



Moreland City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 11 May 2022

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

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Mark Riley, Mayor	7.06 pm	9.07 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr James Conlan	7.08	9.07 pm
Cr Monica Harte	7.08	9.07 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.06	9.07 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	Leave of absence	

OFFICERS

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

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Resolution

Cr Panopolous moved, Cr Davidson seconded

That Cr Tapinos be granted leave of absence for the period 23 May 2022 to 25 June 2022, with the exception of the Council meeting scheduled for the 8 June and Special Council meeting scheduled for 23 June 2022).

Carried

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Cr Bolton be granted a leave of absence for the period 1pm on Monday 18 April to 6pm on 21 May 2022 inclusive.

Carried

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Conlan disclosed a conflict of interest in item 7.1 Towards Zero Carbon In Planning - Elevating ESD Planning Tool.

Cr Yildiz disclosed a conflict of interest the item 7.9 Proposed Sale of land - Unit 1, 6 Sutherland Street Coburg.

Cr Carli Hannan disclosed a conflict of interest item 7.9 Proposed Sale of land - Unit 1, 6 Sutherland Street Coburg.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded –

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13 April 2022 be confirmed, subject to the following corrections to the proposed minutes as follows:

- **Item 8.1 (page 34)**
 - **In point 1 of the resolution, May be amended to July; and**
 - **In point 2 of the resolution, June be amended to December.**
- **Item Acknowledgements and Other Matters (Page 2) Item 4 corrected to read 25 March 2022.**

Carried

Resolution

Cr Harte moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 27 April 2022 be confirmed.

Carried

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cr Yildiz acknowledged the following associations and events:

- Glenroy Station opening
- Greater Melbourne Cemeteries Trust community event
- West Coburg Cricket Club Presentation evening
- Glenroy Art Group art show
- Lebanese Historical Society's video launch detailing the Lebanese migration to Australia and Victoria
- ePac Flexible Packaging Group Coburg opening
- Nepalese Association of Victoria fundraising golf day
- Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria event on 25 June 2022 at the Harold Stephens Athletic Track
- Lions Club fundraiser
- Move the House Fawkner tree planting to honour the ANZAC and Turkish soldiers lost at Gallipoli
- Glenroy Football Club ANZAC Day event
- Coburg Districts Football Club ANZAC Day event
- Pascoe Vale, Glenroy, Fawkner and Coburg RSLs ANZAC Day events
- Harold Stephens Athletics Track 24-hour run
- the Rise North Action Group promoting quality education in north Moreland.

Cr Riley acknowledged the following associations and events:

- the official opening of children's services at the Glenroy Hub
- handover of the names from the Wurundjeri Woi wurrung on Saturday 14 May 2022 at a Special meeting.

PETITIONS

5.1 OAK PARK OUTDOOR POOL

A Petition has been received containing 25 signatures requesting Council to extend the opening period of the Oak Park 50 metre outdoor pool from the end of April until the end of May 2022, ensuring a full 6 months where users can access the facility.

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Yildiz seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Receives the petition, requesting Council extend the opening period of the Oak Park 50 metre outdoor pool from the end of April until the end of May 2022, ensuring a full 6 months where users can access the facility.**
- 2. Refers the petition requesting Council extend the opening period of the Oak Park 50 metre outdoor pool from the end of April until the end of May 2022, ensuring a full 6 months where users can access the facility to the Director Community for consideration and response.**

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 7.26 pm.

JUAN MUNOZ - STATEMENT - 7.5 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY - UPDATE 2022

I would like to make this statement in relation to Agenda item 7.5, in particular mention of inroad planting projects mentioned in Attachment 1 for inroad street planting. I make this statement to seek Council support of inroad planting activities in streets like Eddy St in Brunswick East.

Eddy St is located parallel to Lygon Street and runs south of Albion St for about three blocks. There is not one tree or space for plantings all along this street. I believe that it is a street under stress from heat and this will only increase with plans to build five and six storey buildings with no setbacks and no public works plan conditions requiring them to have greening/landscaping at these buildings at street level (just concrete, brick and metal).

Another challenge with this area is that without trees, hard surfaces of fences, concrete and brick dominate the landscape. This attracts large amounts of tagging. It also unfortunately attracts a lot of rubbish from Lygon Street and hard rubbish dumping. I have reported since May 2021 at least 17 instances of hard rubbish dumping in one corner with Bladen Avenue. This does not include the month or so that our whole street had hard rubbish not being collected because of the delays with this recent collection. I have written to one of my ward councillors about this issue and this has also been forwarded to relevant officers.

Another challenge with this road is that whilst it is a one-way car road only permitting cars to drive south to north, most cars do not observe this rule and many cars invade way and drive in the wrong direction north to south. This is even though this is part of the East shimmy bike route.

With a group of about 10 residents, we have started to attempt to make this area more green by planting in nearby Bladen Avenue some plants on a nature strip. I estimate that we have devoted about 40 hours of unpaid time in the last year volunteering to try and progress this issue further but need Council investment in this area to make our volunteering time achieve better outcomes for our nearby environment. I understand that this area is now a street to be investigated for in-road tree planting. I thank the councillor and officers who have assisted us with investigating this. I make this statement to seek broader council support in the hope that an improved streetscape with trees and plants in an area that has no trees might help improve with cooling the street and beautifying it to deter the dumping of rubbish and tagging. I also make this statement in support of making our municipality have a better environment with more trees as we face a climate emergency.

Juan Munoz read his statement.

LISA DARMANIN - QUESTIONS - MORELAND ASU INDUSTRIAL CAMPAIGN

It's often pointed out that working during the pandemic has taken a toll on everyone. It's also often noted that front line staff have copped the brunt of this as they continued to provide essential council services to the community throughout the pandemic. These are both true, but for those who know the workers and hear their stories understand, the pandemic simply shone a light on the fact that this is always true for those areas of the local government workforce, not simply during the pandemic. Our members on the ground in these front line services continue to face exhaustion and burnout, while dealing with chronic understaffing, a burned out community, a challenging and changing nature of their work, all the while being the lowest paid staff in the staffing structure. We know that Council Officers undertake wellbeing surveys of staff that assess the culture and morale of

the workforce, and we know how damning the results of the more recent surveys have been.

What level of information do Councillors receive on the needs of the front-line workforce to address these issues before making decisions on budget allocations between investing in things like capital works, or investing in a staff contingent that have felt undervalued and underappreciated as they carry the reputation of this council on their backs?

Libraries are one of the great services provided by Moreland City Council, and in recent weeks the hard working staff who provide those services have been inundated by messages of support by library users and their friends and families. We believe those library users, along with the rest of the community of Moreland, would be shocked to learn that the workers staffing the libraries are the only workers at Moreland Council who do not have a set span of hours, meaning they do not receive overtime for things like working on a Saturday morning, and are even often expected to work for nothing on a Saturday morning under forced time in lieu arrangements.

Are Councillors aware of this when making decisions about funding of library projects, considering staff budgets, and attending events such as the opening of the Glenroy Hub, and does this seem like a fair arrangement for those workers?

