



Merri-bek City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Merri-bek Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 6 December 2023

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.06 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Adam Pulford, Mayor	7.06 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	7.20 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.06 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.06 pm	8.37 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	Absent	
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.06 pm	8.55 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.06 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Mark Riley	7.06 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Monica Harte	7.06 pm	10.12 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	Leave of absence	
Cr Sue Bolton	7.08 pm	10.12 pm

OFFICERS

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution

Cr Harte moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council grants Cr Yildiz a leave of absence for the period 20 November 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive.

Carried

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 November 2023 and the Council Meeting – Mayoral Election held on 15 November 2023 be confirmed.

Carried

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cr Riley provided a report to Council on his recent trip to Timor Leste. Cr Riley advised that he was honoured to return to Timor Leste as part of the contingent from Hume City Council and Merri-bek City Council, and spent a week there meeting government officials, local government representatives, and many of the community groups that the Friends of Aileu relationship is establish with.

Cr Riley noted it was an important trip for the contingent to go back after four years and see how much progress is continuing on with the small investments that are made in Timor, which is one of the poorest countries in the world and one of the newest nations in our region. After 20+ years of partnership, it was great to be able to go back and meet people again and see the progress they're making. whether that's with regard to food production, developing their community education and other work they do there, including water initiatives, energy initiatives, gardening and food production. It was great to see the advancements, especially given there was a major cyclone 2 and half years ago that was largely attributed to climate change and which really impacted Timor Leste and Aileu as well.

Cr Riley thanked the officers who support the program and keep it going, as well as the community from Australia who support the work.

Cr Riley highlighted that the Timor Cup will be played in the City of Hume in late December and January and encouraged those who are interested in soccer to get along and check it out, in addition to many other things happening to support Friends of Aileu and encouraged people to keep up-to-date via Council's website.

PETITIONS

Nil.

At its meeting on 18 October 2023, item 7.8, Council resolved to establish a voting poll with the following two names for the park Kirrip biik and Dalang.

A voting poll is part of the naming process to ensure a chosen name will have community support, in accordance the Naming Rules.

Public notice for the voting poll was given on Council's Conversations Merri-bek website for 32 days from 20 October 2023 until 20 November 2023. Votes were received via Council's Conversations Merri-bek website, email and post. The results from the voting process for the park were: 45 total votes, with the preferred name being Kirrip biik Park with 34 votes, being 76 per cent of votes. These results can be seen in Attachment 2.

The official opening of the new park at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg, to celebrate the completed works and the new name of the park, has been scheduled to occur after the 6 December 2023 Council meeting, upon Council's endorsement of the name of the park.

It is recommended that Council endorses the name Kirrip biik Park, meaning 'friend place' in Woi Wurrung language, reflecting the outcome of community support in the voting poll.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Having invited the community to vote for the name for the new park at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg, endorses the name 'Kirrip biik Park' for the new park name.
2. Authorises the Director of Place and Environment to do all things required to formalise the name above with Geographic Names Victoria.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Having invited the community to vote for the name for the new park at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg, endorses the name 'Kirrip biik Park' for the new park name.**
2. **Authorises the Director of Place and Environment to do all things required to formalise the name above with Geographic Names Victoria.**

8.35 pm Cr Riley returned to the meeting.

Carried

7.11 STORMWATER MAPPING - CONSULTATION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT C196

Executive Summary

In 2021, after initial landowner consultation, the Stormwater Map for Council's local drainage catchments was designated under the *Building Regulations* 2018. The map showed locations where 1 in 100 year stormwater overland flows will affect land.

The initial 2021 map was reviewed and updated to consider new information, guidelines, and specifications. This resulted in the preparation of the 2023 Amended Stormwater Map. Affected landowners were consulted about this map in September and October 2023, before the final map was prepared. This gave an opportunity to answer questions and check the map.

The 2023 Final Stormwater Map has been designated for use under the Building Regulations 2018. Council can now request the Minister for Planning's authorisation to start a planning scheme amendment process to introduce the 2023 map into the Merri-bek Planning Scheme.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the 2023 Amended Stormwater Map in Attachment 1 that has been designated under the Building Regulations 2018.
2. Endorses the *Merri-bek City Council Creating the Local Drainage Authority's Stormwater Map Technical Report* as shown in Attachment 1. This report outlines the rationale and evidence which underpins the proposed planning scheme changes.
3. Using its powers as a Planning Authority under ss 8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment 1987*, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Merri-bek Planning Scheme Amendment C196 as shown in Attachments 4, 5, and 6 to this report.
4. Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits the Amendment in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
5. Using its powers as a Planning Authority under s 23(1) of the *Planning and Environment 1987*, requests that the Minister for Planning appoint an independent Panel to consider submissions to Merri-bek Planning Scheme Amendment C196.
6. Authorises the Director Place and Environment to:
 - a) Make changes to the Amendment based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and make minor changes.
 - b) Refer any late submissions to the Independent Panel.
 - c) Give direction on issues that arise during the Panel hearing in response to expert evidence and submissions if required, so long as any further changes are generally in accordance with *Merri-bek City Council Creating the Local Drainage Authority's Stormwater Map Technical Report*.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the 2023 Amended Stormwater Map in Attachment 1 that has been designated under the Building Regulations 2018.**
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8.38 pm Cr Carl Hannan left the meeting.

Carried

7.12 GLENROY COMMUNITY HUB CAFE - UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

Executive Summary

On 8 March 2023, Council was updated on the outcome of an EOI process to secure a social enterprise operator for the café outlet in Bridget Shortell Reserve at the Glenroy Community Hub (Hub) precinct. At the meeting, Council endorsed Kevin Heinze Grow as the preferred operator, offering a 3 x 3-year lease, at a peppercorn rent.

However, in April 2023 officers received notification from Kevin Heinze Grow that it was no longer able to proceed with the café proposal and were withdrawing from the process.

Consequently, Council officers approached the second shortlisted submitter to determine their level of interest. In June 2023, they confirmed that they could no longer pursue the café opportunity.

This report provides an update to Council on the unsuccessful attempts to date to secure a social enterprise operator for the Hub's café outlet. It additionally seeks Council's endorsement to undertake a new EOI process to secure an operator to manage the Hub's café outlet. It is recommended that a new EOI process will be open to all potential operators including for-profit commercial businesses, social enterprises and not-for-profits.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that the Expression of Interest (EOI) process conducted in October / November 2022 to secure a social enterprise to manage and operate the café outlet at the Glenroy Community Hub was not successful.
2. Endorses an EOI process, open to all potential operators including for-profit commercial businesses, social enterprises and not-for-profits to secure an operator to manage the Glenroy Community Hub café outlet.
3. Endorses higher weighted selection criteria apply to EOI applicants that meet the social enterprise and/or not-for-profit eligibility.
4. Endorses a peppercorn lease if the successful proponent meets the social enterprise and/or not-for-profit eligibility.