



Moreland City Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre, 90 Bell Street, Coburg on Wednesday 14 September 2022

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7.12 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	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos, Deputy Mayor	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	Apology	
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan	7.47 pm	10.09 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	Leave of Absence	
Cr James Conlan	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Monica Harte	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7.12 pm	11.22 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7.12 pm	11.22 pm

OFFICERS

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

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Davidson seconded –

That an item be added to the beginning of the agenda ‘Condolences on the Passing of Queen Elizabeth II’.

Carried

Mayor, Cr Mark Riley read the following statement:

On behalf of Moreland City Council, I offer our deepest condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and The Royal Family, as the world mourns the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We recognise that the Australian Government has now proclaimed King Charles III, King of Australia and Head of the Commonwealth.

Many of us have only lived in a world with Queen Elizabeth II as the reigning monarch of the Commonwealth, a duty she upheld for 70 years. The Queen was treasured by many around the world and served with dignity, grace and respect. May she rest in peace.

Deputy Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos offered condolences.

7.18pm Cr Conlan left the meeting.

A minute silence was observed.

7.19pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Adam Pulford was an apology to the meeting.

Leaves of absence

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That:

- **Cr Pavlidis be granted a leave of absence for 14 September 2022.**
- **Cr Panopoulos be granted a leave of absence for the period 1 October 2022 to 26 November 2022 inclusive.**

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Monica Harte disclosed a material conflict of interest in item 7.5 Naming the park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy – Proposed shortlist.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Defers consideration of the adoption of the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 August 2022 to the Council meeting to be held in October 2022, in order to verify the accuracy of one Council resolution.**
- 2. Confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 August 2022**

Carried

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Wujundjeri Elder Aunty Margaret Gardiner, and offered sympathies to the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people and the wider community. Aunty Margaret was a passionate advocate for issues close to her heart, and was instrumental in advocating for the site of the old Ballert Mooroop College in Glenroy to be retained for community use. May she rest in peace.

The Mayor acknowledged the passing of Uncle Jack Charles, a dearly loved and respected Boon Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Woiwurrung and Yorta Yorta Elder. Uncle Jack leaves an incredible legacy as a musician and actor and our thoughts are with his family and community during this time. May he rest in peace.

The Mayor acknowledged that 22 September 2022 marks the 10th anniversary of Jill Meagher's death. Jill Meagher's murder shocked the community and resulted in a public outpouring of grief and anger, with demands that more needed to be done to keep women safe. Any form of violence against women is strongly condemned by Council and we will continue to work with local partners and the community to increase the safety of women, families, and children.

Cr Bolton acknowledged Aunty Margaret Gardiner, Uncle Jack Charles and Jill Meagher.

Cr Yildiz acknowledged Aunty Margaret Gardiner and Jill Meagher.

Cr Panopoulos acknowledged Jill Meagher.

Cr Harte acknowledged Jill Meagher, Aunty Margaret Gardiner and Uncle Jack Charles.

A minute silence was observed to mark the passing of Aunty Margaret Gardiner, Uncle Jack Charles and the anniversary of Jill Meagher's death.

Cr Panopoulos advised Council of her intention to nominate as a candidate in the forthcoming state election.

Cr Bolton advised Council of her intention to nominate as a candidate in the forthcoming state election.

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Harte seconded –

That Council receive the condolence motions and the statements of the intention nominations be received and minuted.

Carried

PETITIONS

5.1 PETITION - ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES - RENAMING MORELAND: GIVE OUR COMMUNITY A SAY

An additional 835 signatures were submitted to a petition received at the July 2022 Council meeting (Item 5.1) requesting Council gives the community a say in renaming Moreland.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council receives the additional 835 signatures to the petition received at the July 2022 Council meeting, requesting Council gives the community a say in the renaming of Moreland.

Carried

5.2 PETITION - ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES - REMOVE THE UNSAFE BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE ON KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

An additional 437 signatures were submitted to a petition received at the July 2022 Council meeting (Item 5.3) requesting Council removes the unsafe bike infrastructure on Kent Road, Pascoe Vale.

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Harte seconded –

That Council receives the additional 332 signatures to the petition received at the July 2022 Council meeting, requesting removal of bike infrastructure on Kent Road, Pascoe Vale.

Carried

5.3 SAVE THE LIVES OF ANIMALS IN WHITTLESEA, DAREBIN AND MORELAND

A Petition was received containing more than 7,000 signatures requesting Council saves the lives of animals in Whittlesea, Moreland and Darebin.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Receives the petition with 7,000+ signatures requesting Council saves the lives of animals in Whittlesea, Moreland and Darebin.**
- 2. Refers the petition requesting Council saves the lives of animals in Whittlesea, Moreland and Darebin to the Director City Infrastructure for consideration and response.**

.Carried unanimously

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 7.47 pm.

7.47pm Cr Carli Hannan entered the meeting.

DEAN PAATSCH - STATEMENT - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

My name is Dean Paatsch and on behalf of the Brunswick Hockey Club committee I want to express our gratitude, firstly on the excellent feasibility study that Council has funded and enabled, and for the support of the Councillors and officers over the last two years we have been engaged with in this process.

The study makes it clear there is ample demand for a second Hockey Pitch in Moreland, post COVID when most community sports clubs declined, we grew.

Our 475 players are the equivalent of 21 AFL teams, 31 Soccer teams and 43 Cricket teams. We have grown 10 per cent each year for the last five years and that will continue. Why? What lies behind our success are our values. Five years ago we set up the Wickers Academy, we chose 15 under 15 year olds who we taught to umpire, coach and give back to the community. Those kids run a six week after school program in public housing estates, they deliver Hockey clinics for 1500 kids in Moreland schools, they deliver a program for international students, all for free. They are the lifeblood of our club, some of them are here tonight, they model the behaviours parents want to see in community sport. For us participation and inclusion come first.

Our pitch has no shade, no seating, no tech bench, no pavilion at the ground. The carpark is always full, some nights 4 teams train on the ground at the same time. There are no showers, no hot water and not enough change rooms but what we lack in infrastructure we make up in spirit.

Success to us isn't winning, it's giving a reason for a COVID depressed teenager to get off the couch, it's creating a space for our queer and multicultural players to bring their whole selves to play. It's the friendships amongst our veterans who have played together for 30 years or seeing or young people flourish when they give back to others.

So, don't build us a gilded cage, we don't want one. This club is modest, of the \$10 million to \$14 million the study earmarked for construction, less than \$2 million was dedicated to the pitch. We want a pitch, a pitch that we can make available on McDonald Reserve that can be available to the people of Coburg High, the most underfunded school in this community.

Hockey is only played on synthetic surfaces, Hockey Australia has already done the work to minimise the environmental impact, we don't want to be caught up in party politics or soccer politics or extremist politics on this issue. If we can build a road safely we can build a Hockey pitch safely.

As you vote tonight, lets keep the project rolling. Put a new pitch first in a phased approach and give us a chance to keep our community contribution flowing.
Dean Paatsch read their statement.

JOHN ENGLART - QUESTION - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

My daughter played junior hockey for a couple of years. So, while I welcome this feasibility study I think there are a number of issues with the consultant's report.

1. Great effort has gone into highlighting the social need and benefits of a new field hockey pitch in our municipality, and I acknowledge that.
2. While the environmental impacts and impacts to other sports and active recreation are mentioned, there is little detail given commensurate with the argument put forward for hockey.
3. There is one environmental impact which is totally missing from this report: microplastics Pollution. Is this an issue? Ask Port Philip Bay Keeper Neil Blake OAM about synthetic fibres pollution with KP Hardiman Reserve in Darebin, used for hockey. Or refer to Martin Sheppard of Smart Connection Consultancy who wrote the Sports Surface Needs Analysis for Council in 2018 who prepared an assessment in 2021 of ways to mitigate some of the damage of microplastic pollution.

My last point I'd like to raise is siting. One of the sites, Parker Reserve in North Coburg, is partly built on a waste tip with evidence of some subsidence. This may require extra stabilisation work for the base of a hockey pitch to be built. Secondly, a synthetic hockey pitch being built next to Merri Creek any microplastic pollution finding its way into the creek environment will impact aquatic ecosystems and the food web and contributing to plastics pollution in Port Philip Bay.

John Englart read their statement

DANIEL FRIEDMAN - QUESTION - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Will the Councillors at Moreland City Council recognise the North Coburg Rebels Baseball club as a legitimate, diverse, vibrant and blossoming sporting entity in the their electorate and protect the club and its future?

Mayor, Cr Mark Riley responded:

No decisions will be made in regards to this matter in the agenda tonight, it is a feasibility study. We will be looking for feedback and engaging with people regarding the spaces we are looking at.

DR SEAN MULCAHY - STATEMENT - SUPPORTING TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE

My name is Dr Sean Mulcahy, and I am a campaigner with the Victorian Pride Lobby's Rainbow Local Government campaign.

We all agree that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

Just like all of us, trans and gender diverse people are active and engaged members of our local community, including in community sport.

And just like all of us, trans and gender diverse people need safe and inclusive spaces where our value and contribution to society is recognised and celebrated.

In recent years we have seen significant gains in the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Australians, but that hasn't come without opposition and now those opposed are seeking to weaponise trans people's rights and identities to push their own regressive political agendas.

This has been particularly concentrated within far-right extremist movements who seek to demean trans and gender diverse people for their own political gain.

During the 2022 federal election, we could all see how this issue was weaponised by extremist politicians in a bid to gain media attention, but we know the vast majority of people in Australia and in Moreland support trans and gender diverse people.

This motion asks Council to do three things:

- issue a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans and gender diverse people in all sports in Moreland/Merri-bek;
- review Council policies regarding trans and gender diverse inclusion, anti-discrimination, and diversity; and
- consider the development of an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan to progress this further.

Over 10,000 people participate in organised sporting competitions in Moreland.

There are six pools or leisure centres in the municipality, and a huge number of sporting clubs, sports grounds and facilities.

Council has an important role to play in fostering inclusion in sport.

Please support this motion for trans inclusion.

Dr Sean Mulcahy read their statement.

AVA BALDWIN - STATEMENT - SUPPORTING TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE

My name is Ava. I've lived and worked in the Merri-bek area in Brunswick East right off of Lygon Street for nearly 4 years now and I've loved every day of it.