Even while facing extreme challenges over the last couple of years, Moreland Council has managed to maintain and even increase its operating profit. This comes as the staff this Council relies on to deliver its services report feeling increasingly over-worked and burned out, which we know is not a coincidence. When Councillors invest in new capital works projects to improve the lives of residents in Moreland, and do so under the rate capping budgetary constraints, this places an additional burden on the staff maintaining the city as staffing levels do not increase commensurate with the extra work needed, and often the planning for those projects does not consider the new challenges they bring in how those staff operate, for instance the impact of bike lanes on how streets are swept or bins are emptied, or the impacts of housing developments and removal of parking restrictions on household rubbish collection.

Will Councillors commit to improving communication and assessment methods to better understand the real impacts of these decisions on the staff providing those services before allocating budget to projects that only add to the strain already being felt?

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

Moreland Council is very proud of its staff and very proud of the amazing effort staff put in during the pandemic, absolutely acknowledge the sterling efforts of all the staff but front line staff had particular challenges that were inspiring in the way that people met those challenges and were really important to the community of Moreland.

Capital works projects and the impact that has on staff is considered in project planning. The Community Infrastructure Plan which is about the planning of major community infrastructure builds into the future, is out for consultation at the moment and feedback on that is really welcome. Absolutely agree that it is not the right thing to plan for and create infrastructure projects without also planning for the right levels of staffing.

As recognised, we are working in an environment of budget constraints as well as increasing service needs and balancing all that for the best of the community is really challenging. Staff efforts both in delivering services and planning for those services are incredibly important.

In relation to library workers and the wonderful opening of Glenroy Hub that is happening on the weekend, I note the issue around payment of overtime and span of hours is one of the issues being discussed at the moment as part of broader industrial negotiations, which are not the business of the Council Chamber because the *Local Government Act 2020* clearly puts that as something that unions negotiate with organisations.

Questions and Statements Taken On Notice

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

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - 7.1 TOWARDS ZERO CARBON IN PLANNING - ELEVATING ESD PLANNING TOOL

My question is for the Amendment on the ESD Planning Tool which has been arranged by CASBE, why hasn't Moreland Council ever appointed a Councillor to the Steering Committee of CASBE and why hasn't the MOU between Moreland Council and CASBE ever been the subject of a Report to Council (if such an MOU even exists)?

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

JOHN ENGLART - STATEMENT - 7.4 2022 PRELIMINARY DRAFT MELBOURNE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND THIRD RUNWAY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSION

The officer report fails to mention in Previous Council decisions: Moreland Council passed a motion advocating for High Speed Rail at Council's October 2018 meeting, "to connect Australia's cities instead of expanding the privately-owned airports." Also the Officer report in the Environmental Impacts section does not mention increase in greenhouse gas emissions and high altitude climate impacts that will result from extra flights. These omissions are vital information to Councillors, whether it be based on Melbourne Airports own low figures based on take-off and landings (Claimed annual warming from Third Runway flights in 2046 by Melbourne Airport 0.348 million t CO₂-e), or more broadly based carbon emissions accounting that includes high altitudes emissions and impacts.

There is no independent health risk assessment being done for the third runway expansion. Particulate matter, particularly PM_{2.5} has not been adequately modelled. Ultrafines (which are even smaller than PM_{2.5}) are particularly harmful to health with no modelling or environmental health risk assessment done. Moreland Council has a commitment to advocate for Climate emergency action. Expansion of Melbourne Airport with a third runway will increase aviation climate emissions by 55%, emissions equivalent to Loy Yang B power station. Melbourne Airport does not factor in business risk of development of a east coast High Speed Rail network, which Federal Labor is advocating a start on. Neither does the airport take into account changes in flying behaviour with growing numbers flying less and more people using videoconferencing rather than travel for meetings. Even the proposal for environment offsets to be more than the minimum is far from perfect given these are threatened ecological system habitats. The environmental offset should be of greater size, and be of similar or greater habitat quality (assessed by an independent ecologist) with the offsets implemented before any approved work is started. I really expected a much better draft submission prepared by Council Officers.

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

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - 7.10 COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2021-22 - THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

The action to consult the community and adopt a revised Parking Management Policy has a status of red, even though this Policy contains permits related to disabled parking, so doesn't this put Moreland Council in breach of its obligations under the Disability Act and Disability Discrimination Act?

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

HELEN HADJIMOURATIS - QUESTION - 7.10 COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2021-22 - THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

How can a Council spend ratepayers money on something that is not reported on in the Budget or Council Plan?

How does Moreland Council prove that it is maintaining the Public Transparency Policy?

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

KIRA JANOWSKY - QUESTION - RENAMING OF MORELAND

Why are we changing the name of Moreland when nobody went to the last council election saying they would change the name and there has been no referendum?

Why are we changing the name of Moreland at great expense to ratepayers when I believe that Andrew Muirson McCrae(Father of Farquhar McCrae) freed the alleged slaves and returned the property back to the Jamaican government, surely he should be applauded as a progressive visionary and we should learn from history not erase it, yes? Also I believe that Farquhar named Moreland after the township in Jamaica not after a slave farm is this correct?

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

PETA SLATTERY - QUESTION - BUDGET

Given the severe failure of our local hard rubbish collections, it is evident that our Council cannot manage to deliver basic services to our community. In order to address and rectify this gap, money will need to be diverted towards increased wages.

My question is where will this money come from? As a ratepayer I want my rates to ensure a clean and safe environment. Yet you are planning to spend half a million dollars (at a minimum) to change the council name, which does not directly benefit any community members in a tangible way.

So I would like the name change to be scrapped and our rubbish to be removed. When will this be resolved?

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

PETA SLATTERY - STATEMENT - SERVICES AND WASTE COLLECTION

I observe that for a Council full of people who are so worried about the environment, and futile initiatives, such as meatless Mondays and Council name changes, you have done a disastrous job of being able to maintain our LOCAL environment to the standard we should be able to. Before you take on the fancy and fun projects of throwing away our money towards these pointless initiatives, I beg you to get the basics right of your fundamental services. And collect our rubbish!

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

MARCUS BANKS - QUESTION - MORELAND ASU INDUSTRIAL CAMPAIGN

Will any Councillor be moving a suspension of standing orders so Council can consider an urgency motion supporting the current industrial campaign by Moreland ASU workers delivering garbage, library, child care and other services?

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

DAVID GLANZ - QUESTION - MORELAND ASU INDUSTRIAL CAMPAIGN

Given inflation is currently running at 5.1 per cent, what steps will Council take to ensure its employees, including those currently negotiating a new enterprise agreement, are paid at a level that ensures that their standard of living is maintained?

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

JOHN ENGLART - QUESTION - WATER FOUNTAIN INVENTORY

What is the progress on this water fountain inventory? Can the inventory be made available?

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

Public Question Time concluded at 7.39 pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.40 pm Cr Conlan left the meeting due to his disclosed conflict of interest in the next item as he works for an organisation that is involved in the Towards Zero Carbon Planning – Elevating ESD Planning Tool project.

7.1 TOWARDS ZERO CARBON IN PLANNING - ELEVATING ESD PLANNING TOOL

Executive Summary

Current and future land developments for all types of uses will impact the municipality's sustainability for years to come. Introducing requirements through the Moreland Planning Scheme is an effective and low-cost way for Council to influence the built environment that will result in lasting improvements to sustainability and quality of life. These requirements can help to minimise energy use, water and waste, improve environmental outcomes and amenity and reduce ongoing running costs for our community.

Council, together with five other municipalities first introduced a local Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) policy into the Planning Scheme as part of C71 in November 2015. These ESD requirements have resulted in improvements to sustainability outcomes in the built environment. However, they are not sufficient to ensure that new developments meet industry best practice or align with global, national and state policy.

