



Moreland City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 8 September 2021

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.00 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 Annalivia Carli Hannan, Mayor	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Milad El-Halabi	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.04 pm	9.17 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.04 pm	9.17 pm

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

OFFICERS

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

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Motion

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 August 2021 and the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2021 be confirmed.

Carried

PETITIONS

5.1 OFF-LEASH DOG PARK GLENROY

A petition has been received containing 202 signatures requesting Council a designated off-leash dog park in Glenroy.

Motion

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

1. Receives the petition.
2. Refers the petition to the relevant Director for consideration and response.

Carried

5.2 SAVE FAWKNER'S OUTDOOR POOLS FROM CLOSURE

A petition has been received containing 1133 signatures requesting Council to save Fawkner's outdoor pools from closure.

Motion

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Tapinos seconded –

1. Receives the petition.
2. Refers the petition to the relevant Director for consideration and response.

Carried

5.3 KEEP MORELAND CITY COUNCIL BIENNIAL HARD RUBBISH COLLECTION

A petition has been received containing 592 signatures requesting Council continue their much lauded twice yearly hard rubbish collection.

Motion

Cr Bolton moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded –

1. Receives the petition.
2. Refers the petition to the relevant Director for consideration and response.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 7.17 pm.

HARPER BATTERSBY – STATEMENT - MAKING SPACES FOR CREATIVE PLAY

Hello, my name is Harper and I'm in grade 5. My Dad gave me a nickname when I was about 2 or 3. He called me 'Harper Elle Tree Climbing Girl' because I've always loved climbing trees. Other things I love to do outside with my friends and family are... Making cubbies from twigs and branches we find lying around. We hide behind bushes and climb into trees when spying on people we know. I watch my 7 year old brother learn new tricks at the bike dirt jumps. Kids from other schools have gotten to know him from being in the bike jump community and he loves being recognised as one of them. We ride to Merri Creek and go to the rope swings and enjoy the fresh air. The first benefit in offering children a creative and fun environment is we get to build stronger friendship connections throughout the construction process. We feel a sense of belonging when we help create a space such as building cubbies, making jumps or adding a rope swing and learn more about nature. Did you know that I've seen more birds since we went into lockdown such as Fairy Wrens and Rainbow Lorikeets? The second benefit is being creative. I think creativity is a big part of learning. People are naturally creative and they learn by trying new things out independently. That's one of the reasons why we love living in Brunswick, There are so many creative people. The third benefit is feeling brave and taking risks I feel that way when I try to go onto the higher tree with a rope swing. I got really nervous when my brother Reuben climbed onto the highest roof of the Allard Park Playground, I thought he was going to fall off! Instead he was careful and cautious. He only wanted the beautiful view of kids playing. In conclusion we love our community and our environment. We ask you to respect our creations and look at them with a different perspective. Please stop taking them down. Thank you for your time.

Harper Battersby read her statement.

HARPER BATTERSBY - QUESTION - MAKING SPACES FOR CREATIVE PLAY

The resident asked:

- Can we ask the Council to please not pull down our constructions?

At the invitation of the Mayor, Cr Mark Riley responded:

- Harper, thank you for taking the time to make a statement and ask a question of us today. During COVID many of us are noticing these constructions, bike jumps and all the various things that kids and young people are doing in our parks and open spaces. We understand the need for that, we also understand that sometimes Council has to be cautious and careful that things aren't going to hurt people or cause unforeseen problems.
- Tonight there is an item on the agenda where we are trying to ensure that all of our open spaces have opportunities for creating spaces specifically dedicated to 'creative play', including opportunities for climbing, constructing and potentially digging as well.
- We are going to be talking to our community about strategies for open space over the next year, and one of the things that we are really keen to do is hear from people like you.

IAN MACK - QUESTION - FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE

Does Council's very welcome intention to guarantee the 50-metre outdoor pool at the Fawkner Leisure Centre also mean that all existing gym and indoor pool facilities will be retained?

The Mayor responded:

- Council is proposing that all options going forward would include a 50 metre outdoor pool. As part of the project the existing facilities such as the gym and indoor pool will be improved and retained.

ALEXANDER DIAMIS - STATEMENT - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

I am strongly supporting the Pascoe Vale Kent Road and Northumberland road bike lanes and I am using bike lanes every day. I will be in great risk of injury if the bike lanes are removed or modified and call you to expand them and not to remove or modify them. My wife is a novice bike rider and she will not be riding on the road unless there are separate bike lanes in place.

Alexander Diamis read his statement.

PAULINE CARMICHAEL - QUESTION - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

My question is why does the Council want to gauge support for a parking ban on waste day in Kent Road?

At the request of the Mayor, Phillip Priest, Acting Director City Futures advised:

- Discussions were held with Council's waste team regarding the designs prior to implementation occurring and through the trial period.
- During the engagement that has occurred, a community member raised the option of removing the parking on the south side of Kent Road and there was some support within the community led walks for this, as an improvement.
- In preparing a report which responds to the Council's August 2021 decision, to investigate further options for the Kent Road trial, one of the options for further consultation includes the removal of parking on one side of Kent Road to address amongst other things some concerns raised by residents about waste collection.
- The report also provides a resolution for Council to survey the local residents on this idea. If there is support for this parking ban, this resolution would allow this change to occur more quickly than February next year which is when a report will be presented to Council on the results of the engagement.

TOM VASILOPOULOS - STATEMENT - SALE OF LAND – 2-12 WILKINSON STREET – AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

I act on behalf of Messinia Receptions Pty Ltd who is the owner of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of 322 Victoria Street Brunswick and the owner of the retail premises at 320 Victoria Street Brunswick. I also act on behalf of the Owners Corporation Plan No. PS515920K who is the owner of the common property of the building located at 320-322 Victoria Street Brunswick.

We hereby state that we support the sale of the land at 2-12 Wilkinson Street Brunswick ('the Site') for the construction of affordable housing, subject to the sale incorporating a condition that requires at least one floor dedicated for public car parking.

The Site was constructed by the Brunswick City Council as a public car park at or about 1963 for the mere purpose of:

- supporting the surrounding commercial and retail businesses by providing public car parking for the use of the local community and in particular for the use of the customers who support the Brunswick commercial and retail businesses; and
- complementing the surrounding available car-parking areas due to the limited public carparking and the limited on-street carparking; and
- to compensate for restricted on-street car parking due to 'clear ways' during certain periods of the day (e.g. Sydney Road).

The Site currently includes 32 car parking spaces which are regularly used by the local community and the customers of the surrounding businesses. The 32 car parking spaces significantly contribute in supporting the economic viability of the Brunswick Activity Centre, especially during this unprecedented pandemic which has seen a number of on-street car parking spaces removed for the construction of outdoor platforms to support the local businesses.

Since 1963, the number of on-street car parking spaces and the number of public car parking spaces in the surrounding area has been reduced. For example:

- there has been a reduction of on-street car parking in Victoria Street Brunswick due to the provision of on-street bike racks and on-street parking for 'car-sharing';
- there has been a reduction of car parking spaces in the public car park located at 283 Victoria Street Brunswick, which was upgraded and redesigned approximately 15 years ago resulting in a reduction of approximately 4 car parking spaces.

There is high demand for public car parking and on-street parking within the Brunswick Activity Centre. The local community and the customers rely on the public car parking and on-street car parking to support the surrounding businesses.

The Council has an obligation to support the local community and the local businesses. The strategic directions in the Moreland Planning Scheme require the Council to support inter alia Major Activity Centres including the Brunswick Activity Centre and to support the economic viability and growth of activity centres.

The council has the opportunity tonight to support the sale of the land on the subject Site for the construction of affordable housing, whilst at the same time maintaining the 32 public car spaces. This can be achieved by requiring the sale of the proposed new building to have one floor level that includes 32 car parking spaces, which would form part of a section 173 Agreement and would run with the land, and would also be a condition of the contract of sale. This model has been used by many councils throughout Victoria for many years. We say that if this model is implemented, it will allow the provision of affordable housing, whilst maintaining the provision of public car parking spaces to support the economic viability of the surrounding businesses and support the Brunswick Activity Centre.

We kindly request the Council to consider this alternative model put forth, which we say is a sensible approach in providing affordable housing whilst maintaining the provision of public car parking to support local businesses.

Tom Vasilopoulos read his statement.

NAIL AYKAN - STATEMENT - THE MOSQUE THAT SHAPED THE TURKISH COMMUNITY

The book titled 'The Beginnings of the Turkish Community in Victoria' by the Turkish Heritage Society aims at recognising Coburg's local Turkish history. Moreland has a culturally diverse heritage, greatly enriched by the many thousands of people who have come to the area in the second half of the twentieth century and beyond. However, as much as Moreland is recognised as a successful multicultural municipality, not all places and stories of unique immigration experiences of its residents have not been adequately recognised, one being the Coburg Mosque. The story of the Turkish Muslim community's local history has been largely overlooked in most history books and heritage records despite its clear presence in Coburg for almost half a century. The Coburg Mosque as a significant 'first mosque and community centre' of the Turkish community and its subsequent heritage has been largely unrecognised even by many studies, reports and agencies, including local Council. The Turkish peoples' first connection to the land and its place in the multicultural history of the area has gone largely unnoticed. This history of the Turkish people in the local area of Moreland needs to be widely recognised, as the founding of the Coburg Mosque played a significant role in the formative years of the Turkish community's early settlement. Coburg Mosque's place in the local area history and appreciating its importance will help foster a stronger sense of local community belonging, enrich multiculturalism and social cohesion and the preservation of Turkish-Muslim history and identity. Recognising Coburg's local Turkish-Muslim history will help retain and cherish the memories for future generations.