The people are unconditionally friendly and vibrant. I've spent countless mornings wandering the beautiful Merri Creek. I love food too so being able to try all kinds of cuisine within walking distance is such an amazing privilege. But as a transgender woman, the exclusionary and transphobic language that has targeted trans and gender diverse people as of late, has been painful.

Each new restriction on participation in a sport, each misinformed statement about my body as a trans person, erodes my own self image and makes it hard to maintain a positive outlook on the future. When these statements come from political representatives, and major sporting regulators I feel isolated. Alienated. Things I should not feel when I simply want to live truthfully, as myself.

This motion will help trans and gender diverse people in the Merri-bek community feel welcomed, in sport and the wider community. A public statement against all forms of transphobia and trans-misogyny will set a clear precedent that everybody living here deserves respect and dignity. Proactive anti-discrimination, and diversity and inclusion policies will ensure fair representation and opportunity.

I strongly urge each of you to support all points of this motion, to support each of us, and our place in this community.

Ava Baldwin read their statement.

RACHEL LAMARCHE - QUESTION - EPPING ANIMAL WELFARE FACILITY

Can Moreland Council guarantee the change in management won't increase the number of companion animals being killed at the Epping Animal Welfare Facility, including animals currently in the facility?

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

The Council in-house model will deliver an improved level of service, meeting all compliance requirements. The standard and quality of care for animals will ensure compliance with relevant codes and will be managed and resourced by experts in animal care and welfare.

The facility will still be providing stray, abandoned and surrendered animals with refuge and a new life. Promoting pet wellbeing, reuniting pets with their owners, finding new homes for not owned cats and dogs and providing education regarding responsible pet

ownership are our priorities. The facility will only euthanise animals as a very last resort when this is the most humane option.

RSPCA Victoria has advised the partner councils that they will remove animals who are past the eight day statutory hold period to their other shelters after 16 October. Any animals still within the eight days will remain at the Facility and be cared for by Whittlesea Council.

TANYA KONONOV ON BEHALF AISLING WOOD - STATEMENT - EPPING ANIMAL WELFARE FACILITY

I represent Forever Friends Animal Rescue, one of the largest animal rescue organisations in Victoria.

I would like to reiterate that it is unethical and unsustainable to outsource such an essential council service as animal rehoming to unpaid community members. We do not have the capacity to provide this service, we were not consulted on this proposed change and we do not consent to it.

Whilst Forever Friends was invited by Whittlesea Council to sign an agreement giving us the option to take animals from Epping for rehoming, we were never advised that the shelter would be ceasing to offer adoptions to the public. Almost all animal rescuers are unpaid volunteers, and close to 100% of us are women, many with responsibility for caring for children and/or elderly parents. Most of us also do full-time paid work to support ourselves and our families. Whittlesea is not offering any funds to rescuers – either for essential veterinary care, or for our labour. And yet, the only way for unclaimed and surrendered animals to make it out of the pound alive is via rescue groups.

My question is, does council think it is acceptable to offload responsibility for rehoming more than 2000 animals a year to unpaid community members?

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

The City of Whittlesea advises that formal agreements have been entered into with more than 20 rescue groups, including some major animal welfare partners. Animals will be made available to all rescue groups that have entered into a section 84Y Agreement with the City of Whittlesea. We understand that there may be times when the rescue groups do not have capacity to take on animals. In this instance the animals will remain at and be adopted out of the facility.

KATHLEEN CHAPMAN - STATEMENT - EPPING ANIMAL WELFARE FACILITY

My name is Kathleen Chapman, and I am one of the organisers of the community movement calling for animal adoptions to continue at Epping Animal Welfare Facility.

Moreland is one of the most progressive communities in Australia. Residents care very deeply about animals. Moreland deserves – and its residents demand - an animal shelter where animals' lives are valued.

Animal adoptions are an essential service that should be provided by paid, professional staff. It is not ethical and not sustainable to offload 100% of the responsibility for animal adoptions to unpaid community members, who also need to do paid work in order to support themselves. I'm a Darebin resident, and about 10 years ago, I discovered that the council pound contractor was killing more than 90% of cat. I lobbied Darebin council to make unclaimed and surrendered animals available to rescue groups if the pound provided did not intend to rehome them.

My motivation was to save animals' lives, the same reason I am standing here today. Darebin Council did introduce a requirement that its pound contractor make surrendered and unclaimed animals available to rescue groups. I contacted a large number of rescue

groups to take animals from Darebin, however, while there were more than 20 groups on Darebin's contact list, in reality, at any one time, there were usually only 2-3 groups regularly taking cats. These groups did not have enough foster carers, so I took on responsibility for finding carers for most of the cats. In addition, the groups did not have enough volunteers to coordinate tasks such as organising veterinary care and promoting animals for adoption, so I took on that role as well. It was a huge responsibility and resulted in an incredible amount of stress. Whether animals lived or died depended on whether I could find enough foster carers, and find the time to arrange their release from the pound, book their vet work, arrange transport and sometimes even fundraise to pay for veterinary care. This was like a full-time job, on top of my paid full-time job. I made calls on the train on my way to and from work, stayed up late every night working on administrative tasks, spent every weekend and all my annual leaving working on rescue. I was spoken to by my supervisor for taking rescue calls during work hours. I was stressed and exhausted, but I knew I had to keep going, or animals would die.

The solution to low rehoming rates and high kill rates in pounds is to focus on expanding and improving adoption programs, not offloading this responsibility onto unpaid community members, who don't have the capacity to do this on an ongoing basis.

Kathleen Chapman read their statement.

Question Time Extension

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Question time be extended at 8.15 pm by 30 minutes.

Carried

PETER KYRIOPOULOS - QUESTION - MASTERPLAN FOR DUNSTAN RESERVE

My name is Peter Kyriopoulos, I am the president at Brunswick City SC, a community club with around 400 players in the National Premier League, State league, Community league, MiniRoos competition and our social programs for women, girls and gender-diverse people from Moreland and beyond. We have enjoyed support from Moreland Council Sport and Recreation teams over the years and as a committee, we have recently had supportive conversations with Cr Angelica Panopoulos, Cr James Conlan, Cr Helen Davidson and Cr Oscar Yildiz.

I think it is important to share the concerns that our members have clearly expressed to us with you.

In our last member consultation, 75% of responses indicated strong dissatisfaction with the quality of the grounds at Dunstan Reserve. We have had 200+ training sessions cancelled this season alone due to the poor ground conditions. The capital investment from Moreland / Merri-bek Council to date hasn't gone far enough, so we invite the Moreland / Merri-bek Council to work with the Brunswick City SC community on immediate and longer-term solutions.

I am happy to provide additional information after this meeting if needed.

We ask for the Moreland / Merri-bek Council to consider the following 5 initiatives that will ensure both immediate and longer-term positive outcomes on the safety, accessibility and sustainability of our community sport.

1. Making CB Smith Reserve main pitch available to Brunswick City SC for 1.5 hours starting next season. This will reduce the burden on Dunstan Reserve and allow us to schedule more Senior Women's matches on the North pitch so they're treated equally.
2. Allocating long-term funding to upgrade Dunstan Reserve. Future funding must be equitable: while AFL clubs are allocated \$23.5 million in capital expenditure over 5-10 years to update grandstands and grounds (compared to \$7.4m for soccer), Brunswick City lacks a safe playing field.

3. Consult with the community to find solutions for all users of Dunstan Reserve. The reserve is both a dog park and a soccer ground, this leads to avoidable player injuries, we need to find solutions that work for everyone.
4. Installing gates at the North Pitch so access can be reasonably restricted to maintain the 15 hours use per week prescribed by the council to protect the surface.
5. Moreland Council must commit to the development of a Master Plan for Brunswick City SC. We welcome the commitment by council to research the best practice in natural turf and express our interest in participating in the implementation of the findings.

How will the Moreland/Merri-bek Council work with Brunswick City SC Committee to develop a Master Plan and address our immediate needs as outlined in my statement? At the request of the Mayor, Eamonn Fennessy, Director Community responded:

Peter, thank you for coming tonight and thank you for the work that you and Brunswick City SC do for Soccer and our city.

Soccer is huge in Moreland and a very important part of our fabric. With that growth and participation comes an increasing need to plan and resource infrastructure pressures on allocations, which you have outlined very well. We are experiencing that across a lot of clubs. The recreation team and I would like to come out and talk through these issues with you, and work out the pathway for how to deal with them best.

In terms of broader planning for Dunstan Reserve we have a review of the Moreland open space strategy coming up this year, which is our overarching open space strategy for the city. It looks at the use and development of open space for a whole range of values.

Questions and Statements taken on notice

Questions and statements taken on notice 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. Responses to questions taken on notice are reported to the next practicable Council meeting.

MARY BORG - QUESTION – PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C208MORE

Council report acknowledges numerous submitters are concerned about financial burden to maintain Heritage Overlay. Yet panel has said looking into grants and funding from Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund or any where else, is outside this scope. This needs to be included in scope to ensure heritage is maintained and landowners can pay for these repairs and upkeep. How are the broader economic benefits going to help land owners pay for this upkeep? It is hard to find trades skilled to maintain these examples.

Landowners need clearer details on what can and cannot be changed? In regard to terraces, Dr James mentions a sympathetic style/ form? What does this mean? Access to these properties is already very restrictive. Heritage Overlay will add more limitation.

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

WARRAN HOCKING - STATEMENT - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

I am a resident of Coburg North and am an active user of open space in our area. I also support more opportunities for active and passive activities.

I don't believe Parker Reserve is a suitable option, as the stadium will take up majority of the available open space used by walkers, dog owners, joggers, informal cricket games and many more activities.

With this area gone Coburg north and Merlynston will have very little public open space for personal health and wellbeing with Hosken Reserve being turned into an NPL hub and now the only other available space turned into a synthetic hockey hub. The Environmental impact needs to be also considered, such venues should be considered for industrial

areas that are unused and not taking away natural open space which Moreland ranks among the lowest of all municipalities.

Open space we do have is widely used by all types of residents and provides for a healthier and active community. Similar to synthetic soccer fields it is detrimental pigeon holing spaces to one sport and alienating local residents from access to natural open space. Please reconsider locations

The Mayor took this statement on notice.

