York Street Landscape Construction on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
    - i. **For the lump sum of \$1,107,836.29 (excluding GST) plus provisional sum(s) of \$10,000 (excluding GST), totaling \$1,117,836.29 (excluding GST)**
  - 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; and**
  - b) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**
3. **Refers the remaining budget shortfall of \$265,374 to the first quarterly financial review.**

**Carried**

## **7.14 CONTRACT AWARD: RFT-2025-17 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION, O'HEA STREET, SUSSEX STREET TO CLIFTON GROVE**

### **Executive Summary**

The reconstruction of O'Hea Street in Coburg (from Sussex Street to Clifton Grove) has been identified in the 2025–2026 Capital Works Program under the Roads and Carpark Program. The project is part-funded through the Development Contributions Plan (DCP).

The scope of works includes the installation of underground drainage pipes and associated pits, reconstruction of the existing kerb and channel, vehicle crossings, concrete footpaths, and rain garden renewals. The project also involves upgrading bus stop hardstands with new shelters and reconstructing the existing road pavement with a new asphalt surface incorporating pavement reinforcement materials.

Following the tender evaluation process, ADP Constructions Pty Ltd (ADP) has been identified as the preferred tenderer based on the strength of their submission. Subject to contract award on 9 July 2025, the contractor has confirmed readiness to commence offsite preparatory works from 21 July 2025.

ADP has successfully delivered projects of similar scale and complexity for Merri-bek and other councils, with strong performance outcomes. Onsite construction is scheduled to begin in the first week of August 2025 and is expected to be completed over a nine-month period by April 2026 (weather permitting). The works will be delivered in up to five distinct sections to minimise disruption to residents and local businesses.

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 **ADP Constructions Pty Ltd and ACN 118 588 097 (Contractor)** to award to the Contractor contract **RFT-2025-17 O’Hea Street, Coburg Road Reconstruction (Sussex Street to Clifton Grove) (Contract)** on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. For the total Contract value of \$3,165,314.65 (excluding GST), comprising of fixed lump sum of \$2,723,186.65 (excluding GST) and provisional amount of \$442,128.00 (excluding GST).
  - 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; and
  - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.
3. Refers the budget savings of \$1,681,575 to the quarterly budget review process.

## Resolution

**Cr Bolton moved, Cr Miles seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
  - a) **Make a formal offer to ADP Constructions Pty Ltd and ACN 118 588 097 (Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2025-17 O’Hea Street, Coburg Road Reconstruction (Sussex Street to Clifton Grove) (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
    - i. **For the total Contract value of \$3,165,314.65 (excluding GST), comprising of fixed lump sum of \$2,723,186.65 (excluding GST) and provisional amount of \$442,128.00 (excluding GST).**

- 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; and**
  - b) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**
- 3. **Refers the budget savings of \$1,681,575 to the quarterly budget review process.**

**Carried**

## **7.15 CONTRACT AWARD: PROCUREMENT AUSTRALIA CONTRACT 2706/0848 LIBRARY COLLECTIONS, FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS**

### **Executive Summary**

The current Procurement Australia contract (2306/0843) covers a panel of suppliers of library collection material, furniture, equipment and associated requirements, is due to expire on 30 June 2025.

Procurement Australia recently conducted a new public tender for library services across a wide range of suppliers and concluded their evaluation with a list of recommended suppliers across 14 categories.

The purpose of this Procurement Australia tender and contract is to provide a panel of suppliers for members throughout Australia via a public sector compliant tender process. Procurement Australia invited tenders from qualified suppliers to be part of a panel of providers for the supply and delivery of Library Collections, Furniture, Equipment and Associated Requirements for an initial contract term of 2 years commencing 1 July 2025 with a further two (2) x one (1) year extension options.

Entering this new panel contract (2306/0848) with Procurement Australia will greatly assist in the ongoing development of library collections and facilities, with a diverse range of content and equipment. Suppliers have been through a rigorous tendering process and Procurement Australia is a reputable organisation used by libraries and service providers across Australia.

As this panel contract engages various suppliers via the Procurement Australia panel that are currently utilised by Library Services, this will streamline the approval/procurement process by combining all categories into one contract.

The tender complies with Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves opting into a Collaborative Procurement Arrangement with Procurement Australia Panel Contract No 2706/0848 Library Collections, Furniture, Equipment and Associated Requirements **(Contract)**:
  - a) For an amount not exceeding \$4,995,000 (excluding GST)
  - b) For a contract term of 2 years with a further two (2) x one (1) year extension options commencing 1 July 2025
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and
4. Advises Procurement Australia of its decision on this matter.

## Resolution

**Cr Bolton moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Approves opting into a Collaborative Procurement Arrangement with Procurement Australia Panel Contract No 2706/0848 Library Collections, Furniture, Equipment and Associated Requirements (Contract):**
  - a) **For an amount not exceeding \$4,995,000 (excluding GST)**
  - b) **For a contract term of 2 years with a further two (2) x one (1) year extension options commencing 1 July 2025**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and**
3. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and**
4. **Advises Procurement Australia of its decision on this matter.**

**Carried**



## NOTICES OF MOTION

### 8.1 COMMEMORATING 80 YEARS SINCE THE ATOMIC BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

#### Motion

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the 80th anniversaries of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. We honour the 210,000+ victims of these attacks, and the Hibakusha and Hibaku Nisei who continue to live with the legacy of nuclear weapons.
2. Notes that our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.
3. Notes that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
4. Notes Council has previously joined the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal, a global call from cities and towns in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and calls on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.