Nail Aykan read his statement.

Motion to extend Community Question and Statement Time

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That community question time be extended for 30 minutes.

Carried

At 7.44pm the time allowed for Questions of Council and Community Statements was extended by 30 minutes

FRANCES EVANS - STATEMENT - AFGHAN REFUGEES

I ask that the Moreland Council Mayor and Councillors write to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Home Affairs minister Karen Andrews and Immigration minister Alex Hawke to support Sue Bolton's motion calling for: Permanent protection to the 4300 Afghans on temporary protection visas (and those in detention still waiting for visas); and the emancipation of all asylum seekers in detention onshore and offshore; with immediacy to be released into community given the severity of the COVID 19 Pandemic and the uncertain circumstances that these refugees are living in whilst waiting for permanent protection.

I ask that the Moreland Council Mayor and Councillors write to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Home Affairs minister Karen Andrews and Immigration minister Alex Hawke in support of Sue Bolton's motion calling for : The Promise of extra humanitarian intake of at least 30,000 prioritising the Afghans fleeing Afghanistan (be it from any country also), with focus on family reunions and the lifting of the ban on relocation of refugees to Australia from Indonesia through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Indonesia that has been stated since 2014.

Frances Evans read her statement.

QUESTION AND STATEMENTS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Questions and statements taken on notice are summarised for the purpose of recording them in the minutes. Full and complete copies are made available Council officers for responses or information.

ANDREW CARBONE - STATEMENT - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

The resident submitted a statement for the amendment or removal of the bike lane from Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale due to road safety concerns.

As Andrew Carbone was not in attendance, the statement was taken on notice and will be forwarded to the relevant Director for information.

ROHULLAH HUSSAINI - STATEMENT - AFGHAN REFUGEES

The resident submitted a statement in support of item 8.4, Notice of Motion on Afghan Refugees, asking Council to write to the Federal Government urging them to extend support to Afghan refugees both here and overseas.

As Rohullah Hussaini was not in attendance, the statement was taken on notice and forwarded to the relevant Director for information.

SIMONE WELLS - STATEMENT - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

The resident submitted a statement against the Kent Road bike lanes due to road safety concerns, poor design and outcomes for both residents and all road users.

The statement was taken on notice and forwarded to the relevant Director for information.

GLEN GOULD - STATEMENT - REGARDING PLAYGROUND SAFETY

The resident submitted a statement in support of item 8.1, Notice of Motion Making Spaces for Creative Play, citing Germany experience that adventurous playground construction helps children develop a sense of space and perception.

The statement was taken on notice and forwarded to the relevant Director for information.

SHEMSA OSMANCEVIC - STATEMENT - PASCOE VALE GARDENS RETIREMENT VILLAGE

The resident submitted a statement regarding an insurance matter.

The statement was taken on notice and forwarded to the relevant Director for information and response.

EDDIE SNAGGE - QUESTION - DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The resident submitted a question regarding the proposed sanction for cat owners who fail to keep their cat indoors past the curfew.

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

EDDIE SNAGGE - QUESTION - HARD RUBBISH

The resident submitted a question regarding the proposed changes to hard rubbish collection and the projected financial savings.

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

MARGARET-MARY CASHIN - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE

The resident submitted a question regarding why the draft plan out for final public consultation for Hosken Reserve shows a loss of 85% public open space to formalise a soccer hub for a fee-based sports club.

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

MARGARET-MARY CASHIN - QUESTION – HOSKEN RESERVE

The resident submitted a question regarding why a fee-based sports club is being courted by Council with a proposed \$7 million project.

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

KELLIE SKAPETIS - QUESTION - AMENDMENT C201 MORE REZONING OF INDUSTRIAL LAND ON THE SHEPPARD AND NORRIS STREET, COBURG NORTH PRECINCT

The resident submitted two questions regarding whether the significant residential growth in Merlynston was considered as part of the report.

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

RACHEL MATTON - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE

The resident submitted a question regarding Hosken Reserve public open space being monopolised by a tenant club and how Council intends to remedy it.

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

RACHEL MATTON - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE

The resident submitted a question asking why Council has never identified and made public the fact that Pascoe Vale Football Club has no right of claim to the east field and that it is a public facility.

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

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - INCREASE PARKING BY REMOVING REDUNDANT CROSSOVERS

The resident submitted questions regarding item 8.3, Notice of Motion on increasing parking by removing redundant crossovers.

The Mayor called on Marion Attwater to ask her question and due to technical difficulties she was unable to join the meeting. The questions were taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION -14 CONTRACT RFT-2021-194 - CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNALISED INTERSECTION - NEWLANDS ROAD AND MCMAHONS ROAD

The resident submitted a question regarding item 7.14 and how the weighting for the tender price meets the requirement of value of money and will Council defer this item and investigate procurement practices with a view to achieving better value for money.

The resident submitted a further question regarding an advertised contract for permanent concrete bike lanes to be installed in De Carle Street, Coburg and will Councillors call-in this contract to be awarded in the Council Chamber instead of by delegation.

The Mayor called on Marion Attwater to ask her question and due to technical difficulties she was unable to join the meeting. The questions were taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JIM SKAPETIS - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE

The resident submitted two questions regarding the draft Hosken Reserve Master Plan and giving the community the opportunity to discuss options to reconfigure it.

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

IAN CARMICHAEL - QUESTION - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

The resident submitted a question regarding the bike lanes on Kent and Northumberland Roads and if Council is prepared to accept responsibility if there is an accident or fatality while the current designs are in place.

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

MICHELLE MCCULLOCH – STATEMENT - KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

The resident submitted a statement in support of the trial bike lanes on Kent Road and Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale.

The statement was taken on notice and forwarded to the relevant Director for information.

Public Question Time concluded at 7.49 pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE PROJECT UPDATE

Executive Summary

Fawkner Leisure Centre is a much loved community facility, providing indoor and outdoor pool facilities, outdoor space and gym facilities to the community.

Council adopted the Moreland Aquatic and Leisure Strategy in 2018. The Strategy noted that the outdoor pools at Fawkner will soon reach the end of their life. The Strategy included an objective that the Fawkner Leisure Centre be refurbished within 5-10 years, and set out some potential inclusions in any project including consideration of “re-purposing” the outdoor pools with different community aquatics facilities.

An allocation of \$20.55 million for this project has been included in the current five year capital works program.

An early consultation process occurred in February – May 2021, which gathered some data from 48 participants about preferred inclusions in the project.

Council has also received local community feedback, including community petitions, that retaining a 50 metre outdoor pool is an important priority. Further work is being done on design options and costings and this will come to a future Council meeting, expected to be October. However in the meantime there is significant local anxiety about whether there will still be a 50 metre outdoor pool included.

In order to provide reassurance to the community, it is proposed to confirm that a new 50 metre outdoor pool will be included in the Fawkner Leisure Centre project.

A further report will be brought to Council, expected to be in October 2021, to endorse concept/s for consultation. Community consultation would start soon after.

Construction of the Fawkner Leisure Centre Project is currently scheduled to start mid-2023, although this could change.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolves that the Fawkner Leisure Centre project will include a 50 metre outdoor pool;
2. Notes that a further report will be prepared for the October 2021 Council meeting, with community consultation on the project to start afterwards.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Resolves that the Fawkner Leisure Centre project will include a 50 metre outdoor pool;**
2. **Notes that a further report will be prepared for the October 2021 Council meeting, with community consultation on the project to start afterwards.**

Carried unanimously

7.2 KENT ROAD SEPARATED BICYCLE LANE OPTIONS

Executive Summary

Investment in separated and safe cycling infrastructure encourages people of all confidence levels to start riding bikes.

In June 2021, Council installed trial-separated bicycle lanes in Kent Road and Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale. A new shared path in KW Joyce Reserve links these two bicycle lanes.

Kent Road was nominated for the trial because it is a critical missing part of the Coburg to Glenroy Bicycle Link. This section of Kent Road will also connect to bicycle lanes being funded by the Victorian Government on the eastern section of Kent Road as well as Derby Street.

Since installation, Council has received wide-ranging feedback from the community, including:

- Narrowness of road resulting from the design option and subsequent changes traffic conditions
- Concern and transparency about community consultation process
- Support for design of protected cycle lanes,
- Access, safety and parking issues resulting from the design option and subsequent changes traffic conditions
- Desire to fulfil Council's commitment for a 12-month trial of separated bike lanes
- Investigation of a pedestrian crossing on Kent Road.

At the August 2021 meeting (8.1) Council resolved to receive a report at the September 2021 meeting, investigating how to continue the Kent Road trial using alternative design options.