Council officers have been working towards developing a suite of zero carbon focused planning policy reforms in line with NOM 33/18 *Achieving Zero Carbon within the Planning Scheme*. This has included investigating renewable energy systems and green infrastructure for cooler roofs and electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and waste stream management.

Moreland City Council is part of the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE) and is leading a collaborative project to elevate ESD Targets in Planning. The project aims to elevate ESD targets and embed zero carbon development outcomes via the Planning Scheme.

This work now has 31 CASBE member Councils seeking to collaborate with Moreland that has finalised an evidence base for proposed policy objectives and standards and to progress a future planning scheme amendment process.

The project is divided into two stages. Stage 1 of the project has now been completed and saw the preparation of an evidence base to support new ESD standards. Stage 2 forms the Planning Scheme Amendment and is the subject of this report.

All 31 participating councils are now being asked to decide if they will sign up to Stage 2 of the project. Stage 2 will involve a joint planning scheme amendment with all participating councils. An advocacy and awareness raising campaign prior to exhibition of the amendment is also proposed to generate interest and stakeholder support.

Council has an opportunity to join with the other participating councils in demonstrating innovation and leadership in the spheres of ESD and climate resilience, by committing to Stage 2 of the Elevating ESD Targets project.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Using its powers as a planning authority under section 8A of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, requests that the Minister for Planning prepare and exhibit an Amendment to the Moreland Planning Scheme as shown in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to this report.
2. Requests that the Minister for Planning establish an advisory committee to advise on the Elevating ESD Targets in Planning project in accordance with section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
3. Notes the reports as shown in Attachments 4, 5 and 6 to this report, as supporting documents to this Amendment. The reports outline the rationale and evidence which underpin the proposed planning scheme changes.
4. Authorises the Director Place and Environment to make minor changes to the Amendment and supporting documentation and provide guidance to any advisory committee or planning panel established by the Minister for Planning.
5. Supports Moreland City Council entering into the Elevating ESD Targets Planning Amendment Memorandum of Understanding Stage 2 – Planning Scheme Amendment Process as shown in Attachment 7 to this report.
6. Supports the Minister’s Advocacy Letter as shown in Attachment 8 that encourages the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning and Housing, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development outlining:
 - a) the benefits to the community of introducing a zero carbon focused and elevated ESD planning provision into the Planning Scheme,
 - b) that this Amendment should be adopted as a part of the State Government’s environmentally sustainable development planning reforms.
7. Supports Moreland City Council’s participation in community awareness raising and communications activities and processes centrally led by the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), on behalf of partner councils involved in the Elevating ESD project.
8. Notes and commends the collaborative efforts of partner councils, CASBE, consultants and Council officers to strive for Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Using its powers as a planning authority under section 8A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, requests that the Minister for Planning prepare and exhibit an Amendment to the Moreland Planning Scheme as shown in Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to this report.**
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Planning.

5. **Supports Moreland City Council entering into the Elevating ESD Targets Planning Amendment Memorandum of Understanding Stage 2 – Planning Scheme Amendment Process as shown in Attachment 7 to this report.**
6. **Supports the Minister’s Advocacy Letter as shown in Attachment 8 that encourages the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning and Housing, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and Minister for Local Government and Suburban Development outlining:**
 - a) **the benefits to the community of introducing a zero carbon focused and elevated ESD planning provision into the Planning Scheme,**
 - b) **that this Amendment should be adopted as a part of the State Government’s environmentally sustainable development planning reforms.**
7. **Supports Moreland City Council’s participation in community awareness raising and communications activities and processes centrally led by the Council Alliance for a Sustainable Built Environment (CASBE), on behalf of partner councils involved in the Elevating ESD project.**
8. **Notes and commends the collaborative efforts of partner councils, CASBE, consultants and Council officers to strive for Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme.**

Carried

Resolution

Cr Riley moved Cr Pulford seconded –

That the item listed at 7.2 on the agenda be considered on the return of Cr Conlan to the Chamber.

Carried

7.3 NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE A SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME - CENTRAL COBURG SHOPPING PRECINCT

Executive Summary

On 17 March 2022 Council received a written request from the Central Coburg Business Association (CCBA) (**Attachment 1**) to begin the statutory process to reintroduce the Special Charge Scheme for the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct (Precinct).

The current Scheme commenced on 1 October 2017 and will conclude on 30 June 2022.

The purpose of the new Scheme is to defray the promotional, advertising, marketing and business development expenses associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail, professional activity and the creation of employment in the Precinct.

This report highlights the achievements of the current Scheme, sets out the statutory process for the renewal of the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct Special Charge Scheme 2022-2027 (Scheme) and the proposed financial contributions to the Scheme, and identifies any associated risks.

This report seeks Council’s endorsement to commence the statutory process and give notice to of its intention to declare the Scheme.

The statutory process involves submissions being invited and any objections from property owners and occupiers in relation to the proposed Special Charge. This report also requests that Council establish a Hearing of Submissions Committee.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the letter sent by Council to the owners and occupiers of the properties included in the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct (the Precinct) proposing the renewal of a Special Charge Scheme, and the letter received from Central Coburg Business Association Inc (CCBA) requesting the renewal of a Special Charge Scheme, and, having otherwise considered all relevant matters, commences the statutory process under the *Local Government Act 1989* to reintroduce a Special Charge Scheme (Special Charge Scheme) for the properties within the Precinct which is estimated to raise an amount of \$155,280.39 in its first year (with corresponding amounts, as set out in the proposed Declaration of A Special Charge, in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme (as adjusted)), commencing on 1 October 2022 and ending on 30 June 2027.
2. In accordance with sections 163(1A) and 163B(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, publishes a Public Notice on Council's website and in 'The Age' newspaper, of its intention to declare a Special Charge at its meeting on 14 September 2022 in accordance with the proposed Declaration of A Special Charge, the Special Charge to be for the purposes of defraying expenses to be incurred by Council in providing funds to CCBA, which funds, administratively only and subject always to the approval, direction and control of Council, are to be used for the purposes of the appointment of a part time Precinct Manager, promotional, advertising, marketing, business development and other incidental expenses as approved by Council, and agreed to from time to time between Council and CCBA, all of which are associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail and professional activity and employment in the Precinct.
3. In accordance with section 163(1C) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, sends separate letters enclosing a copy of the Public Notice to the owners and occupiers of the properties referred to and set out in the schedule of properties forming part of the Proposed Declaration of A Special Charge, advising of its intention to declare the Special Charge at its meeting on 14 September 2022, the amount for which the property owner or the occupier (being a person who as a condition of a lease under which the person who occupies the property is required to pay the Special Charge) will be liable, the basis of the calculation and distribution of the Special Charge and notifying such persons that submissions and/or objections in writing in relation to the Proposed Declaration of A Special Charge will be considered and/or taken into account by Council in accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
4. Advises CCBA of the matters specified in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this resolution.
5. Appoints Councilloras Chair, and appoints Councillorsandto a Hearing of Submissions Committee, established by Council under section 223(1)(b)(i), to hear any persons who in their written submissions under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* have requested they be heard in support of their submissions.
6. Authorises the CEO to set the time, date and place of the meeting of the Hearing of Submissions Committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intention to declare a Special Charge Scheme for the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct.
7. Authorises the Director Place and Environment:
 - a) To carry out any and all other administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 163A and section 163(1A), (1B) and (1C) and sections 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*; and
 - b) To prepare a funding agreement between Council and CCBA to formalise the administrative operations of the Special Charge, such agreement being to

ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to CCBA, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Charge in accordance with its obligations under the *Local Government Act 1989* to do so.

