



# Moreland

## City Council

### PROPOSED Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held via Video Conference  
on Wednesday 11 August 2021

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

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan, Mayor	Leave of absence	
Cr Mark Riley, Deputy Mayor	7.06 pm	11 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr James Conlan	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	Leave of absence	
Cr Milad El-Halabi	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7 06 pm	11 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7 06 pm	11 pm

#### APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leaves of absence have been granted to:

- Cr Carli Hannan - 5 July 2021 to 25 August 2021 inclusive.
- Cr Tapinos - 14 July 2021 to 14 August 2021 inclusive.

#### OFFICERS

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

## **DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Yildiz disclosed a conflict of interest in item 7.9 Commemorative Tree Planting Proposal in Lorne Street, Fawkner - Response to Notice of Motion as his brother is involved in the Move the House project which relates to item 7.9.

## **MINUTE CONFIRMATION**

### **Resolution**

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14 July 2021 and the Special Meeting held on 23 July 2021 be confirmed.

**Carried unanimously**

## **PETITIONS**

### **5.1 PETITION OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO PLANT TREES ALONG THE CENTRE OF MINCHA STREET, BRUNSWICK WEST**

A petition (D21/319072) has been received containing 40 signatures opposing Council's tree planting project along the centre of Mincha Street, Brunswick West.

### **Motion**

Cr Conlan moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Receives the petition which opposes Council's tree planting project along the centre of Mincha Street, Brunswick West.**
- 2. Refers the petition which opposes Council's tree planting project along the centre of Mincha Street Brunswick West to the Director of City Infrastructure for due consideration as part of the broader community engagement and consultation strategy established for this matter.**

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.2 PETITION REQUESTING COUNCIL NAME THE PARK CLOSE TO HOME SITUATED AT 132-134 CARDINAL ROAD, GLENROY WITH A NAME THAT REFLECTS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE SALVATION ARMY**

A petition was tabled containing 23 signatures, requesting Council to name the 'park to close to home' situated at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy with a name that reflects the contribution that the previous occupants, the Salvation Army, made to residents and others coming from outside the city.

### **Motion**

Cr Davidson moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded –

That Council:

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

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.3 PETITION TO SAVE FAWKNER'S OUTDOOR POOLS FROM CLOSURE**

An additional 29 signatures have been received for a petition received by Council at the July Council meeting requesting Council save Fawkner's outdoor pools from closure.

#### **Motion**

**Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Bolton seconded –**

- 1. Receives the additional 29 signatures for the petition received by Council at the July Council meeting requesting Council save Fawkner's Outdoor Pools from closure.**
- 2. Refers the signatures as part of the original petition to the Acting Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

**Carried unanimously**

### **5.4 HOSKEN RESERVE – MEASURES TO REDUCE AND MINIMISE IMPACTS OF THE NEW HOSKEN RESERVE MASTERPLAN AND ASSOCIATED WORKS**

A petition has been received containing 14 signatures requesting Council take the following measures to reduce and minimise impacts of the new Hosken Reserve Masterplan and associated works:

1. Reduce the size of the North Field as much as possible, remove or minimise the fence to maintain amenity of the reserve (no higher fence behind goals).
2. Dedicate more space (East Field) to community use, dogs off leash area.
3. Commission an independent Traffic and Parking Study to assess traffic impacts associated with increased use of Hosken Reserve.
4. Close vehicle access from Sheppard Street (item 21) and provide vehicle access from Bakers Road (item 9) to reduce traffic impacts to surrounding residents.
5. Remove floodlights planned for the East Field (item 3).
6. Commission an independent Light Spill Assessment to assess and minimise light impacts to neighbours of Hosken Reserve and surrounding residents.
7. Commission an independent Noise Impact Study to assess and minimise noise impacts to neighbours and surrounding residents.
8. Plant appropriate trees or similar natural sound barriers to provide noise and light spill reduction to neighbours of Hosken Reserve.

#### **Motion**

**Cr Pulford moved, Cr Conlan seconded –**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives the petition.**
- 2. Refers the petition to the Acting Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

**Carried**

## **5.5 PETITION – DON'T SELL COBURG'S HERITAGE – STOP MORELAND SELLING COBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY HQ**

A petition has been received containing 1,818 signatures requesting Council do not sell the Coburg Historical Society Headquarters.

### **Motion**

**Cr Conlan moved, Cr Davidson seconded –**

**That Council:**

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

**Carried unanimously**

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Public Question Time commenced at 7.22 pm.*

*7.26 pm Cr Pavlidis left the meeting.*

*7.27 pm Cr Pavlidis returned to the meeting*

### **ANDREW MITROVIC - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I need to raise safety concerns in relation to the bike lanes that were installed on Northumberland Road and Kent Road, Pascoe Vale in May/June 2021. Please get rid of the bike lanes on Northumberland Road and Kent Road. It's very dangerous and hazardous for cars as the road is very narrow. I drive on that road every day and I've never seen a cyclist use that bike lane. At the very least, council should remove the orange cones/bollards as they are taking up too much space on the road.

*Andrew Mitrovic was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*

### **MOHAMED ALI - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

This new bike lane in Kent Road is just horrible. Not only is it hardly used, it is made the life of the majority miserable. People are either forced to park far away from the park or risk their car and the people around them harm by mounting the concrete island that separates the bike line from what was a perfectly normal and safe road. All of this just so that they can go visit the park. And if your inconsiderate about people going to the park and enjoying themselves, how about the medical clinic that is directly opposed to the footy field, that is also visited often and requires people to park outside, since their car park is full.

*Mohamed Ali was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*

### **MOHAMED ALI - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why was the bike lane in Kent road necessary? Why turn what was easily a four lane road- into a barely one lane road?

The Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley advised:

- The Integrated Transport Strategy has been outlined and it prioritises pedestrians and other active transports modes, bike riding is one of those. It is considered that cars and motor vehicle users predominately have most of the road space and that providing safe and stress free riding for people encourages new riders to take up that transport option.
- It allows children and other people to learn to ride without being adjacent to another car particularly with this standard of bike lane and generally it links up a major bike route from Glenroy through to Coburg which is part of the missing link.
- We have done this during COVID as part of our budget because of the restrictions and people having to exercise in their local areas. We wanted to prioritise that and it is part of the reason we didn't consult early on. We were doing consultation during the trial period which is what we are doing at the moment.

### **KATE ROSE - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I would like to ask what would the cost be if the separated bicycle lanes were removed? And furthermore what is the cost involved using a consultant to perform the community engagement with the residents?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Olivia Wright, Acting Director City Futures advised:

- The cost to remove the trial would likely be around \$30,000 including removal of barriers, removal of line marking, new line marking, and traffic management.
- The cost for the consultant to facilitate the consultation is currently around \$13,000.

### **YASMIN NAKIC - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I implore to please remove these ghastly bike lanes at Kent and Northumberland Roads Pascoe Vale. The bottlenecks caused to drivers during peak hours are horrendous, a fatality is a question of when, not if, and having lived in the area for some 25 years, I hardly ever see cyclists cycle along here, even on weekends. Those unfortunate parents and their kids during footy games, seeking alternate parking options, as well as those poor pensioners forced to park further away from Pascoe Vale medical centre, to enable them to attend medical appointments; this is morally bankrupt and it needs to be addressed forthwith. The cost of \$350,000 is an absolute waste of Council funds. I respectfully urge you to act in the best interests of your constituents; thank you.

*Yasmin Nakic was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*

## **LISA O'HALLORAN - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I am a Northumberland Road resident who rides a bike for transport. I was really excited to learn last July that we were getting trial separated lanes in Northumberland and Kent Roads - and that the trial would be a means of consultation - install it, consult and tweak the installation. Like many other residents I have respectfully engaged with the Conversations Moreland portal, attended the organised community walks - and given constructive feedback. I also watched as an aggressive, noisy minority who are ultimately afraid of change - has abused the online Conversations Moreland portal - posting the same points, multiple times a day - intimidating residents who want to engage constructively and scaring them off participating. At the community walk I attended, it even appeared that there had been people prearranged to do laps in cars and scream 'rip them out'. Now we learn that there is a notice of motion before council tonight, to remove the lanes before 31 August. Before the consultation feedback can be considered.

Myself and many other residents of Pascoe Vale have taken time out of our busy lives to voluntarily give feedback, attend Community Walks and let Council know how much these bike lanes are needed. Ratepayers have paid for facilitators to conduct consultation. It seems incredibly undemocratic to abandon the trial before the consultation process is completed and this feedback can be considered. The trial has broad support. But given what we have seen - how are residents to have confidence in Council consultation processes if they can be abandoned at a whim? When will residents in Pascoe Vale have access to the same infrastructure for safe cycling as elsewhere in Moreland?

*Lisa O'Halloran read her statement.*

## **ANNE RICHARDSON - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I am a 61 year old woman. I live in Hadfield. I work in Docklands. I shop in Hadfield, Glenroy, Coburg and Brunswick. I attend a doctor in Coburg. I visit my partner in Pascoe Vale, and my children in Brunswick, Glenroy, Pascoe Vale and Fawkner. I visit my brother in Glenroy and my sister in Coburg. I am also a cyclist. I ride all over the municipality all the time.

The days of being proud of our Upfield bike path are over. It's not good enough for us to have this valuable piece of bike infrastructure and think that we can rest on our laurels. We need to acknowledge the increase in cycling rates—clearly evident during the 2020 lockdown when there were fewer cars on the road and folks felt safe to ride. We need to acknowledge increasing congestion everywhere, and escalating concerns about carbon emissions. We need to be able to imagine future cyclists, and a future community where modes of active transport are a safe and logical choice, and tend towards the norm. This means, among other things, creating a connected bicycle network.

We need good north-south paths yes, but we also need east-west routes, and routes which connect all the places where people like me go. This principle has long been understood south of Bell Street, where north-south alternatives to the Upfield bike path, and linking east-west bike routes, abound. But most importantly, these routes need to be safe—ideally, separated and protected. Bike lanes being trialled on Kent and Northumberland Roads in Pascoe Vale tick most of those boxes—they link existing parts of the network, creating safe routes for cyclists who travel within, rather than just through the municipality on the way to somewhere else.

Community consultation is underway. After a rocky start, and some destructive online discussion, consultants have managed to turn what was a negative conversation into a genuine, constructive dialogue where concerns have been respectfully aired, potential safety issues have been identified and impacts on local amenity have been clearly articulated by residents and by cyclists too. Potential alternatives have also been suggested—adjustments to the trial infrastructure which might deliver a better result for

everyone. Removing the bike lanes now doesn't deliver anything for anyone, and cuts short a valuable process to no good end. The Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy is full of commitments that are made visible by these trial bike lanes, so why is Council contemplating removing them?

*Anne Richardson read her statement.*

#### **LUKE POLAND - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Dear Moreland Councillors, Please honour your commitment to complete a trial of safe infrastructure for families and children to cycle on in Pascoe Vale. Cutting the trial short without a fair, honest and complete evaluation that considers all impacts including the positive impact on health and wellbeing for the Moreland community is unjust, and will cause the community to lose faith in council. PLEASE, retain the trial, complete a holistic evaluation, then consider your options.

*Luke Poland was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*

#### **TOM WERNER – STATEMENT – DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I would like to show my support for the recently installed bike lanes on Kent Road and Northumberland Road in Pascoe Vale. I use them often when visiting my friend who lives nearby and it is such an improvement to cyclist safety and enjoyment. Council should hold firm and continue the trial. It's only through strong consistent investment and actions promoting cycling that we can increase the modal share of cycling. Cycling is good for health, good for easing traffic congestion, good for the environment. I'm happy for the design of the bike lanes to be improved in function for cycling, but take them away you must not!

*Tom Werner was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*

#### **LOIS KNIGHT - STATEMENT - GARRONG PARK - PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR PLAY SPACE OPTIONS**

The Garrong Park Community Group of 70 including children is disappointed and confused about the consultant and officer report recommending no change at Garrong Park. In contrast, 80% of participants in the community engagement process voted for change. The report frames the majority community opinion in the negative. But we are merely holding Moreland to account on earlier commitments very publicly made. Our group has remained engaged with officers and supportive of the process every step of the way. We believe that the decision making process has been captured by a small minority of residents who hold personal opinions not shared by the broader community. We believe it's important for Moreland to stay the course of strategic direction, in this case, commitment to building a quality all-ages play space and landscaping. We need to make the most of the investment in the land and ensure the park is well utilised. At present, it is not. Compared with Bulleke-Bek, Garrong Park is desolate. We can't let the design, quality and ultimate utility of our precious public spaces be diluted by small minorities. We believe Moreland should honour earlier commitments made to school children (dating back nearly 3 years) and change Garrong Park in accordance with 80% community opinion. We are appealing to the Councillors to reject the officer recommendation and to vote for change.

*Lois Knight read her statement.*

## **Motion to extend Community Question and Statement Time**

### **Motion**

Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That community question time be extended by 30 minutes.

**CARRIED**

*At 7.49pm the time allowed for Questions of Council and Community Statements was extended by 30 minutes.*

### **MICHELLE AYLING - STATEMENT - GARRONG PARK - PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR PLAY SPACE OPTIONS**

I am a local resident in the vicinity of Garrong Park with two young children (ages 4 and 7).

I am disappointed by the recommendations of the engagement report, and have emailed councillors to express my displeasure in its recommendations.