Council officers prepared alternative designs with consideration of:

- The role and function of Kent Road as a Local Street
- Reduced impact to vehicle flow whilst ensuring appropriate design standards for Local Streets including bike lane design, physical separation, shared paths, vehicle carriageway, safety perceptions and operational and implementation considerations
- Changes to cross-section design treatments that could address community feedback

Council officers have prepared six alternative designs and evaluated these against the above considerations. These options are detailed in Attachment 1 with key evaluation points as follows:

- Shared paths are not the preferred design intervention when trying to encourage cycling. One of the most common complaints Council receives from cyclists and pedestrians is the conflict that occurs on shared paths as bike riders tend to travel at much faster speeds than pedestrians, making it an uncomfortable experience to walk on a path. Separated bicycle lanes are the preferred, on-street design treatment for Moreland as they reduce conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.
- Due to limited space a bi-direction bicycle lane approaching the roundabout is not possible during the trial period. A detailed design will need to be undertaken to understand the options. Please note that space is limited on the south eastern corner of the intersection and will affect if/what designs are possible. The design would need to accommodate cyclists exiting the road, sufficient space for both pedestrians and cyclists to cross Cumberland Road, and maintain a roundabout that can accommodate the existing bus route. Footpath and kerb alignments would need to change and all approaches to the roundabout will need to be reviewed

It is recommended that Council undertakes engagement with the community on the current trial plus alternative design options one, three, five and six (see **Attachment 1**) as per Council's Community Engagement Policy (2020). Changing the design significantly without undertaking community engagement risks further compounding the community's perceptions of:

- Lack of transparency about the rationale for the trial-separated bike lanes
- Lack of engagement in the design process
- Concerns about frayed community relations
- Mistrust

The outcomes of the community engagement will be reported to Council in late 2021/early 2022 with recommendations on next steps for this trial.

During the intervening period, Council will continue to make alterations on the Kent Road bike trial in response to observations and feedback including:

- Review turning movements at individual driveways to ensure residents can drive in and out of their driveways along Kent Road adequately. Changes to parking to allow for these types of manoeuvres can be done quickly throughout the trial if delegation is provided to Director to City Futures.
- Consult with the owners and occupiers of Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road to gauge support a parking ban during the trial period on the southern side of Kent Road either all day or during waste collection on Wednesday (5am to 12 noon).

Officers propose that Council receives a report in late 2021/early 2022 including:

- Findings from the community engagement on the current design, in addition to alternative design options one, three, five and six (see Attachment 1).
- Research and data analysis during the intervening period on cycling uptake, changes in vehicle speeds and volume, traffic incident reports and parking assessments
- Recommendations to Council for the remaining six months of the trial period.
- Recommendations to Council for consultation on future bike lane projects based on outcomes from proposed Kent Road community engagement process

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the six alternative design options and the evaluation assessment for the trial-separated bike lane designs for Kent Road, Pascoe Vale at Attachment 1 which responds to the specific Council resolution at its August 2021 meeting, noting:
 - a) The current design is considered, on balance a well-performing option suitable to continuation of a trial with minor amendments.
 - b) Option one (minimum width bi-directional separated bike lanes and physical separator) and option three (widening of the south side footpath to allow for bikes and footpath off road) meet design considerations but are not suitable for trial implementation as they require detailed design at the Cumberland Road roundabout including footpath realignment into the park and Department of Transport approval.
 - c) Option two (bike lanes max 1.2m with plastic bollards as separators) provides insufficient bike lane width and is considered unsafe for either a trial or permanent street-cross section design for Kent Road.

- d) Option four (widening of the south side footpath to allow shared path) is considered unsafe for either a trial or permanent street-cross section design for Kent Road due to the inherent issues with shared paths.
 - e) Option five (similar to current trial but removes physical concrete separator and replaces with 0.8m plastic bollard treatment similar to Northumberland Road) is a minor adaptation to the current design which delivers improvements to pedestrian walkability, future street waste collection and marginal improvement to vehicle operating widths and turning circles for driveways.
 - f) Option six (removal of parking on southern side and reduction in width of physical separators) requires removal of on-street parking on the southern side of Kent Road and allocation of that road space to allow continuous two-way traffic flow in a low speed environment.
2. Undertakes community engagement on the current trial design, in addition to alternative design options one, three, five and six (see Attachment 1) as per Council's *Community Engagement Policy (2020)*.
 3. Receives a report in late 2021/early 2022 including:
 - a) Findings from the community engagement on the current design, in addition to alternative design options one, three, five and six (see Attachment 1).
 - b) Research and data analysis during the intervening period on cycling uptake, changes in vehicle speeds and volume, traffic incident reports and parking assessments
 - c) Recommendations to Council for the remainder of the trial period.
 - d) Recommendations to Council for consultation on future bike lane projects based on outcomes from proposed Kent Road community engagement process
 4. During the intervening period of engaging the community with the various bike lane options, continue to make alterations on the Kent Road bike trial in response to observations and feedback including:
 - a) Review turning movements at individual driveways to ensure residents can drive in and out of their driveways along Kent Road adequately.
 - b) Consult with the owners and occupiers of Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road to gauge support a parking ban during the trial period on the southern side of Kent Road either all day or during waste collection on Wednesday (5am to 12 noon).
 5. Delegates approval to the Director City Futures for parking restriction modifications on Kent and Northumberland Roads (Pascoe Vale) and Dawson Street, Brunswick (and immediately surrounding streets) to address any identified issues during the trial period only.
 6. Notes that a zebra crossing (including potential raised platform) on Kent Road (immediately east of Joffre Street) will be considered as part of all bike options and will be reported back to Council with the recommendation on how to proceed with bike lanes on Kent Road. Council also notes that Department of Transport approval will be required.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the six alternative design options and the evaluation assessment for the trial-separated bike lane designs for Kent Road, Pascoe Vale at Attachment 1 which responds to the specific Council resolution at its August 2021 meeting,**

noting:

- a) The current design is considered, on balance a well-performing option suitable to continuation of a trial with minor amendments.
 - b) Option one (minimum width bi-directional separated bike lanes and physical separator) and option three (widening of the south side footpath to allow for bikes and footpath off road) meet design considerations but are not suitable for trial implementation as they require detailed design at the Cumberland Road roundabout including footpath realignment into the park and Department of Transport approval.
 - c) Option two (bike lanes max 1.2m with plastic bollards as separators) provides insufficient bike lane width and is considered unsafe for either a trial or permanent street-cross section design for Kent Road.
 - d) Option four (widening of the south side footpath to allow shared path) is considered unsafe for either a trial or permanent street-cross section design for Kent Road due to the inherent issues with shared paths.
 - e) Option five (similar to current trial but removes physical concrete separator and replaces with 0.8m plastic bollard treatment similar to Northumberland Road) is a minor adaptation to the current design which delivers improvements to pedestrian walkability, future street waste collection and marginal improvement to vehicle operating widths and turning circles for driveways.
 - f) Option six (removal of parking on southern side and reduction in width of physical separators) requires removal of on-street parking on the southern side of Kent Road and allocation of that road space to allow continuous two-way traffic flow in a low speed environment.
2. Considers a new option “Option 7” that is similar to Option 4 but widens the shared path to 3m and reduces the space for utility poles to 0.8m. If in-principle approval is given by the utility company, and a road safety audit raises no major concerns, that Council adds this option to the engagement process noting that the scope and costs of the works involved in this option would mean that this option is not suitable for a trial. If the utility company and/or the road safety audit does not support the relocation of the utility poles, that this option proceeds no further.
 3. Undertakes community engagement on the current trial design, in addition to alternative design options one, three, five and six (see Attachment 1) and option 7 (as outlined in resolution 2) as per Council’s *Community Engagement Policy (2020)*.
 4. Receives a report by February 2022 including:
 - a) Findings from the community engagement on the current design, in addition to alternative design options one, three, five and six (see Attachment 1) and option 7 (as outlined in resolution 2).
 - b) Research and data analysis during the intervening period on cycling uptake, changes in vehicle speeds and volume, traffic incident reports and parking assessments
 - c) Recommendations to Council for the remainder of the trial period.
 - d) Recommendations to Council for consultation on future bike lane projects based on outcomes from proposed Kent Road community engagement process.

5. **During the intervening period of engaging the community with the various bike lane options, continue to make alterations on the Kent Road bike trial in response to observations and feedback including:**
 - a) **Review turning movements at individual driveways to ensure residents can drive in and out of their driveways along Kent Road adequately.**
 - b) **Consult with the owners and occupiers of Kent Road between Cornwall Road and Cumberland Road to gauge support a parking ban during the trial period on the southern side of Kent Road either all day or during waste collection on Wednesday (5am to 12 noon).**
6. **Delegates approval to the Director City Futures for parking restriction modifications on Kent and Northumberland Roads (Pascoe Vale) and Dawson Street, Brunswick (and immediately surrounding streets) to address any identified issues during the trial period only.**
7. **Notes that a zebra crossing (including potential raised platform) on Kent Road (immediately east of Joffre Street) will to be considered as part of all bike options and will be reported back to Council with the recommendation on how to proceed with bike lanes on Kent Road. Council also notes that Department of Transport approval will be required.**

Carried

Cr Panopoulos called for a division.

For	Against
Cr Bolton	Cr Davidson
Cr Carli Hannan	Cr Yildiz
Cr Riley	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Tapinos	
Cr Pulford	
Cr Panopoulos	
Cr Conlan	
Cr El-Halabi	
Total For (8)	Total Against (3)

7.3 OPEN SPACE IN BRUNSWICK - RESPONSE TO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DCI11/20 AND NOM45/20

Executive Summary

This report responds to multiple resolutions of Council (DCI11/20 and NOM45/20), which relate to the provision of open space in and around the southern part of the municipality, specifically Brunswick, Brunswick East and Brunswick West.