8. Directs that the agreement specified in paragraph 7(b) of this resolution is to be subsequently submitted to Council.

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the letter sent by Council to the owners and occupiers of the properties included in the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct (the Precinct) proposing the renewal of a Special Charge Scheme, and the letter received from Central Coburg Business Association Inc (CCBA) requesting the renewal of a Special Charge Scheme, and, having otherwise considered all relevant matters, commences the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 to reintroduce a Special Charge Scheme (Special Charge Scheme) for the properties within the Precinct which is estimated to raise an amount of \$155,280.39 in its first year (with corresponding amounts, as set out in the proposed Declaration of A Special Charge, in the second, third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme (as adjusted)), commencing on 1 October 2022 and ending on 30 June 2027.**
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under section 223(1)(b)(i), to hear any persons who in their written submissions under section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 have requested they be heard in support of their submissions.

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 - b) To prepare a funding agreement between Council and CCBA to formalise the administrative operations of the Special Charge, such agreement being to ensure that at all times, and as a precondition to the payment of any funds by Council to CCBA, Council is, and remains, legally responsible for approving, directing and controlling the expenditure of the proceeds of the Special Charge in accordance with its obligations under the Local Government Act 1989 to do so.
8. Directs that the agreement specified in paragraph 7(b) of this resolution is to be subsequently submitted to Council.

Carried

7.50pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting.

7.4 2022 PRELIMINARY DRAFT MELBOURNE AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND THIRD RUNWAY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN SUBMISSION

Executive Summary

Melbourne Airport makes an important contribution to both the Victorian and Australian economies acting as the main 24/7 gateway to Victoria and southeast Australia for passengers and airfreight. The airport is approximately 23 kilometres from the centre of Melbourne and is currently only accessible via the Tullamarine Freeway and Airport Drive.

As required by the *Airports Act* 1996, Melbourne Airport has prepared a 2022 Preliminary Draft Master Plan that sets a 20 year vision for the airport and provides detailed plans for the continued development of the airport over the next five years. A key focus of the five year plan is the delivery of a third runway and parallel runway operating system by 2027 to amongst other things, keep up with aviation growth and support economic growth in Victoria and Australia. The Draft Preliminary Third Runway Major Development Plan (Draft Third Runway Plan) has been prepared and exhibited concurrently to support this change to the Melbourne Airport's operation.

The 2022 Preliminary Draft Master Plan and Draft Third Runway Plan shows a reduction in the area that will be affected by significant noise impacts with a third runway operating in a parallel system. Mapping of the noise impacts shows that Moreland will generally be affected in a limited way from significant noise impacts compared to Council's immediately adjoining the airport. Potential noise forecasting beyond 2046 with a four runway parallel system show areas in the north of Moreland may be exposed to future aircraft movements.

This report recommends endorsement of the submission to the 2022 Preliminary Draft Master Plan and Draft Third Runway Plan. The submission includes general support for the vision and strategic direction outlined in the plan on the basis that the future operations need to be balanced and appropriately managed with the increase in the surrounding resident population.

Specifically, the submission advocates for Melbourne Airport to:

- Use a flight operation model that directs noise impacts to areas already experiencing noise impacts or within the Green Wedge area.
- Update planning controls once the operation model for the third runway is confirmed to reflect the future forecasted noise risks demonstrated by the 2026 Australian Noise Exposure Forecast (ANEF).

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorses the submission to the 2022 Draft Preliminary Melbourne Airport Master Plan and Third Runway Major Development Plan, at Attachment 1 to this report, and submits it to Melbourne Airport.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council endorses the submission to the 2022 Draft Preliminary Melbourne Airport Master Plan and Third Runway Major Development Plan, at Attachment 1 to this report and submits it to Melbourne Airport subject to amending the third paragraph of the submission to read:

- **However, Council is not supportive of a strategic vision that will see an additional runway built and airport capacity increased. Within the context of a climate emergency we need to be rapidly reducing the emissions and air pollution caused by the transport sector to protect the health and wellbeing of our community and our planet. The community are concerned about the noise and health impacts of this proposed runway, in addition to the fact that there are no plans for a curfew. It is Council's submission that the federal government needs to urgently invest in alternatives to air travel, such as high speed rail to reduce emissions from aviation. Any offsetting of environmental impacts associated with the airport's activities need to be delivering superior environmental outcomes to the current state, rather than an overall degradation.**

Carried

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That item 7.2 now be considered.

Carried

7.2 PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE - CARLISLE STREET, COBURG

Executive Summary

Carlisle Street, Coburg is an important connection for pedestrians and cyclists travelling to and from St Bernard's Primary School and to and from the bus and tram stops on Nicholson Street in addition to other local destinations. Carlisle Street is due for

reconstruction (with drainage improvements) in the 2023/2024 financial year (originally 2021/2022). Prior to February 2021, Council received feedback from members of the local community and the Moreland Bicycle User Group (BUG) to improve pedestrian and cycling amenity including creating a shared zone in the area, creating more shade and reducing cut-through traffic. As a result, a proposal was developed to close Carlisle Street to vehicular traffic with a view to implement it as part of the future road reconstruction to create a more welcoming street to walk, ride and scoot along.

In February 2021, Council resolved to commence the process to introduce trial road closures along Carlisle Street, Coburg. This included physical barriers to prevent through access to motorised vehicles, whilst still maintaining through access for pedestrians and cyclists. This involved calling for formal submissions from the community, a process which was completed on 8 September 2021. Council received 60 written submissions of support and 10 submissions of objection to the proposed trial road closures.

At the November 2021 meeting, Council resolved to implement temporary road closures in Carlisle Street, Coburg and to receive a report in early 2022 on the closures. The community was advised of Council's decision and temporary bollards were erected on 22 December 2021. Council officers are not aware of any major issues with the closures since installation. Council also resolved to request Department of Transport (DoT) approval to install Stop signs at the approaches to Carlisle Street on Darlington and Glenora Avenue, and if approved, install the signs. DoT has approved the signage request and officers are currently undertaking safety assessments to determine No Stopping restrictions requirements. The signs are expected to be installed by the end of May.

Council can now proceed to measure the community support for making these road closures permanent. This would trigger the same comprehensive consultation process required for the trial in addition to undertaking traffic surveys to understand any impacts on the surrounding road network before bringing back a report to Council.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves the commencement of the process under Section 207, Schedule 11, Clause 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to block the passage of vehicles, other than bicycles, by placing permanent barriers in Carlisle Street, Coburg at the intersections of:
 - a) Carlisle Street and Nicholson Street, from Nicholson Street to a point 8 metres further west;
 - b) Carlisle and Huntington Grove, from Huntington Grove to a point 8 metres further west; and
 - c) Carlisle Street and Glenora Avenue, from Glenora Avenue to a point 8 metres further west.
2. Gives public notice of the proposal to permanently block the passage of vehicles, other than bicycles, and calls for submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) as required by Section 207A of the Act, in *The Age*, on Council's website and notice to owners and occupiers of all properties in the area bounded by Nicholson Street, Rennie Street, Barrow Street and Harding Street, Coburg.
3. Appoints the Mayor as Chair, and Cr Bolton, Cr Carli Hannan, Cr Conlan, Cr Pulford and Cr Pavlidis to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the date and time and location for the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting following consultation with the appointed Councillors and submitters requesting to be heard.