As a resident of Canberra Street, we live in zone B1 as specified on the map of Open Space Gap Area, and identified as high priority according to the Park Close to Home Report of 2017 (page 12).

The Moreland Play Strategy (2016-2020) 'recommends purchase and development of land to alleviate these open space deficiencies. If this objective is met, play spaces should be developed in the vicinity of Canberra Street, Brunswick (pg. 32)'.

Garrong Park is roughly 500m from where we live, therefore having the potential to fulfil the criteria of the Moreland Open Space Strategy which states that 'all homes should have a local park within 500 metres safe walking distance', and that ages 0-11 should be catered for.

The engagement report lists alternative play spaces to Garrong Park, and the distances needed to travel, which is helpful for residents living in direct proximity to Garrong Park. Unfortunately based on where we live, the closest parks to Canberra Street offering engaging play for older kids are all much further away - Bulleke-Bek (1km), Anderson Reserve (950m), and Warr Park (1.1km).

Therefore, without further development at Garrong Park to suit a wider age range of kids, we still fall short of the aims of the Open Space strategy. Mine and other young families in the vicinity of Canberra Street will need to continue to travel sizeable distances and over busy roads to access engaging play spaces - we frequently pass by Garrong Park to travel to other parks.

I ask that Councillors please commit to addressing previous and existing community consultations that have been unreservedly asking for engaging play for a broader age range of kids. The local community of Garrong Park and residents in the identified zone B1 deserve a park that truly caters to all ages.

*Michelle Ayling was not in attendance, the statement was read by the Acting Mayor, Cr Mark Riley.*



### **MARILYN MOORE - STATEMENT - COBURG HEALTH PRECINCT**

The Coburg Historical Society (a voluntary community group) has had 49 years of support from Coburg and now Moreland Council and since about 1981 support from Council for its occupancy and custodianship of the Bluestone cottage and its detached kitchen and later the Perlstein annex.

We have made significant efforts to collect, preserve, interpret and disseminate various aspects of Coburg's history.

We acknowledge we rely on Council support as well as a significant volunteer effort of our members. This is not a responsibility that should be outsourced.

We are custodians of 2 State listed heritage buildings.

Council should support our continuation. We provide a social benefit to the community as a place of learning and appreciation.

*Marilyn Moore read her statement.*

### **SYLVIA LO PICCOLO - QUESTION - COBURG HEALTH PRECINCT**

As a member of the Coburg Historical Society, I would like to understand why private ownership is being considered for the historic Bluestone Cottage, kitchen and annex currently being occupied by the Society.

The Coburg Historical Society does important work for the community and Council, on a completely volunteer basis, and is celebrating its 50th anniversary next year.

The value that Council gets from the Society, relative to its investment, is huge.

And Council land should rightfully be used to enable community groups and cultural institutions like the Historical Society to operate.

Outsourcing this role to the private sector seems fraught with danger. How do we have any guarantee that a third party will do the right thing for the Society and the heritage listed buildings?

If Council values the contribution by the Society to the community, then why won't Council subdivide the entire complex - cottage, kitchen and annex - retaining the site in public ownership, and dedicating funds to restore the heritage buildings on site?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Cr Bolton advised:

- That she intends to move a motion later in the meeting to subdivide the site, in the hope that the bluestone cottage will stay in Council ownership.

### **DEAN ALLRIGHT - QUESTION - GARRONG PARK - PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR PLAY SPACE OPTIONS**

Does the Council accept as evidenced in not one but two expert officers reports, that Garrong Park currently includes all appropriate play equipment items as evidenced by not only two expert reports but also by what we the neighbouring (immediately adjacent) residents and ratepayers witness on a daily basis. Which is contrary to the veritable claims of a 'barren' park and 'underutilised' park and a 'sad' park by those who are agitating for further expenditure and further waste of Council's money and interruption to the enjoyment of the existing park

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Cr Bolton advised:

- There has been quite an acknowledgement the playground is quite small and some of the children lose interest in the play equipment after three years of age and beyond toddlerhood.

- I feel for the adjacent residents but there is evidence the older children do not find the play equipment in Garrong park interesting enough to play there.

### **DEAN ALLRIGHT - QUESTION - GARRONG PARK - PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR PLAY SPACE OPTIONS**

Dean Allright's second question was disallowed in accordance with the Governance Rules.

### **DAN WOLLMERING - QUESTION – INTRODUCTION OF E CLASS TRAMS ON ROUTE 58 AND SAFETY CONCERNS**

The introduction of E Class Trams on Route 58 Melville Rd run through major corridors of the City of Moreland. Although we welcome the new trams, we raise serious concerns about the relocation of Tram Stop 41. The new location positioned 110 metres South (City bound) will occupy a long space (33 metres) in front of three residential properties: 44, 46 and 48. The new Tram Stop zone is a notorious accident precinct with vehicles colliding, mounting the curb and crashing through both brick and picket fences, precisely where the Tram Stop is to be located. Numerous vehicles lose control going around a blind bend and downhill either spinning out of control or crashing into the rear of other vehicles - such as in early July of this year directly in front of the soon to be built stop. When raising concern with PTV and local representatives, we were informed that MCC signed-off to proceed with this project despite having no Risk Assessment of Safety Audit undertaken on the new location of Tram Stop 41. There was no genuine consultation with residents who know the history of this treacherous location zone whereby tram travellers waiting in this spot face serious dangers.

Can the Council produce evidence that PTV has undergone a Safety Audit that includes consultation with residents who have extensive knowledge of the serious risks associated with this site?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Cr Conlan advised:

- Council gave approval for the removal of some parking along the whole 58 Tram Route, that is the only aspect Council can provide feedback on to the Department of Transport under the Act.
- Resident concerns raised with Councillors have been conveyed to the Department and that has resulted in the Minister intervening, to order a review of the tram stop location.
- The review is not finalised but the stop may be moved to a safer location.

### **FAYE SCANLAN - QUESTION - FAWKNER LEISURE CENTRE**

Can Moreland residents assume that the postponing of a discussion of high-level designs for the Fawkner Leisure Centre at this meeting means that Council is now intending to increase the budget to provide a 50-metre outdoor pool without any downgrade to other existing facilities at this centre?

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

- Council was due to consider design concepts for the Fawkner Leisure Centre upgrade at the Council meeting tonight, this has been delayed to consider additional options including potential additional costings and the needs analysis of the impact on Council's wider budget, if this projects budget is increased.
- A report will be considered possibly at the September meeting and will include consideration of a 50 metre outdoor pool.

- Council can then proceed to community consultation about facilities and options.
- Council is looking forward to hearing from the community, once there is additional information and analysis to share.

## **QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

*Questions taken on notice are included without any preamble or background, and content in questions and statements that would be disallowed under the Governance Rules, has been removed.*

### **ANDREW MITROVIC - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Northumberland Road is a busy road used by cars during the day as it is located near Pascoe Vale Girls School. This road does become more busy during school pick up and drop off times at 9am and 3pm respectively on weekdays. Some vehicles also speed on this road which makes it an unsafe situation for vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. There are lots of vehicles that use this road to enter or leave Pascoe Street and Rhodes Parade. I live near this street and I'm concerned that the local community wasn't consulted prior to installing these bike lanes. More notice should've been given to local residents to allow them to express their opinion on these bike lanes. I don't have anything against bike riders but this is not the best location to have bike lanes installed due to the large amount of car traffic and the narrowness of this road.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **SCOTT MCKENZIE – QUESTION - PLANNING PERMIT CONDITIONS**

Why would Council reject an application for a dog day centre in John St Brunswick East and include the following reasons for rejection: 1. The EPA guidelines state that dog kennels should not be approved within 500 metres of residential buildings 2. The noise factor would be disturbing for residents. And then approve a similar application in Rickard St, Brunswick East by the same person when an apartment block was under construction 14 metres away and approval had been given for apartment blocks 25 metres away.

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

### **SCOTT MCKENZIE – QUESTION - PLANNING PERMIT CONDITIONS**

Why would Council impose permit conditions on the dog day care centre and not even attempt to ensure these permit conditions had been met until complaints were lodged 3 years later?

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

### **JANE HOLROYD – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE**

Why is it that a 105x68 metre pitch has been presented by Council's Stage 3 communications materials as being desirable and even necessary, in order that concurrent junior games occur?

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

### **JANE HOLROYD – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE**

The draft Hosken Reserve refreshed masterplan shows proposes / includes a covered spectator area or grandstand is to be built at the southern, existing premier pitch at Hosken Reserve to fulfil Football Victoria's senior men's NPL requirements, a professional or semi-professional tier of the sport. If included in the final plan, will this specific piece of infrastructure be funded by Council, either partially, or in full, as part of its current or future Hosken Reserve masterplan budget?

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

### **JIM SKAPETIS – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE**

Can Council confirm the name of any other projects where it has used a 'refresh' process to expedite a multimillion-dollar redevelopment project that continues to rely on planning data and push design parameters that are more than a decade old?

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

### **JIM SKAPETIS – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE**

Which other sporting clubs within the municipality have received at least \$1.5 million in facility redevelopment funding, over the last 5 years?

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

### **IAN CARMICHAEL – STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Since the bike lanes were installed in Kent Road I have let Council know about many near misses and dangerous situations. While most of the incidents involve elderly pedestrians I would like to highlight an incident that I witnessed a few days ago. I saw a young girl, maybe around 7 and a male (assume her dad), both on bikes with the girl a few metres in front, as she got to the end of the road, without thought she went straight into the roundabout, this was on a Saturday morning during lockdown so luckily there was only one car approaching the intersection. Usually this can be very busy. This is not the only incident that has involved bikes, but it was extremely disturbing to think what could easily have happened. The point I am making is it is not just pedestrians and motorists that are at risk with this design, there are also dangers for bike users. I walk along Kent Road every day and now I feel anxious every day, these lanes must go before there is another accident which could easily result in a fatality.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **KELLI SKAPETIS – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE**

Why is Moreland Council subsidising a private club, who charge thousands of dollars per year, who have clearly shown they don't want to share Hosken - their 'spiritual home'? Given the Club's access to all areas, all the time, after hours and weekends, what happens to local families, senior citizens and other types of households who use the parkland? Their health and well-being - when did that become so unimportant. I thought this council governed for all?

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

### **RACHEL MATTON - QUESTION- HOSKEN RESERVE**

As such, why would Council spend up to \$7m to develop Hosken Reserve into a gold-plated soccer hub to the detriment of the health and well-being needs of the broader community, whilst wilfully ignoring the soccer field vacancies that currently exist?

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

### **RACHEL MATTON - QUESTION- HOSKEN RESERVE**

Will Council abandon what has become a highly distorted and biased 'refresh' approach to the Hosken Reserve redevelopment, and commence a transparent, needs-driven, evidence-based infrastructure master planning process based on an independent and holistic assessment of both 'site suitability' and 'demand'?

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

### **MATTHEW FALCKH - QUESTION- DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I am seeking to understand is what evidence exists/existed to suggest the roads were unsafe in their prior format, that these changes were necessary to uplift safety for cyclists that might utilise those roads, and reporting to show how these changes would result in better outcomes?

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

### **MATTHEW FALCKH – QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Can anybody at Council, provide a copy of any and all research and reporting relating to:

- road utilisation (how many cars, bicycles, pedestrians use the roads on a typical day/week/month. This would inform Council on how many people you could reasonably expect to both benefit and be impacted by the changes)
- Risk (what risk/s existed on these roads under their former design)
- Incidents (how many incidents, accidents, collisions, or near misses occurred on these roads during the relevant review period. Vehicle Vs Vehicle. Vehicle Vs Cyclist. Vehicle Vs Pedestrian. Cyclist Vs Cyclist, Cyclist Vs Pedestrian.)
- Safety (how safe were these roads deemed to be prior to the changes?)

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

### **TOM SULSTON – STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I see that the Council will be deciding this week whether or not to keep the cycle lanes on Kent and Northumberland Roads. I write to urge you to vote to keep them intact. I am a Brunswick resident, but frequently find myself cycling to Pascoe Vale to visit friends. I find myself using both Kent and Northumberland after the lanes have been installed and they are a great improvement. Not just in terms of feeling safer - but in actually being safer. While most motorists are considerate people, it only takes one to put a cyclists' life at risk. Proper, segregated infrastructure makes it much harder for this to happen - a painted line on the road is not a suitable replacement. I will now change my route to use these roads - the time difference is nothing compared to feeling safe.

These lanes also are a strong statement that active transport users are welcome in Moreland. Not just cyclists, but skaters, e-bike riders, or those on e-scooters. All of these are excellent alternatives to driving that must be encouraged for Moreland to meet our

climate obligations. Cities around the world are recognising that when councils build infrastructure, people start cycling - you only have to look at the great success that Paris has been having in this regard to know that it is possible, but only with the backing of local politicians and councillors.

For the safety of residents young and old, for building a liveable streetscape in Moreland, and for protecting our environment, Council must keep these bike lanes in place

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **MICHAEL JAMES – STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I implore the Council to stick with its trial of bike lanes in Pascoe Vale. It's a trial! Can we please allow for the evidence to be gathered to allow council officers and council staff to make an informed decision about whether these paths become permanent. For Councillors who agreed to the original decision to run the trial to now flip flop in the face of the inevitable resistance and miss-information from a minority of community members, who previously failed to engage with the proposal, would be a gross failure of good governance.