Open space in Brunswick, and Moreland more broadly, is a valued community asset. Moreland City Council has actively sought to address shortfalls in the quality and provision of open space within Brunswick and its creek corridors over the last ten years through the implementation of key strategies, capital improvements and opportunistic land purchases.

Council has been successful in acquiring land for new open space in Brunswick at several locations in the last few years to improve resident access to nearby open space. Parcels of land have been developed for new parks or are planned for the near future, including Bulleke-bek Park, (West Street), Garrong Park, (Tinning Street), Frith Street, 260 Sydney Road, 33 Saxon Street, and the new active space south of Moreland Road created through the Level Crossing Removal Project.

The Park Close to Home strategic framework prioritises creating new open space within existing gap areas over the development of new public open space at Fleming Park, the Moonee Ponds and Merri Creek environs or Edward Street and Black Street carparks (as these areas are outside of the gap areas).

Initial investigations into the development of open space at Edward Street and Black Street carparks in Brunswick identifies these as complex projects, owing in part to special rate car parking, significant financial investment required and multi stakeholder dependencies. Due to these site constraints and significant encumbrances, officers do not recommend investing officer time, re-provisioning existing budgets, and raising community expectations by undertaking formal consultation to develop a vision for parks in these locations.

The creation of new open space in any highly populated part of the municipality will always have positive benefits. Council's existing framework for considering acquisition includes endorsed open space targets to ensure that all Moreland residents can access open space within a reasonable walkable distance. There are a large number of areas not meeting these targets. Expansion and provision of new open space in these areas have a higher priority than the neighbourhoods near the Fleming Park area, Merri and Moonee Ponds Creeks, Edward Street carpark or Black Street carpark.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Considers the outcome of further strategic work in the 2021-2022 financial year around land acquisition as part of:
 - a) the Moreland Open Space Strategy review and
 - b) the development of a strategic property frameworkwhich will provide an opportunity to consider new principles and criteria around land acquisition.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the report.**
2. **Considers the outcome of further strategic work in the 2021-2022 financial year around land acquisition as part of:**
 - a) **the Moreland Open Space Strategy review and**
 - b) **the development of a strategic property framework****which will provide an opportunity to consider new principles and criteria around land acquisition.**
3. **Reaffirm its long term objective to make the Black Street and Edward Street car parks into open space but acknowledges these projects are complex and challenging and not the priority at the moment under our current strategy.**

Carried

7.4 FOR A SAFER NICHOLSON ST/ALBAN ST BEND, BRUNSWICK EAST - MINUTES

Executive Summary

The Nicholson Street / Albion Street bend in Brunswick East has a long history of property damage vehicle crashes. A number of properties near the bend have had vehicles lose control and enter their front yards.

Council understands that nearby residents feel unsafe walking on the footpath near the bend and it has had a negative psychological impact and causes anxiety for these residents.

Accordingly at the May 2021 Council meeting (8.6) Council resolved to request 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.

On 1 July 2021, the Mayor and two senior Council officers met a senior policy adviser to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety and an Executive Director from the Department of Transport (DoT) to discuss Council's concerns regarding road safety. The outcome from this meeting was a commitment of working through the issues and options to improve safety although no timeline was provided.

Given the operation of the road, road safety is the DoT's responsibility and consequently, there is little Council can do to improve safety at this location other than to continue to advocate for improvements.

One project that could be investigated for Council to implement is an improved pedestrian crossing (including meeting accessibility requirements) on the local street leg of this intersection. This would be subject to site investigation, design requirements and future funding.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes a meeting was held in July 2021 with a senior policy adviser to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, an Executive Director from the Department of Transport (DoT), the Mayor and two senior Council officers to discuss Council's concerns regarding road safety at the intersection of Albion Street and Nicholson Street. At this meeting, the Minister's adviser noted investigations were underway by the DoT and will take time to work through.
2. Will continue to advocate to the State Government (and its agencies) for improved road safety outcomes at this location. This advocacy will include requests for both immediate and longer-term outcomes such as:
 - a) Installation of traffic calming devices such as speed cushions
 - b) Road design improvements
 - c) Creation of a safe and accessible crossing from the Jones Park pedestrian and bike path across Albion Street and installation of signage to indicate to motorists that this is a spot where large numbers of children cross
 - d) Installation of a safe crossing on the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection and consideration of moving the current school crossing to the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection.
3. Will investigate the feasibility of an improved pedestrian crossing (including meeting accessibility requirements) on the local street leg of this intersection bend (Albion Street) and, if feasible, put forward within the Capital Works Program where its priority will be assessed along with all other projects within the Capital Works

Program.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes a meeting was held in July 2021 with a senior policy adviser to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety, an Executive Director from the Department of Transport (DoT), the Mayor and two senior Council officers to discuss Council's concerns regarding road safety at the intersection of Albion Street and Nicholson Street. At this meeting, the Minister's adviser noted investigations were underway by the DoT and will take time to work through.**
- 2. Will continue to advocate to the State Government (and its agencies) for improved road safety outcomes at this location. This advocacy will include requests for both immediate and longer-term outcomes such as:**
 - a) Installation of traffic calming devices such as speed cushions**
 - b) Road design improvements**
 - c) Creation of a safe and accessible crossing from the Jones Park pedestrian and bike path across Albion Street and installation of signage to indicate to motorists that this is a spot where large numbers of children cross**
 - d) Installation of a safe crossing on the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection and consideration of moving the current school crossing to the Stewart and Nicholson Street intersection.**
- 3. Will investigate the feasibility of an improved pedestrian crossing (including meeting accessibility requirements) on the local street leg of this intersection bend (Albion Street) and, if feasible, put forward within the Capital Works Program where its priority will be assessed along with all other projects within the Capital Works Program.**

Carried

7.5 SALE OF LAND – 2-12 WILKINSON STREET – AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT

Executive Summary

Moreland Affordable Housing Ltd (MAH) was established with Council's support in 2018 to increase the provision of affordable housing in Moreland, with a focus on creating opportunities for developments on Council land. On 9 June 2021 Council considered a proposal to sell land at 2-12 Wilkinson St Brunswick to support a development of affordable housing on the site by MAH. Council resolved to sign a Heads of Agreement which outlines the conditions of sale required to ensure the development would take place and the type of housing required to deliver ongoing benefits to the Moreland community. The Heads of Agreement was executed by the parties on 24 June 2021.

The *Local Government Act 1989* requires that the community is offered an opportunity to make submissions on the proposed sale before Council can make its decision. 140 written submissions were received during the public submission period from 12 July to 9 August 2021. 79 per cent of submitters were local residents and local business operators made up 12 per cent of the submissions. Thirteen oral submissions were also made at a Hearing of Submissions on 17 August 2021.

This report provides a comprehensive explanation of the range of views expressed by submitters on the proposed sale. A majority (59 per cent) of written submissions indicated support for affordable housing in principle and 42 per cent of submitters indicated their support for the specific proposal. However, 47 per cent of submitters disagreed with Council's plans for the site at Wilkinson St with a further 10 per cent offering mixed sentiments. The reasons given for negative and mixed sentiments range across a number of matters, most notably car parking, the provision of green space and overdevelopment concerns. This report outlines and addresses the key matters raised across the submissions (which are provided in full with individual officer comments at **Attachment 4**). This report is informed by a Submissions Research Report (**Attachment 3**) produced by the Strategy and Research Unit. This provides an objective summary of the 140 submissions received explained in terms of sentiments expressed and issues raised. As a significant number of submitters volunteered demographic information, we are also able to provide insights on who we heard from in the community.

Having regard to the submissions, Council officers recommend that Council should proceed with the proposal to sell the land at 2-12 Wilkinson for the following reasons:

- It will deliver an outstanding community outcome for future generations, providing an estimated social and economic return deliver \$48.7 million which is a multiplier of almost 12 on Council's land investment valued at \$4.1 million. The provision of more than 30 safe and affordable homes will provide life-enhancing outcomes for residents who will be able to actively contribute to the social, economic and cultural life of Moreland.
- The development model provides for the sustainability of MAH to do further affordable housing developments in Moreland.
- Sufficient car parking provision that supports a mix of uses including business, paid and free parking including longer term (>2 hours) opportunities can continue to be provided in the vicinity.
- New open spaces for existing and future residents in the vicinity are being provided under the A Park Close to Home Program.
- Council and the community will have a further opportunity to ensure a quality built-form outcome through the planning process.