5. Following the consultation process, receives a report outlining any submissions received in relation to the proposal to block the passage of vehicles permanently and a report from Department of Transport on the proposal, with a recommendation on whether to proceed.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Approves the commencement of the process under Section 207, Schedule 11, Clause 9 of the Local Government Act 1989 to block the passage of vehicles, other than bicycles, by placing permanent barriers in Carlisle Street, Coburg at the intersections of:**
 - a) **Carlisle Street and Nicholson Street, from Nicholson Street to a point 8 metres further west;**
 - b) **Carlisle and Huntington Grove, from Huntington Grove to a point 8 metres further west; and**
 - c) **Carlisle Street and Glenora Avenue, from Glenora Avenue to a point 8 metres further west.**
2. **Gives public notice of the proposal to permanently block the passage of vehicles, other than bicycles, and calls for submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) as required by Section 207A of the Act, in The Age, on Council's website and notice to owners and occupiers of all properties in the area bounded by Nicholson Street, Rennie Street, Barrow Street and Harding Street, Coburg.**
3. **Appoints the Mayor as Chair, and Cr Bolton, Cr Carli Hannan, Cr Conlan, Cr Pulford and Cr Pavlidis to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.**
4. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the date and time and location for the Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting following consultation with the appointed Councillors and submitters requesting to be heard.**
5. **Following the consultation process, receives a report outlining any submissions received in relation to the proposal to block the passage of vehicles permanently and a report from Department of Transport on the proposal, with a recommendation on whether to proceed.**
6. **Notes the overwhelmingly positive community support for this project, both during the submission process, which received 60 supportive submissions out of 70 (86% positive), and during implementation. Community members have reported that the traffic closure has facilitated new community relationships and connections, and made the road safer for everyone.**
7. **Notes that council plans to beautify the street with new street trees and vegetation when the road is resurfaced.**
8. **Notes that an additional bollard is being installed between the north bollard and the kerb, at the intersections with Huntington Grove and Nicholson Street to prevent the rat running that has occurred by some motorists.**
9. **Consults with the affected residents that would result from any proposed changes to the current on-street parking arrangements, including enforcement practices, and comes back to council for a decision before implementing any such changes.**

Carried

7.5 URBAN FOREST STRATEGY - UPDATE 2022

Executive Summary

The Urban Forest Strategy was adopted by Council in 2017. More than four years have passed since adoption of the strategy. Three Key Performance Indicators have been adopted in the Strategy with measures listed for each desired outcome intended to be reported to Council every four years. This report covers the first four-year period to 2021.

Update on progress of Urban Forest Strategy Key Performance Indicators

- KPI 1 - **Canopy Cover on Council Land** – target to double canopy cover from 2016 to 2030 is at risk, with only approximately 69 per cent of the growth required to 2021 achieved. This is the case despite Council consistently achieving the tree planting quotas and officers planting more trees than are being removed annually.
- KPI 2 – **Health of the Forest** – comprising four sub-KPIs of survival rates, tree health, tree diversity and integrated projects. While survival rates of new trees planted by Council are at 91.7 per cent, there is a lack of data available to confidently assess tree health and forest diversity. Integration of tree planting with water management projects is proceeding well. Activity relating to KPI 2 includes:
 - In 2021 a new reporting methodology was developed to improve the accuracy of reporting tree survival rates, consistent with the Council Plan.
 - Further work is planned to improve data capture processes and implement *TreePlotter* as the asset management program used by Council to manage trees. This work will enable officers to report on the distribution of tree age and health.
 - Increasing the number of integrated water and vegetation projects is being achieved with 47 new sites implemented since the adoption of the urban forest strategy.
- KPI 3 - **Community Satisfaction** – using a proxy benchmarking indicator, satisfaction of 76% with parks maintenance has been achieved. Moreland scored well when its urban forest maintenance practices were compared with other Victorian local governments. In addition, in 2021 there was widespread community support for the nature strip beautification program with community members who have been engaged in urban greening providing positive feedback on related projects. To further improve the measure of community satisfaction with our maintenance of the urban forest a customised survey will be developed.

Council Land Contribution to 2050 Canopy Cover Target of 29%

The Urban Forest Strategy set an aspirational municipal canopy cover target of 29 per cent cover by 2050. With the evolution of the canopy cover measurement methodology, the new adopted baseline (starting) figure is 11.96 per cent in 2017. This is significantly lower than the 14.2 per cent estimated for 2016 when the 29 per cent target was set and so the target is more of a stretch. This is illustrated with the *off-track* trajectory of the growth in canopy cover on Council land (KPI 1).

Council only has full control over trees that are located on Council land, and so it is on this land (our streets and parks) that a significant portion of the canopy cover growth will need to occur. A canopy cover target on Council land by 2050 has not been set.

Council officers need to undertake further analysis to determine the capacity of the landscape to accommodate large numbers of new trees on Council land. There are feasibility questions from a practical, technical, and cost perspectives to be addressed.

This work is underway. Officers propose to provide a report by the October 2022 Council meeting that documents the findings and proposed investment approach.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the progress made towards the vision of the Urban Forest Strategy since its adoption in 2017 (as reported in Attachment 1) and;
 - a) Approves use of the 2017 municipal canopy cover percentage of 11.96 per cent as the baseline for further investigations into how Council can achieve the 29 per cent target set in the Urban Forest Strategy by 2050.
 - b) Approves a change to reporting canopy cover primarily by square kilometre rather than percentage of canopy cover, and where percentage is used, this is the percentage of the particular land category, not of the whole municipality.
2. Notes specific performance against the three Key Performance Indicators (KPI), in summary:
 - a) KPI 1 – Canopy Cover on Council Land – target to double canopy cover from 2016 to 2030 is at risk, with only approximately 69 per cent of the growth required to 2021 achieved.
 - b) KPI 2 – Health of the Forest – survival rates of new trees planted by Council are at 91.7 per cent, there is a lack of data to confidently assess tree health and forest diversity.
 - c) KPI 3 – Community Satisfaction – using a proxy benchmarking indicator, satisfaction of 76 per cent with parks maintenance has been achieved.
3. With reference to KPI 1 on canopy cover on Council land by 2030, notes that with an enriched measurement methodology to use LiDAR and artificial intelligence;
 - a) The 2030 target for canopy on Council land is that it would double from 2.58 km² (2016 estimate) to 5.16km² in 2030.
 - b) That 2.94 km² canopy cover has been achieved by 2021, which is only 69 per cent of an “on track” estimate of 3.57 km². In short, the expansion rate for the tree canopy has been 69 per cent of what it needs to be to achieve the doubling by 2030.
4. With reference to KPI 2 on tree health and diversity:
 - a) Approves the changed methodology for the survival rates indicator to only include trees planted and cultivated in streets and parks, and not tubestock planted along waterways for regeneration purposes, aligning this with the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Indicator for *Juvenile tree retention on public land (1-3 year-old trees) in the municipality* which has a target of 85% per year.
 - b) Notes the work of officers to implement asset management software to improve reporting on tree maintenance activities, ensures accurate resource forecasting, and enables active diversification of the existing tree population.
5. With reference to KPI 3 on Community Satisfaction,
 - a) Notes that establishing a community satisfaction indicator through Council's annual survey (as originally anticipated in the Urban Forest Strategy) is not recommended, and that instead, officers will provide a further report by October 2022 on more appropriate indicators and measurement methods for satisfaction of the community with Council's:
 - i. Approach to increasing tree canopy cover (including direct tree planting and improving established tree health).
 - ii. Partnership with community in delivering shared programs.
 - iii. Advocacy and planning initiatives to support tree canopy targets,

including for private and other agency land.