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### **CRAIG RICHARDS, CEO BICYCLE NETWORK - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

This issue may seem like it's just about a couple of bike lanes. But it's much more than that. It's the chance for the City of Moreland Councillors to show what type of future they want for the people they are entrusted to look after. It's the chance to show you have the courage to steer the course and do what you know is right even when there's opposition. You need to ask yourself what sort of legacy you want to leave. Do you want to maintain the status quo? Where things are okay? Or is okay not enough? Do the people of Moreland deserve more? Do they deserve a future where they enjoy a happy, healthy life in a liveable community?

Bike lanes have become an easy target for some people's frustration with aspects of life. And an easy way for some to generate attention. It takes bravery to do the right thing. To ignore the loud minority as they shout about bikes. Every Council should be in touch with its people. But saying 'countless' people have complained by phone and there have been 'countless near misses' doesn't mean that resident opposition is significant or a bike lane is not working. I urge the council to consider the facts. Which will mean gathering the facts. It's well known that projects such as bike lanes can't be judged in a short time. It takes 12 months of gathering information in different ways (see Bicycle Network's recent explanation <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/our-campaigns/fair-go-pop-up-lanes/paper>). That's why these bike lanes are a 12-month trial and why you should not cave in before you have the facts.

I also urge the Councillors to consider all people. Especially Moreland's future generation. These bike lanes provide a passage to schools. Kent Road provides a safe thoroughfare from KC Joyce Reserve to Pascoe Vale Primary School, while Northumberland Road connects with Pascoe Vale Girls College and other goods and services on Rhodes Parade/Boundary Road. If you provide Moreland's young people with a memorable childhood and adolescence where they enjoy green time, not just screen time, they'll be the future of Moreland. If not, they'll move elsewhere.

In summary, this isn't about two bike lanes. It's about freedom. Giving the people of Moreland the freedom to choose how they move around rather than just limiting them to one means of transport. It's also about inclusivity. Moreland has a rich history of being a

place where people from all walks of life are welcome. Welcoming people who choose bike transport, as well as other forms of transport, is the essence of what makes Moreland such a special community.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

**TOBE COOPER – QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why remove the bike lanes before the end of the trial? Isn't that the point of having a trial?

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

**DARREN SYMONS - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Regarding the Pascoe Vale separated bike lanes. These should not be removed - we need more of them in Moreland, not less. Of the ones that may be considered for removal, it's not fair to make a decision on these particular ones (Kent and Northumberland) with such little data. They should be kept, as is, for at least a 12 month trial period, surely? To consider the impact of weather, sunlight hours, etc etc... not to mention the impact of COVID on active transport for work/school commutes. As an experienced cyclist and a PE teacher who's keen on seeing physical activity levels improve in general, the idea of making riding less accessible by removing safe riding lanes is very counterintuitive to what I spend my days at work trying to do. I live and work in Moreland.

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

**DARREN SYMONS - QUESTION – BIKE SAFETY ON O’HEA STREET AND IMPROVED SIGNAGE**

Can Council please look at enhancing signage on the side-roads to better alert drivers that the bike path is before O'Hea?

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

**KIRSTY BROWN - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why was there zero consultation? Why was a formal notice addressed to homes not issued?

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

**KIRSTY BROWN - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why did Moreland Council insist on this taking up almost 50% of the road? Why didn't Moreland council utilise the footpath to reduce the amount of road spaces taken up?

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

## **KIERAN MCKENNA - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I am a resident of Pascoe Vale affected by the new bike lanes as I live quite close and must drive through them every day. I drive through them on my way to and from my job, where I work as an interstate truck driver. I mention my job as I believe it gives me a unique insight into the new bike lanes. I have driven all throughout Australia, to every major city and everywhere in between, and have done well over one million kilometres in my lifetime. My point is I have seen a lot of roads, and I know what a poorly designed road looks like. It looks exactly like both Kent and Northumberland Road.

The worst thing about them is that these roads were once safe and open, even with roadside parking, and they have now become dangerous accident hotspots that manage traffic flow so poorly a temporary sign had to be put up to tell people what to do; that fact alone should show any reasonable observer these bike lanes are a terrible idea and must be removed. Other than the blindingly obvious danger factor, I believe there are a number of other significant reasons for the removal of these bike lanes.

The first is anecdotal evidence, but I genuinely believe other members of the community would share my belief; Very few people use these lanes. I walk my dog every day for an hour, and I do laps of the park that separates Kent and Northumberland. In the weeks that the bike lanes and connecting path through the park have been installed, I have seen only one cyclist. Yet every time I walk or drive those roads, it seems many people are inconvenienced. A cynical man would say an ideological (green) decision has been made that benefits few and is to the detriment of many, simply for pro green optics... but I'm not a cynical man.

Another major reason, and one that is a complete indictment on the decision making process, is nobody asked for this, and residents were not consulted. We simply woke up one morning to ugly orange bollards, which I'm sure residents who have to look at them are thrilled, and near miss accidents. This idea was not advertised by any party prior to the election. This is an incredibly poor way to treat the people that elected you. A cynical man might say that this decision was made without any consideration from elected representatives to their constituents... but I'm not a cynical man.

The bike lanes themselves seem quite counter intuitive; perhaps they were put there to promote fitness, yet far more people use the adjoining oval for sport than do those lanes, and now they have nowhere to park. There is also a doctors clinic on Kent Road, and now access is limited to the elderly and infirm, unless they want to risk a fine and park on an angle.

The final reason for the removal of the bike lanes I believe is a fundamental one: Pascoe Vale is not an inner city suburb, despite being fifteen minutes from the CBD. We don't have trams, we don't have the clogged streets of Coburg, one of the best things about this town is its outer suburban feel with the convenience of closeness to Melbourne. The installation of those bike lanes takes away from that, it creates artificial, unnecessary, dangerous congestion, and destroys what makes our town so great: its ease of living. The openness of our roads despite our proximity to the city was one of Pascoe Vales greatest strengths.

One final point to show the general outrage in the community towards these bike lanes: Pascoe Vale is a wonderful old school 'Aussie battler' type community, home owners that go to work every day and enjoy precious time with their families at night. These are not politically active people and yet this decision forced the creation of a Facebook Pascoe Vale community action group. At the very top of that action group page is a picture of these bike lanes. This has forced apolitical people, including me, to become involved, and that in itself is an indication of community outrage. The lanes are dangerous, ugly, seldom used, ruin our quality of living and were put there it seems only to serve an ideological or political agenda, as they certainly do not serve the community. Please remove them and show this town you do, in fact, represent its people.



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**KIERAN MCKENNA - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Who made this decision , why did you make it, and do you accept responsibility for the 3 car pile-up?

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

**PAULINE CARMICHAEL - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Who (person or company) conducted the full road safety audit for all modes of transport (pedestrians, bike riders, ebike riders, mobility scooters, cars, delivery vans, emergency vehicles and waste collection trucks (not just bike lane audit) prior to the trial of the separated bike lanes in Kent and Northumberland Roads Pascoe Vale?

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

**JESSICA COUWENBERG - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

There seems to be a reoccurring theme at Moreland City Council in relation to consultation with the community or lack thereof. Hosken Reserve, Fawkner outdoor pools and now the bike lanes on Kent Road and Northumberland Road. Having a Facebook page and the Moreland conversations website is not enough to engage with residents. What about the elderly or non-English speaking members of the community? How are Moreland Council going to improve their engagement with the community and more specifically those directly impacts by infrastructure changes so that everyone can have proper input. Generic letters dropped in mail boxes is not good enough. Our rates are always communicated clearly and collected, surely there is a way to engage and inform residents about the projects that directly impact them before they are rolled out.

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

**JESSICA COUWENBERG - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why are Council insisting on road allocation for bike lanes?

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

**JULIAN SLAMKOVIC - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

When are they being removed?

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**JULIAN SLAMKOVIC - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

If you absolutely have to have bike lanes why was it done so on the cheap? Why did you take away all the street parking when the only other development in the area the last 10 years has been knock down house, build multiple town houses or flats on said block with 1 maybe even no car spaces for those new residents?

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

**MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION- SUMNER STREET, BRUNSWICK EAST**

I would like to ask where I can find a Council Action Plan for 2021-22? I have made a submission to the Road Management Plan Review and note that there is no CAP item for that review. It concerns me that in tonight's Agenda item 7.12 for the proposed permanent closure of Sumner Street Brunswick East, that the Officer Recommendations make no mention of altering the Register of Public Roads, and also do not acknowledge the submission from Fire Rescue Victoria who have stated that 'The risk for a delayed FRV response due to traffic engineering measures lays directly with Moreland City Council.' Shouldn't this be noted in the Moreland Council Register of Public Roads, and does the Audit and Risk Committee need to sign off first on accepting this increased level of risk and liability?

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

**MARION ATTWATER - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Shouldn't every report in tonight's Agenda therefore have a section on legislative context instead of policy context, because I don't think the MITS 2019 is a law?

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

**SHANNON GRIMES - QUESTION - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Why wasn't the community asked for feedback before these were installed? What about school pick-ups?

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

**OWEN BENTLEY - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I would like to see these lanes retained and improved. I would also like to see more of these lanes installed across the municipality.

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**MATTHEW PECKHAM - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Council has a resolved Policy; under it a twelve-month trial was established. I believe that Councillors are obliged to uphold the resolution irrespective of their personal belief in it. And yes, if anyone asks, I am a cyclist.

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**WILLIAM HADDEN - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

As a resident in Pascoe Vale South, I'd like to offer a comment about the protected bike lanes.

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**LUKE FLANAGAN - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

These bike lanes were intended to be installed for a 12 month trial period in order to assist people with safe travel during and post pandemic, with a report put to Council for consideration after the trial period is complete. None of these benefits will be realised if the trial is stopped at its current point, and not only will people not see the benefit of active transport, but Moreland Council will be taking additional funding from its bicycle capital works program in order to fund the removal of cycle infrastructure which is sorely need throughout Moreland.

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**CAROLINE KEATING - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I support the continuation of trial bike lanes on Kent Street.

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**CAROLINE KEATING - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I ask the Council to consider expanding bikes lanes in all areas to encourage safe and health conscious transport for all residents.

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**ANITA CARCOUR - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Bike paths are imperative to any climate change solution. Trial in Pascoe Vale is important, especially since the road and streets are wide and can manage bike paths easily.

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**ANITA CARCOUR - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

The carpark at Merlynston station should not put cyclists and pedestrians at risk. The felling of yet another tree along the upfield line is a travesty. There will be no trees left for the parakeets.

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**MATTHEW WICKERT - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I have been using the Pascoe Vale protected bike lanes and think they add a huge amount to cyclists safety. Please keep them.

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**DIEGO VALVERDE - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Please improve infrastructure for active transport such as bike riding and walking. Council should consider the benefits of investing in this infrastructure to protect members of the community, reduce traffic (especially when infrastructure is connected to schools) and promote healthier living.

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**CHRIS WOOD - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I wish to register my support for the pop-up bike lanes on Kent and Northumberland Roads for the following reasons: (1) They provide a safe, efficient alternative to get around, and are particularly useful for short distances. (2) They are simply more efficient at moving people, and bike lanes are a better use of public space. (3) Removing them is a terrible waste of money. Let the trial continue and allow people time to get used to them and try them. (4) Bike lanes are supported by the State and Local policy as they allow for a shift from the car. With the vast amount of worldwide evidence and experience demonstrating bike lanes improve towns and cities at minimal cost, Council should be confident that pop-up lanes such as the above will work in Moreland/Melbourne.

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**NATHAN PITTMAN - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I write to make a statement in opposition to Motion 8.1. It's really difficult to know where to start in explaining my opposition to this motion, but here are some key points. - If City of Moreland is serious about the climate emergency, and in light of the unambiguous warnings from the IPCC this week, then it will keep these bike lanes in place, and expand the program significantly.

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**ANTHONY POLLIFRONE - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

The decision to remove the dedicated bicycle lanes in this area is counterintuitive and would result in poor planning, health, environmental and social outcomes. The appropriate solution to the issues raised should be to improve the cycling infrastructure to create a safer environment for cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

Council should be aiming to provide diverse transportation options, including provisions for active transport, in order to meet broader local and state policy objectives. Providing improvements solely for cars is not an effective or holistic approach to achieving these objectives. Moreland's transport system needs to be considered in its entirety. Please reconsider the removal of these lanes and how this decision will impact council's broader transport planning objectives. Please instead consider spending money to improve, not remove elements of the municipality's integrated transport system.

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**DANIEL MEAD - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I want to express my strong support for the new bike infrastructure in Moreland. I feel a lot safer when I ride and it has helped me encourage my friends and family to also leave their cars at home and cycle instead. Please don't remove them!

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**JANE HOLROYD - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Keeping these lanes and letting people get used to them and see the benefits to their families, to other families and one day even see them resulting in less local traffic - will make Moreland a better place to live. They'll be especially important if we keep working and living closer to home in future. Please show your great leadership skills, and be part of a good change for Moreland, that other councils will want to emulate. This is about giving everyone the options they need to get around safely the way they choose, not just some

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**RYAN WATERS - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Please continue the trial of the new bike lanes on Kent Rd and Northumberland Road for at least 12 months.