LOUISE MACAULEY - QUESTION - FOOTPATH AT 156 MELVILLE RD BRUNSWICK WEST

Can this footpath issue be addressed and resolved with urgency please?!

The Mayor took this question on notice.

AGGIE KASTANOS - STATEMENT - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

My name is Aggie and I want to tell the Council about safety issues at the Dunstan Reserve soccer pitches in Brunswick West and the impact this has had on my family.

There are potholes, expanses of mud, and even puddles on the soccer pitches. Both of my children play for Brunswick City, and have been badly injured as a result of the council failing to maintain these surfaces.

Tea is my 18 year old daughter, she is passionate about soccer and has been playing since 10 years old. She began pre-season training last November. In just her second session she went for a shot at goal and fell in a pothole on the Dunstan south pitch. Her knee popped and we immediately knew she had torn her ACL. Téa was devastated.

We struggled to manage her emotions for a long time as she imagined the consequences this would have for her year ahead. She had surgery in March this year. But there were other effects too. She missed about a month of University, delayed her 18th birthday, lost her job etc . For three months it was too dangerous for her to do her job as a swimming instructor. She ended up quitting. That was a job she had done for years and she loved it. It also had a financial impact on our family. So far the surgery and physio has cost more than seven thousand dollars.

Tea had just got her licence when she did the surgery and couldn't drive. She would look at her car in our garage and would cry. At 18 years old, she should be having the best time of her life, but she was stuck at home with an injury, unable to attend uni, unable to work and unable to socialise. At the moment it looks like Téa won't be able to play the game she loves for a year.

My 14 year old son Teli was selected for Football Victoria's talent identification program. This was a big deal - it's what kids dream of. But six weeks ago he was playing a game on the Dustan Reserve north pitch when he fell in a pothole and tore the ligaments in his leg. Teli was really devastated. He only managed one session with the talent program and hasn't been able to finish his soccer season.

I have two kids who can't exercise. They can't play the sport they love. They are cut off from their friends and the community at the Brunswick City Soccer Club. I am a practicing psychologist. Kids who can't exercise experience depression and anxiety - and that affects every aspect of their lives - their education, their work, and their families. These kinds of injuries prevent a healthy balance in their lives.

My story is only one of many - there are dozens of players who have been injured because the Dunstan Reserve pitches are unsafe. My family has borne the very real impact of the council's negligence.

I am pleading with you to fix both pitches as part of a commitment to develop a Master Plan for Dunstan Reserve. These injuries are avoidable. It has never been more urgent.

The Mayor took this statement on notice.

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - GOVERNANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2022 - CYCLICAL REPORT

The governance report has numerous recommendations from some advisory committees that did not meet in accordance with their respective terms of reference nor report the minutes of their meeting in accordance with the governance rules and audit risk charter, so are the recommendations from the advisory committees valid or invalid?

The Mayor took this question on notice.

MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - PROVISION OF AN INTEGRATED PARKING MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

Has a privacy impact assessment been done for this procurement process, and if yes, on what date or dates and can the PIA's be made publicly available please?

The Mayor took this question on notice.

EDDY ADDICKS - QUESTION - RENAMING MORELAND

Exactly how were ratepayers consulted before the council decided to change the name from Moreland to something else? Who was notified and when?

What is the purpose of this name change and how much is it going to cost? How is it going to benefit ratepayers?

KELLI SKAPETIS - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE AND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C201MORE

How could the Hosken Reserve Masterplan Refresh process have considered the future redevelopment of the Sheppard/Norris St redevelopment in the amendment if "there is no relationship between the proposed amendment and activities at Hosken Reserve?"

Why would Moreland City Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), allow a Labor-aligned mayor to facilitate item 7.10 passing through Council with virtually no due diligence and/or public scrutiny?

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

PETER JEFFS - QUESTION - RENAMING MORELAND

Considering that Council has deemed the word "Moreland" is racist, offensive and hurtful, and also that the Council has the title of being a responsible authority and a naming authority, will it now make application to Geographic Names Victoria under section 1.5.4 for non-compliant names, or under Principle F that names must not discriminate or be offensive, to rename the suburb of Moreland and any streets, parks & other features? Can you unequivocally state that "Merri-bek" are Wurundjeri words and their correct translation means "rocky country"?

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

RACHEL MATTON - QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE MASTERPLAN AND PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C201MORE

For what reason is council considering these two major development initiatives separately?

For what reason did council determine NOT to exhibit Amendment C201more via advertisement on council's Conversations Moreland webpage?

The Mayor took this question on notice.

MARGARET-MARY CASHIN - QUESTION - PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C201

The Hosken Reserve Master Planning Process was open for public submission to stage 3 final consultation to 15 August 2021 with the final report considered by Council 13 October 2021.

Given these timelines how can council claim in Paragraph 15; Submission C for Amendment C201MORE that "it has been demonstrated that the Hosken Reserve Masterplan Refresh process considered the future redevelopment of this land?"

The Residential Development Plans for C201MORE site were received from the site owner December 2019. Amendment C201MORE has potential to increase the Merlynston population by 25-30% (given an approximate Merlynston population of 3000 residents) yet the Hosken Reserve Masterplan documents consistently refer to expected low population growth. Why was the residential development C201MORE kept from residents throughout the Masterplanning Process?

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

JEAN CONNELL - QUESTION - PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C201 MORE

In what format did the Council notify residents of Amendment C201 and on what date/s did this occur?

In what format did the council notify members of the Hosken Reserve Refresh Group of Amendment C201 and on what date did this occur?

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

NATALIE ABOUD - QUESTION - HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

How do external consultants get their information for studies such as this, and how was the North Coburg Rebels Baseball Club use of and access to the whole site all year round completely overlooked?

Will Councillors amend the motion to acknowledge the fact that North Coburg Rebels Baseball Club exists and has year round access to the whole of Parker Reserve?

The Mayor took these questions on notice.

Public Question Time concluded at 8.20 pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 AMENDMENT C208MORE - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HERITAGE NOMINATIONS STUDY - GATEWAY 3 - CONSIDERATION OF PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND DECISION ON THE AMENDMENT

Executive Summary

Amendment C208more (the Amendment) seeks to implement the recommendations of the *Moreland Heritage Nominations Study* and complete the implementation of the *Moreland Heritage Gap Study*, to:

- Apply the Heritage Overlay to 45 individual heritage places, 1 serial listing, 7 new precincts and 3 precinct extensions
- Update the heritage value of 4 heritage places and 2 heritage precincts
- Fix mapping irregularities and heritage overlay boundaries
- Delete existing overlays from properties within the new serial listing
- Add the Moreland Heritage Nominations Study 2020 and a statement of significance for each place and precinct as a reference document

Council adopted the *Moreland Heritage Nomination Study* and resolved to commence the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to apply the HO to these properties at its meeting in August 2020 (DCF35/20). The Amendment was exhibited to the public for a period of 7 weeks and 43 submissions were received. Council resolved in December 2021 to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Panel to consider the submissions received during exhibition of the Amendment.

A Panel Hearing was held on 1-3 March and 3 & 6 May 2022. The Panel report was generally supportive, noting that the Amendment was well founded and strategically justified. The Panel recommends that the Amendment be adopted subject to changes, generally related to updating information in the heritage citations and to remove seven places and two precincts from the Amendment.

Officers support the majority of Panel's recommendations but recommend that the Walsh Street Precinct (HO599) remains in the Amendment.

A copy of the Panel's report can be viewed at [Amendment C208 Moreland Heritage Nominations Study Implementation](#).

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the findings and recommendations of the C208more Planning Panel.
2. Adopts the changes to the final *Moreland Heritage Nominations Study 2022* reference document and *Moreland Heritage Exemptions Incorporated Plan 2022*, shown at Attachment 1 to this report.
3. Using its powers as a planning authority under section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, adopt Moreland Planning Scheme Amendment C208more as shown in Attachment 1 of this report.
4. Submit the adopted Amendment to the Minister for Planning.

Resolution

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That this report be deferred to either the October or November Council Meeting.

Carried

Alter the order of business

Cr Tapinos requested items 7.9 Hockey Feasibility Study and 8.3 Supporting Trans and Gender Diverse People be brought forward in the agenda to accommodate the gallery.

The Chairperson, sought the agreement of Council to alter the order of business to consider items 7.9 and 8.3 accordingly. Agreement of Council was confirmed.

7.9 HOCKEY FEASIBILITY STUDY

Executive Summary

In 2021, the Brunswick Hockey Club approached Council seeking support for the construction of a second synthetic hockey pitch. Council resolved in June 2021 to commission a feasibility report to investigate and identify a suitable location.

The report has now been received and is at **Attachment 1**.

The feasibility report recommends Parker Reserve in Coburg North and MacDonald Reserve as the preferred sites for further investigation. Costings in the report suggest \$8 million - \$12 million (depending on scope) for Parker Reserve, and \$10 million - \$14 million for MacDonald Reserve (depending on scope). This significant scale project is not currently funded in Council's forward capital works program and other projects would need to be deprioritised in order to fund it. Council continues to face significant financial pressure on its capital works program.

The costings in the feasibility report require further analysis and more detailed costings will be required to further inform the possibility of a second hockey field in Moreland.

The study also further highlighted the need for more detailed site planning particularly in relation to ensuring a greater analysis of the triple bottom line - environmental, social and economic - assessment of not only the playing field surfaces options but the social benefits of this project.

In addition, since this study was commissioned, Council resolved in August 2022 to request a report and development of a policy on managing sports fields and open spaces surfaces. a report to consider a policy regarding sports playing surfaces across Moreland. This report will consider Council's current demand for, use and management of all sports surfaces – natural and synthetic - with consideration of Council's stance on the Climate Emergency, Integrated Water Management, Urban Heat Island Effect and zero waste by 2030 goals.

This officer report recommends deferring decisions on the outcomes of the Hockey Feasibility Study until the second half of 2023. Between now and then, funding options can be investigated, the capital works program will be reviewed as part of the annual budget process, and the report on sports playing surfaces will be completed.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Brunswick Hockey Club Second Hockey Field Feasibility Study, at Attachment 1.
2. Notes that Parker Reserve North Coburg and Macdonald Reserve Coburg are recommended by the feasibility study as possible sites for a second hockey field, subject to further consideration, community engagement and funding availability
3. Defers further consideration of this study until the second half of 2023.

