



Moreland

City Council

PROPOSED Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 12 May 2021

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.

Statement from the Mayor

Cr Carli-Hannah, Mayor read the following statement:

We wish to apologise for audio issues that have affected Facebook livestreaming during our last Council meeting on 14 April, and at the 28 April Planning and Related matters meeting. Audio was also affected for residents attending in person in the foyer or in the Concert Halls.

The audio difficulties have come about because of an interim audio-visual set up, as the previous permanent technology in place prior to the pandemic did not allow for social distancing in the Council Chamber. Our recent audio issues stem from the interim set-up and a faulty audio processor, which had been replaced prior to the April meetings but was still causing problems. Today, we have brought in new equipment and have other backup processes in place.

On 14 April, the audio issues between the Chamber and the Gallery also resulted in an unfortunate misunderstanding with Alicia Liley. After that meeting I emailed a response to Alicia to apologise to her for what happened. We were very sorry for Alicia's distress and I'd like to invite Alicia to be one of the people asking a question or making a statement on the report on Hosken Reserve tonight.

We thank everyone for your understanding and patience and we thank you for joining us tonight.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan, Mayor	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.03 pm	11.03 pm

Cr Lambros Tapinos	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Milad El-Halabi	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.03 pm	11.03 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.03 pm	11.03 pm

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
 Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
 Director City Infrastructure – Anita Curnow
 Director City Futures – Kirsten Coster
 Director Community Development – Arden Joseph
 Director Engagement and Partnerships – Joseph Tabacco
 Chief Financial Officer – Amanda Burgess
 Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
 Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Nil.

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Pavlidis disclosed a general conflict of interest in her leave of absence request.

Leave of absence

7.08 pm Cr Pavlidis left the meeting due to her disclosed conflict of interest.

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Riley seconded –

- **Cr Helen Pavlidis has sought leave from 4 May to 10 May 2021 inclusive.**
- **Mayor, Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan has sought leave from 31 May to 6 June 2021 inclusive.**
- **Cr James Conlan has sought leave from 17 May to 28 May 2021 inclusive.**

Carried

7.09 pm Cr Pavlidis returned to the meeting.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

The open minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 April 2021 be confirmed, subject to the following correction on page 12 of the proposed minutes:

- The inclusion of the words 'as the crow flies' in the second dot point of clause 7:
 7. Notes the analysis of likely impacts of allowing smaller-scale post-August 2011 subdivisions to access resident parking permits (as requested by NOM6/20 and NOM60/20) at Attachment 4 and makes available standard residential parking permits and visitor parking permits for subdivisions that meet the following criteria:
 - Small subdivisions of 3 dwellings or less on a lot
 - Are within 200 metres (as the crow flies) of an Activity Centre
 - Were subdivided before 31 December 2021

Carried

PETITIONS

HOSKEN RESERVE

A member of the public tabled a petition containing 681 signatures, regarding Hosken Reserve.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

1. The petition be received.
2. The petition be referred to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.

Carried

FAWKNER POOL

A member of the public tabled a petition containing 812 signatures, regarding the Fawkner Outdoor Pool.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

1. The petition be received.
2. The petition be referred to the relevant Director for consideration and response.

Carried

CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE PLAYGROUND

A member of the public tabled a petition containing 216 signatures, regarding Charles Mutton Reserve Playground upgrade.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

1. **The petition be received.**
2. **The petition be referred to the relevant Director for consideration and response.**

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 7.21pm.

ALICIA LILEY - HOSKEN RESERVE

Thank you for this opportunity. I am hoping you will all vote tonight to keep the shared spaces at HOSKEN RESERVE grassy and open to everyone!! But I feel Council has not truly listened to the concerns of myself and many others when you still are considering a hybrid synthetic surface for Hosken Reserve. As you now know, I am legally over 50% disabled with a permanent, serious Acquired Brain Injury (ABI), Spinal Injuries (that still makes me bedridden - twice a week in March this year!) plus my total deafness in one ear. Regardless of my impediments, I fully understand the true words of Climate Emergency. It causes me to cry because of the enormity of inaction or poor decisions. I am not being melodramatic. Following a car accident, I died three times in an ambulance in 1988; I still live with daily pain, so I do not want anyone having to suffer, so I am passionate that everyone of us protects this Planet and human health! EVERYONE MUST HELP to reduce these Environmental Devastations caused by the Climate Change Crisis! Why is it that you as a Council promote being PRO-CLIMATE ACTION Council when you are still considering Synthetic Surface, even if it is to be hidden in a Hybrid format? Do you not understand about the Urban Heat Island Effect? That it damages your public, including the Soccer players? I care for everybody, so I do not want any soccer players, especially youth, to play on a hot potentially 60-degree surface! Nor should the Council permit the excessive pollution, horrific waste, contamination and non-recyclable Hybrid or Synthetic Surfaces anywhere. Why is it that Soccer, in some form, having been played since the Medieval Period (when they kicked a pig's bladder!) now requires plastic surfaces to play an enjoyable game of sport? I assume that it is still fun without synthetic turf? So, if I can understand the devastating effects of Climate Change with my ABI, and with your EMERGENCY DECLARATION, why can't this entire Council of Moreland truly act? At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Bolton advised:

- Council has taken certain steps in dealing with the climate emergency, there is no doubt Council can do more.
- Hosken Reserve has opened up the role of synthetic turf as in where, when or if it should be used. There will be a broader discussion to be had beyond Hosken Reserve at another meeting.
- Tonight is focused on Hosken Reserve and trying to get the best outcome for the breadth of users of the space.

7.26pm Cr Davidson left the meeting.

7.28pm Cr Davidson returned.

PETER FORSTER - STATEMENT

I am a footballer from the Yarra Jets Soccer Club in Fairfield and have played football all my life at various levels in the UK, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Hawaii and here in Australia. There are many issues with plastic pitches: the heat is one. Even on a 20-25 degree day, the absorption of heat as well as the reflection of it causes you to overheat; we played on a plastic pitch in East Keilor at the start of this season and had to have water breaks

midway through the 45 minute halves. Also, your feet literally burn through your boots - it's extremely uncomfortable.

Other reasons - the ball runs unnaturally fast - it doesn't replicate the flow of the ball on a real pitch at all; there is no give in the pitch so knees, hips and ankles are put under a lot of stress and strain - more so than on grass. And the worse thing about them I feel, and if you speak with any footballers, their opinions would be the same, is that one of the key aspects of the game - the sliding tackle - cannot be executed with confidence as you end up with horrendous burn marks on your legs.

Proponents of these pitches will tell you that this is the reason they put down those rubber granules from crushed up car tyres so you 'roll over' the turf - believe me, from someone that has played on many of these, it doesn't work and it burns badly. I challenge you to ask any adult footballer and not one of them will say they like playing on this surface. They really are anathema to the game and I strongly disagree to the idea of ripping up that wonderful grass for something that ultimately is a real negative for the sport. Thank you for your time .

PETER VAN BUUREN - HOSKEN RESERVE

I have from the consultation, why can all the other items from the master plan not be done before the northern pitch is decided? Why can't the tennis club get its refurbishment? Why can't more trees be planted? The MCC have had 10+ years to do all these things and only a few items are complete.... why does everything hinge on the pitch?

As Peter Van Buuren was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

LOU TONA - STATEMENT

Hosken Reserve Pascoe Vale Football Club, Merlynston Tennis Club and Australian International Academy would like to acknowledge and thank the council report in acknowledging that we have an integral part to play in the future of Hosken reserve and welcome the report's findings, and one of the key components that it still remains a sporting reserve. Pascoe Vale FC would also like to acknowledge and accept that the possibility of the North oval remain natural Turf and are fully supportive of the option 2 recommendation and look forward to working with ALL stakeholders to deliver the much needed love and upgrades the reserve requires. We have been serving the Moreland community for 55 years and look forward to continuing to provide a family, friendly and inclusive environment for many more to come. The Football club currently has 428 Playing members ranging from 6 year old boys and girls all the way up to Senior Men and women 60/40 split community/Npl, All abilities team. We have recently completed a huge investment on upgrading the Council facility, one of the first clubs to receive 5 star accreditation from both the Football Australia and Football Victoria and most importantly internationally recognised Human rights defenders through the #savehakeem campaign. Our Core objective is to provide an environment where children and adults can be active more often. We also look forward to working with the residents, a relationship we have enjoyed for 35 plus years at Hosken and 55 years in Moreland.

EMMA MOUNTJOY - HOSKEN RESERVE

At this meeting Council will vote on surface treatment options for Hosken Reserve. Why is the option of best practice turf not being considered, which is a much more sustainable option, and could provide the best compromise for all parties involved? Best practice turf involves improvement of the soil and ensuring the turf variety in use is best for the field. There is evidence that this option would allow 45 hours of play a week which is sufficient for PVSCs allocation. It is also far cheaper across its whole life cycle, and avoids the landfilling of synthetic at the end of its life. It's a win-win-win! Why is this option not being considered at this meeting?

At the request of the Mayor, Arden Joseph, Director Community Development advised:

- Council is making a decision on this item tonight and will be considering the surface of each of the three grounds.

THEA ZIINO - FAWKNER POOL

I am ten years old and I live in Fawkner. I would like to ask council why they are trying to close my local outdoor pool. I love the pool, and use it a lot when it is open. We meet lots of friends and new people at the pool, and it is important to keep the it open. Why can't the Council accept that we have 6 outdoor pools and should fund ours in Fawkner?

The Mayor responded:

- Consultation has started for the Fawkner Outdoor Pool.
- We encourage everyone who lives in Fawkner to participate on the Conversations Moreland page and other pop up events for deciding the future of the pool.

ASMA OMER – CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE PLAYGROUND

What is the budget allocated for the Charles Mutton Reserve Playground and is this a sufficient amount without compromising an upgrade, expansion and include all the necessary facilities the community needs in the immediate future?

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

- Tonight, Council will be considering the draft budget. I understand that Cr Bolton will raise an amended motion in regards to this issue may be discussed at that point.

ASMA OMER - CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE

Do you think the Council understands the Demographic of the people using this park? Do you think their needs will be met by the council's decision to relocate the park?

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Bolton advised:

- Council is aware of some of the issues but not all issues, it has been made aware through the petition and some of the approaches to Council on this matter.
- I will be raising a motion to bring forward the upgrade of the playground.

MISBAH ISHTIAQ - CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE PLAYGROUND

Regarding Mutton Reserve Fawkner. In council plans they are going to move adventure play area. Do that area has capacity to accommodate more than 20 families everyday in summer. We use this park everyday even existing area doesn't accommodate all the kids. As Misbah Ishtiaq was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MISBAH ISHTIAQ - STATEMENT

We want an upgrade to Mutton Reserve adventure area. it is 20 years old and doesn't fulfil kids need. All the swings are rusty you don't want to touch them, not enough play equipment and not enough space to accommodate all kids. It is in miserable state. we strongly ask Moreland council to upgrade play area and don't move it to different location instead extend this area. We need this park as this is only entertainment for our kids. As Misbah Ishtiaq was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

BEATRIZ LOPEZ – CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE

Sunshades and adequate seating should be a basic requirement at a public adventure playground, especially with increasing hot temperatures and Australia's skin cancer statistics. At Charles Mutton Reserve, groups of 10 and 20 people are having to sit on the lawns for lack of seating and there is only one shady tree left -since the rest were removed by Moreland Council. How and when does Moreland Council plan on making this upgrade so that it's users are able to comfortably and safely use the space in the coming summer?

The Mayor advised:

- Council is proud of the diversity of Fawkner and would like to make our cities children and family friendly.
- Council will consider bringing further funding forward in the budget item this evening, for Charles Mutton Reserve to address some of the issues raised.

STEPHANIE LAVAU - STORMWATER DRAINAGE - BARRY AND COLLIER STREETS, BRUNSWICK

Is Council committed to implementing a permanent solution to the stormwater flooding issue on Barry St Brunswick, and preventing further damage to cars and property, dangerous road conditions for all road users, and the health risk of exposure to blackwater?