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**STEFANO CALLEGARI - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Before the installation of the protected bike lanes I would regularly encounter drivers turning onto Northumberland Road from Rhodes Parade (in the direction of travel towards Glenroy) almost hitting my car (5-6 times according to my memory) as I moved through two parked cars on either side of the road (7 metres from the intersection), this is a persistent problem on the road effectively turning it into a one lane rat run, after giving way to another car entering the road. After the installation of the separated bike lanes I have not experienced the same occurrence as it forces drives turning onto the road (from the direction of travel towards Glenroy) to look to see if a car is oncoming (as a car continues to be parked on the non-bike lane section) and thereby preventing a future head on head collisions

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**ANDREW PRINGLE - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Protected bike lanes connecting with the trail along Westbreen Creek is a fantastic initiative, not only for the long term but also for people to exercise during lockdown. I fully support this, and hope for many more in future. There is still a huge amount of public and private space dedicated to cars. Removing the bike lanes would be a massive shame.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

**ALEXANDER SHEKO - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I urge Council to continue with the trial of separated bicycle lanes on Kent Road and Northumberland Road, Pascoe Vale, and to continue to work with the local community to resolve any associated concerns as much as possible. Separated cycling infrastructure is key to making cycling safe and accessible to more people, and reducing the number of cars on the roads by giving people more transport choices. This is particularly relevant in light of the report released this week by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.  
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*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

**JULIANNA ROZEK - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

I am a resident of Brunswick and would like to make a submission urging you not to remove the Kent Road / Northumberland Road Bicycle Lanes.

The most recent IPCC report shows, again, that we need to take drastic action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to have a chance at preventing severe consequences from global warming. The Kent Road/Northumberland Road lanes won't make a dent individually, but having a connected, expansive network of bike lanes is essential to reducing our community's dependence on cars.

I understand some people need to drive because of health or mobility reasons, work, or practical reasons. However, there are also people who don't or can't use a car to get around. I grew up in a family that could not afford a car, and did not have the opportunity to be taught to drive. I have always relied on walking and public transport to get around,

and have recently started cycling. There would also be other people who would ride for some trips instead of driving, if it was convenient and safe.

At the moment, I see a transport network in Moreland that makes driving the easiest and most convenient option. Walking, cycling, and public transport have for decades not received as much funding, focus, or road space. These bike lanes are one step, of many, towards redressing this imbalance.

I am thankful that Brunswick has some safe, separated bike lanes and paths that I can use to safely get around. I want people in Pascoe Vale to have the same accessibility to bike infrastructure as I do.

Moreland Council has taken many brave steps to promote walking and cycling. I urge the Councillors not to take a step backwards by removing these bike lanes. I trust that you will work through any issues that arise, but stay dedicated to building a sustainable future.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **MARGARET COUWENBERG - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Is a serious accident the only thing that will make Moreland City council remove these dangerous bike lanes? As they are clearly not listening to the impacted residents and locals with genuine safety concerns.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **ROSLYN DEVLIN - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

The bike paths around Kent St are a disaster I was living two streets away and it was hazardous for driving and parking. They make the road too narrow. I agree with the concept but the location need proper consult in person not off a map for convenience to a link pat

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **GAVIN JOSEF - STATEMENT - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

It's so great to see bike paths starting to join up - it will only increase riders in the long term. I urge Council to tweak, but keep the vision you have intact for transport. Future generations will benefit from your courage and vision.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

### **ALBERT GROMEK - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Have seen primary school ages kids safely utilising the bike lanes on Kent Road. Good to see the kids able to ride safely and out in the fresh air staying healthy.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

## **NATHAN KARIC - STATEMENT - DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

Get rid of those oversized bike lanes immediately, they're a total nuisance to all citizens.

*This statement was taken on notice and forwarded to Councillors and relevant officers for information.*

*Public Question Time concluded at 8.15 pm.*

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **7.1 GARRONG PARK - PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES FOR PLAY SPACE OPTIONS**

#### **Executive Summary**

This report responds to Council resolution DCI31/21 which relates to the consideration of changes to the nearly completed park and playground at Garrong Park on Tinning Street in Brunswick. The report provides a summary of recently completed community consultation on three options for the playground, which was completed by Red Road Consulting on behalf of Council (Attachment 1).

The consultant report highlights that there is a clear divide in the views of the community and that none of the options presented to the community would result in what either party considers an acceptable outcome. A number of alternate options and suggested ways forward are presented and discussed in the report.

Officers have reviewed the results of the community consultation process, including the independent report prepared by Red Road Consulting, and considered this along with a number of other key factors, including budget and opportunity cost, amenity impacts, proximity to other park and playground offerings and impacts to the delivery of Council's wider playground renewal program. While there is strong numerical support for further changes to the play space by a large cohort in the community, there is equally strong opposition from an albeit smaller cohort. Pursuing the type of change that may be envisioned by Council, by way of a significant re-setting of the play space, is considered likely to result in an unsatisfactory outcome for all or part of the community and potentially create further division.

Officers on balance consider that the park in its current form, while falling short of some community expectations, still provides an appropriate play offering that caters to a variety of ages and is complementary to nearby play offerings, such that further changes to the park are not supported. The Officer view places weight on the following considerations in reaching this recommendation:

- the outcomes of the consultation process as outlined in the report prepared by Red Road Consulting, which clearly indicate that the options presented would not result in an outcome which could be reasonably accepted by the divided parts of the community,
- the potential impact to amenity of directly adjoining residents, specifically regarding their concerns about privacy,
- the relatively close proximity of other play offerings which do provide alternate play equipment that caters in different ways for older children of primary school age through to young adult,
- the current playground renewal work program, which would be further delayed, specifically impacting the delivery of the Anderson Park playground renewal and other consequential flow on impacts to resourcing, and



- the further impacts to budget, specifically the additional draw down of the Public Resort and Recreation Land Fund to deliver any proposed changes, which would be at a cost similar to the cost of an entire playground renewal for an additional park.

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the “Moreland City Council Garrong Park Community Consultation Findings Report” prepared by Red Road Consulting.
2. Acknowledges the strong and differing views of the community.
3. Resolves to make no further changes to the play space at Garrong Park based on the considerations presented in the report prepared by Red Road Consulting and the Officer assessment detailed in this report.
4. Thanks the community for their passion and willingness to engage with Council on this important and complex issue, and requests Officers to contact the consultation participants to inform them of Council’s decision.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Notes the ‘Moreland City Council Garrong Park Community Consultation Findings Report’ prepared by Red Road Consulting.**
2. **Acknowledges the strong and differing views of the community.**
3. **Resolves to make further changes to the play space at Garrong Park and in resolving this:**
  - a) **Directs Officers to commence detailed design work, consistent with the concept contained in this report and having specific regard to screening and orientation to reduce the amenity impacts to dwellings adjacent the southern end of the park.**
  - b) **Notes the projected cost of \$200,000 to complete these works.**
  - c) **Notes that the unallocated funding in the Public Resorts and Recreation Land Fund (PRRLF) – the Open Space Reserve – is currently projected to reach \$35.1 million by the end of 2022/23, and approves the allocation of an additional \$200,000 from the PRRLF which will allow the following scope (further refined from consultation Option C) to be implemented (as shown at Attachment 2 Image B):**
    - **Procurement and customised twin tower play unit with tube slide and twin junior slide (customisation including additional privacy screening and modifications to the design to ensure the orientation of the unit faces away from the southern boundary of the park).**
    - **A set of monkey bars.**
    - **Removal of the existing equipment including the combination play unit and climbing hut (these items will be stored by Council and used on a future playground project).**
    - **Changes to the play space to accommodate the new play unit and monkey bars.**
    - **Relocation of the bench seat to the opposite side of the concrete path and additional tree planting.**

*8.42 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting.*

8.43 pm Cr Davidson returned to the meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

## **Procedural motion - Alter the order of business**

### **Motion**

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That items listed at 8.1 and 8.1 on the agenda be considered before the item listed as 7.2.

**Carried**

## **8.1 DEDICATED BICYCLE LANES ON KENT ROAD AND NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD PASCOE VALE**

### **Motion**

That Council:

1. Removes the current dedicated bike lane infrastructure that is: the concrete barriers from Kent Road and the flexible bollards from Northumberland Road Pascoe Vale by 31 August 2021.

### **Motion**

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded –

That Council:

1. Removes the current dedicated bike lane infrastructure that is: the concrete barriers from Kent Road and the flexible bollards from Northumberland Road Pascoe Vale by 31 August 2021.
2. Investigate the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Kent Rd opposite Cole Reserve.

**Lost**

Cr Yildiz called for a division.

#### **For**

Cr Davidson  
Cr Yildiz  
Cr Pavlidis

#### **Against**

Cr Bolton  
Cr Riley  
Cr Pulford  
Cr Panopoulos  
Cr Conlan  
Cr El-Halabi

**Total For (3)**

**Total Against (6)**

## **Resolution**

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that some members of the community do not feel that sufficient consultation has occurred with regard to some of Moreland's recent, temporary, pop-up bike lanes, particularly on Kent Road, Pascoe Vale.**
2. **Notes that community members and the Pascoe Vale Medical Centre have identified a number of access, safety and parking issues on Kent Road since the installation of the temporary bike lanes.**

3. Notes that a common theme of the community feedback is that the current bike lane design on Kent Road makes the road too narrow for motorists to pass each other and to park their cars.
4. Notes the purpose of the below, potential design changes at point 8a) are intended to:
  - a) Give back more road space to motorists in light of the feedback received by some residents
  - b) maintain physically separated infrastructure for residents who ride bikes
  - c) allow for easier parking and access to homes, the Pascoe Vale Medical Centre, and Cole Reserve
5. Notes that Kent Road and Northumberland Road are identified in Council's 10 Year Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan as strategic cycling corridors.
6. Notes the need to provide physically separated cycling infrastructure to encourage people of all ages and abilities to ride a bike, whilst also maintaining a safe road network.
7. Notes the recent Monash University and VicHealth survey (2020) study showing 83% of Moreland residents would ride a bike more often if they had safe, physically separated infrastructure to use.
8. Receives a report at its September 2021 meeting, investigating how to continue the Kent Road trial using alternative design options that retain physically separated cycling infrastructure to keep residents on bikes safe, as well as providing more road space to motorists in light of concerns raised by some residents. Council officers should investigate options such as:
  - a) Bi-directional bike lanes involving the removal of one of the physically separated bike lanes on Kent Road and replacing with a consolidated, bi-directional bike lane on the opposite side of the road. One option would involve the removal of the existing bike lane on the north side of Kent Road and the installation of a bi-directional bike lane on the south side of the road.
  - b) allowing removal of all concrete barriers on Kent Road and replace with plastic bollards on the south side only and the bike width lane should not exceed 1.2 metres.
  - c) widening of the south side footpath on Kent Rd for example up to 1.8 metres to allow for bike lanes and pedestrian footpath that would be similar to what we have on Rhodes Parade, Oak Park, the continuation of Boundary Road, Pascoe Vale.
  - d) Investigate the installation of a pedestrian crossing on Kent Rd opposite Cole Reserve.
  - e) the option of a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians on the southern side of Kent Rd
  - f) Include recommendations for improving the consultation process for future projects involving separated bike lanes.

**Carried**

Cr Riley called for a division.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Bolton	Cr Yildiz
Cr Riley	Cr Davidson
Cr Pulford	
Cr Panopoulos	

Cr Pavlidis  
Cr Conlan  
Cr El-Halabi  
**Total For (7)**

**Total Against (2)**

**8.2 BMX PARK/TRACK IN MORELAND'S NORTH WEST WARD,  
PREFERABLY IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SUBURBS:  
PASCOE VALE, HADFIELD OR GLENROY**

**Motion**

That Council:

1. Conducts an audit to identify any potential sites in Pascoe Vale, Hadfield or Glenroy for a BMX/Mountain Bike track/park.
2. Conducts an audit to identify any potential sites in Gowanbrae to meet the needs of residents in this suburb for a BMX/Mountain Bike track/park.

**Resolution**

**Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Conducts an audit to identify any potential sites in Pascoe Vale, Hadfield or Glenroy and other areas of the City for a BMX/Mountain Bike track/park (including open spaces where young people may be able to improvise/construct their own tracks).**
2. **Conducts an audit to identify any potential sites in Gowanbrae to meet the needs of residents in this suburb for a BMX/Mountain Bike track/park.**
3. **Consider options to develop BMX/Mountain Bike tracks/parks with neighbouring councils, eg, Moonee Valley City Council, Hume City Council and Darebin City Council and provides a report back to Council referencing the Open Space Strategy review.**

**Carried unanimously**

*Returned to the order of business as listed in the agenda.*

## **7.2 MERRI CREEK VISIONING REPORT**

### **Executive Summary**

The call for a Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning exercise arose amongst a range of community organisations and community members, including CERES, Newlands and East Coburg Neighbourhood Houses, Joe's Market Garden, the Men for the Merri Community and the Fawkner Food Bowl, who initially came together following the attack on a woman along the creek in East Coburg in 2019. Council is subsequently progressing public safety aspects following a Council report provided in May 2021.

This report recognises the involvement of the community in determining goals, objectives and priorities for the care, management and use of the Merri Creek catchment. It was proposed that community consultation and engagement be modelled on the Collective Impact framework. In line with Council's Community Engagement Policy the Visioning exercise was proposed to be in the IAP2 range Collaborate and Empower.

Following a Notice of Motion presented by Cr Riley, a further Council report was presented in February 2021 endorsing a proposed Merri Creek Catchment visioning exercise. The report also secured funds to engage an appropriately skilled consultant to undertake this exercise.