Motion

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That Council:

1. Notes the Brunswick Hockey Club Second Hockey Field Feasibility Study, at Attachment 1, and supports in-principle the provision of a second field for the Brunswick Hockey Club.
2. Notes that Hockey is a growing sport particularly amongst gender and culturally diverse communities, in particular South Asian communities and international students, which form a large component of our growing community.
3. Notes that Parker Reserve North Coburg and McDonald Reserve Coburg are recommended by the feasibility study as possible sites for a second hockey field, and supports in principle McDonald Reserve Coburg as the preferred site subject to further detailed site investigation, including old industrial land through the current open space review, community engagement with other clubs using the reserve, Coburg High School, nearby residents and people who use the reserve for dog walking and passive recreation and funding availability
4. Notes the Hockey Feasibility Study's estimated capital costs and that more detailed cost planning will be required based on site conditions, potential staging of works and further efficiencies in delivery in consultation with users of the reserve.
5. Notes that Hockey is played on synthetic grass fields with recyclable options and that Moreland council is in the process of reviewing the environmental sustainability of different sports playing surfaces.

Amendment

Cr Tapinos moved -

6. Council resolves to receive a future report on the consultation and benefits or otherwise of a phased approach that would allow the construction of the hockey field and the installation of temporary facilities in the first phase, followed by a permanent pavilion in subsequent phases.

Cr Tapinos's amendment was acceptable to the mover and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

Amendment

Cr Carli Hannan moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

7. Notes the demand for community sports infrastructure, and willing to explore the project to include a synthetic training field for football codes adjacent to the hockey field to ensure a multipurpose space for other sporting codes to benefit from the upgrade.

Lost

Cr Riley called for a division.

For

Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Davidson
Cr Tapinos
Cr Yildiz

Against

Cr Bolton
Cr Harte
Cr Conlan
Cr Riley
Cr Panopoulos

Total For (4)

Total Against (5)

Substantive Motion

That Council:

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2. Notes that Hockey is a growing sport particularly amongst gender and culturally diverse communities, in particular South Asian communities and international students, which form a large component of our growing community.
3. Notes that Parker Reserve North Coburg and McDonald Reserve Coburg are recommended by the feasibility study as possible sites for a second hockey field, and supports in principle McDonald Reserve Coburg as the preferred site subject to further detailed site investigation, including old industrial land through the current open space review, community engagement with other clubs using the reserve, Coburg High School, nearby residents and people who use the reserve for dog walking and passive recreation and funding availability.
4. Notes the Hockey Feasibility Study's estimated capital costs and that more detailed cost planning will be required based on site conditions, potential staging of works and further efficiencies in delivery in consultation with users of the reserve.
5. Notes that Hockey is played on synthetic grass fields with recyclable options and that Moreland council is in the process of reviewing the environmental sustainability of different sports playing surfaces.
6. Receive a future report on the consultation and benefits or otherwise of a phased approach that could allow the construction of the hockey field and the installation of temporary facilities in the first phase, followed by a permanent pavilion in subsequent phases.

Amendment

Cr Panopoulos moved -

7. Notes that the North Coburg Rebels Baseball Club has year-round allocation at Parker Reserve.

Cr Panopoulos's amendment was acceptable to the mover and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

8.51pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting.

Amendment

Cr Tapinos moved -

That the following wording be removed from point 3 as follows:

'Including old industrial land through the current open space review.'

Lapsed for the want of a seconder

8.53pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes the Brunswick Hockey Club Second Hockey Field Feasibility Study, at Attachment 1, and supports in-principle the provision of a second field for the Brunswick Hockey Club.**
- 2. Notes that Hockey is a growing sport particularly amongst gender and culturally diverse communities, in particular South Asian communities and international students, which form a large component of our growing community.**
- 3. Notes that Parker Reserve North Coburg and McDonald Reserve Coburg are recommended by the feasibility study as possible sites for a second hockey field, and supports in principle McDonald Reserve Coburg as the preferred site subject to further detailed site investigation, including old industrial land through the current open space review, community engagement with other clubs using the reserve, Coburg High School, nearby residents and people who use the reserve for dog walking and passive recreation and funding availability.**
- 4. Notes the Hockey Feasibility Study's estimated capital costs and that more detailed cost planning will be required based on site conditions, potential staging of works and further efficiencies in delivery in consultation with users of the reserve.**
- 5. Notes that Hockey is played on synthetic grass fields with recyclable options and that Moreland council is in the process of reviewing the environmental sustainability of different sports playing surfaces.**
- 6. Council resolves to receive a future report on the consultation and benefits or otherwise of a phased approach that could allow the construction of the hockey field and the installation of temporary facilities in the first phase, followed by a permanent pavilion in subsequent phases.**
- 7. Notes that the North Coburg Rebels Baseball Club has year-round allocation at Parker Reserve.**

Carried

Cr Riley called for a division.

For	Against	Abstain
Cr Panopoulos		Cr Harte
Cr Carli Hannan		
Cr Davidson		
Cr Tapinos		
Cr Bolton		
Cr Yildiz		
Cr Conlan		
Cr Riley		
Total For (8)	Total Against (0)	Total Abstain (1)

8.3 SUPPORTING TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE

Motion

That Council:

1. Releases a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans and gender diverse inclusion in all sports in Moreland/Merri-bek, and in opposition to transphobia and transmisogyny.
2. Reviews its policies regarding trans and gender diverse inclusion, anti-discrimination, and diversity and inclusion, in consultation with the LGBTIQA+ Reference Group.
3. Requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report that considers the development of an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan and provides for timeline, budget allocation requirement and other governance details, and requests that the report be presented to Council by no later than November 2022.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Releases a public statement of support for the inclusion of trans and gender diverse inclusion in all sports in Moreland/Merri-bek, and in opposition to transphobia and transmisogyny.**
2. **Reviews its policies regarding trans and gender diverse inclusion, anti-discrimination, and diversity and inclusion, in consultation with the LGBTIQA+ Reference Group.**
3. **Requests the Chief Executive to prepare a report that considers the development of an LGBTIQA+ Action Plan and provides for timeline, budget allocation requirement and other governance details, and requests that the report be presented to Council by no later than November 2022.**

Carried

Cr Davidson and Cr Yildiz abstained from the vote.

7.2 2021-22 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS

Executive Summary

Council's Financial and Performance Statements (the Statements) for the 2021/22 financial year have been prepared and reviewed by the Victorian Auditor General Offices appointed auditor, RSD Audit and Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

This report seeks Council's 'in principle' approval of the Statements and the appointment of 2 Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to sign the 2021/2022 Statements in their final form.

Council is reporting an accounting surplus of \$47.978 million for the financial year 2021/2022. This accounting surplus includes items such as non-cash contributions, capital grants, loan redemptions and committed capital or operational expenditure for future years.

After excluding non-cash items included in the accounting surplus, capital expenditure and committed funding requirements, Council had an unrestricted surplus of \$1.004 million.

It is recommended that Council commits the unrestricted surplus of \$1.004 million to the Significant Projects Reserve.

Officer Recommendation

That Council, in accordance with the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, and having considered Council's Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/2022 Statements at Attachments 1 and 2 to this report:

1. Approves 'in principle' the Financial and Performance Statements 2021/2022;
2. Authorises the Mayor, Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos, and the Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson, to certify the Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/2022 in their final form;
3. Notes the unrestricted cash surplus of \$1.004 million transfers to the Significant Projects Reserve;
4. Carries forward the \$2.066 million of tied grant funding or contributions that were not spent as at 30 June 2022;
5. Carries forward the \$102,000 of operating projects into the 2022/23 Operating Projects Expenditure Program;
6. Carries forward the \$25.089 million of capital project funds into the 2022/23 Capital Expenditure program;
7. Authorises the Principal Accounting Officer to implement any minor administrative changes to the Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/22 if recommended by the Auditor-General upon final review, for approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

9.16 pm Cr Bolton left the meeting.

9.17 pm Cr Bolton returned to the meeting.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council, in accordance with the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, and having considered Council's Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/2022 Statements at Attachments 1 and 2 to this report:

- 1. Approves 'in principle' the Financial and Performance Statements 2021/2022;**
- 2. Authorises the Mayor, Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor, Cr Lambros Tapinos, and the Chief Executive Officer, Cathy Henderson, to certify the Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/2022 in their final form;**
- 3. Notes the unrestricted cash surplus of \$1.004 million transfers to the Significant Projects Reserve;**
- 4. Carries forward the \$2.066 million of tied grant funding or contributions that were not spent as at 30 June 2022;**
- 5. Carries forward the \$102,000 of operating projects into the 2022/23 Operating Projects Expenditure Program;**
- 6. Carries forward the \$25.089 million of capital project funds into the 2022/23 Capital Expenditure program;**
- 7. Authorises the Principal Accounting Officer to implement any minor administrative changes to the Financial and Performance Statements for 2021/22 if recommended by the Auditor-General upon final review, for approval by the Chief Executive Officer.**

Carried

7.3 DECLARATION OF THE CENTRAL COBURG SHOPPING PRECINCT SPECIAL CHARGE SCHEME 2022-2027

Executive Summary

At its meeting held on 11 May 2022, Council resolved to commence the statutory process to reintroduce a Special Charge Scheme (the Scheme) for the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct (Precinct).

The purpose of the Scheme is to defray expenses in relation to the performance of a function of the Council, if Council considers that the performance of the function will be of benefit to the persons required to pay the special charge. The funds are then provided to the Central Coburg Business Association Inc (CCBA) to be used for promotional, advertising, marketing and business development expenses associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail, hospitality and professional sectors activity and employment in the Precinct.

If declared, the Scheme will remain in force for the period commencing on 1 October 2022 and ending on 30 June 2027 (being a period of 4 years and 9 months).

The land and the properties in relation to which the Scheme is to be declared is the land and properties shown in the Precinct boundary map at Attachment 1 and remains unchanged from the most recent Scheme, which ended on 30 June 2022.

For the period of the Scheme, a total of \$1,020,320.03, will be levied by Council.