- b) Notes the development of a Conversations Moreland webpage dedicated to Urban Forest related projects.
6. Noting that there are no KPIs relating to the longer-term municipality-wide tree canopy target to achieve 29 per cent by 2050, receives a further report by October 2022 following a detailed study that assesses the physical feasibility and financial commitment required to;
- a) Achieve and sustain this target (as adopted in the Urban Forest Strategy).
 - b) Set realistic interim targets and estimate cost impacts in order to feed these into the refresh of the Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2023/2024 four-year budget cycle.
7. Notes that in the 2021 planting season (April to October) some 4,192 trees had been planted in Council's streets and parks. This compares favourably with the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Indicator for the *Number of trees planted on public land in the municipality* to be 10,000 over the 4-year period plus replacement of trees removed in this period, and receives a further report of progress to date with a refined figure including the number of trees removed by October 2022.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the progress made towards the vision of the Urban Forest Strategy since its adoption in 2017 (as reported in Attachment 1) and;**
 - a) **Approves use of the 2017 municipal canopy cover percentage of 11.96 per cent as the baseline for further investigations into how Council can achieve the 29 per cent target set in the Urban Forest Strategy by 2050.**
 - b) **Approves a change to reporting canopy cover primarily by square kilometre rather than percentage of canopy cover, and where percentage is used, this is the percentage of the particular land category, not of the whole municipality.**
2. **Notes specific performance against the three Key Performance Indicators (KPI), in summary:**
 - a) **KPI 1 – Canopy Cover on Council Land – target to double canopy cover from 2016 to 2030 is at risk, with only approximately 69 per cent of the growth required to 2021 achieved.**
 - b) **KPI 2 – Health of the Forest – survival rates of new trees planted by Council are at 91.7 per cent, there is a lack of data to confidently assess tree health and forest diversity.**
 - c) **KPI 3 – Community Satisfaction – using a proxy benchmarking indicator, satisfaction of 76 per cent with parks maintenance has been achieved.**
3. **With reference to KPI 1 on canopy cover on Council land by 2030, notes that with an enriched measurement methodology to use LiDAR and artificial intelligence;**
 - a) **The 2030 target for canopy on Council land is that it would double from 2.58 km² (2016 estimate) to 5.16km² in 2030.**
 - b) **That 2.94 km² canopy cover has been achieved by 2021, which is only 69 per cent of an “on track” estimate of 3.57 km². In short, the expansion rate for the tree canopy has been 69 per cent of what it needs to be to**

achieve the doubling by 2030.

4. With reference to KPI 2 on tree health and diversity:
 - a) Approves the changed methodology for the survival rates indicator to only include trees planted and cultivated in streets and parks, and not tubestock planted along waterways for regeneration purposes, aligning this with the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Indicator for Juvenile tree retention on public land (1-3 year-old trees) in the municipality which has a target of 85% per year.
 - b) Notes the work of officers to implement asset management software to improve reporting on tree maintenance activities, ensures accurate resource forecasting, and enables active diversification of the existing tree population.
5. With reference to KPI 3 on Community Satisfaction,
 - a) Notes that establishing a community satisfaction indicator through Council's annual survey (as originally anticipated in the Urban Forest Strategy) is not recommended, and that instead, officers will provide a further report by October 2022 on more appropriate indicators and measurement methods for satisfaction of the community with Council's:
 - i. Approach to increasing tree canopy cover (including direct tree planting and improving established tree health).
 - ii. Partnership with community in delivering shared programs.
 - iii. Advocacy and planning initiatives to support tree canopy targets, including for private and other agency land.
 - b) Notes the development of a Conversations Moreland webpage dedicated to Urban Forest related projects.
6. Noting that there are no KPIs relating to the longer-term municipality-wide tree canopy target to achieve 29 per cent by 2050, receives a further report by October 2022 following a detailed study that assesses the physical feasibility and financial commitment required to;
 - a) Achieve and sustain this target (as adopted in the Urban Forest Strategy).
 - b) Set realistic interim targets and estimate cost impacts in order to feed these into the refresh of the Long-Term Financial Plan and the 2023/2024 four-year budget cycle.
7. Notes that in the 2021 planting season (April to October) some 4,192 trees had been planted in Council's streets and parks. This compares favourably with the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic Indicator for the Number of trees planted on public land in the municipality to be 10,000 over the 4-year period plus replacement of trees removed in this period, and receives a further report of progress to date with a refined figure including the number of trees removed by October 2022.

Carried

7.6 DISABILITY ACTION AND INCLUSION PLAN 2022 - 2026

Executive Summary

In accordance with the requirements of the *Victorian Disability Act (2006)*, Moreland City Council has prepared a new Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) 2022 – 2026. The DAIP provides a framework for Council to meet its legislative requirements under the *Disability Act (2006)* and the *Disability Discrimination Act (1992)* and clearly identifies several objectives that will focus Council's work towards creating a municipality that reduces inequality and discrimination and promotes access and inclusion for people with disabilities.

The DAIP 2022 – 2026 has 5 key objectives that will guide Council's actions to ensure that we address the main barriers preventing people with disability from enjoying full participation in community life. These 5 objectives are:

- Ensure equal and dignified access for people with disability in all areas of life within Council's responsibility, including the built environment, information, and service delivery.
- Improve the employment and education opportunities for people with a disability.
- Promote inclusion and participation in the community of people with disability.
- Change the attitudes and practises that lead to discrimination of people with disability.
- Support the health and safety of people with disability in all settings and contexts.

A DAIP Implementation Plan with a list of actions, responsibilities and timeframes, that is aligned to the above objectives, will be developed to coincide with the release of the DAIP. This will be done in collaboration with the newly convened Disability Reference Group.

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the Moreland Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-2026, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council adopts the Moreland Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2022-2026, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried unanimously

7.7 VISITOR ATTRACTION ACTION PLAN

Executive Summary

In line with the Community Vision and Council Plan a Visitor Attraction Action Plan has been prepared which seeks to re-ignite the local economy by attracting more visitors to Moreland and encourage spending.

To inform development of the plan, engagement with stakeholders, including local businesses and local history groups occurred in December 2021. In March 2022, a survey of local businesses was carried out. This survey confirmed a high level of support for the Plan's vision and asked participants to rank their level of support for proposed actions under a number of themes.

It is recommended that Council adopts the Visitor Attraction Action Plan 2022-2024. The Plan will be implemented across the next two years, using existing budgets in addition to budget allocation to the project in the 2021/22 Council budget.

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the Visitor Attraction Action Plan 2022-2024, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council adopts the Visitor Attraction Action Plan 2022-2024, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried unanimously

7.8 OUTDOOR DINING AND ACTIVATION PROGRAM

Executive Summary

Since September 2020, Council has received three grants from State Government to assist outdoor dining and activations.