Moreland City Council engaged CERES Consulting to Project Manage the Merri Catchment Visioning exercise during May - July 2021. CERES further engaged Ross Wyatt a subject matter expert in the Collective Impact framework to collaborate on the workshops and provide a lead in facilitation.

Two community workshops, held on 24 May 2021 and 14 July 2021, have helped shape a community-led vision to guide the City of Moreland's planning for the future use of the Merri Creek and its surrounds.

To sustain the momentum and enthusiasm, a further phase of engagement with the broader community along Merri Creek including First Nations People and neighbouring Councils is required.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning Exercise Summary Report.
2. Endorses the recommendations in the Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning Exercise Summary Report and refer an allocation of \$25,000 to the mid year budget review process for actioning the next phase of this Visioning project.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Riley moved, Cr Pulford seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning Exercise Summary Report.**
2. **Endorses the recommendations in the Merri Creek and Surrounds Visioning Exercise Summary Report and refer an allocation of \$25,000 to the mid-year budget review process for actioning the next phase of this Visioning project**

**.Carried unanimously**

## 7.3 PROPOSED HEALTH PRECINCT AT BELL STREET, COBURG

### Executive Summary

Council has had a long-held aspiration to bring new health and community services to Coburg through the delivery of a health precinct that would also create local jobs. The health and community services sector is both the largest and the fastest growing in Australia and there is projected to be increasing demand for health services. The vision for a health precinct was first canvassed with the Moreland community through extensive engagement as part of the development of the endorsed Place Framework: The Colours of Coburg, in 2010, and the land to the east of the Civic Centre bound by Bell Street, Pentridge Boulevard and Urquhart Street was designated for this use.

Council is unable to deliver a project of this type alone, and so has made repeated attempts to find partners with appropriate capability and interest to deliver a health precinct.

On two previous occasions, Council began discussions with interested parties but on both occasions the parties withdrew from negotiations before a final agreement was reached. Most recently, a Request for Qualification (RFQ) in 2018 did not result in any conforming bids.

In April of 2020, Council received an unsolicited proposal from a group, recently incorporated as Coburg Health Hub (CHH), which addressed the requirements of the 2018 RFQ. The proposal was assessed as aligning well with Council's requirements. Following probity advice that this proposal could be considered, Council entered into a Heads of Agreement with CHH. Due to the contractual nature of this document, it is attached as a confidential attachment along with the financial offer and the list of proposed tenants (Attachments 3 and 2 respectively). Also attached are two confidential letters regarding potential future tenants (Attachments 4 and 5).

The central elements of CHH's proposal are:

- A campus style precinct with a variety of health and community uses
- A private short stay hospital
- A private mental health rehabilitation hospital
- A bulk-billing GP super clinic and consulting suites
- Not-for-profit allied health services
- Not-for-profit residential aged care
- Early learning and childcare
- Public open space
- Small retail and hospitality uses, such as a café

CHH describe the benefits of their proposal as follows:

- Locally delivered services such as acute and primary health care, rehabilitation, mental health, childcare, residential aged care, aged care support services (such as home care), and NDIS services
- \$160m of new investment in the delivery of the health precinct
- \$300m of projected benefit to the local Moreland economy
- 1,000 jobs in the construction and operational phases of the project
- New high quality publicly accessible open space

Council has previously carried out extensive investigations into the possibility of securing a public hospital for this site. These investigations included conversations with the State Government, most recently in July 2021, who consistently advise that provision of a public

hospital within Moreland cannot be supported, and they do not plan to build one. Progressing the CHH proposal at this point does not preclude continued conversations with the State Government about finding a suitable site for a public hospital somewhere in Moreland, should their priorities change.

Previous proposals from Healthscope Ltd and Epworth Healthcare, that progressed to Heads of Agreement stage with Council, both comprised a private hospital in accordance with the previous Requests for Proposal.

Since CHH's initial proposal was received, officers have asked them to strengthen their proposal in four key ways: community information and engagement throughout the process, environmentally sustainable design, respecting heritage, and maximising services and facilities available to those on lower incomes. CHH have now done this and captured their proposal in a form that can be shared with the community (Attachment 1).

The CHH proposal is for a campus style precinct made up of two smaller private hospitals rather than one large one, and a GP super clinic with bulk-billing, and a number of health and community uses delivered by not-for-profit providers. CHH estimate that over half of the floorspace (around 11,000sqm) within the health precinct would be used to deliver services on a community/not-for-profit basis and just under 9,000sqm would be used for private healthcare services. It is understood that the proposed fund manager is a not-for-profit.

Due to the complexity of a project of this type and scale, and the significant time and work needed to put together the components needed to deliver a health and community services precinct on this land consistent with Council's objectives, it is likely that a deferral or reconsideration of key requirements of the proposal at this stage, would result in the project not proceeding, and the land remaining in its current form for a significant period of time. Officers have completed analysis of CHH's proposal against Council aspirations, requirements and targets, and concluded that the proposal scores highly. Officers recommend that Council now begin the public process to allow the community to view and make submissions to indicate if they support CHH's proposal. If Council decides to take this course of action, a Hearing of Submissions will be scheduled before Council considers whether or not to sell the land to CHH to deliver the health precinct in line with their proposal. The project would then travel through a statutory planning process to consider detailed design and built form outcomes.

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Approves the commencement of the process under Section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the sale of the land (as shown in Attachment 2 comprising of approximately 15,700 square metres of land contained in certificates of title volume 10192 folio 590, volume 11411 folios 002 and 003 and generally known as 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street Coburg, by Private Treaty to the Coburg Health Hub Pty Ltd.(CHH) for the creation of a staged development of a health and community services precinct.
2. Notes the consideration for the sale shall be for Coburg Health Hub entering into the Contract of Sale and the section 173 agreement as described in the Heads of Agreement at Attachment 1 (which is confidential due to commercially material matters).
3. Authorises the Director Engagement and Partnership to finalise the drafting of the Contract of Sale and Section 173 agreement with CHH as outlined in the Agreement for Council's possible execution subject to a decision to sell the land following the Section 114 (2) and Council's Community Engagement process.
4. In accordance with section 114 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council authorises that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the land calling for submissions in The Age newspaper.

5. Publishes a copy of the public notice on Council's website and provides a copy to owners and occupiers of all properties abutting the land.
6. Appoints Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ as Chair, and Councillors \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.
7. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date and place of a meeting of the committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intent to sell the land at 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street, Coburg following consultation with Councillors and any submitters.
8. Notes the Communications and Engagement Plan to invite the community to share their views on the proposal.
9. Following the consultation process, receives a report outlining any submissions received, a summary of proceedings of any Hearing of Submissions held in relation to the proposed sale, with a recommendation on whether to proceed.

## Motion

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That Council:

1. Approves the commencement of the process under Section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the sale of the land (as shown in Attachment 2 comprising of approximately 15,700 square metres of land contained in certificates of title volume 10192 folio 590, volume 11411 folios 002 and 003 and generally known as 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street Coburg, by Private Treaty to the Coburg Health Hub Pty Ltd.(CHH) for the creation of a staged development of a health and community services precinct noting that this includes the heritage listed Bluestone Cottage, separate kitchen and immediately surrounding land.
2. Receives a report with options for Council to retain ownership of the heritage listed Bluestone Cottage building, separate kitchen and immediately surrounding land.
3. Notes the consideration for the sale shall be for Coburg Health Hub entering into the Contract of Sale and the section 173 agreement as described in the Heads of Agreement at Attachment 1 (which is confidential due to commercially material matters).
4. Authorises the Director Engagement and Partnership to finalise the drafting of the Contract of Sale and Section 173 agreement with CHH as outlined in the Agreement for Council's possible execution subject to a decision to sell the land following the Section 114 (2) and Council's Community Engagement process.
5. In accordance with section 114 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Council authorises that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the land calling for submissions in The Age newspaper.
6. Publishes a copy of the public notice on Council's website and provides a copy to owners and occupiers of all properties abutting the land.
7. Appoints Councillor Bolton as Chair, and Councillors Pulford, El-Halabi and any other Councillors to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date and place of a meeting of the committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intent to sell the land at 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street, Coburg following consultation with Councillors and any submitters.
9. Notes the Communications and Engagement Plan to invite the community to share



their views on the proposal.

10. Following the consultation process, receives a report outlining any submissions received, a summary of proceedings of any Hearing of Submissions held in relation to the proposed sale, with a recommendation on whether to proceed.
11. Acknowledges the contributions of the Coburg Historical Society to the broader Moreland community and affirms that Council will continue working with the Coburg Historical Society to ensure it can continue its critical work in researching, recording and sharing the history and historic buildings of Coburg into the future.
12. Fully investigate all options for the Coburg Historical Society to remain on site within the heritage listed buildings and receive a report on the most appropriate mechanism to achieve this outcome
13. Writes to the Coburg Historical; Society and advise that Council is working toward an outcome which will see them continue to operate from their current location.

### **Amendment**

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Point 2 of the Motion be replaced with:

2. Commences the statutory process to consider subdividing the site of the State Heritage-listed Bluestone Cottage, detached kitchen and surrounding land, in order that this important local heritage site be retained in Council ownership.

**Lost**

Cr Riley called for a division.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Bolton	Cr Riley
Cr Davidson	Cr Pulford
Cr Yildiz	Cr Panopoulos
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
	Cr El-Halabi
<b>Total For (4)</b>	<b>Total Against (5)</b>

### **Resolution**

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Approves the commencement of the process under Section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 to consider the sale of the land (as shown in Attachment 2 comprising of approximately 15,700 square metres of land contained in certificates of title volume 10192 folio 590, volume 11411 folios 002 and 003 and generally known as 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street Coburg, by Private Treaty to the Coburg Health Hub Pty Ltd.(CHH) for the creation of a staged development of a health and community services precinct noting that this includes the heritage listed Bluestone Cottage, separate kitchen and immediately surrounding land.**
2. **Receives a report with options for Council to retain ownership of the heritage listed Bluestone Cottage building, separate kitchen and immediately surrounding land.**
3. **Notes the consideration for the sale shall be for Coburg Health Hub entering into the Contract of Sale and the section 173 agreement as described in the Heads of Agreement at Attachment 1 (which is confidential due to commercially material matters).**
4. **Authorises the Director Engagement and Partnership to finalise the drafting of**

the Contract of Sale and Section 173 agreement with CHH as outlined in the Agreement for Council's possible execution subject to a decision to sell the land following the Section 114 (2) and Council's Community Engagement process.

5. In accordance with section 114 (2) of the Local Government Act 2020 and section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 Council authorises that a public notice be given of its intention to sell the land calling for submissions in The Age newspaper.
6. Publishes a copy of the public notice on Council's website and provides a copy to owners and occupiers of all properties abutting the land.
7. Appoints Councillor Bolton as Chair, and Councillors Pulford, El-Halabi and any other Councillors to a Committee to hear any submitters requesting to be heard in support of their written submission.
8. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to set the time, date and place of a meeting of the committee to hear submissions in relation to Council's intent to sell the land at 29, 31, 46, 52, 60 and 62 Urquhart Street, Coburg, 72, 74 76, 78 and 80 Bell Street, Coburg following consultation with Councillors and any submitters.
9. Notes the Communications and Engagement Plan to invite the community to share their views on the proposal.
10. Following the consultation process, receives a report outlining any submissions received, a summary of proceedings of any Hearing of Submissions held in relation to the proposed sale, with a recommendation on whether to proceed.
11. Acknowledges the contributions of the Coburg Historical Society to the broader Moreland community and affirms that Council will continue working with the Coburg Historical Society to ensure it can continue its critical work in researching, recording and sharing the history and historic buildings of Coburg into the future.
12. Fully investigate all options for the Coburg Historical Society to remain on site within the heritage listed buildings and receive a report on the most appropriate mechanism to achieve this outcome
13. Writes to the Coburg Historical; Society and advise that Council is working toward an outcome which will see them continue to operate from their current location

Carried

Cr Bolton called for a division.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
Cr Riley	Cr Bolton
Cr Pulford	Cr Davidson
Cr Panopoulos	Cr Yildiz
Cr Conlan	Cr Pavlidis
Cr El-Halabi	
<b>Total For (5)</b>	<b>Total Against (4)</b>

## **7.4 DRAFT ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

### **Executive Summary**

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

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

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

The draft policy covers areas around preparation, audience needs, inclusive and accessible communication channels, enabling multidirectional communities supporting and training staff and monitoring and evaluating progress.

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

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

### **Officer Recommendation**

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

### **Motion**

**Cr Bolton moved**

**That the debate on this matter be deferred until 8 September 2021 Council meeting to give officers time to prepare an amendment to include some protocols and processes around using interpreters for Planning and Related Matters meetings.**

**.Carried**

## **7.5 REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Summary**

Council's Community Engagement Policy 2020 identifies Advisory Committees as an important stakeholder network that provides advice to Council about how its operations and decisions may affect specific communities. Together with Reference Groups and Working Groups, Advisory Committees provide a robust stakeholder network, supporting Council to deliver a wide range of tangible community benefits.

To maximise the effectiveness and productivity of Advisory Committees and other groups, Council officers have undertaken a comprehensive four-stage review to identify:

- a) Types of Advisory Committees that could advise Council on strategic issues during its term.
- b) Process improvements that will enable the meaningful coordination and engagement of Advisory Committees into the future.