Officer Recommendation

That Council, having followed the required statutory procedures pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act), and pursuant to its power under clause 189 of the Act:

1. Notes the submissions received in respect of Council's proposal to sell the land (as shown in Attachment 1 comprising the land contained in certificates of title volume 3169 folio 608, volume 4180 folio 907, volume 5537 folio 271 and volume 8061 folio 911) being the western portion of the car park at 2-12 Wilkinson St, Brunswick (Land), by private treaty to Moreland Affordable Housing Ltd (MAH).
2. Resolves to sell the Land to MAH on the terms set out in the Heads of Agreement at Attachment 2, for the reasons set out in this report.
3. Authorises the Director City Futures to do all things necessary to effect the sale of the Land to MAH, including signing any contract of sale, the section 173 agreement, transfer documents and any other documents required for the transfer of the Land.
4. Authorises the Director City Futures to write to each person who made a submission informing them of Council's decision and reasons for its decision in respect of Council's proposal to sell the Land.
5. Implements parking management measures in the precinct, including relocating business parking bays and continuing to provide sufficient short and longer stay opportunities, before any future construction commences.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council, having followed the required statutory procedures pursuant to section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act), and pursuant to its power under clause 189 of the Act:

1. **Notes the submissions received in respect of Council's proposal to sell the land (as shown in Attachment 1 comprising the land contained in certificates of title volume 3169 folio 608, volume 4180 folio 907, volume 5537 folio 271 and volume 8061 folio 911) being the western portion of the car park at 2-12 Wilkinson St, Brunswick (Land), by private treaty to Moreland Affordable Housing Ltd (MAH).**
2. **Resolves to sell the Land to MAH on the terms set out in the Heads of Agreement at Attachment 2, for the reasons set out in this report.**
3. **Authorises the Director City Futures to do all things necessary to effect the sale of the Land to MAH, including signing any contract of sale, the section 173 agreement, transfer documents and any other documents required for the transfer of the Land.**
4. **Authorises the Director City Futures to write to each person who made a submission informing them of Council's decision and reasons for its decision in respect of Council's proposal to sell the Land.**
5. **Implements parking management measures in the precinct, including relocating business parking bays and continuing to provide sufficient short and longer stay opportunities, before any future construction commences.**

Carried

Cr Conlan called for a division.

For

Cr Bolton

Against

Cr Yildiz

Cr Carli Hannan	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Davidson	
Cr Riley	
Cr Tapinos	
Cr Pulford	
Cr Panopoulos	
Cr Conlan	
Cr El-Halabi	
Total For (9)	Total Against (2)

7.6 DELWP CATCHMENT SCALE INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PLANS - ENDORSEMENT OF TARGETS

Executive Summary

In 2017, The Victorian Government developed an [Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria \(2017\)](#) to help state and local governments, water corporations, catchment management authorities, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and Traditional Owners collaborate to deliver good water and liveability outcomes for the community.

Adopting an integrated water management approach is a crucial part of becoming a resilient, climate adapted city that is able to respond to the Climate Emergency. IWM is a whole-of-system, multidisciplinary approach that aims to manage the entire urban water cycle by integrating the delivery of water services to contribute to the full suite of water security, public health, resilient and liveable city, healthy waterways and enhanced environmental outcomes.

Central to the framework are 15 Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forums across state catchments, convened by Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP). The Forums bring together all organisations with an interest in the water cycle, recognising that each has an important role to play in the management of our most vital resource.

Moreland sits in two catchment areas: Maribyrnong and Yarra and has actively participated in the IWM Forums and Forum Working Groups since their inception. This has included development of the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management (CSWIM) Plans for both catchments.

In late September 2021, the Yarra and Maribyrnong IWM Forum Members, including Moreland City Council Officers, will be asked to:

- Endorse the Yarra and Maribyrnong CSWIMS, specifically the finalised 2030 targets as a basis for inclusion in Forum Partner organisations' strategies, plans and processes that contribute to the delivery of IWM outcomes.
- Support ongoing processes of monitoring, review, and implementation.
- Give in principle agreement for ongoing activities to progress the 2030 targets, including implementation actions, programs to track progress and pathways to embed IWM.

For Moreland City Council, participation in the IWM Forums has provided a significant opportunity to achieve the objectives set in Council's endorsed Integrated Water Management (IWM) Strategy 2040 - Towards a Water Sensitive City and five-year forward Action Plan 2020/21 - 2024/25 (Action Plan). This document sets out Council's goals and targets to 2025 around the sustainable management of water, particularly with regards to stormwater. Such objectives often require collaboration with other water sector organisations and the IWM Forums provide a platform to form new collaborations and strengthen existing ones. It also provides a mechanism for partner organisations to put forward to the State Government the key strategic water issues, including policy reforms, identified as a priority for the water sector to progress.

Our collaboration with partners such as Department of Water, Environment Land and Planning (DELWP), Melbourne Water, Yarra Valley Water and neighbouring councils is helping to improve our waterways. Projects such as the Moonee Ponds Creek 'Chain of Ponds' Catchment Collaboration provide a platform to achieve outcomes, at a scale Moreland cannot achieve alone. These activities acknowledge our place in the catchment and our commitment to collaboration and catchment scale action to improve waterway outcomes.

While the in-principle endorsement of the CSWIMs and targets does not create specific financial obligations, generally, meeting the targets outlined in the Yarra and Maribyrnong CSWIM Plans will require an overall increase in future investment in water infrastructure. Integrated water management capital works are often expensive and implementation of IWM works can be slow in the face of funding shortfalls.

DELWP is aware that local government is unlikely to be able to fund all the infrastructure needed alone. DELWP have indicated that an IWM funding will be announced but have not given a specific date for this announcement.

Council is moving towards a more integrated approach to planning across the organisation, presenting an opportunity to ensure strong commitments to sustainability and the climate emergency - across water, climate, carbon and green infrastructure. The endorsement of these targets will require a continued commitment to this approach to enhance the resilience and liveability of our city. Achieving the vision and outcomes and targets of these plans, requires a continued collaborative approach and commitment from all Council branches across the organisation, and strong partnerships with key stakeholders such as Melbourne Water and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Council has acknowledged we are in a state of climate emergency; that the world is facing an unprecedented environmental crisis and urgent action is required. The in-principle endorsement of the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management Plans and targets are yet another example of Council's commitment to this call for action.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the leadership of the Department of Land Water Environment and Planning (DELWP) and the significant work of the Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forum members in developing the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management (CSWIM) Plans.
2. Gives in-principle endorsement of the Yarra and Maribyrnong (River) Catchment Plans, indicators and targets as a basis for inclusion in Moreland's strategies, plans and processes to contribute to the delivery of the IWM outcomes (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).
3. Continue to support to the ongoing process of monitoring, evaluation and review of progress towards the 2030 targets (included in the Attachments).

4. Continue to actively participate in the IWM Forums and working groups, collaboratively working with others to achieve IWM outcomes.
5. Work through the IWM Forums to develop implementation plans for the catchment targets and proactively seek funding support to deliver on the targets identified as relevant to the Yarra and Maribyrnong (River) Catchments.

Through Moreland IWM Forum members at the IWM Forum meetings request commitment from DELWP to remain involved in the implementation phase and resolve issues, support briefings, advocacy and broader communication.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges the leadership of the Department of Land Water Environment and Planning (DEWLP) and the significant work of the Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forum members in developing the Catchment Scale Integrated Water Management (CSWIM) Plans.**
2. **Gives in-principle endorsement of the Yarra and Maribyrnong (River) Catchment Plans, indicators and targets as a basis for inclusion in Moreland's strategies, plans and processes to contribute to the delivery of the IWM outcomes (Attachment 1 and Attachment 2).**
3. **Continue to support to the ongoing process of monitoring, evaluation and review of progress towards the 2030 targets (included in the Attachments).**
4. **Continue to actively participate in the IWM Forums and working groups, collaboratively working with others to achieve IWM outcomes.**
5. **Work through the IWM Forums to develop implementation plans for the catchment targets and proactively seek funding support to deliver on the targets identified as relevant to the Yarra and Maribyrnong (River) Catchments.**
6. **Through Moreland IWM Forum members at the IWM Forum meetings request commitment from DELWP to remain involved in the implementation phase and resolve issues, support briefings, advocacy and broader communication.**

Carried

7.7 DRAFT ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY - MINUTES

Executive Summary

This draft policy builds on the previous Inclusive and Accessible Communications policy (2012-2015) and before that the Language Services Policy.

Moreland is home to a diverse community with complex communication needs. The policy seeks out to equip Council to better understand and cater to the diverse and changing communication needs of the Moreland community.

The objectives of the draft policy are to ensure that the community has equitable access to Council information, services and programs, that community members can confidently communicate with Council and to ensure Council staff have knowledge and resources to communicate in inclusive and accessible ways.

The draft policy covers areas around preparation, audience needs, inclusive and accessible communication channels, enabling multidirectional communities supporting and training staff and monitoring and evaluating progress. Additionally, the policy speaks to increasing the accessibility of Council's planning permit processes, including the effective use of interpreter services at Planning and Related Matters meetings.

An implementation plan has been developed to support the policy, which is attached to this report. Year 1 actions include reviewing and promoting the Language Link, review and develop an Interpreter Services Protocol and identifying key council documents to supply in Plain and Easy English.

The draft policy is applicable to all Council staff, particularly those who interact directly with customers and the community.

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the Draft Accessible and Inclusive Communications Policy 2021-2024 and implementation plan.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council adopts the Draft Accessible and Inclusive Communications Policy 2021-2024 and implementation plan.

Carried

7.8 DRAFT DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021-2025 - MINUTES

Executive Summary

The Domestic Animals Act 1994 (the Act) requires all councils in Victoria to develop a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP). The DAMP must outline council services, council programs and policies established to address the administration of the Act and council's management of cat and dog issues in the community.

This plan is the overarching strategic document relating to domestic animals and is to be prepared at 4-year intervals. The current DAMP 2017-2021 is due to expire at the end of November 2021, therefore a new DAMP must be developed, adopted by Council and submitted to Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions Secretary by 4 December 2021.