As Stephanie Lavau was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

STEPHANIE LAVAU - STATEMENT

Last weekend we collected 42 signatures from residents of Barry St and other users of this street. This frequent and severe flooding issue affects residents of Barry and nearby streets, but also the broader community of Moreland. Barry St is a popular route for: families, runners and dog walkers heading for Temple or Gilpin Parks; for people heading to the activity zone along Union St; and for cyclists using this well-frequented Brunswick north-south route. I have documented five over the curb floods in the south-eastern section of Barry St in the past 18 months, with residents managing to clear the pit inlet on three of these occasions to prevent property and vehicle damage. I am grateful to the street cleaning crew for their frequent visits in response to our reports of the build-up of needles blocking the stormwater pit inlet. However, street sweeping is not the answer. As also expressed in the statements by other local residents, I look forward to a commitment from council for the redesign of the stormwater system in a way that is sensitive to the various uses and values of this streetscape.

As Stephanie Lavau was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

KATHERINE STRAIN - STORMWATER DRAINAGE - BARRY AND COLLIER STREETS, BRUNSWICK

As Council is aware, due to ineffective storm water management within Barry and Collier Streets, Brunswick - there has been significant property and vehicle damage since early 2020 and more recently on the 3rd/ 4th of May 2021 during the moderate rains when 5 homes were flooded due to a blocked storm water pit at 2-8 Barry Street. This issue has been bounced around various council departments and attempted to be pushed on to Melbourne Water, however the cause of the issue has never been addressed by Moreland Council in a meaningful way - being the tree debris and needles from the trees in the median strip of Barry Street. On a very rare occasions, the streets are swept, however it is losing battle given the extent of debris. We insist that Moreland Council address this issue in a permanent way to prevent further property loss and public safety threat that the continual blocked drains pose to the residents (and rates payers) of Moreland.

As Katherine Strain was not in attendance, their question will be responded to in writing.

MIRIAM CAHIR - STORMWATER DRAINAGE - BARRY AND COLLIER STREETS, BRUNSWICK

I live on Barry St and my property was flooded on 4 May, causing damage to the ground floor and walls, and incurring unwanted personal expense by way of insurance premiums. I lodged a report and a complaint (ref 1030350) but no contact from Moreland has been made to me yet. This will happen again and again unless some major rectifications to the storm water drains, street and trees are made. I have since heard that Moreland City Council actually has a solution at the ready.

When will Moreland be able to communicate this solution to affected residents (ratepayers) and commence deployment of the necessary works? Otherwise we will keep getting flooded, risk our health with unsanitary water and our premiums will keep going up.

As Miriam Chair was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

7.48 pm Time Extension

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That question time be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

ANGUS IBBOTT - FOR A SAFER NICHOLSON ST/ALBION ST BEND, BRUNSWICK EAST

Why has Council built a bike and pedestrian path in Jones Park that leads straight onto the most dangerous part of the Nicholson Street Bend and with no safe or accessible crossing?

As Angus Ibbott was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

ANGUS IBBOTT - STATEMENT

I have lived on this street for over 15 years and walked my children to and from school. There are daily near misses. Our kids have witnessed car crashing into footpaths, electricity poles, into the park and into houses and the trees including right outside their school. Cars have flipped upside down and impaled themselves into the barriers and into gates. We are used to the sirens of fire, police and ambulance and neighbours running onto the street in their pyjamas to make sure that no-one has been injured. Our friends/neighbours children were millimetres from injury or worse when a car ran off the road and onto the footpath and into a house. They were just walking to school. It should not take a headline (like the one in South Melbourne this week) saying that someone has died walking to school to get the Council to act. Passing the buck to VicRoads or the State Government is not good enough. We pay our rates and we belong to this community and Council needs to do more than just write letters of concern. You have responsibility to act in the interests of the safety of the school community, park users, the residents on the street and pedestrians who walk our streets to catch the tram or visit CERE's. You can address the footpaths (that is your responsibility), you can call an urgent meeting with the Minister about the safety concerns and near misses and you can call a community meeting to deal with residents' fears.

As Angus Ibbott was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

7.48pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting

NICOLE KEARNEY - FOR A SAFER NICHOLSON ST/ALBION ST BEND, BRUNSWICK EAST

I live on the dangerous bend where Nicholson Street meets Albion Street in Brunswick East. The triple bend in the road mean that cars constantly swerve out of control and there is an unacceptably high frequency of accidents. My front fence has been smashed into 8 times since the safety barrier was removed in 2016 (because the barrier had been damaged by a crash). The footpaths along the bend are heavily used by pedestrians and cyclists on their way to Brunswick East Primary School and Jones Park. The probability that a pedestrian will be hit on the footpath is very high. It is also very frustrating that our fence has now effectively replaced the previous barrier (and is now uninsurable). What will council do to resolve this problem? The safety of the footpath is the responsibility of council. As is providing a safe route to school for the children of Brunswick East. Will council liaise with the Department of Transport to develop solutions to ensure the safety of Moreland residents (pedestrians, cyclists and motorists) and residential property?

At the request of the Mayor, Kirsten Coster, Director City Futures advised:

- Council has been working closely with the Department of Transport to try and resolve the safety issues raised. An item requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads and Road Safety will be considered this evening.

7.49pm Cr Yildiz returned.

7.53pm Cr Panopoulos left the meeting

JOHN ENGLART - SECOND HOCKEY PITCH

8.1 Feasibility study for a second hockey pitch in Moreland. Will the feasibility study into a new Hockey field include a triple bottom line assessment of the social, environmental, economic benefits and impacts, including likely life-cycle carbon footprint, microplastics pollution, end of life waste to landfill disposal?

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Riley advised:

- I will be moving an amendment that the Feasibility Study for a Second Hockey Pitch In Moreland, include a triple bottom line - environmental, social and economic - assessment of the pros and cons for the different playing field surfaces options.

7.56pm Cr Panopoulos returned

7.56pm Cr El-Halabi left the meeting

JOHN ENGLART - PUBLIC TRANSPORT ADVOCACY

Can this Motion be amended to include advocacy for:

- the No 58 West Coburg tram route extension to Boundary Road in Pascoe Vale;
- the No 19 Sydney Road tram to Campbellfield; and
- the extension of the Upfield rail line to Craigieburn?

Nearly all of the candidates for Council, including many of you here tonight, responded to the Climate survey by Climate Action Moreland and Neighbours United for Climate Action prior to Council election in 2020. There was strongly agreement with advocacy by Council to upgrade public transport, Including: Duplication and extension of the Upfield train line to improve capacity and congestion issues, Extension of the No 19 Sydney Road tram further north to Campbellfield and Extension of the No 58 West Coburg tram along Turner and Derby Street to Boundary Road in Pascoe Vale.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Tapinos advised:

- These items will be considered for inclusion in the motion for the Public Transport Advocacy report this evening.

7.57pm Cr El-Halabi returned

JANE HOLROYD – E SCOOTERS

In reference to tonight's agenda item 'Trial of E Scooters' can council please name the roads that will be safe and appealing for E scooter riders to use if Moreland is successful in gaining approval to trial a share E scooter scheme?

At the request of the Mayor, Kirsten Coster, Director City Futures advised:

- Pop up lanes have been delayed due to utility works.
- Legislation has been introduced to manage the trial. The trial is restricted to roads with a speed limit of 50kms per hour.
- Scooters are limited to a speed of 20kms per hour.
- The trial is for Commercial operators, not private users

JANE HOLROYD - E SCOOTERS

What does council consider a safe speed for E scooters (and E Bikes) on shared paths?

At the request of the Mayor, Kirsten Coster, Director City Futures advised:

- E Scooters will be limited to being used on roads only.

The following questions were taken on notice.

DENISE WALSH - HOSKEN RESERVE

Why is it that environmental action only takes places when it is convenient? The decision for synthetic turf is just an easy solution and is not in keeping with the goals toward a healthier planet. I am surrounded by a huge new industrial estate with little to no green space, please make sensible choices to balance this by keeping green space whenever there is a opportunity to do so.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JENNY CHAPMAN - FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE

The Moreland Aquatic and Leisure Strategy 2018-2038 states that the Fawkner leisure centre has been graded as a “district level” facility within the council “hierarchy”. Does this imply that Fawkner residents will suffer a reduction in amenity, with the removal of the outdoor pools? This is of concern to me as the outdoor pool in Fawkner has proven a valuable community asset, with limited other recreational activities available in the area

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

CATHERINE EDWARDS - HOSKEN RESERVE

What right does Moreland City Council have to disregard Community Consultation and cancel the promised “Refresh Group Meetings”?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

CATHERINE EDWARDS - HOSKEN RESERVE

How does changing from natural grass to synthetic pitch at Hosken Reserve support any Moreland City Council environmental strategies for the future?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

HIRA SALMAN - CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE PLAYGROUND

Last summer, 90% of the people using the adventure playground between 6pm and 9pm were women and their kids, with up to 80% of them belonging to the Pakistani Muslim community. By relocating the playground to the other side of the park, close to the football field - a male dominated sport, has Moreland Council considered the comfort and need for a feeling of safety of the female community using the playground?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

HIRA SALMAN - CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE PLAYGROUND

With the skyrocketing prices of Fawkner Land value, how is Moreland catering to the upgradation of amenities around it catering to the people buying land over there? If I buy land I would want the area should accommodate the need and quality of amenities around. Since with growing number of townhouses increasing the population of the area. So does the playgrounds need to be big and having variety of equipment to cater the different age group coming to the play area.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

ARTURO DE LUCAS - STATEMENT

The Fawkner outdoor pool is a community asset. It requires investment to ensure it becomes a place for the community to gather.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

TREISA ROWE - FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE

Can council please justify how they have only spent just over \$2m maintaining Fawkner's leisure centre and outdoor pools in the last 15 years despite the fact that council staff have advised the community the pools have a 25 year life span and are over 60yrs old? Why should Fawkner's community and the future generations pay the price of your neglect by losing our pools or significantly downgrading them? Please explain how this budgeting and your planned budget for Fawkner Leisure Centre is meeting your responsibility to represent the needs of the residents of Fawkner, surrounding suburbs and future generations.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

FAYE SCANLAN - FAWKNER OUTDOOR POOL

It is Moreland City Council's responsibility to manage the assets of the community and keep them fit for purpose. It has just come to the attention of the Fawkner community that one of our most valued assets (our outdoor pools) are no longer fit for purpose and need to be replaced. This implies they have had a very low asset grading for many years and this has likely been known to Council for a long time. If outdoor pools have a 25 year lifespan and Fawkner's outdoor pools have not been replaced in over 60 years - Where is the money that has been put aside to maintain our outdoor pools given Council has had this knowledge for a long time?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

FAYE SCANLAN - FAWKNER OUTDOOR POOL

How is the need to manage one of Fawkner's most valued assets (our outdoor pools) to keep them fit for purpose into the future been acknowledged and reflected in the budget allocated to Fawkner Leisure Centre in Moreland's Aquatic and Leisure Strategy 2018-38? Moreland City Council's neglect to maintain our asset is a problem that MCC has created in its neglect and a responsibility of Council to resolve. Our community deserves more from its Council and Counsellors - you are supposed to be giving to our community - not taking away what we have.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

LEWIS TUCK - FAWKNER PARKS AND LEISURE BUDGET

Strong community perception is that Fawkner community has been neglected by Moreland City Council in its budgets, strategies and policies for far too long and that this is happening again in Moreland's Aquatic and Leisure Management Strategy 2018-38 and associated budget– if this is not the case, prove it to us.

What projects you have funded in Fawkner under the Parks and Leisure budget and the Capital works budget in the past 15 years and what was their total cost?

What is the total Parks and Leisure budget and the Capital Works budget that Moreland City Council has spent in the past 15 years?