Following a Hearing of Submissions Committee meeting held on 1 August 2022, the Committee referred all submissions, objections and letters of support to be considered at the ordinary meeting of Council to be held on 14 September 2022.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the submissions and objections received by Council as a result of the statutory consultation process and to make a decision on the declaration of the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct Special Charge Scheme.

Officer Recommendation

Council resolve that:

1. Having considered all submissions received and taken account of all objections and complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*, and otherwise according to law, Council declares a Special Charge (Special Charge or Scheme) under section 163(1) of the Act for the purposes of defraying expenses to be incurred by Council in (administratively only) providing funds to the incorporated body known and operating as the Central Coburg Business Association (CCBA) which funds, subject always to the approval, direction and control of Council, are to be used for the purposes of 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, hospitality and professional activity, and employment in the Coburg Shopping Precinct.
2. The criteria which form the basis of the declaration of the Special Charge are the ownership or occupation (and the capital improved value (CIV)) of the rateable land within the Scheme area which is used, or reasonably capable of being used, for commercial, retail or professional purposes, together with their respective tiered benefit classifications as otherwise set out in this declaration. The land included in the Scheme is situated within the geographical area in which the properties described in paragraphs 6 and 7 of this declaration are included.
3. In declaring the Scheme, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Moreland City, in particular the encouragement of commerce, retail, hospitality and professional activity, and employment within the area for which the Special Charge is declared.
4. The total cost of the performance of the function and exercise of the power by Council (in relation to activities associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in the area for which the Special Charge is declared) and also the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied by Council is referable to the following:
 - a) For the first 9 months of the Scheme (being for the period 1 October 2022 to 30 June 2023), a pro rata amount of \$155,280.39 (being an amount which is based on a 1.75 percent increase, pro-rata for three quarters, on the amount levied in the last year of the preceding special charge scheme) will be levied;
 - b) For the second year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024), an amount of \$210,665.15 (being an amount which is based on a 1.75 percent increase, pro-rata for four quarters, on the amount levied in the immediate preceding year) will be levied;
 - c) For the third year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025), an amount of \$214,351.79 (being an amount which is based on a 1.75 percent increase on the amount levied in the immediate preceding year) will be levied;
 - d) For the fourth year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026), an amount of \$218,102.95 (and being an amount based on a 1.75 percent increase on the amount levied in the immediate preceding year) will be levied; and

- e) For the fifth year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027), an amount of \$221,919.75 (and being an amount based on a 1.75 percent increase on the amount levied in the immediate preceding year) will be levied.

These being amounts which, in total, will raise an amount of \$1,020,320.03 over the 4 years and 9 months period of the Scheme.

5. The period for which the Special Charge is declared and will remain in force is a period of four years and nine months commencing on 1 October 2022 and ending on 30 June 2027.
6. The area for which the Special Charge is declared is all of the land referred to as the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct, as identified and shown on the plan set out in the attachment forming a part of this declaration (Attachment 1).
7. The land and the properties in relation to which the Special Charge is declared is all that ratable land described in the following street addresses and more particularly set out in Attachment 2 to this report:
- a) 311-517 (inclusive) and 322-502 (inclusive) Sydney Road, Coburg;
 - b) 94-124 (inclusive) and 81B-133 (inclusive) Bell Street, Coburg;
 - c) 2-8 (inclusive) and 1-25 (inclusive) Munro Street, Coburg;
 - d) All properties in Louisa Street, Coburg;
 - e) All properties in Victoria Street, Coburg; and
 - f) All properties in Waterfield Street, Coburg.
8. The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out below as they are to be applied to each property in the attachment forming a part of this declaration (Attachment 2), such amounts having respectively been assessed and levied on the basis of a rate in the dollar applied to the capital improved value (CIV) of each property included in the Scheme (such values to be initially determined and as in force as at 1 April 2022 and remain unchanged until the Scheme ends); and
- a) For the first 9 months of the Scheme (being for the period 1 October 2022 to 30 June 2023), the following amounts are specified as being payable by those properties in the following tiered benefit classifications (in order to raise a pro rata amount of \$155,280.39):
 - i. Tier 1 (CIV \$0 - \$149,999.99) properties pay \$210.62;
 - ii. Tier 2 (CIV \$150,000 - \$299,999.99) properties pay \$281.59;
 - iii. Tier 3 (CIV \$300,000 - \$739,999.99) properties pay \$331.19;
 - iv. Tier 4 (CIV \$740,000 - \$999,999.99) properties pay \$466.27;
 - v. Tier 5 (CIV \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999.99) properties pay \$875.30; and
 - vi. Tier 6 (CIV \$2,000,000 plus) properties pay \$1,415.16,
 - b) For the second year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024), the following amounts are specified as being payable by those properties in the following tiered benefit classifications (in order to raise an amount of \$210,665.15):
 - i. Tier 1 (CIV \$0 - \$149,999.99) properties pay \$285.74;
 - ii. Tier 2 (CIV \$150,000 - \$299,999.99) properties pay \$382.03;
 - iii. Tier 3 (CIV \$300,000 - \$739,999.99) properties pay \$449.32;
 - iv. Tier 4 (CIV \$740,000 - \$999,999.99) properties pay \$632.57;

- v. Tier 5 (CIV \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999.99) properties pay \$1,187.50; and
 - vi. Tier 6 (CIV \$2,000,000 +) properties pay \$1,920.49,
- c) For the third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme, the Special Charge payable by the properties in each of the above tiered benefit classifications will be based on an increase of 1.75 per cent percent on the respective amounts payable by the properties in the immediate, preceding year.
 - d) The levies, as they apply to each rateable property for Years 1 – 5 of the Special Charge Scheme, are included at Attachment 3.
9. The properties included in the Scheme will otherwise be subject to general revaluations and supplementary valuations on the same cycle as Moreland City Council general rates and charges.
 10. The Special Charge will be levied by sending a notice of levy in the prescribed form annually to the person who is liable to pay the Special Charge, which will require that the Special Charge must be paid in the following manner:
 - a) By 1 annual payment to be paid in full by the due date fixed by Council in the notice; or
 - b) By 4 instalments, to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in the notice.
 11. Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge, and directly and indirectly as a result of the expenditure of the Special Charge, the viability of the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct as a business, commercial and retail area, and the value and the use, occupation and employment of the properties and the businesses included in the Special Charge Scheme area will be maintained or enhanced through increased economic activity.
 12. For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied under the Scheme, Council further considers and formally determines for the purposes of sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act, that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the function and the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is in a ratio of 1:1 (or 100%). This is on the basis that, in the opinion of Council, all of the services and activities to be provided from the expenditure of the Special Charge are marketing, promotion and advertising related and will accordingly only benefit those properties and businesses included in the Scheme that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for retail, commercial or professional purposes.
 13. CCBA is to be authorised to administer the proceeds of the Special Charge on the express condition that CCBA enters into a funding agreement with Council for the period of the Special Charge.
 14. Council's Director Place and Environment or the person for the time being acting in that position, for the purposes of paragraph 16 of this resolution, be authorised to prepare the funding agreement between Council and CCBA by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Charge are confirmed, 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 Act to do so, and such funding agreement to be submitted to Council for signing.

15. Notice will be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme and all persons who have lodged a submission and/or an objection in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge commencing on 1 October 2022, outlining the following reasons for the decision:
- a) Council considers that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from the owners and occupiers of all properties included in the Scheme;
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the *Local Government Act 1989*, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularity in relation to the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in and around the Scheme area;
 - c) All persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit in the form of an enhancement or maintenance in land values and/or a maintenance or enhancement in the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties; and
 - d) The basis of distribution of the Special Charge amongst those persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge is considered to be fair and reasonable.
16. CCBA be advised of the matters specified in paragraphs 1, 13 and 14 of this resolution.

9.17 pm Cr Tapinos left the meeting.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

Council resolve that:

1. **Having considered all submissions received and taken account of all objections and complied with the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989 (Act)*, and otherwise according to law, Council declares a Special Charge (Special Charge or Scheme) under section 163(1) of the Act for the purposes of defraying expenses to be incurred by Council in (administratively only) providing funds to the incorporated body known and operating as the Central Coburg Business Association (CCBA) which funds, subject always to the approval, direction and control of Council, are to be used for the purposes of 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, hospitality and professional activity, and employment in the Coburg Shopping Precinct.**
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3. **In declaring the Scheme, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Moreland City, in particular the encouragement of commerce, retail, hospitality and professional activity, and employment within the area for which the Special Charge is declared.**

4. The total cost of the performance of the function and exercise of the power by Council (in relation to activities associated with the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in the area for which the Special Charge is declared) and also the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied by Council is referable to the following:
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 - d) All properties in Louisa Street, Coburg;
 - e) All properties in Victoria Street, Coburg; and
 - f) All properties in Waterfield Street, Coburg.