A draft DAMP 2021-2025 has been prepared and is presented to Council for endorsement to be placed on public exhibition. At the conclusion of the public exhibition period feedback will be considered and amendments made to the draft if required. The final draft will then be presented to the 10 November Council meeting for endorsement.

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorses the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 for public exhibition for the period 10 September – 8 October 2021.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council endorses the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025 for public exhibition for the period 10 September – 8 October 2021.

Carried

7.9 THE MOSQUE THAT SHAPED THE TURKISH COMMUNITY - MINUTES

Executive Summary

Council requested a report about the Mosque That Shaped the Turkish Community local history project with recommendations about how Council can support the project.

Coburg Mosque have undertaken to write and publish a book celebrating the 50th anniversary of the mosque and its community, the Mosque That Shaped the Turkish Community. The project includes the development of a website to capture community stories into the future. It is proposed that the history be published in 2022.

Coburg Mosque are requesting support from Moreland City Council including a financial contribution of \$10,000.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the proposal for Council Officers to support the Mosque That Shaped the Turkish Community local history project through the following:
 - a) Moreland Libraries provide a submission for the beginning of the book which provides a general history of the area of Moreland (approximately 800 words).
 - b) Moreland Libraries work with Coburg Mosque to deliver a book launch event at the Coburg Town Hall in 2022.
 - c) Moreland City Council promote the book and local history project once launched in 2022 as a cultural asset of significance.
2. Advises Coburg Mosque to apply for financial support through the Moreland Community Grants program which is currently accepting applications until 30 September.
3. Provides a letter of support acknowledging the value of the book to the local community.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Notes the vital importance of local histories of people and places to the Moreland community, beginning with the traditional owners – the Wurundjeri Woi Wurung – to the present. This history includes the settling of migrant communities, our industrial history and early political struggles such as the anti-war and anti-conscription movements.
2. Endorses the proposal for Council Officers to partner with the Turkish Heritage Society Australia to support “*The Coburg Mosque The beginnings of the Turkish Community in Victoria*” local history project through the following:
 - a) Moreland Libraries provide a submission for the beginning of the book which provides a general history of the area of Moreland (approximately 800 words).
 - b) Moreland Libraries work with the Turkish Heritage Society Australia to deliver a book launch event at the Coburg Town Hall in 2022 with charges for hall hire and security to be waived.
 - c) Moreland City Council promote the book and local history project once launched in 2022 as a cultural asset of significance to the Moreland community.
3. Provides a grant of \$10,000 to the Turkish Heritage Society Australia to facilitate this local history project and that a funding agreement be drawn up between council and the Turkish Heritage Society Australia to ensure accountability for the grant.
4. Provides a letter of support acknowledging the value of the book to the local community.

Carried unanimously

7.10 AMENDMENT C201MORE - REZONING OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THE SHEPPARD AND NORRIS STREET, COBURG NORTH PRECINCT - DECISION GATEWAY 1 - AUTHORISATION -- MINUTES

Executive Summary

The Moreland Industrial Land Strategy 2015-2030 (MILS) guides planning decisions for Moreland's Industrial land. The MILS identifies a number of small industrial sites/precincts that are poorly located for industrial or alternative commercial premises into the future. The MILS recommends that these sites/precincts can transition from industrial to residential use through land rezoning. This land rezoning will contribute to Moreland's housing supply and the establishment of quality residential environments.

Council has received a request to amend the Moreland Planning Scheme to rezone land at 3-5, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 16-20 Sheppard Street, 2-4 and 6 Norris Street and part of 39A Shorts Road, all in Coburg North ('the Land'). The Land is classified in the MILS as 'Category 3: Transition to residential'. Land to the north of the precinct is in the General Residential Zone, to the south and east (on the opposite side of the Upfield Railway line) is industrial, whilst Hosken Reserve is located to the west. The Land includes a small part of the Reserve car park and its access from Sheppard Street.

Consistent with the MILS, the request is to facilitate a transition to quality residential environments that contribute to Moreland's housing supply. A combination of zoning is proposed with most of the land in the General Residential Zone and the larger landholding in a Mixed Use Zone. An Incorporated Plan Overlay is proposed to:

- restrict the height of any future buildings in the precinct;
- outline a preferred neighbourhood character;
- protect the amenity of Hosken Reserve;
- provide for affordable housing and improve access through the precinct for pedestrians, cyclists and service vehicles; and
- guide the types of secondary uses which are permitted in the Mixed Use Zone.

The land to be rezoned has been known to be used for industry, rubber manufacturing and the storage of chemicals. As this land is proposed to be rezoned to allow residential uses, the risk from potential contamination is proposed to be managed by applying an Environmental Audit Overlay to the land.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Using its powers as a planning authority under sections 8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C201more as shown in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to this report.
2. Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits Amendment C201more in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
3. Authorises the Director City Futures to make changes to the Amendment C201more based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make any grammatical changes and correct any errors in the relevant documents.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. Using its powers as a planning authority under sections 8A and 8B of the *Planning and Environment 1987*, seeks authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C201more as shown in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to this report.
2. Following receipt of the Minister's authorisation, exhibits Amendment C201more in accordance with Section 19 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and as outlined in the Consultation section of this report.
3. Authorises the Director City Futures to make changes to the Amendment C201more based on conditions imposed in any authorisation granted by the Minister for Planning and to make any grammatical changes and correct any errors in the relevant documents.

Carried

Cr Bolton's vote against be noted.

7.11 PUBLIC HIGHWAY DECLARATION - STREETS, ROADS LANEWAYS AND EASEMENTS NEAR WILKINSON STREET, BRUNSWICK

Executive Summary

On 14 April 2021 (Item 7.6), Council considered a report that explained that pre-1988 roads (including laneways) are '*public highways*' (i.e. "land over which the public has a right to pass") only under Common Law. The report presented two locations where clarification of 'public road' status is required as soon as possible.

The first is a carriageway easement that exists between two Council car parks on the northern side of Wilkinson Street (**Attachment 1**). An affordable housing feasibility study found this 'road' only exists under common law and needs to have the title changed from carriageway easement to Road. A formal declaration of public highway status will allow an application for the title to be changed.

The second is the north-south laneway that exists physically (but not on title) across 409-419 Sydney Road, Brunswick. The laneway goes across the middle of the current Bunnings site and provides a public connection from Wilkinson Street to Victoria Street. It is used by cars, delivery vehicles, waste collection trucks and is a busy pedestrian connection. This laneway appears on the former Brunswick City Council city plans showing that Council has been, *and still is*, responsible for the on-going maintenance of the laneway (**Attachment 2**). However, the property title does not show the laneway across it. This has raised questions about the public's right to use it. A formal declaration of public highway status will allow an application for the creation of a property title to the road (laneway) guaranteeing the continued access that the public have been using for the past century.

On 14 April 2021, Council commenced the public consultation process to declare, as public highways, all the roads, laneways and carriageway easements within the area bounded by Sydney Road, Victoria Street, the railway and Albert Street (**Attachment 3**).

This report considers the submissions from the public and recommends that Council proceed with the proposed declaration.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Under Section 204(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, formally declares all roads, laneways and carriageway easements constructed by Council within the area bounded by Sydney Road, the northern boundary of Victoria Street, the railway line and the southern boundary of Albert Street to be public highways, including both the constructed carriageway easement on Title Plan TP 940933P within the 2-8 Wilkinson Street Car Park and the constructed road/laneway across 409-419 Sydney Road on Title Plan TP 238758W, but with a height limit of 4.5 metres for the portion where that title exists on both sides and excluding the road/laneway abutting the northern boundary of 2-8 Wilkinson Street as listed in Attachment 3.
2. Publishes the declaration in the Victorian Government Gazette.
3. Applies to Land Use Victoria within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, for titles to be issued for the gazetted public highways.
4. Notifies all those who previously received a circular in relation to the proposal, and those who made written submissions of Council's decision.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council:

1. **Under Section 204(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, formally declares all roads, laneways and carriageway easements constructed by Council within the area bounded by Sydney Road, the northern boundary of Victoria Street, the railway line and the southern boundary of Albert Street to be public highways, including both the constructed carriageway easement on Title Plan TP 940933P within the 2-8 Wilkinson Street Car Park and the constructed road/laneway across 409-419 Sydney Road on Title Plan TP 238758W, but with a height limit of 4.5 metres for the portion where that title exists on both sides and excluding the road/laneway abutting the northern boundary of 2-8 Wilkinson Street as listed in Attachment 3.**
2. **Publishes the declaration in the Victorian Government Gazette.**
3. **Applies to Land Use Victoria within the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, for titles to be issued for the gazetted public highways.**
4. **Notifies all those who previously received a circular in relation to the proposal, and those who made written submissions of Council's decision.**

Carried

7.12 SUMMER 2021 - 22 SPORTS GROUND SEASONAL TENANCY ALLOCATIONS

Executive Summary

Council has a strong commitment in providing its community with sporting and recreational facilities and opportunities, encouraging them to stay active to improve their health and wellbeing outcomes. The importance of physical activity and social connection through community sport is acknowledged more than ever as Melbourne works through a constant state of interruption due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Council's Allocation and Use of Sporting Facilities, Grounds and Pavilions Policy 2016 (the Policy) provides a framework for the annual and seasonal allocation of sporting grounds and pavilions to clubs through a tenancy agreement.