What percentage of the total budget has been spent on Fawkner in the past 15 years?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

CATERINA CINANNI - FOR A SAFER NICHOLSON ST/ALBION ST BEND, BRUNSWICK EAST

Local residents living near last week's truck accident in Southbank which injured 5 pedestrians, had complained numerous times about near misses and traffic mounting the footpath. Residents have independently recorded over 60 serious accidents on the Nicholson street Bend that have involved cars mounting the footpath, knocking down poles and crashing into Jones Park and residents houses. What is the Councils internal processes for prioritising hazardous intersections and roads? How does Council record near misses and how many near misses and incidents are required to determine urgent upgrades for a road? What is the Councils internal trigger that escalates a footpath or road into a priority list for improvement? In addition to writing letters to DOT, what other practical measures has Council taken to address the safety risks on the Nicholson Bend?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MARGARET-MARY CASHIN - HOSKEN RESERVE

Question –

On reading the Hosken Reserve Masterplan Refresh engagement report from independent consultants there are three clear "NEXT STEPS ...to be determined by council (p36)" "Create an issues hierarchy" "delivering public value...who this project is serving... consideration needs to be given to other locations (including Richards Reserve) and the appropriateness". "issue of synthetic is deeply divisive" but if you look to online Survey analysis results p31 you see solid opposition greater than 50% to conversion to soccer (regardless of surface) of open fields, see below, · 71% respondents indicated they were opposed to "upgrade and redevelop a full-size synthetic soccer pitch on the north oval" (335 responses out of total = 467 surveyed) · 66% opposed "upgrade and redevelop a full-size hybrid soccer pitch on the North oval" (306 out of 467) · 64% opposed "extend the rectangular field... convert the grass surface to synthetic" (301 out of 467) · 59% opposed "installation of a fence around any upgrade redevelopment...!" (277 out of 467) · 57% opposed "upgrade and redevelop the main oval as a full size soccer field..." (267 out

of 467 and, despite Football Victoria concerted effort in favour of soccer by distributing the survey link throughout their Moreland soccer membership regardless of where living). Thus, the Report actually indicates strongly that Hosken Reserve is not fit for the purpose of soccer plans, it's residential and growing more-so with the eastern side of Reserve listed by planning as transitioning to residential, it does not have the traffic and road infrastructure with the iron works actually owning part of the current car park on the eastern side of the Reserve, the poor design of site location, locking up of public open space for a singular code, soccer, that has only an 8% people participate in all of Moreland, compared to 36% of people who walk, 15% who run, 21% who cycle, etc, for exercise in Moreland (Fig 1 p12), the environmental costs, the ongoing financial burden and carbon cost of non-real grass options. The MCC Director synopsis and recommendations of the Consultants Engagement Report is not true to the Consultant's Report. His recommendation 3 (a,b,c) to Council simply does not align with the Consultants actual Reported NEXT STEPS.

Why is the Directors synopsis containing 3 items for consideration by council vastly different to the actual 3 "NEXT STEPS" outlined in the Consultant's report?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JESSICA RUTHERFORD - STATEMENT

Dog park at Richards reserve - requires lighting. It is very unsafe at night.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

ALISTAIR HASKETT - STATEMENT

Too many accidents and near-misses have occurred on the Nicholson-Albion bend as a result of cars, trucks and buses driving too fast. We must address the risk urgently. I cross the road on the Nicholson-Albion bend every day as part of my daily commute, and I live in the area. I always cross at the pedestrian crossing on the Nicholson-Albion bend. On a weekly basis I witness cars, buses and trucks either (1) driving through a red light at the pedestrian crossing; or (2) slamming their breaks to stop in time, almost causing a pile up. The vehicles drive too quickly around the Nicholson-Albion bend, perhaps due to the (1) slope of the road; and (2) lack of visibility due to the angle of the bend. I am an adult and always take care crossing the road. But I fear that it is a matter of time before we will see a tragedy involving a child crossing to or from Brunswick East Primary School or after they have visited the local park. The risk is unacceptable. How can we rationalize having cars, trucks and buses speeding past a local primary school? In my view, the Council should take steps to either:

(1) prohibit non-local traffic on the Nicholson-Albion bend (non-local traffic can be re-directed to Lygon Street); or

(2) install chicanes to slow the cars, trucks and buses before they reach the bend. I urge the Council to act swiftly to address this significant problem.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MATT CHIDO - STATEMENT

The Albion/Nicholson Street bend and the stretch either side of the bend is of great concern for my family and I. A dad of two young daughters I fear for their safety every time we cross the road to visit Jones Park. The police presence to control the speed of drivers isn't enough of a deterrent and they are never there when real offenders are about. Most nights we hear drivers in high powered vehicles speed up the Albion Street stretch after treating the bend as a sweeping left turn on a race track. I've even witnessed cars travelling in excess of 100km/hr speed past my house. With over 60 accidents being recorded by my neighbours it's about time we did something about the bend and the stretch either side of it.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MARRIA NOORANI - PLAYGROUND UPDATE

With regards to the upgrade of the adventure playground - I was curious whether there is possibly another site possible for relocation, I am not comfortable with the idea of having the playground so close to the public toilets, as well as being very close to the road.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JOANNE GINN – HOSKEN RESERVE

Hosken Reserve currently has an open space that permits a certain safety element when walking or pushing a pram in the space . If two separate soccer pitches are fenced on the north side of the reserve this will change the “escape” options for the threats to personal safety. How are we at a point that Council will decide to allow a fence without assessing the safety elements of such a change?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JOANNE GINN - HOSKEN RESERVE

It has become obvious throughout the Hosken refresh (and tender) process that some Councillors may not have fully considered their conflicts of interest as set out in the conflict of interest guide for Councillors. Will all Councillors assure the community that they will be impartial in their decision making and declare and conflicts of interest in the decision around Hosken Reserve and the refresh plan.

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

BEATRIZ LOPEZ - CHARLES MUTTON RESERVE

The Adventure Playground at Charles Mutton Reserve is 20 years old. That is over 10 years it's recommended shelf life. Being such a central community playground to Fawkner, when does Moreland council plan on giving it the importance it deserves and upgrade it to meet the capacity of its users?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

ROD CALLANDER - SHARED CYCLING PATHS

There are two shared cycling paths constructed by the Moreland Council that have never been properly completed with appropriate signage and line markings, namely:

- (i) the path on the south side of Hilton St between West St and Widford St, constructed over ten years ago, and

- (ii) the path on the north side of O'Hea St between Irvine St and Dale Ave, constructed about four years ago,

Both of these paths are on the State Governments principal bike network.

Can the Moreland Council place signage and line markings on both of these shared cycling paths to improve safety for both cyclists and pedestrians?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

CHRIS ENNIS - ALBION AND NICHOLSON CORNER ROAD SAFETY

If the State Government continues to ignore residents' calls for action, as it has done, what is the City of Moreland going to do to protect pedestrians, residents and properties on the Nicholson/Albion corner from car accidents?

This question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

Public Question Time concluded at 8.02 pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 HOSKEN RESERVE MASTERPLAN REFRESH - ENGAGEMENT REPORT AND OPTIONS

Following a December 2020 Council resolution, a refresh project commenced of the Hosken Reserve 2009 Masterplan. An extensive community engagement process commenced in February and this phase of engagement formally concluded in March 2021. The formal methods of engagement had a reach of 5,082 page visits to Conversations Moreland project page, 467 surveys completed, 216 Q&A contributions, 13 submissions, 6 stakeholder interviews, and 4 on-site pop up sessions held with 153 unique engagements.

During the engagement process it was clear that Hosken Reserve is a much loved reserve by both the residents and the sporting clubs that use this reserve.

A range of local and broader issues were raised. The engagement process was complex and at times divisive. Useful feedback on a whole range of elements for the Hosken Reserve was captured.

Local residents value the use of the ovals at Hosken Reserve for passive recreation, exercise and dog walking. Local residents have significant concerns about synthetic turf, additional sporting infrastructure, and existing and future hours of access. Pascoe Vale Football Club and other formal clubs are committed to continuing use of ovals for matches, training and the future development of sport.

The independent consultants' Background Report and Engagement Summary report are attached here for consideration.

The next step in the process was intended to be for a group of community representatives (including local residents and sports club participation) to be appointed, to review community feedback and make recommendations to Council for consideration as part of the master plan research.

After conducting the consultation process so far, the consultants advise that the "*[i]ssue of synthetic is deeply divisive: we believe we are unlikely to achieve a resolution through the refresh group on the use of synthetic, grass or hybrid surface.*" (page 48, Attachment 1).

If the refresh group process and master plan review is to go ahead, and be effective, then Council needs to first set some direction around the surface, sports infrastructure and sports use of the reserve.

Depending on directions set, a refresh group may or may not be the appropriate next phase of engagement, to ensure the best possible community outcomes for the reserve.

An options table has been included in this officer report for Councillor consideration. It is

recommended that Councillors choose a way forward, so that the Hosken Reserve masterplan refresh process can proceed.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Thanks local residents, club members and other community members for their involvement and input into the Hosken Reserve Refresh community engagement process;
2. Notes the Background Report and Engagement Summary Report by the independent consultants; and
3. Resolves on the following directions:
 - a) [Surface Treatment option]
 - b) [North Oval Sporting Infrastructure option]
 - c) [North Oval Access and Use option]
4. Resolves on the following next step:
[Process option]

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Thanks local residents, club members and other community members for their involvement and input into the Hosken Reserve Refresh community engagement process;**
2. **Notes the Background Report and Engagement Summary Report by the independent consultants;**
3. **Retains the North oval and East field as natural grass and installs a hybrid surface on the South field;**
4. **Installs a low-level 1.1m black chain mesh fence, with gates that will not be locked, to formalise a football pitch on the North Oval that meets Football Victoria standards;**
5. **Confirms that the North and East playing areas at Hosken Reserve are to be shared spaces by the Pascoe Vale Football Club and the general community.**
6. **Confirms that no dogs are to be permitted on to the playing areas on game days and at training times in accordance with the General Local Law 2018; and**
7. **Resolves that the Refresh Group process will commence as soon as possible to inform the design options for a refreshed masterplan for Hosken Reserve.**

Carried unanimously

8.36 pm Mayor adjourned the meeting for five minutes.

8.47 pm Mayor resumed the meeting.

With the agreement of the Council, the Mayor brought forward Notice of Motion 8.6: For A Safer Nicholson St/Albion St Bend, Brunswick East for consideration before item 7.2 Proposed Moreland City Council 4-Year Budget 2021-2025.

Carried

8.6 FOR A SAFER NICHOLSON ST/ALBION ST BEND, BRUNSWICK EAST

Motion

That Council:

1. Requests an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Ben Carroll to seek a State solution to the significant safety issues as the Nicholson and Albion Street, Brunswick East bend including the investigation into possible solutions such as:
 - a) Reinstatement of a guard rail along the edge of the footpath to protect pedestrians and property
 - b) Installation of traffic calming devices such as speed humps
 - c) Road design improvements such as possible conversion to a t-intersection and removal of large trucks
 - d) Creating a safe and accessible crossing from the Jones Park pedestrian bike path across Albion Street and installing a sign to indicate to motorists that this is a spot where large numbers of children cross
 - e) Install a safe crossing on the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection and consider shifting the current school crossing to the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection
2. Receives a future report with recommendations following these discussions outlining actions that Council can implement to enhance the work of the Department of Transport in addressing the safety issues on this important State managed road.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Requests an urgent meeting with the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, the Hon Ben Carroll to seek a State solution to the significant safety issues as the Nicholson and Albion Street, Brunswick East bend including the investigation into possible solutions such as:**
 - a) **Reinstatement of a guard rail along the edge of the footpath to protect pedestrians and property**
 - b) **Installation of traffic calming devices such as speed humps**
 - c) **Road design improvements such as possible conversion to a t-intersection and removal of large trucks**
 - d) **Creating a safe and accessible crossing from the Jones Park pedestrian bike path across Albion Street and installing a sign to indicate to motorists that this is a spot where large numbers of children cross**
 - e) **Install a safe crossing on the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection and consider shifting the current school crossing to the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection**
2. **Receives a future report with recommendations following these discussions outlining actions that Council can implement to enhance the work of the Department of Transport in addressing the safety issues on this important State managed road.**

Carried unanimously

7.2 PROPOSED MORELAND CITY COUNCIL 4-YEAR BUDGET 2021-2025

With changes in the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must prepare and adopt a rolling 4-year Budget that contains financial statements and other matters. This must be finally approved by Council no later than 30 June each year. The purpose of this report is to present Moreland City Council's proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 (the Proposed Budget) for endorsement for community exhibition.

The Proposed Budget continues to deliver services to Moreland's 188,000 plus residents within the one and a half per cent rate cap set by the State Government, funds Councillor and community initiatives and delivers critical major projects while maintaining Council's financial sustainability.