8. **The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out below as they are to be applied to each property in the attachment forming a part of this declaration (Attachment 2), such amounts having respectively been assessed and levied on the basis of a rate in the dollar applied to the capital improved value (CIV) of each property included in the Scheme (such values to be initially determined and as in force as at 1 April 2022 and remain unchanged until the Scheme ends); and**
 - a) **For the first 9 months of the Scheme (being for the period 1 October 2022 to 30 June 2023), the following amounts are specified as being payable by those properties in the following tiered benefit classifications (in order to raise a pro rata amount of \$155,280.39):**
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 - iii. **Tier 3 (CIV \$300,000 - \$739,999.99) properties pay \$331.19;**
 - iv. **Tier 4 (CIV \$740,000 - \$999,999.99) properties pay \$466.27;**
 - v. **Tier 5 (CIV \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999.99) properties pay \$875.30; and**
 - vi. **Tier 6 (CIV \$2,000,000 plus) properties pay \$1,415.16,**
 - b) **For the second year of the Scheme (being for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024), the following amounts are specified as being payable by those properties in the following tiered benefit classifications (in order to raise an amount of \$210,665.15):**
 - i. **Tier 1 (CIV \$0 - \$149,999.99) properties pay \$285.74;**
 - ii. **Tier 2 (CIV \$150,000 - \$299,999.99) properties pay \$382.03;**
 - iii. **Tier 3 (CIV \$300,000 - \$739,999.99) properties pay \$449.32;**
 - iv. **Tier 4 (CIV \$740,000 - \$999,999.99) properties pay \$632.57;**
 - v. **Tier 5 (CIV \$1,000,000 - \$1,999,999.99) properties pay \$1,187.50; and**
 - vi. **Tier 6 (CIV \$2,000,000 +) properties pay \$1,920.49,**
 - c) **For the third, fourth and fifth years of the Scheme, the Special Charge payable by the properties in each of the above tiered benefit classifications will be based on an increase of 1.75 per cent percent on the respective amounts payable by the properties in the immediate, preceding year.**
 - d) **The levies, as they apply to each rateable property for Years 1 – 5 of the Special Charge Scheme, are included at Attachment 3.**
9. **The properties included in the Scheme will otherwise be subject to general revaluations and supplementary valuations on the same cycle as Moreland City Council general rates and charges.**
10. **The Special Charge will be levied by sending a notice of levy in the prescribed form annually to the person who is liable to pay the Special Charge, which will require that the Special Charge must be paid in the following manner:**
 - a) **By 1 annual payment to be paid in full by the due date fixed by Council in the notice; or**
 - b) **By 4 instalments, to be paid by the dates which are fixed by Council in the notice.**

- 11. Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge, and directly and indirectly as a result of the expenditure of the Special Charge, the viability of the Central Coburg Shopping Precinct as a business, commercial and retail area, and the value and the use, occupation and employment of the properties and the businesses included in the Special Charge Scheme area will be maintained or enhanced through increased economic activity.**
- 12. For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied under the Scheme, Council further considers and formally determines for the purposes of sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act, that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the function and the exercise of the power relates (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is in a ratio of 1:1 (or 100%). This is on the basis that, in the opinion of Council, all of the services and activities to be provided from the expenditure of the Special Charge are marketing, promotion and advertising related and will accordingly only benefit those properties and businesses included in the Scheme that are used, or reasonably capable of being used, for retail, commercial or professional purposes.**
- 13. CCBA is to be authorised to administer the proceeds of the Special Charge on the express condition that CCBA enters into a funding agreement with Council for the period of the Special Charge.**
- 14. Council's Director Place and Environment or the person for the time being acting in that position, for the purposes of paragraph 16 of this resolution, be authorised to prepare the funding agreement between Council and CCBA by which administrative arrangements in relation to the Special Charge are confirmed, 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 Act to do so, and such funding agreement to be submitted to Council for signing.**
- 15. Notice will be given to all owners and occupiers of properties included in the Scheme and all persons who have lodged a submission and/or an objection in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge commencing on 1 October 2022, outlining the following reasons for the decision:**
 - a) Council considers that there is a broad level of support for the Special Charge from the owners and occupiers of all properties included in the Scheme;**
 - b) Council considers that it is acting in accordance with the functions and powers conferred on it under the Local Government Act 1989, having regard to its role, purposes and objectives under the Act, particularly in relation to the encouragement of commerce, retail activity and employment opportunities in and around the Scheme area;**
 - c) All persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge and the properties respectively owned or occupied by them will receive a special benefit in the form of an enhancement or maintenance in land values and/or a maintenance or enhancement in the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties; and**

- d) **The basis of distribution of the Special Charge amongst those persons who are liable or required to pay the Special Charge is considered to be fair and reasonable.**
16. **CCBA be advised of the matters specified in paragraphs 1, 13 and 14 of this resolution.**

Carried unanimously

7.4 41-43 SERVICE STREET, PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND FINAL PARK CONCEPT

Executive Summary

In early 2021, Council commenced a three-stage community engagement process leading to the proposed design of the new Park Close to Home at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg. This comprised:

Stage 1: to seek community ideas for our new park over a five-week period (online engagement). This consultation used a 'Word Cloud' to prompt for responses on people's aspirations for the park. Among the 84 responses, 'green' was a dominant theme: trees, shade, lawn, native planting. Play opportunities also featured: seating, shelter, a playground that is inclusive with a variety of play opportunities including nature and water play, for all ages and abilities. A community garden and references to local histories were also requested. This initial feedback was used to inform the draft concept plan for the park.

Stage 2: to seek community feedback on a draft concept plan (online, letter box drops and two onsite sessions). This received very positive responses (41 responses overall). There were constructive suggestions for amendments to the design that would aid neighbouring properties in feeling more comfortable regarding potential overlooking or noise issues. These were built into the plan.

Stage 3: to loop back on stage 2 with the modified concept plan (email to earlier participants and Conversations Moreland invited comment). With only two further interactions, the changes were well received by the community and detailed design is now underway to form the basis of the procurement and construction process.

The proposed final concept is now presented to Council for endorsement, prior to officers proceeding to detailed design and construction of the park.

The park will be delivered within the remaining available budget of \$664,581.00. The project is planned to be completed by April 2023.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Thanks community members for their feedback on the design for the Park Close to Home project at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg;
2. Endorses the final amended concept plan for the new park at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg as provided at Attachment 2.

9.20 pm *Cr Panopoulos left the meeting.*

9.21 pm *Cr Tapinos returned to the meeting.*

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Thanks community members for their feedback on the design for the Park Close to Home project at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg;**
- 2. Endorses the final amended concept plan for the new park at 41-43 Service Street, Coburg as provided at Attachment 2.**

Carried unanimously

Cr Monica Harte disclosed a material conflict of interest in item 7.5 Naming the park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy – Proposed shortlist, due to her employment with the Salvation Army.

9.22 pm Cr Harte left the meeting.

7.5 NAMING THE PARK AT 132-134 CARDINAL RD GLENROY - PROPOSED SHORTLIST

Executive Summary

A new park has been created at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy as part of Council's 'Park Close to Home' project. A locality plan is shown in Attachment 1. This report proposes a shortlist of names for the community to vote upon.

An initial public consultation seeking naming suggestions for the new park was listed on Council's website and letters were sent to surrounding properties for a period of 42 days, until 4 February 2022.

Two submissions were received, with only one suggesting a park name from this consultation process. Council officers also put forward one naming submission from a previous project. These two names; 'Citadel' to commemorate the previous site owners, the Salvation Army and 'Bagung Djerring' meaning Gather Together in Woi Wurrung language, were reported to the Council meeting held on 13 July 2022.

On 13 July 2022 Council deferred a decision on item 7.3 *Naming of Park at 132-134 Cardinal Rd Glenroy – Proposed Shortlist*, to extend the community consultation process to invite additional names, reconsider other possible names previously submitted for other naming projects, and then receive a further report in September 2022 to endorse for inclusion in a voting poll a list of names for the park.

Following this, on 1 August 2022 a second round of community consultation commenced on Council's Conversations Moreland website. Further advertising was undertaken on Facebook, Instagram, public radio, to nearby local schools and community centres.

Previously submitted names from other naming projects have also been assessed and three names selected as meeting the naming rules and Council's preference criteria for this park.

From the extended consultation, eleven new submissions were received. A list of the names suitable for this park from other naming projects and the names from both community consultation processes can be viewed in Attachment 2.

One of the names chosen from a previous naming project was also a submission received in the extended consultation process, this name is a commemorative name and family permission has been granted.

Council officers also re-consulted with the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for the proposed use of three indigenous names from previous naming projects for this park and permission has been granted.

The below five names have met the mandatory Geographic Names Victoria's (GNV) Naming rules for places in Victoria, statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities, and Council's preference criteria in the Naming Moreland Places Policy (the Policy).

Council will consult with the community to understand their preferences via a voting poll. The names proposed to be included in the voting poll are:

- Bagung Djerring Park
- Citadel Park
- Stewart Murray Park
- Walert Park
- Yubup Park

The proposed process for carrying out the poll is in accordance with the Naming Rules. Access to the poll will be via Council's Conversations Moreland website and written responses via email or letters will also be considered.

Once voting is complete, a further report will be presented to Council with the results and a recommendation for a new name to be lodged.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Having invited the community to put forward suggestions for names for a new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy, establishes a voting poll on Council's Conversations Moreland website and notifies submitters, owners and occupiers in the immediate community.
2. Endorses, for inclusion in a voting poll, the following five names for the new park:
 - a) 'Bagung Djerring Park'
 - b) 'Citadel Park'
 - c) 'Stewart Murray Park'
 - d) 'Walert Park'
 - e) 'Yubup Park'
3. Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll, with a recommendation for Council to adopt a name for the park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy.

9.23 pm Cr Panopoulos returned to the meeting.

Motion

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

1. Having invited the community to put forward suggestions for names for a new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy, establishes a voting poll on Council's Conversations Moreland website and notifies submitters, owners and occupiers in the immediate community.
2. Endorses, for inclusion in a voting poll, the following five names for the new park:
 - a) 'Bagung Djerring Park'
 - b) 'Citadel Park'
 - c) 'Stewart Murray Park'
 - d) 'Walert Park'
 - e) 'Yubup Park'
3. Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll, with a recommendation for Council to adopt a name for the park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy.

Amendment

Cr Tapinos moved the inclusion of the name 'Topluluk Park'.

Cr Tapinos's amendment was acceptable to the mover and seconder and becomes part of the substantive motion.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Having invited the community to put forward suggestions for names for a new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy, establishes a voting poll on Council's Conversations Moreland website and notifies submitters, owners and occupiers in the immediate community.**
- 2. Endorses, for inclusion in a voting poll, the following five names for the new park:**
 - a) 'Bagung Djerring Park'**
 - b) 'Citadel Park'**
 - c) 'Stewart Murray Park'**
 - d) 'Walert Park'**
 - e) 'Yubup Park'**
 - f) 'Topluluk Park'**
- 3. Receives a further report with the results of the voting poll, with a recommendation for Council to adopt a name for the park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy.**

Carried

9.29 pm Cr Harte returned to the meeting.

7.6 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES PLAN 2021-2025 - IMPLEMENTATION OF YEAR 1 ACTIONS

Executive Summary

The Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan 2021-2025 (the Plan) aims to improve health, wellbeing and educational outcomes for children, young people and families to enact the Plan's vision of 'a community where children, young people and families are healthy, resilient, empowered, safe and belong'.