This review has taken place in response to Council's Governance Rules and Community Engagement Policy 2020 adopted in 2020 which respectively set new operational provisions, and a higher standard of engagement for Advisory Committees in accordance with *Local Government Act 2020* requirements. A full report on the review of Advisory Committees can be found at Attachment 1.

The outcomes of the review of Advisory Committees seek to establish:

1. Four Advisory Committees that can provide advice to Council on strategic issues.
2. Process improvements to drive a higher quality of stakeholder engagement at Moreland Council.

The outcomes of the review also identified the need to review existing Reference Groups and Working Groups with a view to refreshing or establishing these by December 2021.

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Note the findings of a recent review undertaken of Council's Advisory Committees.
2. Endorse the proposal to establish the following Advisory Committees by November 2021:
  - a) Sustainable Transport Advisory Committee
  - b) Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee
  - c) Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee
  - d) Moreland Arts Advisory Committee
3. Endorse the proposal for Council officers to review Reference Groups and Working Groups with a view to refreshing or establishing these by December 2021.
4. Endorse that Council officers implement process improvements to enable better quality coordination of Advisory Committees.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Note the findings of a recent review undertaken of Council's Advisory Committees.**
2. **Endorse the proposal to establish the following Advisory Committees by November 2021:**
  - a) **Sustainable Transport Advisory Committee**
  - b) **Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee**
  - c) **Human Rights and Inclusion Advisory Committee**
  - d) **Moreland Arts Advisory Committee**
3. **Endorse the proposal for Council officers to review Reference Groups and Working Groups with a view to refreshing or establishing these by December 2021.**
4. **Endorse that Council officers implement process improvements to enable better quality coordination of Advisory Committees**

**.Carried unanimously**

## **7.6 TREE CANOPY COVER ANALYSIS UPDATE - MORELAND URBAN FOREST STRATEGY 2017-2027**

### **Executive Summary**

Moreland's Urban Forest Strategy was endorsed in 2017. A key action was to double public realm tree canopy and maintain private realm tree canopy by 2050. At the time of the development of the Strategy in 2017, the method used to calculate tree canopy cover was point sampling and estimating based on the available data, for both existing and future tree canopy cover estimates. The baseline figure for canopy cover calculated this way and included in the Urban Forest Strategy in 2017 was 15 per cent.

The Open Space team engaged aerial mapping specialists in 2020 to analyse and report on change in canopy cover since the Urban Forest Strategy was endorsed. This also made use of 2018 aerial LiDAR data of Metropolitan Melbourne released by the State Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) enabling a more accurate tree canopy cover figure to be determined, with a smaller margin of error.

The canopy cover figure based on the new LiDAR mapping for 2019 showed Moreland's tree canopy coverage was in fact 10.75 per cent of land in the municipality. The comparable number from 2016 retrospective baseline using the same mapping technique was 10.43 per cent. This figure is clearly different to the initial baseline figure used in the Urban Forest Strategy in 2017 of 15 per cent.

The new analysis looked at canopy cover from 2009 to 2019 through historical aerial photography and LiDAR, including splitting the LGA by land use and suburb. The analysis gives council officers a data product to support in-depth analysis of the data at a fine-grained level, to report on planning and socio-economic impacts. Cover percentages vary up and down but have continued to grow at a relatively steady rate through 2009 to 2019 across all suburbs.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the ongoing actions and progress made towards the vision of the Urban Forest Strategy, since its adoption in 2017, including the acquisition of new retrospective LiDAR aerial information to calculate canopy cover and the superiority of this method over previous canopy cover calculations.
2. Approves resetting the canopy cover presented in the 2017 Urban Forest Strategy from 15 per cent to 10.43 per cent in light of the more accurate calculation method available.
3. Reaffirms the ongoing use of this LiDAR mapping technology to track tree canopy cover data trends and retention of a 2050 canopy cover target of 30 per cent, while acknowledging this represents a tripling rather than a doubling, of current tree canopy cover.
4. Receives a further update Report for the Urban Forest Strategy by December 2021, outlining progress and completion of its 91 actions - short, medium and long term goals, the canopy cover mapping analysis if available and resetting of intermediate milestone targets, as well as any further budgetary and financial investments required in FY2022/2023 budgets and beyond, in order to fulfil the 2050 tree canopy cover target aspiration.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Conlan seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the ongoing actions and progress made towards the vision of the Urban**

**Forest Strategy, since its adoption in 2017, including the acquisition of new retrospective LiDAR aerial information to calculate canopy cover and the superiority of this method over previous canopy cover calculations.**

- 2. Approves resetting the canopy cover presented in the 2017 Urban Forest Strategy from 15 per cent to 10.43 per cent in light of the more accurate calculation method available.**
- 3. Reaffirms the ongoing use of this LiDAR mapping technology to track tree canopy cover data trends and retention of a 2050 canopy cover target of 30 per cent, while acknowledging this represents a tripling rather than a doubling, of current tree canopy cover.**
- 4. Receives a further update Report for the Urban Forest Strategy by December 2021, outlining progress and completion of its 91 actions - short, medium and long term goals, the canopy cover mapping analysis if available and resetting of intermediate milestone targets, as well as any further budgetary and financial investments required in FY2022/2023 budgets and beyond, in order to fulfil the 2050 tree canopy cover target aspiration.**

*9.55 pm Cr Bolton left the meeting during the debate.*

*9.55 pm Cr Bolton returned to the meeting before the vote.*

**Carried unanimously**

## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

### **Motion**

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That the Council meeting be extended for an initial period of 30 minutes from 10.00 pm.

**Carried**

## **7.7 REPORT ON COUNCIL TREE MAINTENANCE - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION**

### **Executive Summary**

Cr Yildiz proposed a Notice of Motion on 14 April 2021 with respect to changing the tree pruning policy of Council so that branches higher than three metres off the ground might become eligible to be pruned at the request of residents. Cr Yildiz also proposed that Council officers provide a tree pruning service relating to these branches for residents at their request.

Moreland's Tree Maintenance Guidelines, local laws and Urban Forestry Strategy are all aimed at the protection of tree canopy cover with a goal of increasing tree canopy cover across the municipality.

Council's Tree Maintenance Guidelines and local law states Council will only prune a tree with overhang within a private property or over the road that is less than three metres high. The reason is to allow a clearance of three metres for pedestrian and vehicle access.

Analysis undertaken by Officers on Council-owned trees show there are approximately 25,000 trees that hang over a fence by some extent. The parts that overhang private land total 20ha of canopy cover, this equates to approximately 12 per cent of Moreland's 2020 street tree canopy. Any change to Council's Tree Maintenance Guidelines that enables the pruning of overhanging tree branches higher than three metres when protruding onto a resident's property from a tree located on Council land, for reasons other than safety, will have a significant impact on Moreland's tree canopy cover.

Assuming in any given year that 1 per cent (250) of the 25,000 trees are requested to be pruned, the cost of providing the pruning service has been estimated to be approximately \$106,000 per annum: \$59,750 per annum for pruning and \$45,800 for replacement tree planting to account for canopy cover loss.

Customer experience journey mapping for tree pruning requests is being undertaken as part of the Community at the Heart Program. This project has begun and will continue to drive improvements for the customer, making it easier to seek advice or report maintenance issues regarding Council trees as well as generate faster and better responses from Council Officers. Improvements are being made to Council's website to make information more accessible for residents and ratepayers seeking to understand Council's tree maintenance practices and policies and simplify the process for reporting issues with Council trees.

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Does not support any change to Council's Tree Maintenance Guidelines and local law that permits as-of-right pruning of tree branches that overhang from public land into private property that are more than three metres above ground
2. Notes that if this change were made, it would expose approximately 12 per cent of street tree canopy cover (25,000 trees) to pruning and could therefore have a significant impact on Moreland's tree canopy cover and Urban Forest Strategy goal of achieving 30 per cent canopy cover by 2050.
3. Notes that if this change were made and Council officers were to provide an "on-demand" tree pruning service at Council's cost, and then plant additional trees to offset the reduced (pruned) canopy cover, this is estimated for 250 requests (1 per cent) to cost \$106,000 per annum.
4. Notes that work is currently being undertaken to improve customer service for tree pruning requests as part of the Community at the Heart Program and that this will continue to drive improvements for the customer, making information more accessible and generating faster and better responses from Council Officers.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Riley seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Does not support any change to Council's Tree Maintenance Guidelines and local law that permits as-of-right pruning of tree branches that overhang from public land into private property that are more than three metres above ground**
2. **Notes that if this change were made, it would expose approximately 12 per cent of street tree canopy cover (25,000 trees) to pruning and could therefore have a significant impact on Moreland's tree canopy cover and Urban Forest Strategy goal of achieving 30 per cent canopy cover by 2050.**
3. **Notes that if this change were made and Council officers were to provide an "on-demand" tree pruning service at Council's cost, and then plant additional trees to offset the reduced (pruned) canopy cover, this is estimated for 250 requests (1 per cent) to cost \$106,000 per annum.**
4. **Notes that work is currently being undertaken to improve customer service for tree pruning requests as part of the Community at the Heart Program and that this will continue to drive improvements for the customer, making information more accessible and generating faster and better responses from Council Officers.**

Cr Riley called for a division.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Cr Bolton	Cr Yildiz	Cr Pavlidis
Cr Davidson		
Cr Riley		
Cr Pulford		
Cr Panopoulos		
Cr Conlan		
Cr El-Halabi		
<b>Total For (7)</b>	<b>Total Against (1)</b>	<b>Total Abstain (1)</b>

## **7.8 OPEN SPACE IN BRUNSWICK - RESPONSE TO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DCI11/20 AND NOM45/20**

### **Executive Summary**

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

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

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

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

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

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



## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

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

## Motion

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -**

**That the debate on this matter be deferred until 8 September 2021 Council meeting to allow Cr Tapinos to participate.**

**Carried**

10.06 pm Cr Yildiz disclosed a conflict of interest in item 7.9 and left the meeting.

## **7.9 COMMEMORATIVE TREE PLANTING PROPOSAL IN LORNE STREET, FAWKNER - RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION**

### Executive Summary

In the previous term of Council in March 2020, then Councillor Abboud proposed a Notice of Motion regarding further developing the memorial area that had been previously initiated at Lorne Street Reserve in Fawkner in March 2020. This report advises the proposed scope of the initiative and all aspects relating to the project including planting of a further 49 Yellow Box trees, 1 'Lone Pine' tree and installation of a commemorative plaque.

In addition to the tree planting, Officers support the inclusion of a rock monument that includes a plaque (potentially with a list of names), rather than individual plaques at each tree. The Fawkner Merri Creek Parklands Plan is still under development, however there is acceptance of the Lorne Street Reserve as a memorial area within that plan.

A Civic Event is proposed on or near Anzac Day 2022.

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the current Fawkner Merri Parklands Plan, a broader open space activation plan, is still under development but accepts advice that the proposed memorial area fits into this Plan.
2. Approves the installation of one single commemorative plaque, at a suitable location, instead of individual plaques at all trees.
3. Approves the planting of one 'lone pine' tree at the site with the additional Yellow Box trees, whilst not planting any edible/productive trees.
4. Supports a celebration event celebrating the tree planting and plaque unveiling on or near Anzac Day 2022, in cooperation with the 'Move the House' project organisers, Fawkner RSL, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and other community groups.

## Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the current Fawkner Merri Parklands Plan, a broader open space activation plan, is still under development but accepts advice that the proposed memorial area fits into this Plan.**
2. **Approves the installation of one single commemorative plaque, at a suitable location, instead of individual plaques at all trees.**
3. **Approves the planting of one 'lone pine' tree at the site with the additional Yellow Box trees, whilst not planting any edible/productive trees.**
4. **Supports a celebration event celebrating the tree planting and plaque unveiling on or near Anzac Day 2022, in cooperation with the 'Move the House' project organisers, Fawkner RSL, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and other community groups.**

Carried

10.07 pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting following the vote on item 7.9.

## 7.10 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FENCED DOG-OFF-LEASH AREAS IN NORTHERN MORELAND (NOM41)

### Executive Summary

Council requested an assessment of suitable locations for dog parks in northern Moreland with details of budget implications and delivery timeframes. A short-list of eight suitable locations have been prepared together with budget costs, based on an assessment of 16 parks across northern Moreland.

It is noted that two of these locations, Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve and Sewell Reserve in Glenroy, could be considered as priority locations for new facilities however these potential upgrades are currently unplanned and unbudgeted.

Officers recommend a strategic whole of municipality analysis should be undertaken as part of the review of Moreland's Open Space Strategy with a specific part of the community consultation process to establish a municipality-wide view of opportunities for fenced dog-off-leash areas and the relative priority of each to assist with compiling a longer term capital works program.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the report's assessment of potential parks across northern Moreland for fenced dog-off-leash areas with budget implications.
2. Notes that these projects should be considered as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy review to determine their priority relative to the need for other fenced dog-off-leash areas across the municipality.
3. Receives a report as part of the review of Moreland's Open Space Strategy confirming the priority locations, timing and cost for delivery of fenced dog-off-leash facilities across Moreland as part of the Park Renewal Program.

## Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the report's assessment of potential parks across northern Moreland for fenced dog-off-leash areas with budget implications.**
2. **Notes that these projects should be considered as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy review to determine their priority relative to the need for other fenced dog-off-leash areas across the municipality, however there is an opportunity to bring forward the delivery of one fenced off-lead dog park in Glenroy/Pascoe Vale and one fenced off-lead dog park in Fawkner ahead of finalising the strategy.**
3. **Directs officers to plan and undertake engagement with the community on the eight potential sites for a fenced dog-off-leash areas in the north referenced in this report, select the highest priority two sites – one in Glenroy/Pascoe Vale and one in Fawkner - and determine the cost of construction to present to Council for decision in the 2022/23 budget process.**
4. **Notes that the review of Moreland's Open Space Strategy will provide an opportunity to reflect locations, timing and cost for any further fenced dog-off-leash facilities across Moreland as part of the Park Renewal Program**

10.09 pm Cr Pulford left the meeting during the debate.

10.11 pm Cr Pulford returned to the meeting before the vote.

**Carried unanimously**

## 7.11 KINGSFORD SMITH ULM RESERVE - RESPONSE TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION NOM63/20

### Executive Summary

This report responds to Council resolution NOM63/20, which relates to the potential upgrade of facilities at Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve in Glenroy. Council resolved to receive a report which investigates the feasibility of upgrading the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve, with specific consideration being given to a toilet and picnic area upgrade in line with our Open Space Strategy, community consultation and priorities for this location.

Officers have reviewed the current facilities and attributes of the reserve, with specific consideration given to access to BBQ, picnic and public toilet facilities in the nearby vicinity. Based on this assessment Officers support the potential upgrade of this reserve to include these facilities, noting that the reserve also offers opportunity to accommodate a fenced dog off-leash area and wetlands. The inclusion of these components would significantly upgrade the overall offering of the reserve and would potentially warrant reclassification of the reserve in Council's open space hierarchy; however before committing to the delivery of this project, Officers recommend that it should be considered as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy (MOSS) review process to determine its priority relative to the need for other park upgrades across the municipality.

Any potential upgrades to the reserve are currently unplanned and unbudgeted, and Officers recommend that funding would need to be considered as part of a future budget process at the completion of the MOSS review.

## Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the report's assessment of the feasibility, including cost estimates, for the upgrade of Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve to include public toilet facilities, BBQ and picnic facilities.
2. Notes the report's assessment also identifies Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve as a suitable location for the inclusion of a fenced dog off leash area and Water Sensitive Urban Design intervention (wetlands), and that these matters will be the subject of other Council reports or decision-making processes.
3. Notes that this project should be considered as part of the Moreland Open Space Strategy review to determine its priority relative to the need for other park upgrades across the municipality.

## Resolution

**Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the report's assessment of the feasibility, including cost estimates, for the upgrade of Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve to include public toilet facilities, BBQ and picnic facilities.**
2. **Notes the report's assessment also identifies Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve as a suitable location for the inclusion of a fenced dog off leash area and Water Sensitive Urban Design intervention (wetlands), and that these matters will be the subject of other Council reports or decision-making processes.**
3. **Notes that the Moreland Open Space Strategy review will provide a strategic framework to assess the relative priority of different park upgrades across the municipality.**
4. **Notwithstanding this, agrees that the Kingsford Smith Ulm Reserve in Glenroy has experienced an increased level of usage and that this justifies its identification as a priority for upgrade and directs officers to proceed with preparation of concept design and engagement approach leading to a firm understanding of project costs for a public toilet (cost estimated at \$180,000) for consideration in the 2022/23 budget process, and consideration of whether picnic shelter and BBQ facilities, car park, lighting and landscaping should be part of the scope.**
5. **Approves \$20,000 to be released from PPRLF in 2021/22 to ensure adequate resourcing of the design and engagement of the park upgrade.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.12 PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE - SUMNER STREET, BRUNSWICK EAST**

### **Executive Summary**

At its meeting on 9 September 2020, Council after considering all submissions, resolved (DCF45/20) to relocate the temporary road closure barriers in Sumner Street, from the Noel Street intersection to the Nicholson Street intersection. The trial barriers were erected in late October 2020.

On 10 March 2021 (DCF34/21) Council considered a report on the impact of the trial road closure. The report found no significant traffic issues or complaints. Council resolved to begin the process under Section 207, Schedule 11, Clause 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to block the passage of vehicles, other than bicycles, by placing permanent barriers in Sumner Street from Nicholson Street, Brunswick East to a point 11 metres further east.

Consultation via circulars to owners and residents of affected properties, and advertisements on Council's web-page and in the local newspaper was completed. The 28-day consultation period provided the public with the opportunity to inform Council of their views on the impact of the closures.

This report summarises the submissions received from the public. The public submissions overwhelmingly support the permanent road closure in Sumner Street, Brunswick East. The report from the Department of Transport (VicRoads) offers no objection to the permanent closure.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council, following consideration of the report from the Department of Transport (VicRoads) and the written and verbal submissions from the public submitted under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

1. Resolves under Section 207, Schedule 11, Clause 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to maintain permanent barriers in Sumner Street from Nicholson Street Brunswick East to a point 11 metres further east to block the passage of vehicles other than bicycles.
2. Design the permanent road closure works and following feedback from the Sumner Street community implement its construction from the funds allocated for road closures in the 2021/2022 budget.
3. Notifies all those who previously received a circular in relation to the proposal, and those who made written submissions and the Department of Transport, of Council's decision.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -**

**That Council, following consideration of the report from the Department of Transport (VicRoads) and the written and verbal submissions from the public submitted under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:**

1. **Resolves under Section 207, Schedule 11, Clause 9 of the *Local Government Act 1989* to maintain permanent barriers in Sumner Street from Nicholson Street Brunswick East to a point 11 metres further east to block the passage of vehicles other than bicycles.**
2. **Design the permanent road closure works and following feedback from the Sumner Street community implement its construction from the funds allocated for road closures in the 2021/2022 budget.**
3. **Notifies all those who previously received a circular in relation to the proposal, and those who made written submissions and the Department of Transport, of Council's decision.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.13 PROPOSED SALE OF LAND FROM FORMER ROAD REAR OF 47 RAILWAY PLACE, COBURG**

### **Executive Summary**

Council received an inquiry from the owners of 47 Railway Place, Coburg, to acquire the land from the discontinued right of way (road) at the rear of their property as shown at Attachment 1.

At its meeting on 9 June 1998 (DCD28) Council resolved to discontinue the road at the rear of 45 to 63 Railway Place, Coburg. The discontinuance was gazetted on 3 September 1998 as shown in Attachment 2. Shortly afterwards, the majority of the land from the former road was sold to the owners of the adjoining properties.

However, the sections of road at the rear of 47, 49, 51 and 57 Railway Place were not sold at the time. 57 Railway Parade purchased their land in 2011 following Council's resolution of 12 October 2011 (DCI63/11).

This road has been enclosed within these properties in excess of fifteen years giving the owners long user rights and the ability to claim title to the land via adverse possession.

The purpose of this report is for Council to note the intention to now sell the land from the former road to the owner of 47 Railway Parade, Coburg.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the intention to sell the land from the previously discontinued road and reserve at the rear of Railway Parade, Coburg, known being Lot 13 on Title Plan 010694T being the land contained in Certificate of Title volume 11846 folio 317, to the owner of 47 Railway Parade, Coburg, by private treaty.
2. Authorises the Director Engagement and Partnerships to do all things necessary to effect the sale of Council's land to the owner of 47 Railway Parade, Coburg.

### **Resolution**

**Cr El-Halabi moved, Cr Pulford seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the intention to sell the land from the previously discontinued road and reserve at the rear of Railway Place, Coburg, known being Lot 13 on Title Plan 010694T being the land contained in Certificate of Title volume 11846 folio 317, to the owner of 47 Railway Parade, Coburg, by private treaty.**
2. **Authorises the Director Engagement and Partnerships to do all things necessary to effect the sale of Council's land to the owner of 47 Railway Place, Coburg.**

*10.19 pm Cr Panopoulos left the meeting.*

*10.20 pm Cr Panopoulos returned to the meeting.*

**Carried**

*Cr Bolton abstained from the vote*

## **7.14 AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE UNDER CONTRACT 576T - CONCRETE, BLUESTONE AND DRAINAGE WORKS**

### **Executive Summary**

The panel contract 576T for Concrete, Bluestone and Drainage Works was created to assist the Roads Unit with delivering both operational and capital works for concrete, bluestone and drainage. The majority of works carried out under the contracts with each supplier relate to concrete and drainage with the bluestone only making up a minor part of the work.

The total length of contract 576T is for three (3) year term with an option of two further one (1) year extensions – totalling five (5) years. The Council report recommending contract award (on 13 September 2017) indicated that the total annual expenditure would be \$1,000,000 and an estimated expenditure of \$5,000,000 over the life of the 5-year contract.

It has been identified as part of the administration of this contract that overall expenditure against this contract has been exceeded by \$5,333,014 as of 29 July 2021. Coupled with forecast (and budgeted) future expenditure against this contract of a further \$4,139,902, the total expenditure under the contract until its expiry on 3 October 2022 is now anticipated to be up to \$14,500,000.

As there is no level of expenditure identified within the individual contracts with suppliers, this matter does not impact upon each panel contract nor require a variation. The ongoing use of suppliers under contract 576T requires only execution of the final year's extension and documenting agreed minor variations such as CPI additions.

Council authorisation of the budgeted spending for these maintenance services to contract 576T is required in order for the final extension to be executed and to continue delivering these services.

For services to be delivered beyond the expiry of contract 576T on 3 October 2022 a new panel contract is planned to be procured and this will take into account current budget allocations, CPI increases and scope for growth of future budgets.

### **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes a significantly higher past and forecast future level of expenditure against contract 576T (panel of suppliers for concrete, bluestone and drainage works) than advised to Council at the time the panel contracts were awarded in 2017. The original expenditure estimate of approximately \$1,000,000 per annum has proven incorrect. Spending is tracking at approximately \$2,900,000 per annum.
2. Notes that despite this, value for money has been preserved, as the schedules of rates secured in the contract with each of the eight panel suppliers have not varied (except by CPI) since contract award. The higher spend is due to more maintenance activities being funded and delivered rather than particular jobs costing more than expected.
3. Notes that spending has remained within Council's adopted budget for the Roads Unit (including approved variations of budget and accepted budget management practices) for the maintenance activities covered by these contract, and that through this time, the value of complementary road maintenance activities directly delivered through direct Council labour has not diminished.
4. Authorises a total spend against contract 576T to the final panel contract expiry date (with extensions) of 3 October 2022 of up to \$14,500,000, as long as spending is managed within budget.
5. Notes that Council has implemented improvements to automate contract

expenditure tracking for all new contracts. For older contracts such as contract 576T Officers are manually reviewing expenditure on a regular basis to ensure the appropriateness of panel estimates. This will ensure that future spending is not only consistent with budgets but that it is consistent with advice to Council about anticipated spending under these panel contracts.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Conlan moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes a significantly higher past and forecast future level of expenditure against contract 576T (panel of suppliers for concrete, bluestone and drainage works) than advised to Council at the time the panel contracts were awarded in 2017. The original expenditure estimate of approximately \$1,000,000 per annum has proven incorrect. Spending is tracking at approximately \$2,900,000 per annum.**
- 2. Notes that despite this, value for money has been preserved, as the schedules of rates secured in the contract with each of the eight panel suppliers have not varied (except by CPI) since contract award. The higher spend is due to more maintenance activities being funded and delivered rather than particular jobs costing more than expected.**
- 3. Notes that spending has remained within Council's adopted budget for the Roads Unit (including approved variations of budget and accepted budget management practices) for the maintenance activities covered by these contract, and that through this time, the value of complementary road maintenance activities directly delivered through direct Council labour has not diminished.**
- 4. Authorises a total spend against contract 576T to the final panel contract expiry date (with extensions) of 3 October 2022 of up to \$14,500,000, as long as spending is managed within budget.**
- 5. Notes that Council has implemented improvements to automate contract expenditure tracking for all new contracts. For older contracts such as contract 576T Officers are manually reviewing expenditure on a regular basis to ensure the appropriateness of panel estimates. This will ensure that future spending is not only consistent with budgets but that it is consistent with advice to Council about anticipated spending under these panel contracts.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.15 GOVERNANCE REPORT - AUGUST 2021 - CYCLICAL REPORT**

### **Executive Summary**

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

This Governance Report includes:

- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation Council notes the records;
- Responses to Public Question Time items taken on notice at 14 July 2021 Council meetings, with a recommendation Council notes the responses.



- A recommendation Council appoints and authorises the Council officers referred to in the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation (*Planning and Environment Act 1987*).

## **Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the July 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. 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 the Council staff referred to in the Instruments at Attachment 3 and 4 to this report, as set out in the instrument.
  - b) Determines the instruments 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.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Pulford moved, Cr Conlan seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the July 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
3. **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 the Council staff referred to in the Instruments at Attachment 3 and 4 to this report, as set out in the instrument.**
  - b) **Determines the instruments 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.**

*10.30 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting during the debate.*

**Carried**

## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

### **Motion**

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That the Council meeting be extended for a second period of 30 minutes at 10.31 pm.

**Carried**

*10.32 pm Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.*

## 7.16 CONTRACT RFT-2021-202 DALE AVENUE, PASCOE VALE - ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND DRAINAGE WORKS ALONG O'HEA STREET

### Executive Summary

Road reconstruction works along Dale Avenue, Pascoe Vale and drainage works along O'Hea Street, Pascoe Vale between Dale Avenue and Irvine Street are identified in the 2021-2022 Capital Works Program. The works are required to address the poor condition of the kerb and channel and asphalt road pavement along Dale Avenue and rectify drainage issues within the Dale Avenue/O'Hea Street catchment.