The Proposed Budget has been developed in an unprecedented and rapidly changing environment following the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on Council's revenue over the past eighteen months and the financial impact is anticipated to continue in to the 2021-22 financial year.

Key features of the budget include:

- An operating projects program of \$5.2 million. Key projects in the program include:
 - Zero Carbon Moreland (ZCM) Emergency Action Plan (\$0.4 million);
 - Urban Forest Strategy – Tree Planting Regime (\$0.5 million) and Nature Plan Implementation (\$0.1 million)
 - Additional resourcing for Planning Quality Outcomes including additional planning enforcement and enforcement for unsightly property (\$0.4 million)
 - Continuing the Youth Strategy implementation (\$0.2 million); and
 - Australian Energy Foundation Funding Agreement (\$0.2 million).
- A capital works program of \$61.3 million. Key projects in the program include:
 - Continuing the construction of the Glenroy Community Hub (\$11.0 million);
 - Commencing the design of the \$20.6 million Fawkner Leisure Centre redevelopment (\$0.6 million);
 - Commencing the construction of the \$11.3 million Fleming Park redevelopment (\$6.5 million);
 - Park Close to Home, the creation of new parks in dense urban areas including Service Street, Coburg, Cardinal Road, Glenroy and the commencement of Frith Street, Brunswick (\$3.5 million);
 - Delivering the creation of new parks through the Park Close to Home program (\$3.5 million);
 - Library Books and Library Collection (\$1.0 million);
 - Footpaths and Bike paths (\$7.1 million); and
 - Roads and carparks (\$8.9 million).
- Providing core services and programs to support the community through the pandemic and economic recovery:
 - Continuing the solar and/or thermal grants for low-income earners (\$0.4 million);
 - Funding to develop a new Food Hub in Moreland's north (\$0.1 million), along with core funding for Council's food systems strategy program (\$0.1 million);
 - Additional operational funding to support expanded operations for community services at the new Glenroy Community Hub (\$0.1 million);
 - Funding for Social Cohesion Plan (\$0.1 million) and Living and Ageing Well Plan (\$0.1 million);
 - Core Economic Development services and programs to support local business;

- Other programs and services in Council's core services and operational projects; and
- Supporting job creation through Council's capital works program.
- The Proposed Budget continues Council's strong commitment to delivering on its major projects pipeline with a further \$4 million set aside for the Significant Projects Reserve to fund future projects. The Glenroy Hub project is being completed in 2021-22 and the Saxon Street Redevelopment being delivered over 2022-2024. Following this, the Fawkner Aquatic Centre redevelopment is the next project in the pipeline to be funded from this reserve;
- A surplus of \$0.3 million which is proposed to be kept aside for allocation following the public exhibition feedback submissions.

This report presents the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 (**Attachment 1**) and the Proposed 4-year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 (**Attachment 2**) for Council endorsement to make them available for public exhibition and comment.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025, at Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of community exhibition.
2. Endorses the Proposed 4-year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025, at Attachment 2 to this report (developed to inform the Proposed Budget), for the purpose of community exhibition.
3. Notes that \$4.0 million will be transferred to Significant Projects Reserve to accumulate funding for Council's long-term significant priorities which include, but are not limited to, the Glenroy Community Hub project and the Saxon Street project. This consists of:
 - i. \$3.5 million to be directly transferred to the Significant Projects Reserve; and
 - ii. \$0.5 million of the building project contamination allowance at the end of the 2021-22 financial year should it not be used.
4. Invites feedback on the budget for the 14-day public exhibition period until 5pm on 31 May 2021.
5. Makes the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 and Proposed 4-year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 available on the Council website and hard copies available at the three civic centres and all libraries.
6. Appoints the Deputy Mayor as Chair, and Councillors to hear from submitters who indicate they wish to be heard in support of their feedback in relation to the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025.
7. Sets the date and time of the meeting to hear submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written feedback to the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 as 6pm on 2 June 2021, to be held at the Coburg Civic Centre (noting that the location and format of this is subject to change in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions).
8. Receives a further report at its meeting on 24 June 2021 outlining any feedback received on the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 and Proposed 4-Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025; and presenting a final Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 and a final 4-year Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 for consideration for adoption.

Motion

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. Endorses the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025, at Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of community exhibition.
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Amendment

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded –

That Council remove phasing out of gas from the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 – (\$100,000).

Lost

Cr Riley called for a division.

For

Cr Davidson
Cr El-Halabi
Cr Pavlidis
Cr Tapinos
Cr Yildiz

Total For (5)

Against

Cr Bolton
Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Conlan
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Pulford
Cr Riley

Total Against (6)

Amendment

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

At item 1, insert “ subject to the following change:

Reduce budgeted permit revenue by \$140,000 to reflect the proposal to make the first residential parking permit free, which will be consulted on as part of the community consultation on the Draft revised Parking Management Policy.”

Lost

Cr Pavlidis called for a division.

For	Against
Cr Davidson	Cr Bolton
Cr El-Halabi	Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
Cr Tapinos	Cr Panopoulos
Cr Yildiz	Cr Pulford
	Cr Riley
Total For (5)	Total Against (6)

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025, at Attachment 1 to this report, for the purpose of community exhibition, subject to the following changes:**
 - **In the 2021-22 Capital Works program, rephase \$100,000 of the existing Charles Mutton Reserve Open Space allocation in the 2022-23 Capital Plan year to 2021-22. This is to provide for completion of design works, community consultation costs and commencement of construction of the Mutton Reserve Playground with completion of construction in 2022-23.**
 - **Approve the continuation of parklet program relief measures for 2021-22, with all existing Parklet permits to be extended free until June 2022, and a freeze on fee increases for the Parklet Program 21/22 with all new long Term or short term parklet permits at 50% off the fee until June 2022.**
 - **Amend the 2021-22 Fees and Charges Schedule as follows:**

City Change -> Transport -> Car Share Parking Space

 - **Car share – parking space fee to have a 0% increase**
 - **Amend the 2021-22 Fees and Charges Schedule as follows:**

Capital Works Planning & Delivery -> Engineering Services -> Fees for assessing and approving onsite stormwater detention drainage plans for developments

 - **10+ lot development fee to increase by 5%**
 - **2 & 3 lot developments fee to increase by 5%**
 - **4 to 9 lot development fees to increase by 5%**
 - **Apartment buildings fee to increase by 5%**
 - **Medium to large commercial developments fee to increase by 5%**

City Development -> Planning Fees & Services -> Extension of time to a planning permit

- 2-9 dwellings fee to increase by 5%
- 10-19 dwellings fee to increase by 5%
- 20+ dwellings fee to increase by 5%

City Development -> Planning Fees & Services -> Extension of time to a planning permit – Second & Subsequent Request

- 2-9 dwellings fee to increase by 5%
- 10+ dwelling fees to increase by 5%

City Development -> Building Services Statutory Notices and Orders

- Request to retain illegal building works – class 1 & 2 fee to increase by 5%
- Request to retain illegal building works – class 3 & 9 fee to increase by 5%
- Request to retain illegal building works – class 10 to increase by 5%
- Additional inspection fee to increase by 5%

2. **Endorses the Proposed 4-year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025, at Attachment 2 to this report (developed to inform the Proposed Budget), for the purpose of community exhibition.**
3. **Notes that \$4.0 million will be transferred to Significant Projects Reserve to accumulate funding for Council’s long-term significant priorities which include, but are not limited to, the Glenroy Community Hub project and the Saxon Street project. This consists of:**
 - i. **\$3.5 million to be directly transferred to the Significant Projects Reserve; and**
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4. **Invites feedback on the budget for the 14-day public exhibition period until 5pm on 31 May 2021.**
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6. **Appoints the Deputy Mayor as Chair, and Councillors to hear from submitters who indicate they wish to be heard in support of their feedback in relation to the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025.**
7. **Sets the date and time of the meeting to hear submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written feedback to the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 as 6pm on 2 June 2021, to be held at the Coburg Civic Centre (noting that the location and format of this is subject to change in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions).**
8. **Receives a further report at its meeting on 24 June 2021 outlining any feedback received on the Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 and Proposed 4-Year Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025; and presenting a final Proposed 4-year Budget 2021-2025 and a final 4-year Proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 for consideration for adoption.**

Carried unanimously

7.3 10 YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS - ANNUAL REVIEW AND UPDATE

The first 10 Year Capital Work Program for Pedestrians and Cyclists (the Programs) was adopted by Council in June 2019 in response to Headline Action 10 in the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS). This report provides an annual progress update on achievements for 2020/21, and a revised rolling 10-year capital program.

Since July 2020, the Pedestrian Program has delivered the following projects:

- Urquhart Street and Pentridge Boulevard pedestrian operated signals
- Refuge island on South Street, Hadfield (near Cumberland Road)
- Speed Humps in Jukes Road and Anderson Road, Fawkner; Clovelly Avenue, Glenroy; and Willet Avenue, Oak Park
- Raised thresholds at Gaffney Village, Pascoe Vale; Wilna Street and Gaffney Street, Pascoe Vale; Albion Street and Westbourne Street, Brunswick; David Street and Glenlyon Road, Brunswick; and Logan Street and Glenroy Road, Glenroy.

Since July 2020, progress on projects in the cycling program within rail corridors have resumed, with Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM) resolving their legal issues. Federal stimulus funding has been received for Stages 2 and 3 of the Craigieburn Shared Path, with construction of both stages planned to be completed by the end of 2021/22. Projects delivered in 2020/21 (or on track to be delivered) include:

- New shared paths on Rhodes Parade, Glenroy; KW Joyce Reserve, Pascoe Vale; and Kingfisher Gardens, Brunswick East (CERES to the new Merri Creek bridge);
- Separated bike lanes on Northumberland Road and Kent Street, Pascoe Vale; and Dawson Street, Brunswick;
- A replacement bridge at Edgars Creek bridge, Coburg North;
- Union Street, Brunswick refuge island for the Upfield Shared Path; and
- Multiple small-scale bicycle improvements such as linemarking and pram ramps, including 136 bike parking hoops installed (272 bike parking spaces).

Council has long advocated for bicycle lanes on Cumberland Road, a State arterial road under the control of Department of Transport (DoT). In May 2018 the Victorian Government announced a commitment to deliver cycling link on Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale (State controlled road) with a commitment of \$2 million. This link is a critical gap in the Coburg to Glenroy Cycling Link which has been low stress infrastructure with cyclists separated from cars. It also provides a missing route to key destinations along Cumberland Road.

In June 2020, the Member for Pascoe Vale, Lizzie Blandthorn MLA, announced the route would be moved to Council roads where bicycles would need to share the road with vehicles on Kent Road, and use unseparated painted bicycles lanes on Derby Street.

Given the State Government's position on the Kent/Derby route alignment, a decision before Council is whether to allow the key link to be on these local Council roads and thus whether to accept the State Government funding for associated works which will then be provided in their 2021/22 budget.

The Kent Road / Derby Street alignment proposal is not recommended as it does not provide a high quality, low stress and safe route that will avoid car dooring that will improve transport choices for cyclists of all confidence levels. However, separated bike lanes on the Cumberland Road alignment results in considerably more loss of on street parking than previously considered. As such it is recommended to consult further on both

alignments (Cumberland and Kent/Derby) with the local community and report back to Council with recommended next steps at a future meeting.

At the April 2021 Council Meeting, Council requested (NOM 8.12) investigation into separated bicycle lanes on Dawson Street / Glenlyon Road, Brunswick / Brunswick East and Munro / Harding Streets, Coburg. An overview of the project, including very preliminary cost and expected impacts has been undertaken by Council officers in the short time available.

Due to the expected large cost and impact, it is recommended that Council undertake consultation on separated bicycle lanes as a part of next year's more in-depth consultation of the 10 Year Capital Works Programs which will include: public meetings, interactive maps, and the use of Conversations Moreland webpage.

The annual review of the pedestrian and bicycle capital works program has been undertaken to ensure Council is optimising opportunities from external agencies and funding grants, and also reprioritising projects based on merit. The updated programs for the pedestrian and bicycle 10-year capital works are at **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** respectively.