The Plan's associated Implementation Plan 2022-2025 details the actions and activities that will be undertaken in each of the Plan's three outcome areas. The Plan takes a whole of Council approach in its implementation and seeks to engage children, young people and families in program planning and decision making. To fulfil the vision of the Plan, Council has continued to collaborate with community, partner organisations and the State Government to achieve the implementation of year 1 actions.

The annual review of the Plan highlights the volume and breadth of work undertaken despite the challenges of COVID, particularly to service delivery. The annual review has identified the achievements of the Plan in Year 1 of its implementation and are outlined in detail in **Attachment 1**.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2021-2025 annual review and implementation of Year 1 actions.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council notes the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2021-2025 annual review and implementation of Year 1 actions.

Carried unanimously

9.30 pm Cr Conlan left the meeting.

7.7 HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY 2016-2026 (REVISED)

Executive Summary

Moreland's first Human Rights Policy was adopted in 2016 and in 2022 has been updated to reflect the changed social, political, economic, environmental and health context. This report outlines the process undertaken to revise the policy and the resulting key changes.

During 2021-22 a process to revise the policy was undertaken. This involved aligning the policy to new legislative frameworks; namely the Local Government Act 2020 and the Gender Equality Act 2020, identifying emerging trends and issues that impact on human rights and social justice, benchmarking the policy against other Local Government's approaches, consulting staff around implementation and effectiveness and engaging community members.

The policy has been further strengthened by a stronger Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of First Nations people, updated context to account for Climate Change and Climate Justice, and a recognition of the impact of COVID-19 and greater inequalities.

Inclusion of updates on priority group descriptions in line with contemporary understandings and inclusion of 'priority issues'. The policy also includes a stronger statement on Council's role in advocacy.

Beyond compliance, Moreland Council takes a proactive approach to promoting a culture of human rights, valuing diversity and inclusion both internally at Council and in the

community. Acknowledgement of Council's role in working towards social justice and in providing conditions for all people to have access to opportunities and control over their own lives is an important addition to the revised policy.

Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the revised Human Rights Policy 2016-2026.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded -

That Council adopts the revised Human Rights Policy 2016-2026.

Carried unanimously

7.8 SUMMER 2022-23 SPORTS GROUND 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.

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 which is required prior to receiving their summer 2022-23 sports ground seasonal allocation.

The Allocations Policy is currently being reviewed for Council consideration in late 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Allocates sports grounds and pavilions for the 2022-23 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 sports ground seasonal allocation, including compliance documents.
4. Authorises the Director Community to make changes to the allocation of facilities for the duration of the 2022-23 summer season as required.
5. Notes current proposed junior and female participation levels in Attachment 1 at sports clubs contained within this Summer 2022-23 Sports Ground Allocations report.

9.32 pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting.

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Allocates sports grounds and pavilions for the 2022-23 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 sports ground seasonal allocation, including compliance documents.**
- 4. Authorises the Director Community to make changes to the allocation of facilities for the duration of the 2022-23 summer season as required.**
- 5. Notes current proposed junior and female participation levels in Attachment 1 at sports clubs contained within this Summer 2022-23 Sports Ground Allocations report.**

Carried unanimously

7.10 HARSHIP POLICY

Executive Summary

Council's draft hardship policy was presented to Council at its meeting on 13 July 2022, for endorsement for community consultation. Council invited community submissions between 2 August 2022 – 16 August 2022 via Conversations Moreland.

Whilst the hardship policy was on display for community consultation, the COVID hardship policy was extended until 30 September 2022. This allowed Council to continue to assist residents with short-term payment deferrals.

To address the observations made in the Victorian Ombudsman's "Review of Hardship - Local Councils" as published in May 2021 and to assist in recovery of our community following the impacts of COVID-19, Council has prepared a Hardship Policy (shown at Attachment 1), which is guided by the principles of:

- Transparency, efficiency, capacity to pay and equity by treating all debtors consistently and in a fair manner
- Customers are encouraged to utilise financial counselling, legal and other supports
- Legal action to recover debt should be the last resort.

At the close of the submission period, 4 submissions were received. A summary of the submissions received, together with Council Officer responses is provided in Attachment 2. This report does not recommend any further amendments to the draft Hardship Policy as a result of the submissions received, as summarised in the Issues section of this report and included in Attachment 2.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the revised Hardship Policy, at Attachment 1 to this report;
2. Writes to submitters to thank them for their submission and advise them of the outcomes of Council's decision, including as it relates to their specific submission.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council:

1. **Adopts the revised Hardship Policy, at Attachment 1 to this report;**
2. **Writes to submitters to thank them for their submission and advise them of the outcomes of Council's decision, including as it relates to their specific submission.**

Carried unanimously

7.11 REVIEW OF INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION COUNCIL TO COUNCIL STAFF

Executive Summary

This report proposes the updated instrument of delegation to Council in accordance with section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

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

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

The proposed instrument at Attachment 1 reflects changes in regards to legislative provisions (i.e. the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*) and changes to officer titles.

Officer Recommendation

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of Delegation:

1. Delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 1 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:
 - a) The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.
 - b) On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous delegation to members of Council staff adopted 9 March 2022 is revoked.

- c) The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 11 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of Delegation:

1. **Delegates to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in Attachment 1 to this report, the powers, duties and functions set out in that Instrument subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument and determines:**
 - a) **The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.**
 - b) **On the coming into force of the instrument, the previous delegation to members of Council staff adopted 9 March 2022 is revoked.**
 - c) **The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

Carried unanimously

7.12 GOVERNANCE REPORT - SEPTEMBER 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:

- Reports from Advisory Committees to Council, with a recommendation that Council notes the reports.
- Acceptance and endorsement of various recommendations from Advisory Committees to Council as listed in the officer recommendation.
- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation that Council notes the records.
- Records of Meetings of Council Representatives with Elders from the Traditional Community and community members to discuss the renaming of Moreland City Council, with a recommendation that Council notes the record.
- A recommendation that Council appoints and authorises the Council officers referred to in the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (Planning and Environment Act 1987).
- Councillor initiated proposed motions for Council's consideration and endorsement to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting, on the following topics:
 - Accessible Public Transport

- Municipal Rates Concession
- Commonwealth Home Support Program
- Standard Advocacy Approach for Public Transport

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the reports from Advisory Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Accepts the recommendation from the First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of 21 July 2022 and advocates to the State Government in relation to securing the Ballerrt Mooroop site in Glenroy for on-going community uses, with the support of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Traditional Owners.
3. Accepts the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting of 4 August 2022 and in accordance with the Moreland Arts Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, approves the purchase of the following artwork for the Moreland Art Collection:
 - a) Hayley Millar Baker, *I Will Survive 2 & 5*, \$5,909.09 each
 - b) Hootan Heydari, *Nostograph 1*, \$1,750
 - c) Raafat Ishak, *Cairo*, \$6,818.18
 - d) Vicki Couzens, *noombapee*, \$1,500.
4. Accepts the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting of 4 August 2022 and in accordance with the Moreland Arts Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, accepts the donation of the following artwork for the Moreland Art Collection:
 - a) Alana Holmberg, *Porch Diaries*, artist donation
 - b) Jazmina Cininas, *A two-legged dingo stole Lindy's tears*, artist donation
 - c) William Kelly OAM, *Violence to Non-Violence: Prints from the Peace Project folio*, donation from the Sidney Myer Foundation.
5. Accepts the recommendation of the Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting of 18 August 2022 and:
 - a) Endorses the organisational members to the Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee as:
 - Merri Health
 - Welcoming Cities
 - Brotherhood of Saint Lurance.
 - b) Endorses the Reference Group representatives as:
 - Lauren Henley – Age-Friendly Reference Group
 - Maeve McLennan and Ciri Stanek – LGBTIQ+ Reference Group
 - Mellem Rose – Disability Reference Group
 - Tamanah Rahim and Linda Kader – Gender Equality Reference Group.
 - c) Endorses the reduction of Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee members from 13 to 12 members.
6. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.

7. Notes the Record of Meetings of Council Representatives with Elders from the Traditional Community and community members to discuss the renaming of Moreland City Council, at Attachment 3 to this report.
8. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:
 - a) Appoints and authorises Council staff referred to in the Instrument at Attachment 4 of this report, as set out in the instrument.
 - b) Determines the instrument comes into force immediately, the common seal of Council is affixed to the instruments and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
 - c) Authorises the affixing of Council's common seal.
9. Endorses the following motions for submission to the next Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting:
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
 - d) _____

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the reports from Advisory Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Accepts the recommendation from the First Nations Advisory Committee meeting of 21 July 2022 and advocates to the State Government in relation to securing the Ballerrt Mooroop site in Glenroy for on-going community uses, with the support of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Traditional Owners.**
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4. **Accepts the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Committee meeting of 4 August 2022 and in accordance with the Moreland Arts Acquisition and Collection Development Policy, accepts the donation of the following artwork for the Moreland Art Collection:**
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 - b) **Jazmina Cininas, A two-legged dingo stole Lindy's tears, artist donation**
 - c) **William Kelly OAM, Violence to Non-Violence: Prints from the Peace Project folio, donation from the Sidney Myer Foundation.**
5. **Accepts the recommendation of the Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting of 18 August 2022 and:**

- a) Endorses the organisational members to the Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee as:
 - Merri Health
 - Welcoming Cities
 - Brotherhood of Saint Laurance.
 - b) Endorses the Reference Group representatives as:
 - Lauren Henley – Age-Friendly Reference Group
 - Maeve McLennan and Ciri Stanek – LGBTIQ+ Reference Group
 - Mellem Rose – Disability Reference Group
 - Tamanah Rahim and Linda Kader – Gender Equality Reference Group.
 - c) Endorses the reduction of Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee members from 13 to 12 members.
6. Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
 7. Notes the Record of Meetings of Council Representatives with Elders from the Traditional Community and community members to discuss the renaming of Moreland City Council, at Attachment 3 to this report.
 8. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:
 - a) Appoints and authorises Council staff referred to in the Instrument at Attachment 4 of this report, as set out in the instrument.
 - b) Determines the instrument comes into force immediately, the common seal of Council is affixed to the instruments and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
 - c) Authorises the affixing of Council’s common seal.
 9. Endorses the following motions for submission to the next Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting:
 - a) Accessible Public Transport
 - b) Municipal Rates Concession
 - c) Commonwealth Home Support Program
 - d) Standard Advocacy Approach for Public Transport.