Through the initial funding, three parklets were installed by Council in Lygon Street, East Brunswick and West Street, Hadfield, for use by the adjoining businesses. The tenure of these parklets was extended by Council in September 2021 through until 30 June 2022 and a decision is required for a potential further extension for a further 12 months, until 30 June 2023. The parklets have brought significant economic benefits to the businesses including increased customers, increased revenue and increased amenity of the areas in which they are installed, and they are keen to see them remain in place. However, many have indicated that they would not be able to pay of parklet fees in addition to footpath trading fees as their businesses recover.

As part of the 2021/2022 COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation funding, Coburg Courtyard has been built as a pop-up gathering space in central Coburg, adjacent to Schoolhouse Studios. The space provides connection between Coburg Station and the key activity area and is designed to increase visitation and trade in central Coburg. Currently in place until 30 June 2022 as it is placed within a special rate carpark, a Council decision is required to keep the Courtyard through until 30 June 2023.

A key uses of past outdoor dining funding has been the removal of outdoor dining permit fees. This has been an important part of Council's support for businesses throughout the pandemic and one that has bought significant benefit to businesses. Through the 2021/2022 funding it is proposed that fees are reduced by around 25 per cent to further support businesses as they recover.

With the funding coming to an end at 30 June 2022, Council resolutions are required to increase the longevity of Coburg Courtyard, the Council-installed parklets from the 2020 program and to decide on the extent of permit discounting for 2022/2023.

Further internal review of the Urban Design-run parklet program is required to identify ongoing maintenance, resourcing and process improvements to the program, and this will be the subject of a later report.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Supports the extension of the tenure of the Council-installed parklets in West Street, Hadfield and Lygon Street, East Brunswick to 30 June 2023 with parklet permit fees waived for relevant businesses. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
2. Supports the extension of the tenure of pop-up park, Coburg Courtyard (28 Victoria Street, Coburg) to 30 June 2023. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
3. Use COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Funding to reduce footpath trading and parklet 2022/2023 permit fees by at least 25 per cent for relevant businesses, subject to final sign off by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

Motion

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. Supports the extension of the tenure of the Council-installed parklets in West Street, Hadfield and Lygon Street, East Brunswick to 30 June 2023 with parklet permit fees waived for relevant businesses. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
2. Supports the extension of the tenure of pop-up park, Coburg Courtyard (28 Victoria Street, Coburg) to 30 June 2023. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
3. Use the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation funding to reduce footpath trading and parklet 2022/2023 permit fees by at least 50 per cent for relevant businesses, subject to final sign off by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. If the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation funding does not cover the full cost of the 50 per cent fee reduction, Council's income projections will be adjusted and considered in the 2022/23 budget process.

Amendment

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded

That Council:

1. Supports the extension of the tenure of the Council-installed parklets in West Street, Hadfield and Lygon Street, East Brunswick to 30 June 2023 with parklet permit fees waived for relevant businesses. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
2. Supports the extension of the tenure of pop-up park, Coburg Courtyard (28 Victoria Street, Coburg) to 30 June 2023. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.
3. Use COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Funding to reduce footpath and trading and parklet 2022/2023 permit fees by 100 per cent for relevant businesses, subject to final sign off by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions for a further 12 months.

Lost

Cr Pavlidis called for a division.

For

Cr Davidson
Cr Yildiz
Cr Pavlidis
Cr Tapinos

Total For (4)

Against

Cr Pulford
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Conlan
Cr Riley
Cr Harte

Total Against (6)

Abstain

Cr Carli-Hannan

Total Abstain 1

Lost

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Supports the extension of the tenure of the Council-installed parklets in West Street, Hadfield and Lygon Street, East Brunswick to 30 June 2023 with parklet permit fees waived for relevant businesses. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.**
- 2. Supports the extension of the tenure of pop-up park, Coburg Courtyard (28 Victoria Street, Coburg) to 30 June 2023. Tenure should again be reviewed in early 2023.**
- 3. Use the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation funding to reduce footpath trading and parklet 2022/2023 permit fees by at least 50 per cent for relevant businesses, subject to final sign off by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. If the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation funding does not cover the full cost of the 50 per cent fee reduction, Council's income projections will be adjusted and considered in the 2022/23 budget process.**

Carried unanimously

8.35 pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting.

8.36 pm Cr Yildiz disclosed a conflict of interest in item 7.9 as a relative lives in close proximity to this property and left the meeting.

8.42 pm Cr Carli Hannan returned to the meeting and disclosed a conflict of interest item 7.9 as a relative lives in close proximity to this property and left the meeting.

7.9 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND - UNIT 1, 6 SUTHERLAND STREET COBURG

Executive Summary

In 1983 Council purchased land next to its offices on Bell Street, as part of the strategic acquisition and consolidation of land. One of the lots purchased was an occupied home, and Council came to an agreement to purchase another unit for the owner of this home and grant her a life tenancy.

Council bought Unit 1/6 Sutherland Street Coburg, marked in Attachment 1, in 1997 and granted the owner of one of the acquired properties on Urquhart Street adjacent to the Coburg Civic Centre life tenancy to live at the Sutherland Street property. In December 2021 Council's Property Officers were advised that the tenant had passed away and formal notices were forwarded to the family requesting that the property be returned to Council as per agreement. This has now happened.

Internal consultation has been undertaken to assess if there is any alternate municipal use for the site, including consideration for its use as affordable housing. The assessment concludes that the unit is likely to be of minimal interest to affordable housing providers and is not needed for any other use, and is therefore surplus to Council's needs.

Prior to Council taking control of the site on 31 March 2022, Council officers undertook an internal inspection which revealed that approximately \$10,000 is required to bring the property up to market standard.

It is proposed to sell the subject site by public auction. The sale of the subject site will provide income to reinvest into other strategic Council projects.

The purpose of this report is to commence the Statutory Process under the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy to sell the land.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the outcome of a strategic assessment that concludes the Council owned site known as Unit 1/6 Sutherland Street, Coburg has no municipal use, and declares it surplus to Council's needs
2. In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Community Engagement Policy, authorises a public notice be given of its intention to sell the site known as Unit 1, 6 Sutherland Street, Coburg. (Certificate of title V10330 F234).
3. Receives a further report outlining any community feedback received.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council defer this report to the next scheduled Council meeting pending further information.

Carried

8.43pm *Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.*

7.10 COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2021-22 - THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

Executive Summary

This Third Quarter Performance Report (shown at Attachment 1) gives an overview of Council's performance through the delivery of the Council Plan 2021-2025, specifically the delivery of the Council Action Plan 2021-2022.

The status of 119 actions is as follows:

- 12 per cent (14) closed (completed, achieved)
- 80 per cent (95) open (on track)
- 4 per cent (5) off track (at risk, support may be needed)
- 4 per cent (5) withdrawn (on hold/withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery or discontinued).