At its meeting to adopt the budget for 2019/20, Council resolved to (EMF24/19), among other things: "Notes the commitment of \$11.88 per capita in the 2019/20 financial year towards the 10-year pedestrian and cyclist capital works program and commits funding an annual minimum of \$10 per capita for the remainder of the strategy." It is unclear if this minimum spend per capita is based solely on rates income, or if grant funding is included. This report seeks to clarify this component as it may have impacts from 2022/23 onwards.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the updated 10 Year Capital Works Program for Pedestrians at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Adopts the updated 10 Year Capital Works Program for Cyclists at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Notes the projects for 2021/22 will be delivered in accordance with the adopted budget.
4. Advises the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon Ben Carroll that as the current plans for the Kent Road and Derby Street alternative alignment for the Glenroy to Coburg cycling link does not provide separated cycling lanes as previously planned on the Cumberland Road alignment, that Council requests an extension of time for the State Government funding to enable Council to undertake consultation on the two alignments with the local community.
5. Undertakes consultation on separated bicycle lanes on Dawson Street / Glenlyon Road, Brunswick / Brunswick East and Munro Street / Harding Street, Coburg as part of next year's more in-depth consultation of the 10 Year Capital Works Programs.
6. Clarifies that its previous resolution at the June 2019 meeting (EMF24/19) to commit to funding an annual minimum of \$10 per head of population towards the 10-year pedestrian and cyclist capital works program is based on rates income only and does not includes funding made available through external grants or other means.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the updated 10 Year Capital Works Program for Pedestrians at Attachment 1 to this report.**
- 2. Adopts the updated 10 Year Capital Works Program for Cyclists at Attachment 2 to this report.**
- 3. Notes the projects for 2021/22 will be delivered in accordance with the adopted budget.**
- 4. Advises the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon Ben Carroll that as the current plans for the Kent Road and Derby Street alternative alignment for the Glenroy to Coburg cycling link does not provide separated cycling lanes as previously planned on the Cumberland Road alignment, that Council requests an extension of time for the State Government funding to enable Council to undertake consultation on the two alignments with the local community.**
- 5. Undertakes consultation on separated bicycle lanes on Dawson Street / Glenlyon Road, Brunswick / Brunswick East and Munro Street / Harding Street, Coburg as part of next year's more in-depth consultation of the 10 Year Capital Works Programs.**
- 6. Clarifies that its previous resolution at the June 2019 meeting (EMF24/19) to commit to funding an annual minimum of \$10 per head of population towards the 10-year pedestrian and cyclist capital works program is based on rates income only and does not includes funding made available through external grants or other means.**

Carried

7.4 MERRI CREEK COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT REPORT

Late in 2019, a sexual assault occurred on the Merri Creek along a popular walking trail just north of Harding Street, Coburg which received widespread media and public attention. This incident and others in the recent past, has highlighted community concerns regarding safety in general and the Merri Creek area in particular. In response to this incident, the Mayor at the time, Cr Tapinos, called for a safety audit on the Merri Creek corridor in Moreland.

Council officers engaged XYX Lab from Monash University to undertake a safety audit and large-scale and extensive community consultation. Their comprehensive report was finalised in September 2020, which included community engagement findings, expert analysis and recommendations.

The Report recommends actions that fall in to three distinct areas:

Building Communities - for example, co-designing any community-building infrastructure and forming support networks along the creek. The proposed Merri Creek Catchment visioning exercise which resulted from a Notice of Motion in February 2021 will recognise the involvement of the community in determining goals, objectives and priorities for the care, management and use of the Merri Creek catchment

Communication and engagement – for example, campaign(s) on the early outcomes of the Merri Creek Coburg Women's Safety Survey, emphasising participation rates and developing mechanisms for encouraging feedback and experiences

Infrastructure and Maintenance - for example, improving paths, signage, lighting and general community infrastructure (benches, artwork).

This topic is relevant and connects with the work of a number of units within Council – open space and maintenance, communications, traffic, places, capital works, community development and urban planning. An internal coordination group will facilitate the

communication, response and actioning of relevant recommendations in the report. Liaison will also be undertaken with Victoria Police as required.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Merri Creek Community Safety Audit Report (2020) prepared by XYX Lab (Monash University) and publicises the report on the Council website.
2. Notes that an internal coordination committee will oversee the implementation of the findings and recommendations of this report.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Merri Creek Community Safety Audit Report (2020) prepared by XYX Lab (Monash University) and publicises the report on the Council website.**
2. **Notes that an internal coordination committee will oversee the implementation of the findings and recommendations of this report.**

Carried

7.5 MORELAND FOOD HUB FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

Executive Summary

The business case for the extension of the Food System Strategy over 2020-2024 was approved as part of the 2020/21 budget, and \$120,000 per year included in the 4-year draft budget. The community Food Hub Feasibility study in the north of Moreland (CAP: 2C1b) is the flagship project of the Food System Strategy and was due to be completed by June 2020 but was delayed until end of October 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Demand for food relief, especially among already food insecure residents in the north of Moreland rose during the pandemic. The feasibility assessment concluded that community stakeholders demonstrate excellent understanding and commitment to addressing food security in ways that are socially inclusive and empowering. Long-term investment in a Collective Impact model that builds community capability and infrastructure will support these groups to address the barriers to equal social and economic access to food

An investment of \$85,000 in 2021/22 is required to implement the first phase of the model and has been referred to in the 21/22 Budget process. This involves establishing a collective impact approach by creating a Food Leadership Action Group (FLAG), engaging a Project Officer and developing a Collective Impact Shared Measurement Framework. This provides the time and resources to consolidate each phase of the project and identify sources of funding which may come from a mixture of local and state government and philanthropic sources. The feasibility study identified the need for both front end (public facing) hubs and a back-end logistics hub as part of the model, which would be phased in over years 2 -5. The Project Officer under the guidance of the FLAG would drive the implementation of these phases.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the plan to develop a Community Food Hub in the north of Moreland, subject to budget approval.

2. Notes that an amount of \$85,000 for 2021/22 has been referred to the 2021/22 Council budget process.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the plan to develop a Community Food Hub in the north of Moreland, subject to budget approval.**
2. **Notes that an amount of \$85,000 for 2021/22 has been referred to the 2021/22 Council budget process.**

Carried

7.6 INNER METROPOLITAN COUNCILS ADVOCACY

An opportunity has arisen for Moreland City Council to join with cities of Melbourne, Darebin, Hobson Bay, Maribyrnong, Moonee Valley, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Yarra in a new collaboration called M9.

M9 is proposed as a newly established inner-city advocacy group, comprising the nine innermost councils. It is proposed that the group will meet at least once each quarter and progress agreed advocacy priorities for Melbourne's most densely populated areas.

Moreland has a proud history of being a founding member of several regional advocacy-based organisations including Northern Council's Alliance (NCA), NORTHLink and Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action (NAGA).

Membership to M9 will round-out Moreland's ability to successfully advocate for inner-city issues in partnership with 8 councils who are dealing with similar challenges. This collaboration will also complement and, in some instances, enhance the work of existing advocacy groupings that Council currently participates in.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Agrees to join the proposed group of inner metropolitan city councils for the purposes of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding formalising Council's membership of M9.
3. Receives further information on proposed advocacy priorities for the group.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Agrees to join the proposed group of inner metropolitan city councils for the purposes of shared advocacy, with a working title of M9.**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute a Memorandum of Understanding formalising Council's membership of M9.**
3. **Receives further information on proposed advocacy priorities for the group.**

Carried

7.7 ELECTRIC SCOOTER TRIAL IN MORELAND

Executive Summary

In December 2019 (NOM66/19), Council resolved to request that the State Government revise the regulatory framework applying to electric scooters (e-scooters) to allow their safe and legal use on roads and bike lanes. Currently e-scooters that have a power output of 200 watts or more, or a top speed of 10km/h or more, cannot be legally used on roads, shared paths or footpaths in Victoria.

At that time, Council also resolved to receive a report assessing the merits of an e-scooter trial in Moreland, following a trial that was to occur in the City of Port Phillip (but did not eventuate).

On 23 April 2021, the State Government announced it would conduct a trial of e-scooters later in 2021, across two metropolitan local government areas and one in regional Victoria. The Department of Transport (DoT) has contacted Council officers as part of selection Expression of Interest (EOI) process to invite Council to submit an expression of interest to participate in the trial.

Council approval is sought to submit an EOI, as Council's previous resolution (NOM66/19) envisaged consideration of a potential trial following a trial first occurring in the City of Port Phillip.

E-scooters represent a potential opportunity to improve transport options and encourage reduced reliance on motor vehicles, consistent with the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS) 2019. This may provide additional transport options, including where a person may not be able to walk or cycle for a particular trip, as well as a "last mile" mobility to and from public transport. This trial is an opportunity to test if it can help improve perceptions and actual real aspects of safety at night time for women and other vulnerable groups as a means to do the "last mile" to home quicker.

Facilitating the safe use of e-scooters on the road is likely to avoid impacts to pedestrians from e-scooter use on footpaths.

The use of e-scooters may have safety, accessibility and amenity impacts if not adequately managed. It is considered that safety is largely the responsibility of the State Government as it regulates the use of various types of vehicles on the road network and it is understood that particular legislation has been developed that will be tested through a trial. Council is considered the appropriate authority to manage local accessibility and amenity impacts including managing how and where e-scooters can be parked.

It is recommended that Council approve that officers prepare an EOI to participate in this trial. Subject to Moreland being selected as a trial area, a further report will be considered prior to the commencement of a trial, with consideration of factors such as how best to manage potential amenity and accessibility impacts, and other trial parameters.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes its former resolution (NOM66/19) to request the State Government facilitate the safe and legal use of electric scooters on roads and bike lanes, and to receive a report on the merits of a Council-led trial of e-scooters in Moreland following the conclusion of a trial that was to occur in the City of Port Phillip.
2. Notes that no trial of e-scooters has occurred in the City of Port Phillip to date, and that the State Government has invited Council to submit an expression of interest to participate in a trial of e-scooters to occur in two metropolitan and one regional local government areas.
3. Approves an expression of interest to be made for Council seeking to participate in

the State Government trial of e-scooters.

4. Subject to Moreland being selected as trial area by the State Government, receives a further report prior to commencing a trial and partnering with an e-scooter provider, including the considerations for a further report as detailed in NOM66/19.
5. Notes that if Council is not successful in being selected for the trial, that the report required in NOM66/19 will be expanded to include the results for this broader trial (when available) noting the trial is anticipated to be in place for 12 months commencing in the Spring of 2021.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes its former resolution (NOM66/19) to request the State Government facilitate the safe and legal use of electric scooters on roads and bike lanes, and to receive a report on the merits of a Council-led trial of e-scooters in Moreland following the conclusion of a trial that was to occur in the City of Port Phillip.**
2. **Notes that no trial of e-scooters has occurred in the City of Port Phillip to date, and that the State Government has invited Council to submit an expression of interest to participate in a trial of e-scooters to occur in two metropolitan and one regional local government areas.**
3. **Approves an expression of interest to be made for Council seeking to participate in the State Government trial of e-scooters.**
4. **Subject to Moreland being selected as trial area by the State Government, receives a further report prior to commencing a trial and partnering with an e-scooter provider, including the considerations for a further report as detailed in NOM66/19.**
5. **Notes that if Council is not successful in being selected for the trial, that the report required in NOM66/19 will be expanded to include the results for this broader trial (when available) noting the trial is anticipated to be in place for 12 months commencing in the Spring of 2021.**

Carried

7.8 WITHDRAWAL OF REQUEST TO AUTHORISE AMENDMENT C193 AND COMMENCE PREPARATION OF AN ACTIVITY CENTRE ZONE FOR THE BRUNSWICK ACTIVITY CENTRE - FOR MINUTES

Council Report 7.7 (10 February 2021) provided Council with an update of the progress of Amendment C193 to the Moreland Planning Scheme. This Report noted that based on early drafts of strategic analysis of Moreland's commercial and employment floor space needs, that the rezoning proposed by Amendment C193 may not be the most effective way to meet Moreland's overall commercial floor space needs and associated employment outcomes. This analysis of Moreland's commercial and industrial employment floor space needs was commissioned following the State Government release of the Melbourne Industrial and Commercial Land Use Plan 2020 (MICLUP) which identified the need for Moreland to increase its employment land considerably.

This further report now brings to Council the finalised strategic analysis foreshadowed in Report 7.7, titled A Job in Moreland: The floorspace we need now and in the future (AJiM).