Carried unanimously

7.13 RFT-2022-287 - PROVISION OF AN INTEGRATED PARKING MANAGEMENT SOLUTION

Executive Summary

This report seeks the award of the preferred contractor, DCA Cities Holdings Pty Ltd (DCA Cities), for contract RFT-2022-287 Provision of an Integrated Parking Management Solution.

Presently there are two separate contracts for the management of Council’s parking related services: firstly, contract 649T covering parking sensors, infringement issuing software, online parking permits (ePermits) and viewing parking infringements online; and secondly, contract 537ST covering parking ticket machines and ticketless mobile phone application payments.

Council undertook a tender process to combine all parking management services under one contract eliminating the need for two parking applications and bringing together the benefit of having an all-in-one integrated parking management solution.

The tender for the new contract was released on 30 April 2022 and closed on 30 May 2022. Six responses were received and assessed, with three short listed and interviewed by the assessment panel. An addendum and comprehensive pricing schedule template was then sent to the respondents to clarify and assist with the evaluation of tender prices. The preferred supplier is DCA Cities.

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

The relevant Director was given delegation to approve up to 20 per cent annual operating costs for unforeseen maintenance and support expenses on top of the contracted amount each year for contract 649T under a previous Council resolution (ref Council Resolution DCF84/19 from the 13 November 2019 Council meeting). This amounted to approximately \$100,000 per year. These expenses can include relocation/replacement of parking sensors and associated infrastructure as well as replacing ticket machine rolls etc. It is not expected that the 20 per cent contingency will be required for this new contract, but rather officers are seeking a \$50,000 per annum (not indexed for inflation) contingency allowance for unforeseen maintenance expenses under this new contract.

Although this tender allows for five 2-year contract extension options, these costs were not requested from the tenderers and as such Council approval will be requested prior to contract extension options being exercised.

Officer Recommendation

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Make a formal offer to DCA Cities Holdings Pty Ltd trading as DCA Cities ABN 77 620 056 715 to award Contract RFT-2022-287 for the Provision of an Integrated Parking Management Solution at a cost of \$3,821,828 (excluding GST) over a five-year term.
2. Allocate contract expenses of up to \$50,000 each year for annual operating costs (not indexed) and include an annual CPI uplift allowance to the base contract of 5 per cent, bringing the total expenditure approval for Contract RFT-2022-287 to \$4,493,750 (excluding GST).
3. Negotiate and finalise the terms of the contract between Council and the contractor.
4. Do all things necessary to execute any required documentation for the contract.
5. Advise all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the contract.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -

That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. **Make a formal offer to DCA Cities Holdings Pty Ltd trading as DCA Cities ABN 77 620 056 715 to award Contract RFT-2022-287 for the Provision of an Integrated Parking Management Solution at a cost of \$3,821,828 (excluding GST) over a five-year term.**
2. **Allocate contract expenses of up to \$50,000 each year for annual operating costs (not indexed) and include an annual CPI uplift allowance to the base contract of 5 per cent, bringing the total expenditure approval for Contract RFT-2022-287 to \$4,493,750 (excluding GST).**
3. **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the contract between Council and the contractor.**

4. **Do all things necessary to execute any required documentation for the contract.**
5. **Advise all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the contract.**

Carried unanimously

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 CENTRAL COBURG METROPOLITAN ACTIVITY CENTRE ADVOCACY

Motion

That Council:

1. Writes a letter and advocates to the Ministers for Planning, Business Precincts, Economic Development and Suburban Development to redesignate Coburg to a Metropolitan Activity Centre to recognise its significant potential for jobs growth that could serve a regional market; acknowledging the significant investment in elevating the railway line and new Moreland station, now completed, the development of Pentridge Coburg and the proposed Health Precinct, which are regionally significant, and the excellent transport options in the Activity Centre. That a copy of the advocacy letter be sent to Peter Khalil MP for Wills, NorthLink, M9 and NCA.
2. As part of Council's submission to the next review of Plan Melbourne, advocates for elevation of Coburg to A Metropolitan Activity Centre.
3. That Council seeks a State Government partnership to revitalise central Coburg, the Sydney Road Shopping Strip and Batman Corridor, such as through making Coburg a designated 'Business Precinct', given the recent investment in level crossing removal, Council's landholdings, the potential for future housing and jobs growth and Coburg's distinctive qualities.

Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded –

That Council:

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2. As part of Council's submission to the next review of Plan Melbourne, advocates for elevation of Coburg to A Metropolitan Activity Centre.
3. Seeks a State Government partnership to revitalise central Coburg, the Sydney Road Shopping Strip and Batman Corridor, such as through making Coburg a designated 'Business Precinct', given the recent investment in level crossing removal, Council's landholdings, the potential for future housing and jobs growth and Coburg's distinctive qualities.

4. Receive a report outlining a refresh process for the Colours of Coburg: Place Framework document, noting it was adopted in 2010, including the provision of comprehensive community engagement, investigating public and affordable housing investment, accessible public and active transport upgrades, and pedestrian and public realm improvements.

Amendment

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

Amend dot point 4 to read:

4. Prior to completing dot points 1 – 3, receive a report outlining a refresh process for the Colours of Coburg: Place Framework document, noting it was adopted in 2010, including the provision of comprehensive community engagement, investigating public and affordable housing investment, accessible public and active transport upgrades, and pedestrian and public realm improvements.

Lost

Cr Harte and Cr Bolton abstained from the vote.

Substantive Motion

Cr Tapinos moved, Cr Carli Hannan seconded –

That Council:

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Lost

Cr Riley called for a division.

For

Cr Carli Hannan
Cr Davidson
Cr Tapinos
Cr Yildiz

Against

Cr Panopoulos
Cr Riley
Cr Conlan
Cr Harte
Cr Bolton

Total For (4)

Total Against (5)

10.09pm Cr Carli Hannan left the meeting.

Time Extension

Motion

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That the meeting be extended at 10.14 pm by 30 minutes.

Carried

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Receives a report outlining a process for a strategic plan for central Coburg, including the provision of comprehensive community engagement, investigating public and affordable housing investment, accessible public and active transport upgrades, and pedestrian and public realm improvement.**

Carried

Cr Riley called for a division.

For

Cr Davidson
Cr Yildiz
Cr Panopoulos
Cr Conlan
Cr Riley
Cr Tapinos

Total For (6)

Against

Cr Bolton

Total Against (1)

Abstain

Cr Harte

Total Abstain (1)

8.2 ACCESSIBLE TRAM STOPS

Motion

That Council:

1. Provides more assistance to the campaign for accessible tram stops by:
 - a) Providing the free use of a Council venue to the Disability Resources Centre for a public meeting regarding accessible tram stops.
 - b) Assisting with advertising the public meeting regarding accessible tram stops to groups that haven't had an involvement in the past such as seniors' groups, childcare centres, Maternal and Child Health Centres and in Council's newsletter.
2. Notes that a separate motion will be considered as part of the Governance Report of this Council meeting agenda that Moreland submits a motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting calling on the State Government to set a clear goal on making the 2026 Commonwealth Games accessible to all by making public transport in Melbourne and regional areas as accessible as possible by the time of the Commonwealth Games.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Tapinos seconded -

That Council:

1. Provides more assistance to the campaign for accessible tram stops by:
 - a) Providing the free use of a Council venue to the Disability Resources Centre for a public meeting regarding accessible tram stops.
 - b) Assisting with advertising the public meeting regarding accessible tram stops to groups that haven't had an involvement in the past such as seniors' groups, childcare centres, Maternal and Child Health Centres and in Council's newsletter.
2. Notes that a resolution was made at item 7.12 of this Council meeting to put forward a motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting calling on the State Government to set a clear goal on making the 2026 Commonwealth Games accessible to all by making public transport in Melbourne and regional areas as accessible as possible by the time of the Commonwealth Games

Carried unanimously

8.4 RETROSPECTIVE PLANNING AMENDMENTS

Motion

That Council:

1. Affirms the established practice of Council planning officers, that when an application is received for retrospective planning approval, that it is not exempt from public notice by planning scheme provisions, in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, notice of the retrospective application for a planning permit or an amendment to a planning permit will be given to nearby properties and those original objectors who may suffer material detriment as a result of the proposal.
2. Includes statistics on the number of applications for retrospective new and amended permits, in the city development reports that come to Planning and Related Matters Council meetings. The information should also include the number of retrospective permit applications which get approved.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Harte seconded -

That Council:

1. Affirms the established practice of Council planning officers, that when an application is received for retrospective planning approval, that it is not exempt from public notice by planning scheme provisions, in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, notice of the retrospective application for a planning permit or an amendment to a planning permit will be given to nearby properties and those original objectors who may suffer material detriment as a result of the proposal.

2. Includes statistics on the number of applications for retrospective new and amended permits, in the city development reports that come to Planning and Related Matters Council meetings. The information should also include the number of retrospective permit applications which get approved.

Carried unanimously

8.5 COMMUNITY FORUM ON STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE FUNDING AND RESOURCING OF GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS IN MORELAND'S NORTH

Motion

That Council:

1. Acknowledges and supports the ongoing campaigns in the North of Moreland to improve funding and resources at public Secondary schools in Moreland's North.
2. Provides the use of hall with waivering of fees for a Community Forum to bring together teachers, students, parents and community to build strategy and a campaign for the funding and resourcing for public school students in Moreland's North.

Resolution

Cr Harte moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council:

1. Acknowledges and supports the ongoing campaigns in the North of Moreland to improve funding and resources at public Secondary schools in Moreland's North.
2. Provides the use of hall with waivering of fees for a Community Forum to bring together teachers, students, parents and community to build strategy and a campaign for the funding and resourcing for public school students in Moreland's North.

Carried unanimously

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil.

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Nil.

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Nil.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded –

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

- **12.1 Contract award for operation of Epping Animal Welfare Facility 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.**

Carried

The Council meeting was closed to the public at 10.35 pm.

OPENING THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

Resolution

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Riley seconded –

The Council meeting be open to the public.

Carried

The Council meeting was opened to the public at 11.22 pm.

The meeting closed at 11.22 pm.