An advertisement was placed in *The Age* newspaper on Saturday, 5 June 2021 inviting tenders via the e-tender portal from suitably experienced contractors to undertake the road works at Dale Avenue, Pascoe Vale and the drainage works along O'Hea Street between Dale Avenue and Irvine Street.

The tenders closed on Tuesday 29 June 2021, with 14 tenders received.

ADP Constructions Pty Ltd achieved the highest score through the evaluation process. ADP Constructions Pty Ltd has previously undertaken road reconstruction and drainage works for Council and successfully delivered the works to a very good standard.

The project will be utilising recycled crushed concrete as bedding material in the road sub-base, under all new concrete paving and as backfill to the new drainage pipes in both streets. The use of recycled crushed concrete will reduce the need for raw materials by approximately 1,025 cubic metres.

This contract will also promote the use of increased recycled content in road reconstruction activities by utilising recycled truck tyres which are converted into crumb rubber and mixed with the bitumen to form the asphalt base and wearing course (top layer) of the road pavement. The total amount of asphalt used for this project is approximately 170 cubic metres, which equates to 425 truck tyres utilised in the rubberised asphalt product for this project.

The tender sum was revised to include the environmentally sustainable construction materials. The inclusion of the alternate crumb rubber asphalt product equates to a 10 percent cost increase over the typical stone mastic asphalt product used by Council. The performance of the product will be monitored for consideration of its ongoing use in future road reconstruction projects.

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

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to:
  - a) Make a formal offer to ADP Constructions Pty ACN 118 588 097 (Contractor) to award Contract RFT-2021-202 Dale Avenue, Pascoe Vale Road Reconstruction and Drainage Works along O'Hea Street (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. For the revised lump sum of \$939,706.80 (excluding GST) plus provisional sum of \$164,340.00 (excluding GST), totalling \$1,104,046.80 (excluding GST)
    - ii. Allocate a contingency amount of \$165,607.02 (15 percent) to the project bringing the total expenditure approval for Contract RFT-2021-202 Dale Avenue Road Reconstruction and Drainage Works along O'Hea Street to \$1,269,653.82 (excluding GST).

- b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
  - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
  - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Director City Infrastructure;
- 2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
  - a) Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract RFT-2021-202, including authorising any cost overruns, provided that the overall Road and Drainage budget within the Capital Works Program allocation is not exceeded; and
  - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -**

**That Council:**

- 1. Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to:**
  - a) Make a formal offer to ADP Constructions Pty ACN 118 588 097 (Contractor) to award Contract RFT-2021-202 Dale Avenue, Pascoe Vale Road Reconstruction and Drainage Works along O’Hea Street (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
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  - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
    - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
    - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Director City Infrastructure;**
- 2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
  - a) Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract RFT-2021-202, including authorising any cost overruns, provided that the overall Road and Drainage budget within the Capital Works Program allocation is not exceeded; and**
  - b) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**
- 3. Notes the current discussions in the community on the cycling network in this area, and that should Dale Avenue be identified as a key cycling route**

**following community engagement, that bicycle indicators (sharrows and signs) could be installed on this road within existing resources and budget.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.17 CONTRACT RFT-2021-131 CONTACT CENTRE SOLUTION**

### **Executive Summary**

Council invited vendors to respond to a public tender for a Contact Centre telephony solution that integrates with Microsoft Teams. As per the Procurement Policy, Council released and evaluated the Request for Tender RFT-2020-131 Contact Centre Solution.

The objectives for the Contact Centre solution are to:

- Provide a phone platform that provides the same functionality from any location, to assist staff working remotely (e.g. due to COVID).
- Improve customer service by delivering a Contact Centre solution with improved functionality, reporting, analytics and reliability.
- Ensure the Contact Centre solution integrates with Microsoft Teams, which has become the platform of choice for internal communications since COVID-19.
- Deliver ongoing cost savings by providing a premium telephony solution for customer-facing staff but allow internally-facing staff to utilise Microsoft Teams, which is included in Council's Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

The tender received many excellent submissions which resulted in a lengthy evaluation period. The recommended solution is Nice inContact CXone provided by vendor Converged Communication Network Applications Pty. Ltd. This solution meets all mandatory functional requirements and has a wide user base with more than 560,000 international customers. The solution was deemed by all panel members to be the easiest platform for contact centre agents and team leaders to use and to offer the best user experience; in addition to receiving the highest Total Weighted Score as part of the tender evaluation process

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

### **Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a) Make a formal offer to Converged Communication Network Applications Pty. Ltd. (Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2020-131 – Contact Centre Solution for the provision of a telephony system (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. Maximum term of ten (10) years with a total maximum contract value of \$747,749 (excluding GST) subject to the following contract conditions:  
Contract duration is of 12 months initial term, and yearly extensions of up to a further nine (9) years.  
Fixed price basis for first 5 years while attracts the yearly CPI increase (to a maximum cap of 3%) from year 6 onwards.
  - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
    - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be

- ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer.
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
  - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and to advise all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council:**

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
- a) **Make a formal offer to Converged Communication Network Applications Pty. Ltd. (Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2020-131 – Contact Centre Solution for the provision of a telephony system (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
    - i. **Maximum term of ten (10) years with a total maximum contract value of \$747,749 (excluding GST) subject to the following contract conditions:**
      - Contract duration is of 12 months initial term, and yearly extensions of up to a further nine (9) years.**
      - Fixed price basis for first 5 years while attracts the yearly CPI increase (to a maximum cap of 3%) from year 6 onwards.**
  - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
    - i. **the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
    - ii. **other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;**
2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
- a) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and**
  - b) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and to advise all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 7.18 CONTRACT RFT-2021-188 -INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES.

### Executive Summary

The internal audit function of Council is supported by the engagement of independent Internal Audit professionals to provide analysis and recommendations aimed at improving council's governance, risk and management controls.

Since 2016, Council has engaged the services of an Internal Audit provider, currently Crowe, for which the existing contract is due to expire on 31 August 2021. Accordingly, Council commenced the procurement process of inviting submissions from suitably qualified professionals for the provision of Internal Audit services. In response, Council received 7 conforming submissions.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the background to the tender process and the evaluating factors that supports the officer's recommendation that that Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd and trading as Crowe Australasia(Crowe), having achieved the highest score through the evaluation process, be recommended for appointment as Council's Internal Auditors.

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a) Make a formal offer to Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd (ACN 006 466 351) (trading as Crowe Australasia) (**Contractor**) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2021 -188 for Internal Audit Services (**Contract**) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
    - i. Maximum term of five (5) years with a total maximum contract value of **\$672,833** (excluding GST) subject to the following contract conditions:  
Contract duration is for the initial term of three (3) years for a sum of \$403,700 (excluding GST) which includes:
      - delivery of 24 audits over three years (\$390,000 excluding GST);
      - attendance of the contractor at Audit and Risk Committee and the design of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan (\$13,700 excluding GST)
    - ii. Two (2) x one (1) year extension options which includes:
      - delivery of 8 audits per year (\$130,000 excluding GST);
      - attendance of the contractor at Audit and Risk Committee and the design of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan (\$4,566 excluding GST) per year.
  - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
    - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
    - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Director Business Transformation.
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
  - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract;

- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and
- c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

## **Resolution**

**Cr Riley moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -**

**That Council:**

- 1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
  - a) Make a formal offer to Findex (Aust) Pty Ltd (ACN 006 466 351) (trading as Crowe Australasia) (Contractor) to award to the Contractor contract RFT-2021 -188 for Internal Audit Services (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
    - i. Maximum term of five (5) years with a total maximum contract value of \$672,833 (excluding GST) subject to the following contract conditions:**

**Contract duration is for the initial term of three (3) years for a sum of \$403,700 (excluding GST) which includes:**

      - delivery of 24 audits over three years (\$390,000 excluding GST);
      - attendance of the contractor at Audit and Risk Committee and the design of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan (\$13,700 excluding GST)
    - ii. Two (2) x one (1) year extension options which includes:**
      - delivery of 8 audits per year (\$130,000 excluding GST);
      - attendance of the contractor at Audit and Risk Committee and the design of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan (\$4,566 excluding GST) per year.
  - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
    - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
    - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Director Business Transformation.**
- 2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**
  - a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract;**
  - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and**
  - c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

*Item 8.1, Dedicated bicycle lanes on Kent Road and Northumberland Road Pascoe Vale, was moved forward and considered after item 7.1.*

*Item 8.2, BMX park/track in Moreland's North West Ward, preferably in any of the following suburbs: Pascoe Vale, Hadfield or Glenroy, was moved forward and considered after 8.1.*

## **8.3 TRANSPORT AND CYCLING SAFETY**

### **Motion**

That Council:

1. Supports the relocation of Route 58 southbound tram stop number 41 (southbound) to a location approximately 55 metres north of the existing stop to ensure passenger safety and improved access to existing pedestrian operated signals.
2. Writes to the Department of Transport requesting a design tweak to the new bollards installed on Moreland Rd to allow the safe and convenient passage of cyclists crossing Moreland Rd via De Carle St.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Conlan moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -**

That Council:

1. **Supports and advocates for the relocation of Route 58 southbound tram stop number 41 to a location approximately 55 metres away from the road bend to ensure passenger safety and improved access to existing pedestrian operated signals. Further, that Council seeks an assurance in writing from Yarra Trams and the Minister for Public Transport and Minister for Roads and Safety Ben Carroll that they have abandoned plans to install the tram stop as cars come out of the bend – a site where there are many car accidents.**
2. **Writes to the Department of Transport:**
  - a) **noting that De Carle Street, Coburg, is a major cycling corridor used by bike riders instead of the dangerous Sydney Road and the closed, Upfield Shared User Path, which will become even more important after the construction of the separated bike lanes**
  - b) **requests a trial design tweak to the new bollards installed on Moreland Road at the intersection with De Carle Street, Coburg to allow cyclists travelling south to north to travel directly across the intersection, unimpeded by the existing bollards. One design tweak could involve cutting small sections out of the bollards to allow cyclists to travel straight through the intersection (as the DoT has done at other locations across Melbourne). Any trial should involve ongoing audits to monitor safety and traffic data. A detour which forces bike riders to cross Moreland Road at the pedestrian operated crossing on Moreland Road, should not be advocated by council, as this would amount to a highly inconvenient detour on this important cycling corridor.**
  - c) **requesting them to modify the intersection to a fully signalised intersection with full turning movements available for all road users**
2. **Writes to the Hon. Daniel Andrews (Premier), the Hon. Jacinta Allen Minister for Transport and the Hon. Ben Carroll Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Public Transport to request that a more rigorous process is established to improve the consultation engagement with residents and state government projects. To better implement the proposed works, avoid confusion and facilitate the communication and feedback from concerned residents.**
3. **Writes to the Municipal Association of Victoria and/or Victorian Local Governance Association to advocate that the State Government undertake a more rigorous process to improve the consultation and engagement with**



**residents on their projects that will provide clarity and ease for residents provide feedback directly to the relevant state government body or statutory agency rather than having to rely on each Council to undertake this work on State Government projects and initiatives.**

*10.48 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting during the debate.*

**Carried**

## **8.4 COVID-19**

### **Motion**

That Council:

Writes to the Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer urging the Australian government to:

1. immediately and permanently lift the rate of the JobSeeker Allowance and Youth Allowance to above the Henderson Poverty line, which is around \$80 a day, so that people who aren't working are not forced to live in poverty;
2. remove barriers preventing people on JobSeeker, Youth Allowance and Disability Carer payments from accessing COVID Disaster payments when people have lost work due to pandemic management measures; and
3. reinstate the JobKeeper wage subsidy program for areas in hard lockdown and expand its eligibility so that universities can access the program, as well as all casual workers at eligible institutions, organisations and companies.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -**

**That Council:**

**Writes to the Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer urging the Australian government to:**

1. **Updates Councillors on Council's COVID-19 Recovery Plan and presents further actions Council can take to support the Moreland community during the sixth lockdown, as well as potential future lockdowns, specifically in the areas of emergency and food relief, as well as through our arts grants program, within the next 7 days.**
2. **Writes to the Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer urging the Australian government to:**
  - a) **immediately and permanently lift the rate of the JobSeeker Allowance and Youth Allowance to above the Henderson Poverty line, which is around \$80 a day, so that people who aren't working are not forced to live in poverty;**
  - b) **expand the COVID Disaster Payment to all people in lockdown on JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Disability Support Payment, Carer Payment and other income support payments regardless of whether or not they have lost work; and**
  - c) **reinstate the JobKeeper wage subsidy program for areas in hard lockdown and expand its eligibility so that universities can access the program, as well as all casual workers at eligible institutions, organisations and companies.**

**Carried**

## **8.5 THE MOSQUE THAT SHAPED THE TURKISH COMMUNITY**

### **Motion**

That Council:

That a report be presented to council about this local community history project and recommendations be made about how council can support this project.

### **Resolution**

**Cr Bolton moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -**

**That Council:**

**That a report be presented to Council about this local community history project and recommendations be made about how council can support this project.**

*10.57pm Cr Davidson returned to the meeting during the debate.*

**Carried unanimously**

## **NOTICE OF RESCISSION**

Nil

## **FORESHADOWED ITEMS**

Nil

## **URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS**

Nil

## **CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

The meeting closed at 11 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley  
**ACTING MAYOR**