This analysis provides insight into how employment in Moreland can be supported and maximised into the future through both planning scheme controls, and other Council actions.

Based on this analysis it is recommended that Council resolve to withdraw the request for the Minister to authorise Amendment C193, on the basis that pursuing the Commercial 3 Zone for the 56 sites included in Amendment C193 would not holistically address the issues with future commercial floor space provision identified in *AJiM*. As Amendment C193 has not yet been through the amendment process (i.e. authorised, exhibited, considered by a Panel and approved by Council), it is not considered to be 'seriously entertained,' and it is appropriate to withdraw the authorisation request now in favour of a more holistic approach to commercial and industrial employment floorspace in the Brunswick Activity Centre (BAC).

This report also outlines recommended consultation to inform the preparation of a draft Activity Centre Zone (ACZ) for the BAC. The ACZ planning scheme tool would allow Council to more effectively set a requirement for commercial floor space provision and employment growth in line with the findings of *AJiM*. The ACZ can be tailored to require specific land use and development outcomes in specific precincts within the Centre and enable identification of which land uses are encouraged in different precincts. In commercial areas it would provide greater ability for Council to require more commercial floorspace than the market is currently delivering and refuse applications that do not provide adequate commercial floor space.

AJiM highlights the opportunity to slow and halt the current long-term decline in employment self-sufficiency right across Moreland. Council can take actions to assist in setting up the economic conditions to increase employment self-sufficiency over the longer term and provide a holistic approach to job creation in Moreland's Employment Precincts. Whilst this particular report focuses on the implications of *AJiM* on the BAC and Amendment C193, *AJiM* will guide actions to support employment growth right across the City

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Withdraws the request to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C193 to the Moreland Planning Scheme.
2. Notes that officers will undertake consultation (as detailed in the Council Report) to inform preparation of a draft Activity Centre Zone schedule for the Brunswick Activity Centre.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Withdraws the request to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Amendment C193 to the Moreland Planning Scheme.**
2. **Acknowledges that rezoning the entire Brunswick Activity Centre represents a major change to planning in Brunswick, and that Councillors and Council Officers need to fully understand the consequences of this rezoning, and any ramifications, including unintended consequences, prior to commencing the process.**
3. **Acknowledges that the Activity Centre Zone prohibits can remove third party notice and review rights, and that, should this zone be implemented, this will not be implemented.**

4. **Before continuing with the Brunswick Activity Centre rezoning process, including the rezoning of the 56 Planning Scheme Amendment C193 sites, Council Officers will provide Council with a briefing on the following:**
 - a) **The history of Planning Scheme Amendment C193 and its previous, associated iterations**
 - b) **An analysis of the positive and negative outcomes, including any unintended consequences, of other Activity Centre Zones across Melbourne which have been implemented**
 - c) **Analysis of the impacts of how discretionary versus mandatory land use provisions operate in practice to deliver desired, strategic land use and built form changes (if at all)**
 - d) **Further detail on how the proposed Brunswick Activity Centre Zone would function in practice, in relation to commercial floorspace provision (mandatory and discretionary) and built form**
 - e) **Information about the Moreland Industrial Land Use Strategy and how it operates to retain jobs, cheap land, and creative uses in the municipality.**
5. **To prevent substantial land value increases and to preserve Moreland's industrial land, the 56 Moreland Industrial Land Use Strategy (MILS) Category 2 sites that are proposed to be rezoned from Industrial 3/Commercial 2 Zones, must retain their existing use and development requirements under the proposed Activity Centre Zone. The effect of this point will be that there will be a neutral translation of the existing industrial zone.**
6. **Investigates the incorporation of 'live music precincts' into the proposed Activity Centre Zone to ensure better protection of live music venues from noise and demolition.**

Carried

7.9 AMENDMENT C215 - DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS PLAN (DCP) - EXTENSION OF PROJECT DELIVERY DATES - DECISION GATEWAYS 1 AND 2 - FOR MINUTES

Executive Summary

In 2015 Council adopted the Moreland Development Contributions Plan as a formal, lawful and equitable way to collect contributions from new development towards necessary infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing population.

The Planning and Environment Act sets out the legislative requirements to guide operation of a Development Contributions Plan (DCP). A DCP imposes a binding obligation on Council to collect DCP levies, deliver the infrastructure projects as set out in the adopted DCP project list, and expend DCP levies on those projects.

Moreland's ten-year DCP is set to 'expire' on 30 June 2023, meaning DCP levies will cease to be charged and projects set out in the adopted DCP project list must be delivered by that date.

Many DCP projects have not been delivered within the time frame expected when the DCP was developed in 2012-13 based on long term asset planning at the time. This is mainly due to:

- The more than two-year gap between the DCP being developed in 2012-13 and it coming into effect (when Amendment C133 to introduce the DCP into the Moreland Planning Scheme was gazetted) in September 2015 due to the time frames of the planning scheme amendment process.

- Changes to the Capital Works Program over time resulting from changes in Council policy and strategic priorities as well as changes in standard of infrastructure required for DCP projects.

Council must meet project delivery commitments to fulfil its obligations under the Planning and Environment Act to expend DCP levies on DCP projects. With just over two years remaining of the DCP, a three year-extension on the delivery date for DCP projects will contribute to ensuring Council can proactively manage the risk of reaching the end of the DCP with significant obligations unresolved.

Amendment C215 proposes to amend text at section 7.3 *Funds Administration* (p.20) in the Moreland Development Contribution Plan, January 2015 (Attachment 1) to permit Council three further years to meet its DCP obligations as follows:

Delete - *The DCP has an end date of 30 June 2023. All projects funded via this DCP will be delivered by this date, and collection of levies towards these projects will cease at this date.*

Replace with - *All collection of DCP levies will cease at 30 June 2023. All projects funded via this DCP will be delivered by 30 June 2026.*

This report recommends Council resolve to prepare and exhibit Amendment C215 to the planning scheme in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act as set out in the officer recommendation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Using its powers as a planning authority under section 8A of the *Planning and Environment 1987*, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C215 to extend the expiry date for infrastructure delivery of the Development Contributions Plan to 30 June 2026.
2. Requests that the Minister for Planning exempt Council from the requirement to give notices under s19(1)(b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
3. Endorses the amended *Moreland Development Contributions Plan*, January 2015 as shown in Attachment 1 to this report.
4. Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits the Amendment in accordance with Section 19 (1) (a) and (c) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
5. Authorises the Director City Futures to make changes to the Amendment based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make minor changes.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Using its powers as a planning authority under section 8A of the Planning and Environment 1987, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C215 to extend the expiry date for infrastructure delivery of the Development Contributions Plan to 30 June 2026.**
2. **Requests that the Minister for Planning exempt Council from the requirement**

to give notices under s19(1)(b) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

3. **Endorses the amended Moreland Development Contributions Plan, January 2015 as shown in Attachment 1 to this report.**
4. **Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits the Amendment in accordance with Section 19 (1) (a) and (c) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.**
5. **Authorises the Director City Futures to make changes to the Amendment based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make minor changes.**

Carried

7.10 DRAFT COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Moreland community very deeply, in direct and indirect ways, with a disproportionate effect on many vulnerable groups which has magnified existing inequalities. Council undertook a Secondary Impact Assessment (SIA) as part of its responsibility to coordinate relief and recovery efforts after an emergency and to assist in understanding the full impact of COVID-19 on the community.

While this global emergency has required significant response from all Australian jurisdictions, the Moreland community is relying on Council to continue to respond to the needs of our community and local businesses, for services, resources and support as the focus moves to recovery and roll out of the vaccination program.

The longer-term impacts on health and the broader social and economic impacts are not yet known. Factors such as the removal of federal government income subsidies and changes to state government eviction bans from late March 2021 will impact on many Moreland residents.

Key issues emerging through research and consultation have informed the proposed recovery priorities:

- Financial distress: impacts for households;
- Mental health and wellbeing: the mental health toll on the Moreland community;
- Digital access and inclusion: impact of technological barriers;
- Social inequalities and vulnerabilities: isolation, discrimination and family violence which has damaged social cohesion within the community; and
- Economic impacts: impacts on local businesses and the economy.

While there are positive signs of economic recovery at a national level, the extent of local economic recovery is not yet known. The COVID-19 Recovery Plan (**Attachment 1**) contains many strategies to support community recovery that can be implemented by individual Council business units using existing resources. Council will continue to engage with the business community to ensure our economic development policy and program settings are well positioned and responsive to continue to support business and economic recovery, which will in turn assist broader community recovery.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses for public exhibition the draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan (Attachment 1).
2. Notes the COVID-19 Recovery Plan will be available for public exhibition for 21 days, 16 May 2021 to 5 June 2021.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses for public exhibition the draft COVID-19 Recovery Plan (Attachment 1).**
2. **Notes the COVID-19 Recovery Plan will be available for public exhibition for 21 days, 16 May 2021 to 5 June 2021.**

Carried

7.11 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - COVID-19 BOOST FOR BUSINESS PROGRAM REPORT

Council's Boost for Business Program was developed in response to a business impact survey conducted by Council in April of 2020 amid the worsening economic climate. More than 400 responses to the survey were received.

The Boost for Business Program was developed to provide a range of initiatives that would directly support local businesses impacted by the pandemic. A total of \$812,000 was allocated by Council for the implementation of a range of programs and services to support the Moreland business community through the COVID restricted environment.

The program included the following projects and funding allocations:

- COVID-19 Community and Business Development Grants (\$550,000)
- Love Moreland Buy Local campaign - micro website (\$40,000)
- Integrated Online Map (\$40,000)
- Accelerated social media initiatives and campaigning (\$50,000)
- COVID-19 Food Business Compliance Initiative (\$20,000)
- ASBAS Digital Solutions Program (\$22,000)
- MoreSpace (\$30,000)
- Love Your Shopfront Program (\$60,000)

The \$512,000 Boost for Business budget and a further \$300,000 was approved at Council's 8 July 2020 and 9 September 2020 meetings, respectively. Implementation of all projects commenced between July and September 2020. With the exception of some tail-end administrative requirements, all initiatives were delivered by 31 March 2021.

At Council's 8 July 2020 meeting a further \$50,000 was also allocated to support businesses to improve disability access to their premises. This project will be reported separately by Council's Community Development and Social Policy Branch.

Regular business support programs co-funded through the Economic Development base budget continued to be delivered throughout the financial year running parallel to the Boost for Business program, with more than 3,400 local businesses benefiting from the service.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the outcomes achieved for the local business community, through the implementation of the COVID-19 Boost for Business Program.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the outcomes achieved for the local business community, through the implementation of the COVID-19 Boost for Business Program.**

Carried

7.12 THIRD QUARTER CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

While there has been generally pleasing progress with an ambitious \$71.45 million capital program in 2020-21 to date, delivery has been impacted by COVID-19 restrictions and downstream impacts. Construction, maintenance and plant and equipment purchases have all been affected to varying degrees due to workforce restrictions on worksites, challenges with provision of materials, plant and equipment purchases from offshore. Where dependent on in-house resources, these delays have caused flow-on effects for other capital projects.

These impacts, added to more conventional issues affecting project spending such as realised project scope and delivery risks and a degree of unspent contingency, have contributed to a forecast carry forward of \$13 million amounting to 18.22 per cent of the program as estimated at the end of the third quarter.

These forecast underbudget spends have been identified following careful attention to project budgets and realistic estimates of further likely expenditure.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the 2020/21 third quarter budget position of Council's overall capital projects portfolio, including a forecast carry forward of \$13 million.
2. Endorses the banking of the \$13 million of carry forward.
3. Notes the specific project status reports for forecast budget carry forward across projects in the Gold and Silver categories, notably three projects that contribute 68 per cent of the carry forward:
 - a) \$5.60 million for capital investment in new waste trucks, with international delivery delayed by several months due to COVID-19 impacts on logistics.
 - b) \$1.68 million for the Frith Street Park Close to Home project due to a revised schedule for project design and delivery foreshadowed to Council in December 2020.
 - c) \$1.56 million for the Glenroy Community Hub, largely representing a lower drawdown on contingency than had been provided for rather than reflecting delays in construction.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the 2020/21 third quarter budget position of Council's overall capital projects portfolio, including a forecast carry forward of \$13 million.**
2. **Endorses the banking of the \$13 million of carry forward.**
3. **Notes the specific project status reports for forecast budget carry forward across projects in the Gold and Silver categories, notably three projects that contribute 68 per cent of the carry forward:**
 - a) **\$5.60 million for capital investment in new waste trucks, with international delivery delayed by several months due to COVID-19 impacts on logistics.**
 - b) **\$1.68 million for the Frith Street Park Close to Home project due to a revised schedule for project design and delivery foreshadowed to Council in December 2020.**
 - c) **\$1.56 million for the Glenroy Community Hub, largely representing a**

lower drawdown on contingency than had been provided for rather than reflecting delays in construction.