#### Resolution

**Cr Iwasaki moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges the 80th anniversaries of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. We honour the 210,000+ victims of these attacks, and the Hibakusha and Hibaku Nisei who continue to live with the legacy of nuclear weapons.**
2. **Notes that our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.**
3. **Notes that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.**
4. **Notes Council has previously joined the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal, a global call from cities and towns in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and calls on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 8.2 AGROFORESTRY TRIAL

### Motion

That Council receives a report following a high-level investigation into:

1. A site for an agroforestry trial in the city to cultivate a forest for timber harvesting, including consideration of the area of land at the end of Lorne Street, Fawkner, including a broad estimate of the level of carbon offset that would be achieved by such a forest and high level comparative analysis of carbon offsets achieved by micro forests or creek revegetation.
2. Opportunities for the Master Tree Growers program, run by the Australian Agroforestry Foundation, to be delivered here in the city to educate people including council staff about effective treatments of live timbers within an agroforestry lens.

### Resolution

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Iwasaki seconded -**

**That Council receives a report following a high-level investigation into:**

1. **A site for an agroforestry trial in the city to cultivate a forest for timber harvesting, including consideration of the area of land at the end of Lorne Street, Fawkner, including a broad estimate of the level of carbon offset that would be achieved by such a forest and high level comparative analysis of carbon offsets achieved by micro forests or creek revegetation.**
2. **Opportunities for the Master Tree Growers program, run by the Australian Agroforestry Foundation, to be delivered here in the city to educate people including council staff about effective treatments of live timbers within an agroforestry lens.**

8.27 pm Cr Miles left the meeting during debate.

8.27 pm Cr Miles returned to the meeting during debate.

**Carried**

## 8.3 UNITE! INVEST TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

### Motion

That Council commits to delivering a community forum focussed on power, privilege and gendered violence as part of the 2025 16 days of activism in November/December.

### Resolution

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Politis seconded -**

**That Council commits to delivering a community forum focused on power, privilege and gendered violence as part of the 2025 16 days of activism in November/December, with a focus on actions that need to be implemented.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **8.4 BUILD-TO-RENT EXEMPTIONS FROM OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **Motion**

That the City of Merri-bek Mayor writes to Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, outlining Council's strong opposition to the current exemption from public open space contributions enjoyed by Built to Rent developments and to request immediate review of the State Planning controls to ensure all developments contribute to open space.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Bolton moved, Cr Pulford seconded -**

**That the City of Merri-bek Mayor writes to Premier Jacinta Allan and Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny, outlining Council's strong opposition to the current exemption from public open space contributions enjoyed by Built to Rent developments and to request immediate review of the State Planning controls to ensure all developments contribute to open space.**

**Carried**

## **8.5 WOMEN'S SAFETY FORUM**

### **Motion**

That Council commits to a forum that brings together service providers and stakeholders towards improving women's safety in the community.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Politis moved, Cr Abboud seconded -**

**That Council commits to a forum that brings together service providers and stakeholders towards improving women's safety in the community.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

### **9.1 SISTER AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES REVIEW - XIANYANG, CHINA**

At the Council meeting held on 9 April 2025, item 7.9 Sister and Friendship Cities Review was adopted as follows:

*That Council:*

- 1) *Notes the review of the existing (inactive) Sister and Friendship Cities arrangements.*
- 2) *Based on outcome of the review, ceases the Sister City relationship with Xianyang, China and the Friendship City relationship with City of Canterbury-Bankstown NSW, due to extended periods of inactivity.*
- 3) *Maintains the following Friendship City relationships, due to the close ties held by community groups within Merri-bek:*
  - i) *Corum Municipality, Turkey*

- ii) *Spartiaton Municipality, Greece*
- iii) *Solarino, Sicily, Italy*
- iv) *Messina, Sicily, Italy*
- 4) *Writes to the Mayor of Xianyang, China and the Mayor of City of Canterbury-Bankstown NSW, advising that Council has ceased the relationships.*
- 5) *Notes that the Special Relationship arrangement with Mansfield Shire Council is now ceased.*

Cr Politis has given notice to rescind that part of the motion which seeks to cease the Sister City relationship with Xianyang, China due to evidence becoming available indicating that the sister city relationship remains viable and active in Merri-bek.

In this regard, Cr Politis seeks to retain the Sister City Relationship with Xianyang, China.

Should Council resolve to rescind the cessation of the relationship, corresponding point 4 also needs to be amended, by rescinding that part which relates to writing to the Mayor of Xianyang, China to cease the relationship.

### **Rescission Motion**

That Council rescinds its decision in relation to ceasing its Sister City relationship with Xianyang, China, as resolved in part 2 of item 7.9 '7.9 Sister and Friendship Cities Review' at the Council meeting held on 9 April 2025; and that the relevant portion of part 4 of the same resolution, which relates to writing to the Mayor of Xianyang, China, also be rescinded.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Politis moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council rescinds its decision in relation to ceasing its Sister City relationship with Xianyang, China, as resolved in part 2 of item 7.9 '7.9 Sister and Friendship Cities Review' at the Council meeting held on 9 April 2025; and that the relevant portion of part 4 of the same resolution, which relates to writing to the Mayor of Xianyang, China, also be rescinded.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **FORESHADOWED ITEMS**

Nil.

## **URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS**

Nil.

## **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

### **Resolution**

**Cr Iwasaki moved, Cr Pulford seconded –**

**In accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, this Council meeting be closed to the public to consider this/these report(s):**

- **12.1 Central Coburg Program scenario modelling update because it relates to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.**

**Carried**

The Council meeting closed to the public at 8.57 pm.

## **OPENING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

### **Resolution**

**Cr Abboud moved, Cr Pulford seconded –**

**That the Council meeting be opened to the public.**

**Carried**

The Council meeting opened to the public at 9.08 pm.

The Council meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Helen Davidson

**MAYOR**