In line with the Policy, facilities are allocated to clubs with sound governance structures, open membership for men, women and juniors, and a demonstrated commitment to social responsibility, including participation in club development programs.

Fourteen summer seasonal tenancy applications were received from clubs and all requests can be accommodated. This report also provides an update on progress of the club's levels in junior and female participation. Several clubs are still in the process of submitting their compliance documentation prior which is required prior to receiving their summer 2021-22 sports ground seasonal allocation, including COVID Safe Plans.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Allocates sports grounds and pavilions for the 2021-22 summer season to the clubs nominated in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes that any club owing ground or pavilion fees from previous seasons, or with outstanding utility fees, will not be offered summer 2021-22 ground allocation until payment is made, or an agreed payment plan is in place, in accordance with the information in confidential Attachment 2, relating to seasonal allocations.
3. Notes that clubs will be required to provide all compliance documentation prior to receiving their summer 2021-22 sports ground seasonal allocation, including COVID Safe Plans and compliance.
4. Authorises the Director Community Development to make changes to the allocation of facilities for the duration of the 2021-22 summer season as required.
5. Notes current proposed junior and female participation levels in Attachment 1 at sports clubs contained within this Summer 2021-22 Sports Ground Allocations report.
6. Notes that the Summer season start dates will depend largely on Victorian restrictions and Council Officers from Recreation and Open Space are working closely together with local Leagues and Associations to support grounds and clubs to prepare for the season.

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Allocates sports grounds and pavilions for the 2021-22 summer season to the clubs nominated in Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Notes that any club owing ground or pavilion fees from previous seasons, or with outstanding utility fees, will not be offered summer 2021-22 ground allocation until payment is made, or an agreed payment plan is in place, in accordance with the information in confidential Attachment 2, relating to seasonal allocations.**
3. **Notes that clubs will be required to provide all compliance documentation prior to receiving their summer 2021-22 sports ground seasonal allocation, including COVID Safe Plans and compliance.**
4. **Authorises the Director Community Development to make changes to the allocation of facilities for the duration of the 2021-22 summer season as required.**

5. **Notes current proposed junior and female participation levels in Attachment 1 at sports clubs contained within this Summer 2021-22 Sports Ground Allocations report.**
6. **Notes that the Summer season start dates will depend largely on Victorian restrictions and Council Officers from Recreation and Open Space are working closely together with local Leagues and Associations to support grounds and clubs to prepare for the season.**

Carried

7.13 COUNCILS USE OF SERVICES FROM COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN THE DETENTION OF REFUGEES

Executive Summary

At the Special Council Meeting held 24 June 2021, Council resolved that a report be provided regarding Moreland City Council's use of any services with any company that participates in, profits from or facilitates the detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia or in offshore detention.

Council Officers can confirm, that to the best of our knowledge, that Council has not engaged with any company that participates in, profits from or facilitates the detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia or in offshore detention.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that Moreland have not engaged services from any known company that participates in, profits from or facilitates the detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia or in offshore detention.
2. Notes that the Moreland Procurement Policy 2021 – 2025 (recently adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 June 2021), aligns with Council's existing Human Rights Policy; the updated procurement policy was strengthened to include the following wording:

“Council is committed to respecting human rights and will be excluding from future contracts, tenders or business dealings any companies involved in onshore or offshore detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.”

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that Moreland have not engaged services from any known company that participates in, profits from or facilitates the detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia or in offshore detention.**
2. **Notes that the Moreland Procurement Policy 2021 – 2025 (recently adopted by Council at its meeting on 24 June 2021), aligns with Council's existing Human Rights Policy; the updated procurement policy was strengthened to include the following wording:**

“Council is committed to respecting human rights and will be excluding from future contracts, tenders or business dealings any companies involved in onshore or offshore detention of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.”

Carried

7.14 CONTRACT RFT-2021-194 - CONSTRUCTION OF SIGNALISED INTERSECTION - NEWLANDS ROAD AND MCMAHONS ROAD

Executive Summary

Newlands Road, Coburg North is classified by Council as a Major Road. It provides a key link between the state managed arterial road of Murray Road and the industrial zone along Newlands Road.

In its December 2020 meeting, Council received a report (Council Report 8.1) outlining the safety concerns of the intersection of Newlands Road and McMahons Road, in which Council resolved to have the intersection signalised with the opportunity to utilise the Local Roads Community Infrastructure Grant funding program from the Commonwealth Government.

Following the design process, an advertisement was placed in *The Age* newspaper on Saturday, 17 July 2021 inviting tenders from contractors to undertake the works. The tenders closed on Friday 13 August 2021, with six tenders received.

The six tender responses were received from the following contractors:

- AJ Williams Group Pty Ltd
- GP Bluestone Pty Ltd
- CDN Constructors Pty Ltd
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd
- G&S Fortunato Group Pty Ltd
- MJ Construction Group Pty Ltd

Prestige Paving Pty Ltd achieved the highest score through the evaluation process. Prestige Paving has previously undertaken numerous signalisation jobs works for Council's outside of Moreland, including Darebin. Referee checks with Darebin Engineers have shown that Prestige Paving has successfully delivered these works to a very high standard and as such is well positioned to complete the works.

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

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) Make a formal offer to **Prestige Paving Pty Ltd ACN 140 970 912 (Contractor)** to award to the Contractor contract **RFT-2021-194** for the construction of a signalised intersection at the Newlands Road and McMahons Road intersection on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - i. For the lump sum of \$629,103.98 (excluding GST) plus a provisional sum of \$24,000.00 (excluding GST), totaling \$653,103.98 (excluding GST).
 - ii. Allocate a contingency amount of \$130,620.79 (20 percent) to the project bringing the total expenditure for Contract RFT-2021-194 Newlands Road and McMahons Road Signalisation, to \$783,724.78 (excluding GST).
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be

- altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the **Chief Executive Officer**;
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
- a) Authorises the **Director City Futures** to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
 - b) Authorises the **Director City Futures** to exercise the option to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and
 - c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
- a) **Make a formal offer to Prestige Paving Pty Ltd ACN 140 970 912 (Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2021-194 for the construction of a signalised intersection at the Newlands Road and McMahons Road intersection on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - i. **For the lump sum of \$629,103.98 (excluding GST) plus a provisional sum of \$24,000.00 (excluding GST), totaling \$653,103.98 (excluding GST).**
 - ii. **Allocate a contingency amount of \$130,620.79 (20 percent) to the project bringing the total expenditure for Contract RFT-2021-194 Newlands Road and McMahons Road Signalisation, to \$783,724.78 (excluding GST).**
 - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i. **the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - ii. **other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;**
2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
- a) **Authorises the Director City Futures to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and**
 - b) **Authorises the Director City Futures to exercise the option to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and**
 - c) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

Carried

7.15 GOVERNANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2021 - CYCLICAL REPORT

Executive Summary

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

This Governance Report includes:

- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation that Council notes the records.
- Responses to Public Question Time items taken on notice at 11 August 2021 Council meeting, with a recommendation that Council notes the responses.
- Proposed acquisition of the artwork 'Study for On the Front Bench' by Noel Counihan.
- Recommendation to accept the donation of artwork, 'I need you/You need me (the fox)' by Dr Christian Thompson AO.
- Details of the waiver applied rescinding the requirement for 3 quotes to be obtained in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and resultant engagement of Entracon Civil Pty Ltd for asbestos abatement at Gavin Park Wetland Project.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the August 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. In accordance with the Moreland Art Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, approves the purchase of the following artwork:
 - a) 'Study for On the Front Bench' (1956). A painting by artist Noel Counihan for the sum of \$24,000 (ex GST).
4. In accordance with the Moreland Art Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, accepts the donation of the following artwork:
 - a) 'I Need You / You Need Me (The Fox)' (2005). A video (DVD) work of approximately 6:00 minutes by artist Dr Christian Thompson AO.
5. Notes the waiver rescinding the Procurement Policy requirement to obtain 3 quotes and resulting in the viable engagement of Entracon Civil Pty Ltd for asbestos abatement at Gavin Park Wetland Project.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the August 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. In accordance with the Moreland Art Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, approves the purchase of the following artwork:
 - a) 'Study for On the Front Bench' (1956). A painting by artist Noel Counihan for the sum of \$24,000 (ex GST).
4. In accordance with the Moreland Art Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, accepts the donation of the following artwork:
 - a) 'I Need You / You Need Me (The Fox)' (2005). A video (DVD) work of approximately 6:00 minutes by artist Dr Christian Thompson AO.
5. Notes the waiver rescinding the Procurement Policy requirement to obtain 3 quotes and resulting in the viable engagement of Entracon Civil Pty Ltd for asbestos abatement at Gavin Park Wetland Project.

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 MAKING SPACES FOR CREATIVE PLAY

Motion

That Council considers, as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy Review, opportunities for creating spaces specifically dedicated to 'creative play', including opportunities to explore, construct and make, using natural materials from the site, for example soil, sticks and rocks.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council considers, as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy Review, opportunities for creating spaces specifically dedicated to 'creative play', including opportunities to explore, construct and make, using natural materials from the site, for example soil, sticks and rocks.