Carried

7.13 STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG PEOPLE AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES OF THE CITY OF MORELAND

Moreland City Council originally signed the Statement of Commitment to Indigenous Australians in May 1998. Since then, Council has developed strong partnerships with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of the area now called the City of Moreland, and with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and organisations.

This updated Statement of Commitment to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities of the City of Moreland sets out the Council's vision for reconciliation and outlines what council recognises, supports and commits to.

This is a whole of Council commitment to Australia's First Peoples and begins with a signed agreement with the Traditional Owners the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Statement of Commitment to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities of the City of Moreland as approved by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Board of Management on 4 March 2021
2. Supports a public signing ceremony that will be livestreamed from Council Chambers at an appropriate time hosted by the Mayor, Councillors, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders and members of the Moreland Reconciliation Working Group.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Statement of Commitment to Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities of the City of Moreland as approved by the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Board of Management on 4 March 2021**
2. **Supports a public signing ceremony that will be livestreamed from Council Chambers at an appropriate time hosted by the Mayor, Councillors, Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders and members of the Moreland Reconciliation Working Group.**

Carried unanimously

7.14 WEED MANAGEMENT: GLYPHOSATE PHASE OUT PLAN

On 14 August 2019, there was significant media and international concern about the effects of glyphosate herbicide on human health. While acknowledging advice of Australian regulatory bodies that glyphosate was safe to use in accordance with the Safety Data Sheet and label, Council resolved to ceasing use of this specific herbicide in its operations, by August 2021. The timeline then was to allow for incremental changes to the

budget, continued testing and cost analyses of alternate herbicide products and weed control methods.

Work has been undertaken by Council officers to trial alternatives products and weed treatment methods, as well as keeping abreast of, reviewing and participating in research undertaken into non-glyphosate weed management alternatives.

Trials have included non-glyphosate herbicides including Glufosinate ('Basta'), organic ones like Slasher (Nonanoic acid, plant extract) and BioWeed (Pine oil), and Hot-water steam treatments. A ban on glyphosate use has been implemented at high risk sites around playgrounds, schools and child-care centres and the successful introduction of a 'No Spray' Register, where residents have opted to maintain their nature strips without using glyphosate.

Moreland is also participating with several Victorian Councils, in a Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) funded 12-month study with Deakin University, which is expected to be completed by June 2021. Preliminary findings from field studies have indicated limited products and technologies to replace glyphosate, with all trial products being less effective and/or costlier.

This would be undertaken in line with the identification of viable weed treatment alternatives and the completion of research work commissioned by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and further deliberation with other key stakeholders including Melbourne Water and various environmental groups about any impacts in environmentally sensitive sites.

While there is an available option (Option A) to implement glyphosate phase out as at August 2021, there is a significant unbudgeted cost capital of \$775,000 in 2021-22 and unbudgeted additional operating expenses each year of \$793,000. With the combination of the uncertainty over the known alternative treatment and significant pressure on the 2021-22 Council budget, Council officers recommend that the resolution to stop using glyphosate by August 2021 be rescinded. This will allow further research and the development of a suite of targeted solutions to inform potential business cases and job creation opportunities for consideration by Council in future financial years (Option B).

Under Option B, glyphosate herbicides will continue to be used in low risk exposure areas as part of integrated weed management practices with strict safety, recording and monitoring, as well as a phased overall reduction in total usage. A *No glyphosate trial zone* will also be established in Brunswick immediately to understand community perception and further evaluate costs for alternative treatments in managing weed growth, compared to control zones of similar size and mix of open space facilities. This trial would be undertaken over a two-year period and would be evaluated using metrics including worker hours, equipment hours, material costs and community feedback. The trial as part of Option B will not require additional capital or operational funding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that to date, despite considerable investigation of options, none of the alternatives to using glyphosate for weed management has shown to be as effective or viable economically or environmentally.
2. Notes that current guidance from the Australian regulatory authorities and WorkSafe Victoria, is that products containing glyphosate can continue to be used safely, as long as adhering to directions in the Safety Data Sheet and labels and does not represent a health risk to the public.
3. Notes that glyphosate has already ceased to be used in high risk exposure sites across Moreland.
4. In the light of the high cost and unproven effectiveness of currently available alternative treatments, undertakes a trial of a large 'no glyphosate' zone with a comparison control zone over a two-year period and evaluates the trial using metrics including worker hours, equipment hours, material costs and community feedback.
5. By agreeing to the trial, sets aside previous Council decisions to cease the use of glyphosate by August 2021, made at the:
 - 14 August 2019 Council Meeting - "Weed Management Review – Further Report to Review of Pest and Weed Management Policy (from 6 December 2017)"; and
 - 12 August 2020 Council Meeting - "Weed Management – Glyphosate Phase Out Update"
6. Continues a phased approach to both reducing and then potentially ceasing the use of glyphosate at all other low risk and environmentally sensitive sites in the future, with an update report on the findings of current Deakin University research and the application of any promising alternatives to Moreland that may impact on the 2022/23 Budget be received by Council in December 2021.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That the item be deferred for one month until the Council meeting on 9 June 2021.

Carried

7.15 SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN OUR COMMUNITIES - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION 13/21

Moreland is a Refugee Welcome zone, and as part of the Moreland Human Rights Policy, we are committed to welcoming and supporting refugees and those who are seeking asylum. In recent years, refugees and people seeking asylum have suffered the impacts of policies aimed to deter vulnerable people from seeking safety. For many refugees and those who are seeking asylum COVID 19 has magnified issues such as access to food and material relief, housing, mental health, and finding work experience and employment. Council can play a positive role in assisting local asylum seeker organisations to provide employment pathways, such as work experience programs, and advocate for and with asylum seekers.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that the Mayor and Council officers play a lead role in the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum and develop an ongoing advocacy campaign. This advocacy should also include a focus on service access and undertake advocacy in a way that amplifies the voice of asylum seekers, particularly those on Bridging Visas.
2. Reaffirms commitment to continue and further promote free access to off-peak aquatic and leisure facilities, free swim classes for children and free access to the School Holiday Program for refugees and people seeking asylum and work towards providing other funded services such as occasional child care.
3. Continues to advocate for new social and affordable housing supply and equitable access for asylum seekers to all forms of Commonwealth and state housing support systems.
4. Investigates the inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in inclusive employment initiatives, and consider providing provide paid work experience programs, mentorship opportunities and work readiness programs for this cohort.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that the Mayor and Council officers play a lead role in the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum and develop an ongoing advocacy campaign. This advocacy should also include a focus on service access and undertake advocacy in a way that amplifies the voice of asylum seekers, particularly those on Bridging Visas.**
2. **Reaffirms commitment to continue and further promote free access to off-peak aquatic and leisure facilities, free swim classes for children and free access to the School Holiday Program for refugees and people seeking asylum and work towards providing other funded services such as occasional child care.**
3. **Continues to advocate for new social and affordable housing supply and equitable access for asylum seekers to all forms of Commonwealth and state housing support systems.**
4. **Investigates the inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees in inclusive employment initiatives, and consider providing provide paid work experience programs, mentorship opportunities and work readiness programs for this cohort.**

Carried

7.16 GREATER TRANSPARENCY AROUND CONDUCTING COUNCIL MEETINGS - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION

At its meeting held 10 March 2021, Council resolved to develop a guideline document that will apply when the Chief Executive Officer must decide whether to conduct Council meetings online or in-person.

The State Government amended the Local Government Act 2020 to allow for Council meetings to be conducted online instead of in person, until April 2022.

COVID-19 requirements meant that Council meetings were online for most of 2020. Council meetings have returned to being in person since 24 February 2021, though some arrangements are modified due to ongoing coronavirus restrictions and advice.

It is hoped that the coronavirus situation in Melbourne remains stable or better, and that Council meetings can continue to be in person.

Nonetheless, things may change unpredictably. This report presents for Council consideration considerations to be taken into account when deciding whether a Council meeting will need to be conducted online.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the Council Meeting Guideline - Determining when to conduct Council Meetings Online (provided as Attachment 1) and makes publicly available on Council's website in accordance with Moreland's Public Transparency Policy.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

2. **Endorses the Council Meeting Guideline - Determining when to conduct Council Meetings Online (provided as Attachment 1) and makes publicly available on Council's website in accordance with Moreland's Public Transparency Policy**

Carried

7.17 FRIENDS OF AILEU ANNUAL REPORT 2020

This report presents the Friends of Aileu Annual Report 2020 (Summary Report), documenting the activities undertaken or supported by the Friends of Aileu throughout the 2020 calendar year. The report highlights the ongoing success of the Friends of Aileu Community Committee and partner organisations, working with the broader community and local businesses, to:

- Raise funds and keep the community aware of the opportunities and value associated with involvement in the friendship relationship
- Engage with Aileu Municipal Administration and Aileu civil society organisations in support of their efforts to develop their local democracy and a more sustainable future.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Friends of Aileu Annual Report 2020 (Summary Report), Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council notes the Friends of Aileu Annual Report 2020 (Summary Report), Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried

7.18 ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS TO MOVE TO CERTIFIED STANDARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Council resolved at its meeting on 12 August 2020, to receive a report with respect to “*the implementation of Council’s Enterprise Risk Management system, including an assessment of requirements (including resourcing) to move to a certified standard; and linkages and certification for environmental management (AS/NZ: ISO:14001 and Quality Assurance AS/NZS: ISO 9001).*”

A certified Environmental Management System (EMS) and Quality Management System (QMS) standard does provide an opportunity to incorporate systems and processes into one complete framework. Council has developed and implemented an EMS (without certification) over the last two years.

If Council elects not to move to a certified EMS, the ongoing implementation of the EMS, aligned to the standard will continue. The environmental risks identified through the EMS project delivery will be integrated into Council’s current Enterprise Risk Management Framework and the EMS Aspects and Impacts register will transferred over into Council’s new risk management system. The current resources within Council’s Integrity, Risk and Resilience Unit will embed the EMS throughout the organisation and ensure it continues to be aligned to the EMS standard.

The move to certification for EMS and to establish a new certified QMS will cost approximately \$321,0000 over four financial years (2021/22 to 2024/25), which includes new resourcing to implement the change and ongoing audit and certification costs). This doesn’t include the contribution of officers across the organisation to support management system implementation.

The certification of Council’s current Environmental Management System and establishment of a new Quality Management System approach (including certification) has been referred to the 2021/2022 budget process.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the progress that has been made in implementing Council’s Enterprise Risk Management System across the organisation.
2. Notes that certification of Council’s current Environmental Management System and establishment of a new Quality Management System standard (including certification) has been referred to the 2021/2022 budget process.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the progress that has been made in implementing Council’s Enterprise Risk Management System across the organisation.**
2. **Refer the certification of the current Environmental Management System and establishment of a new Quality Management System standard (including certification) to the 2022/2023 budget process, should funding not be allocated**

via the 2021/2022 budget process.

Carried

7.19 REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THE 2020 MORELAND CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Moreland City Council conducted its Council Election in October 2020 as per legislative requirements. In accordance with section 263(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is the statutory election service provider for the conduct of local government elections in Victoria. As a follow up to the election services, the VEC has provided Council with a report on the conduct of the election.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives and notes the report from the Victorian Electoral Commission regarding the conduct of the Moreland City Council General Elections in October 2020.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council receives and notes the report from the Victorian Electoral Commission regarding the conduct of the Moreland City Council General Elections in October 2020

Carried

7.20 GOVERNANCE REPORT - MAY 2021 - CYCLICAL REPORT

The Governance Report has been developed as a monthly standing report to Council to provide a single reporting mechanism for a range of statutory compliance, transparency and governance matters.