Since the last Second Quarter Performance Report for the period ending 31 December 2021 (reported to Council at its meeting in March 2022), Council has achieved the following actions:

- Youth assertive outreach program (Action 36)
- Subject to the endorsement of Council, seek to retain in ownership the heritage listed bluestone cottage on Bell Street Coburg and subject to the appropriate statutory process enter into a new lease with the Coburg Historical Society; and also investigate opportunities to enhance storage, display and research areas with the society (Action 74)
- Advocate inclusionary zoning or other planning tools for affordable housing (Action 77)
- Review the outcomes of the Design Excellence Scorecard's extended trial and determine the future use or otherwise of the scorecard tool (Action 83)
- Commence construction of the Melville/Moreland Shopping Strip Streetscape Renewal Program (Action 88)
- Completion of Concept Design for Stewart Street Streetscape Improvement (Action 92)
- Deliver Arts Investment Grant (104).

It is proposed to withdraw four actions for 2021/22 delivery (noting it is proposed to withdraw Action 70 entirely from the Council Action Plan for delivery) and place these actions on hold (as detailed in the Issues section of this report) and continue the delivery

of these actions in year 2 of the Council Action Plan; these actions are listed below:

- Support sports clubs to deliver free activities through application to Council's community grants program (Action 43)
- Scope a coordinated approach and policy on digital inclusion in Moreland (Action 66)
- Take forward place based and integrated approaches to meeting community needs by developing precinct plans (Action 70)

Develop community programs framework to support wellbeing and learning outcomes (Action 102).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Council Action Plan 2021-2022 – Third Quarter Performance Report for the period ending 31 March 2022 (provided as Attachment 1).
2. Endorses that action 43 'Support sports clubs to deliver free activities through application to Council's community grants program' is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery.
3. Endorses that action 66 'Scope a coordinated approach and policy on digital inclusion in Moreland' is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery.
4. Endorses that action 70 'Take forward place based and integrated approaches to meeting community needs by developing precinct plans' is withdrawn for delivery in 2021/22 and discontinued for delivery from the Council Action Plan entirely.
5. Endorses that action 102 'Develop community programs framework to support wellbeing and learning outcomes' is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the Council Action Plan 2021-2022 – Third Quarter Performance Report for the period ending 31 March 2022 (provided as Attachment 1).**
2. **Endorses that action 43 'Support sports clubs to deliver free activities through application to Council's community grants program' is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery.**
3. **Endorses that action 66 'Scope a coordinated approach and policy on digital inclusion in Moreland' is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery due to resource capacity issues (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery, to be actioned in Quarter 1 2022/23.**
4. **Endorses that action 70 'Take forward place based and integrated approaches to meeting community needs by developing precinct plans' is withdrawn for delivery in 2021/22 and discontinued for delivery from the Council Action Plan entirely.**

5. **Endorses that action 102 ‘Develop community programs framework to support wellbeing and learning outcomes’ is withdrawn for 2021/22 delivery (placed on hold) and will be added to the Council Action Plan 2022/23 as an action for year 2 of the Council Plan delivery**

8.45 pm Cr Carli Hannan returned to the meeting during the debate.

Carried

7.11 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

Executive Summary

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date period ending 31 March 2022.

A detailed financial review was undertaken across the organisation throughout March as part of the 2021/22 Third Quarter Financial Review. The results of this review are included in this report as the Full Year Revised Forecast.

The March Income Statement shows the Council surplus is \$3.9 million better than the year to date Revised Forecast as a result of higher overall revenue and lower overall expenditure. These differences are considered largely timely in nature.

Council has spent \$36.9 million on capital expenditure which is line with the year to date Revised Forecast.

Council has previously taken the approach of generating small surpluses to reinvest in much needed infrastructure projects. This strategy has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and it is unlikely Council will generate a funding surplus for 2021/22.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 March 2022, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried

7.12 GOVERNANCE REPORT - MAY 2022 - 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 the 13 April 2022 Council meeting, with a recommendation that Council notes the responses.
- A recommendation to continue the Library Hours trial until December 2022, with a report back to Council in February 2023.

- Information on a Council resolution and its implementation made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 (as included in Section 2 - Background and Section 3 - Issues of this report).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the March and April 2022 Council meeting, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Endorses continuation of the Library Hours Trial until December 2022, with a report back to Council anticipated in February 2023 on the outcomes of the trial.
4. Notes that its decision made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd).
5. Notes that the Council resolution made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 is provided publicly in this report under the Previous Council Decisions section of this report.
6. Notes that for the purpose of public transparency, this report provides an overview of the information related to Council's decision on 10 March 2021 regarding 'IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change' and action taken execute the agreement in.

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the March and April 2022 Council meeting, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
3. **Endorses continuation of the Library Hours Trial until December 2022, with a report back to Council anticipated in February 2023 on the outcomes of the trial.**
4. **Notes that its decision made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 to relinquish Member Council interest in IntoWork in exchange for a 30-year funding commitment to the Inner North Community Foundation has now been implemented through a Signed Relationship Deed executed on the 7 December 2021; and therefore the decision of Council will now be made public (the executed Relationship Deed is between Moreland City Council, City of Yarra, Darebin City Council, Inner Northern Group Training Limited and Inner North Community Foundation Ltd).**

5. **Notes that the Council resolution made under Confidential item 11.1 IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change on 10 March 2021 is provided publicly in this report under the Previous Council Decisions section of this report.**
6. **Notes that for the purpose of public transparency, this report provides an overview of the information related to Council's decision on 10 March 2021 regarding 'IntoWork Governance Review and Proposal for Change' and action taken execute the agreement in.**

Carried unanimously

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 PASCOE VALE ROAD, GLENROY - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SAFETY

Motion

That Council:

1. Notes its commitment to providing safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure throughout the municipality.
2. Acknowledges that car users failing to stop at a red light at a signalised pedestrian crossing is an unacceptable driver behaviour and that this impacts upon the safety of pedestrians, particularly elderly people and people using prams.
3. Writes to Rebecca Falkingham, Secretary of the Department of Justice and Community Safety expressing concern about the apparent rates of cars driving through red lights at 796, 814 and 850 Pascoe Vale Road signalised pedestrian crossings and supports the installation of red light cameras at the aforementioned crossings to ensure pedestrian safety and road rule compliance.
4. Alerts The Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Police, to the correspondence between Moreland City Council and Department of Justice and Community Safety by way of copying the Minister into such correspondence.
5. Requests a response from Department of Justice and Community Safety within one month of initial correspondence.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes its commitment to providing safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure throughout the municipality.**
2. **Acknowledges that car users failing to stop at a red light at a signalised pedestrian crossing is an unacceptable driver behaviour and that this impacts upon the safety of pedestrians, particularly elderly people and people using prams.**
3. **Writes to Rebecca Falkingham, Secretary of the Department of Justice and Community Safety expressing concern about the apparent rates of cars driving through red lights at 796, 814 and 850 Pascoe Vale Road signalised pedestrian crossings and supports the installation of red light cameras at the aforementioned crossings to ensure pedestrian safety and road rule compliance.**

4. Alerts The Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Police, to the correspondence between Moreland City Council and Department of Justice and Community Safety by way of copying the Minister into such correspondence.
5. Requests a response from Department of Justice and Community Safety within one month of initial correspondence.

Carried unanimously

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Nil.

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Davidson seconded –

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

- Approval for variation to Contract 529T for the provision of hard waste collection services. because it relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
- Contract Extension of Contract 529T – Recycling Processing because it relates to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.
- Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters because it relates to personnel matters.

Carried

The Council meeting was closed to the public at 8.57 pm.

OPENING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

The Council meeting be open to the public.

Carried

The Council meeting was opened to the public at 9.07 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.07 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley
MAYOR