Carried

8.2 ANY PLANNING REFORMS REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY INPUT

Motion

- That Council:

1. Notes that the Victorian government has made a number of changes to the planning system in the last 18 months and is considering further significant planning reform
2. Strongly voices our concern that
 - a) the community's voice must remain central in planning decisions
 - b) strong community consultation must be a core part of major planning decisions
 - c) community voice is critical for ensuring a transparent planning system that strengthens local neighbourhoods and economies
 - d) consultation with community and with local government on any reform proposals must occur before reforms are considered or introduced.
3. Urgently calls on the Minister for Planning to ensure that any reform process includes full consultation with Councils and community before any decisions are put to parliament, and urgently writes to the Minister to advocate Council's position.
4. Urgently contacts the shadow Minister for Planning and all local Members of the Victorian Parliament to advocate Council's position.
5. Requests the Chief Executive Officer or delegate coordinate with other local governments in regard to advocacy.
6. Requests a report to Council, within 3 months, with an update and advice on any action Council could take to advocate effectively on this matter.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that the Victorian government has made a number of changes to the planning system in the last 18 months and is considering further significant planning reform**
2. **Strongly voices our concern that**
 - a) **the community's voice must remain central in planning decisions**
 - b) **strong community consultation must be a core part of major planning decisions**
 - c) **community voice is critical for ensuring a transparent planning system that strengthens local neighbourhoods and economies**
 - d) **consultation with community and with local government on any reform proposals must occur before reforms are considered or introduced.**
3. **Urgently calls on the Minister for Planning to ensure that any reform process includes full consultation with Councils and community before any decisions are put to parliament, and urgently writes to the Minister to advocate Council's position.**
4. **Urgently contacts the shadow Minister for Planning and all local Members of the Victorian Parliament to advocate Council's position.**
5. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer or delegate coordinate with other local governments in regard to advocacy.**
6. **Requests a report to Council, within 3 months, with an update and advice on any action Council could take to advocate effectively on this matter.**

Carried

8.3 INCREASE PARKING BY REMOVING REDUNDANT CROSSOVERS

Motion

▪ That Council receives a report in March 2023 about the opportunity to increase on-street parking in the municipality in activity centres and streets with high parking demand, by reclaiming locations with redundant crossovers and allowing parallel parking there. The report be prepared after 18 months of data collection through regular footpath inspections under the Road Management Plan as well as incorporating sites identified by the community and include the following:

1. Identify the locations of redundant crossovers in activity centres where removal of the crossover would gain parking space, in addition to any other sites across the municipality identified during this period
2. Propose strategic options based on community benefit hierarchy for removal of redundant crossovers, for example enforcement of historic non-compliance, a co-funding amnesty for residents, other strategies for permitting parking at these locations.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council receives a report in March 2023 about the opportunity to increase on-street parking in the municipality in activity centres and streets with high parking demand, by reclaiming locations with redundant crossovers and allowing parallel parking there. The report be prepared after 18 months of data collection through regular footpath inspections under the Road Management Plan as well as incorporating sites identified by the community and include the following:

1. **Identify the locations of redundant crossovers in activity centres where removal of the crossover would gain parking space, in addition to any other sites across the municipality identified during this period**
2. **Propose strategic options based on community benefit hierarchy for removal of redundant crossovers, for example enforcement of historic non-compliance, a co-funding amnesty for residents, other strategies for permitting parking at these locations.**

Carried

8.4 AFGHAN REFUGEES

Motion

That Council notes that that the Afghan refugee community has contributed enormously to the Australian community over many years and that Australia has a special moral obligation to rescue and assist Afghan people seeking refuge status, given the large number of Afghan people who assisted the Australian mission in Afghanistan, thus putting their lives in danger.

1. Writes to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews and Immigration minister Alex Hawke calling on the government to:
 - Commit to an additional humanitarian intake of at least 20,000, prioritising the most vulnerable persecuted Afghans, similar to Canada's announcement on

14 August 2021 accepting 20,000 Afghan refugees, and similar to Australia's response to the Syrian conflict in 2015 in accepting 12,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees;

- Expedite the resettlement of Afghan interpreters, guides and other personnel involved in Australia's mission in Afghanistan, the families of Afghan refugees in Australia as well as human rights advocates, journalists, women and ethnic and religious groups facing discrimination and violence under the Taliban. Communities such as Hindus, Sikhs, and ethnic minority Hazaras are particularly at risk;
 - Urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, particularly Pakistan and Iran and increase aid to the region to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan;
 - Abandon insistence that Afghans can only apply for asylum within Afghanistan and guarantee that Afghan asylum seekers who escape to neighbouring countries can apply for asylum and be accepted as refugees from those countries Lift the ban on resettlement of refugees to Australia through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Indonesia, a ban which has been in place since 2014. This ban continues to limit resettlement options for 10,000 Afghan refugees awaiting safety and protection;
 - Grant permanent protection to all Afghan refugees and asylum seekers who are currently on temporary protection and bridging visas;
 - Grant amnesty to all Afghan nationals currently in Australia who fear returning to Afghanistan; and
 - Release and grant visas to Afghan refugees and asylum seekers in detention and similarly bring to Australia and grant visas to any Afghan refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru and in PNG; prioritise the family reunification visas of Afghan-Australians, including those who are prevented from reuniting with their families due to a government ministerial directive that requires the Department of Home Affairs to deprioritise family reunion of hundreds of Afghans in Australia.
2. Approach other member councils of the Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum about sending similar letters to the federal government calling for an additional humanitarian intake of at least 20,000 prioritising the most vulnerable persecuted Afghans.
 3. Reaches out to the Afghan community through our partners such as Merri Health, the Fawkner Services Network and the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre and City of Greater Dandenong to ascertain if there is extra support that the local Afghan community needs.
 4. Support for Refugee Council of Australia's call on Government to act now on Afghanistan by signing joint letter to all Parliamentarians
 5. As a Welcoming Cities member, accept the invitation by Welcoming International to join as signatories to the Mayors Migration Council (MMC) open letter entitled "Welcome Afghan Refugees Now."

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council notes that that the Afghan refugee community has contributed

enormously to the Australian community over many years and that Australia has a special moral obligation to rescue and assist Afghan people seeking refuge status, given the large number of Afghan people who assisted the Australian mission in Afghanistan, thus putting their lives in danger.

1. **Writes to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews and Immigration minister Alex Hawke calling on the government to:**
 - **Commit to an additional humanitarian intake of at least 20,000, prioritising the most vulnerable persecuted Afghans, similar to Canada's announcement on 14 August 2021 accepting 20,000 Afghan refugees, and similar to Australia's response to the Syrian conflict in 2015 in accepting 12,000 vulnerable Syrian refugees;**
 - **Expedite the resettlement of Afghan interpreters, guides and other personnel involved in Australia's mission in Afghanistan, the families of Afghan refugees in Australia as well as human rights advocates, journalists, women and ethnic and religious groups facing discrimination and violence under the Taliban. Communities such as Hindus, Sikhs, and ethnic minority Hazaras are particularly at risk;**
 - **Urge governments in the region to keep borders open for people trying to flee persecution in Afghanistan, particularly Pakistan and Iran and increase aid to the region to assist people who have been displaced across borders and, wherever possible, support organisations still offering assistance within Afghanistan;**
 - **Abandon insistence that Afghans can only apply for asylum within Afghanistan and guarantee that Afghan asylum seekers who escape to neighbouring countries can apply for asylum and be accepted as refugees from those countries Lift the ban on resettlement of refugees to Australia through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Indonesia, a ban which has been in place since 2014. This ban continues to limit resettlement options for 10,000 Afghan refugees awaiting safety and protection;**
 - **Grant permanent protection to all Afghan refugees and asylum seekers who are currently on temporary protection and bridging visas;**
 - **Grant amnesty to all Afghan nationals currently in Australia who fear returning to Afghanistan; and**
 - **Release and grant visas to Afghan refugees and asylum seekers in detention and similarly bring to Australia and grant visas to any Afghan refugees and asylum seekers on Nauru and in PNG; prioritise the family reunification visas of Afghan-Australians, including those who are prevented from reuniting with their families due to a government ministerial directive that requires the Department of Home Affairs to deprioritise family reunion of hundreds of Afghans in Australia.**
2. **Approach other member councils of the Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum about sending similar letters to the federal government calling for an additional humanitarian intake of at least 20,000 prioritising the most vulnerable persecuted Afghans.**
3. **Reaches out to the Afghan community through our partners such as Merri Health, the Fawkner Services Network and the Asylum Seeker Welcome Centre and City of Greater Dandenong to ascertain if there is extra support that the local Afghan community needs.**
4. **Support for Refugee Council of Australia's call on Government to act now on Afghanistan by signing joint letter to all Parliamentarians**

5. As a Welcoming Cities member, accept the invitation by Welcoming International to join as signatories to the Mayors Migration Council (MMC) open letter entitled "Welcome Afghan Refugees Now."

Carried

Cr Yildiz was absent for the vote.

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Nil.

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Pavlidis 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 this/these report(s):

- 12.1 Epping Animal Welfare Facility contract review (D21/351566) because it relates to Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

Carried

The Council meeting was closed to the public at 9.11 pm.

Opening the Meeting to the public

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Riley seconded -

The Council meeting be opened to the public.

Carried

The Council meeting was opened to the public at 9.13 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan
MAYOR