This Governance Report includes:

- Reports from Committees to Council, with a recommendation that Council notes the reports;
- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation Council notes the records;
- Responses to Public Question Time items taken on notice at 14 April 2021 Council meeting, with a recommendation Council notes the responses.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the reports from Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the April 2021 Council meeting, at Attachment 3 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the reports from Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
3. **Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the April 2021 Council meeting, at Attachment 3 to this report.**

Carried

7.21 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date period ending 31 March 2021.

A third quarterly financial review has been undertaken throughout April and will be reflective in the April 2021 financial report and presented separately to the June Council meeting.

The March Income Statement shows the Council surplus is \$10.0 million better the year to date Revised Forecast as a result of lower overall expenditure. These differences are considered largely timing in nature.

Council has spent \$34.9 million on capital expenditure which is line with the year to date Revised Forecast of \$35.0 million.

Council has previously taken the approach of generating small surpluses to reinvest in much needed infrastructure projects. This strategy has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and it is unlikely Council will generate a funding surplus for 2020/21.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2021, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2021, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried

7.22 COVID IMPACT AND EXTENSION TO CONTRACT 1866 MANAGEMENT OF COUNCILS AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRES 2021-2022

Council's 10-year aquatics contract with the YMCA was extended for an additional year to enable all parties to better assess the COVID impacts which had a major impact on Council's aquatic centres and the wider Aquatics industry last year. The 1 July 2021- 30 June 2022 period is therefore the final year of the current contract. The process to tender the service for a further period and to select a provider will take place over the next 12 months.

COVID has continued to have a significant impact on the aquatics and leisure industry. Council's aquatic facilities were required to close nearly 14 months ago on the 18 March 2020 and began re-opening in October 2020. Since then, the entire aquatic industry is still experiencing the negative impact, ongoing restrictions and reduced community confidence to return to aquatic and leisure centres.

Officers have undertaken a thorough analysis and verification of costs estimated by the YMCA's to continue the operations of the aquatic centres for the 2021-2022 period. The total cost to Council for the YMCA to manage Council's aquatic and leisure centres for the 12-month extension period is estimated at \$1.93 million which includes \$13.68 million in expenses and \$11.89 million of income. A 7.5 per cent contingency factor is also included. This includes a slow but continuing return of patrons to the aquatic centres, learn to swim classes, gyms and other activities.

Officers believe that these projections and associated budget are reasonable and in line with the market conditions as part of COVID recovery for the management and operations of Council's six centres.

Officer Recommendation

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract extension with the YMCA for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022, of up to \$1.93 million to Council (excluding GST).

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute a contract extension with the YMCA for the period 1 July 2021 to 31 June 2022, of up to \$1.93 million to Council (excluding GST).

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SECOND HOCKEY PITCH IN MORELAND

Motion

That Council:

Calls for a report to the June 2021 Council meeting on the feasibility of a second pitch with facilities for the Brunswick Hockey Club.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Calls for a report to the June 2021 Council meeting on the feasibility of a second pitch with facilities for the Brunswick Hockey Club.**
- 2. That the feasibility study include a triple bottom line - environmental, social and economic - assessment of the pros and cons for the different playing field surfaces options**

Carried

8.2 VENUE HIRE

Motion

That Council resolves to prepare a report for a future Council meeting to change the Council Venue Hire Policy to no longer require requests for free venue hire to be determined in the chamber but be delegated to the CEO instead provided:

1. The organisation requesting the free hire does so in writing and is a local community organisation.
2. The event or function aligns with or further enhances Council policy and objectives.
3. The community organisation has not requested free venue hire in the previous 12 months.
4. The Councillors are officially invited to attend and participate.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council resolves to prepare a report for a future Council meeting to change the Council Venue Hire Policy to no longer require requests for free venue hire to be determined in the chamber but be delegated to the CEO (or delegate) or by the Chamber instead provided:

- 1. The organisation requesting the free hire does so in writing and has links to the local community.**
- 2. The event or function aligns with or further enhances Council policy and objectives.**

3. **The community organisation has not been granted free venue hire in the previous 12 months.**
4. **The Councillors are officially invited to attend and participate.**
5. **That any free venue hire applied for and/or obtained be included within the cyclical Governance report.**

Carried

8.3 SUPPORT FOR DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA'S 'ROADMAP FOR QUALITY DEMENTIA CARE

Motion

That Council write to the Federal Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services urging the Federal Government to implement the actions within Dementia Australia's 'Roadmap for Quality Dementia Care'.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council write to the Federal Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services urging the Federal Government to implement the actions within Dementia Australia's 'Roadmap for Quality Dementia Care'

Carried

8.4 SHARED USE OF RESERVES

Motion

That Council:

1. Notes the importance of Moreland's open space reserves for informal recreation, dog-walking and organised sport.
2. Notes that there are certain times when all of these user groups compete for usage of the reserves such as after work on week-days and on weekends.
3. Receives a report which considers:
 - a) Whether the allocation of hours for shared use reserves is equitable between the different parts of the community which use the reserve for informal and formal recreation is equitable, particularly for the after-work weekday/weekend time slot;
 - b) A better means of communicating the allocated times to the community such as with signage at the reserves and council communication channels;
 - c) A better means of communication to the community about any change to the allocated hours such as during school holidays, or when clubs are playing away games; and
 - d) Whether there needs to be improved signage at reserves which are off-lead dog parks as well as for organised sport regarding whether dogs can be off-lead during sports matches and training.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes the importance of Moreland's open space reserves for informal recreation, dog-walking and organised sport.**
- 2. Notes that there are certain times when all of these user groups compete for usage of the reserves such as after work on week-days and on weekends.**
- 3. Receives a report which considers:**
 - a) Whether the allocation of hours for shared use reserves is equitable between the different parts of the community which use the reserve for informal and formal recreation is equitable, particularly for the after-work weekday/weekend time slot;**
 - b) A better means of communicating the allocated times to the community such as with signage at the reserves and council communication channels;**
 - c) A better means of communication to the community about any change to the allocated hours such as during school holidays, or when clubs are playing away games; and**
 - d) Whether there needs to be improved signage at reserves which are off-lead dog parks as well as for organised sport regarding whether dogs can be off-lead during sports matches and training.**

Carried

8.5 HATE SPEECH GRAFFITI

Motion

That Council:

- 1. Reaffirms that it is totally opposed to any form of hate speech and will take immediate steps to remove any hate speech graffiti as soon as it becomes aware of such graffiti being put up in Moreland.**
- 2. Makes a public statement on its website and social media indicating its opposition to hate speech and informing residents what they should do to report the existence of any hate speech graffiti to council, including on the weekend when council offices are closed.**
- 3. Writes to the Department of Transport to request that Metro Trains reviews its processes for ensuring offensive graffiti is removed more quickly when it is in the rail reserve.**

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Reaffirms that it is totally opposed to any form of hate speech and will take immediate steps to remove any hate speech graffiti as soon as it becomes aware of such graffiti being put up in Moreland.**

2. **Makes a public statement on its website and social media indicating its opposition to hate speech and informing residents what they should do to report the existence of any hate speech graffiti to council, including on the weekend when council offices are closed.**
3. **Writes to the Department of Transport to request that Metro Trains reviews its processes for ensuring offensive graffiti is removed more quickly when it is in the rail reserve.**

Carried

8.7 COUNCILLOR INVITATIONS TO ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Motion

That all Councillors be forwarded the invitations received by the Mayor's office to the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day and other national days.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That:

1. **All Councillors be forwarded the invitations received by the Mayor's office to the Dawn Service on ANZAC Day and other national days.**
2. **Council write to all Moreland's RSL Clubs and apologise for the breakdown in process in forwarding invitations to Councillors for the ANZAC Day services this year and that Council confirms our continual support for the RSL's ANZAC Day services.**
3. **Develop a protocol in relation to delegation of Council events and ensure all Councillors are across events in their wards.**

Carried

8.8 FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY

Motion

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign that is calling on national governments to negotiate and ratify a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to stop the expansion and begin phase out of fossil fuels and ensure a global just transition for all.**
2. **Writes to the Australian Foreign Minister and the Federal Member for Wills advising of this action and calling on the Commonwealth Government to support, negotiate and, eventually, ratify this treaty.**

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign that is calling on national governments to negotiate and ratify a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to stop the expansion and begin phase out of fossil fuels and ensure a global just transition for all.**
2. **Writes to the Australian Foreign Minister and the Federal Member for Wills advising of this action and calling on the Commonwealth Government to support, negotiate and, eventually, ratify this treaty.**

10.30pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting.

10.31pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.

Procedural Motion

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That this matter be deferred to the June 2021 Council meeting to enable Council officers to prepare a report which provides information of the implications for the Moreland Community if the Commonwealth Government was a signatory to the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

Lost

Cr Pulford called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton
 Cr Carli Hannan
 Cr Conlan
 Cr Panopoulos
 Cr Pulford
 Cr Riley
 Cr Tapinos
Total For (7)

Against

Cr Davidson
 Cr El-Halabi
 Cr Pavlidis
 Cr Yildiz

Total Against (4)

Carried

8.9 PUBLIC TRANSPORT ADVOCACY

Motion

That Council:

1. Resolves to have a report back to council about how the following Public Transport projects listed in point 3 can be achieved including advocacy and other actions council can take to progress these projects.
2. Seeks to work with the State Government, Federal Government, Local MPs and other partners to progress these projects.
3. Includes the following projects in the report:
 - a) Level crossing removal (elevated rail) in Brunswick from Moreland Road to Park Street and duplication of the upfield railway line to improve frequency of trains.
 - b) Extension of the 19 Tram line to Anderson Road in Fawkner to provide a link with suburban rail and better transport options for residents of Fawkner.
 - c) Better East-West bus connections and frequency of buses.

10.41pm Time Extension

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved -

that the Council meeting be extended by 30 minutes.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council:

1. Resolves to have a report back to council about how the following Public Transport projects listed in point 3 can be achieved including advocacy and other actions council can take to progress these projects.
2. Seeks to work with the State Government, Federal Government, Local MPs, neighbouring municipalities and other partners to progress these projects.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

3. Includes the following projects in the report:
 - a) Level crossing removal (elevated rail) in Brunswick from Moreland Road to Park Street,

Lost

Cr Tapinos called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain
Cr Davidson	Cr Bolton	Cr Carli Hannan
Cr El-Halabi	Cr Conlan	
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Panopoulos	
Cr Tapinos	Cr Pulford	
Cr Yildiz	Cr Riley	
Total For (5)	Total Against (5)	Total Abstain (1)

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

- b) duplication of the upfield railway line to improve frequency of trains and future extension of the line.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

- c) Extension of the 19 Tram line to at least Anderson Road in Fawkner and to Camp Road, Campbellfield to provide a link with suburban rail and better transport options for residents in the north of Melbourne.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

- d) Extension of the No 58 tram route past Bell street along Turner and Derby street.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

- e) Better East-West bus connections and frequency of buses.

Carried

Substantive Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council:

1. Resolves to have a report back to council about how the following Public Transport projects listed in point 3 can be achieved including advocacy and other actions council can take to progress these projects.
2. Seeks to work with the State Government, Federal Government, Local MPs, neighbouring municipalities and other partners to progress these projects.
3. Includes the following projects in the report:
 - a) Duplication of the upfield railway line to improve frequency of trains and future extension of the line.
 - b) Extension of the 19 Tram line to at least Anderson Road in Fawkner and to Camp Road, Campbellfield to provide a link with suburban rail and better transport options for residents in the north of Melbourne.
 - c) Extension of the No 58 tram route past Bell street along Turner and Derby street.
 - d) Better East-West bus connections and frequency of buses.

Carried

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Nil

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Riley seconded –

In accordance with section 66(1) and section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, this Council meeting be closed to the public to consider these reports:

- 12.1 Contract (Rft-2020-146) - Graphic Design Services Tender because it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.
- 12.2 Contract (Rft-2020-147) - Print Services Tender because it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice

the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

- **12.3 Rft-2020-143 Mobile Garbage Bin Supply, Delivery and Field Maintenance because it contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.**

Carried

The meeting closed to the public at 10.49 pm.

The meeting closed at 11.03 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan
MAYOR