

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 30 August 2021

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MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.00pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

The Mayor read an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians, the Wurundjeri Woio-wurrung people.

Diversity Statement

The Mayor read Council's statement of commitment to diversity and its principles.

Present

Mayor Cr Rick Garotti, Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Alison Champion, Cr Peter Dimarelos, Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr Alida McKern, Cr Tom Melican, Cr Fiona Mitsinikos, Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 9 August 2021

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Nil

Presentation

Nil

1. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

2. PETITIONS

Nil

3. PEOPLE – COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT

3.1 YOUTH SPACES PLAN

SUMMARY

1. The draft Banyule Youth Spaces Plan (the Plan) is a principles-based document that provides strategic direction for the future provision of outdoor recreation places and spaces for young people aged 12 – 25 years across the municipality.
2. The draft Plan has been designed to help ensure that safe, inclusive and accessible spaces for play, recreation and socialising are provided to young people across Banyule.
3. Key actions from the draft Plan include:
 - Investigate locations and feasibility for district youth spaces to service the needs of people aged 12 to 25 years;
 - Investigate locations and feasibility for walkable local spaces for youth aged 12 to 14 years and spaces for youth aged 15 to 17 years spread equitably across the municipality;
 - Develop a funding program that covers the costs of these proposed facilities including maintenance and renewal.
4. The consultation and feedback received demonstrates support (96%) for the draft Plan.
5. The actions to investigate locations and feasibility of local and district youth spaces will involve further consultation with community.
6. A copy of the draft Plan can be viewed via Attachment 1.

Resolution (CO2021/159)

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft Youth Spaces Plan.
2. Allocate \$50,000 towards the investigation of locations and feasibility of local and district youth spaces throughout the municipality as part of the 2021-22 budget.
3. Actively seek external grants and funding opportunities to assist with the delivery of youth facilities within open spaces.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

CR ALIDA MCKERN LEFT THE MEETING AT 7.17PM RETURNED AT 7.18PM

3.2 REVIEW OF BANYULE'S DIVERSITY STATEMENT

SUMMARY

1. A Diversity Statement was adopted by Council on 27 July 2020, to demonstrate Council's commitment to and valuing of diversity, and to act as a vehicle to raise awareness for staff and the broader community.
2. In developing the Diversity Statement, Council's then seven advisory committees were consulted, and a 12-month trial period was implemented. As this period is now ending, a review of the Statement and its adoption has been conducted.
3. A review of the outcomes and impacts of the Diversity Statement demonstrate that the 12-month pilot of the Diversity Statement has been successful and recommends endorsing a revised Diversity Statement for implementation across Council business units and documents.

Resolution (CO2021/160)

That Council:

1. Endorses a revision of the current Diversity Statement to: 'Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone: principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.'
2. Endorses implementation of the revised Diversity Statement and the broader implementation across Council business units and documents.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

3.3 REVIEW OF THE RSL TRUST DEEDS AND GRANTS PROGRAM

SUMMARY

1. At the Meeting on 6 July 2020, Council resolved to waive the 2020/21 Banyule RSL Trust Deeds and Grants Program due to the impact of COVID-19 on RSL revenues.
2. During this hiatus, a review of the RSL Trust Deeds and Grants Program (the Review) was undertaken by Council officers. The Review considered the significant shifts in social attitudes and policy reforms over the past 20 years.
3. The Banyule Gambling Policy outlines Council's strategic intent on Gambling Reduction and Harm Minimisation. There were inconsistencies between the existence of the RSL Trust Deeds and Council's Gambling Policy. The inconsistencies were evident in 5 of the 8 Gambling Policy commitment areas.
4. The Review concluded that the RSL Trust Deeds are not best practice for Local Government and are not aligned with Council's strategic aspirations and policy positions.
5. Council's partnership with the RSLs through the Trust Deeds exposes Council to strategic, operational and reputational risk.
6. Meetings have been held between Council Officers and representatives from each of the three RSLs to discuss the findings of the Review and termination of the Trust Deeds and Grants Program. All three RSL's are in agreement to dissolve the Trust Deeds.
7. Each of the three RSLs have indicated they will continue to work with and support their local communities through a variety of different avenues.
8. The contribution to the Banyule community by the RSL Trust Deeds and Grants program has been significant over the years. In the past 3 funding rounds, a total of \$608,882 has been distributed to 135 projects.
9. The loss of over \$200,000 per annum through the RSL Trust Deeds & Grants Program will have a major impact on local funding opportunities. This combined with the impact of the pandemic on income streams and fundraising ability for community groups will result in increased demand on existing Council grant programs.
10. Council may consider increasing its annual contribution to the Banyule community grants pool in future years to compensate for the loss of the RSL Grant programs.

Resolution (CO2021/161)

That Council:

1. Note the review findings that the RSL Trust Deeds and Grants Program are not aligned with Council's strategic aspirations, policy positions and best practice in Local Government.
2. Terminate the Trust Deeds and Grants Program currently in place with Watsonia RSL, Greensborough RSL and Montmorency/Eltham RSL by September 2021.
3. Write to Watsonia RSL, Greensborough RSL and Montmorency/ Eltham RSL to formally advise them of Council's decision to Terminate the Trust Deeds and Grants Program and thank them for over \$600,000 of contributions to the community over the years.

4. Note that the funding made available through the RSL grant program has provided funding for 135 community projects.
5. Refer consideration of increasing Council's contribution to the overall Banyule community grant pool, to offset the loss of the RSL grants, to Council's 22/ 23 annual budget process.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

3.4 SHOP 48 THE HARMONY CENTRE - ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**SUMMARY**

1. Shop 48 The Harmony Centre (S48HC) has been operational since early 2016 and is located in the Bell Street Mall Shopping Centre, Bell Street, Heidelberg West.
2. Council entered into a 10 year commercial lease in 2014 to establish S48HC and the lease will expire in June 2024.
3. There are 4 key functions which operate from S48HC all of which have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020/21.
4. 2020/21 was a difficult year for S48HC due to the pandemic with significant impact on its financial, operational and strategic management. More broadly, the effects of the pandemic on the broader community services sector resulted in key service changes, new alliances and partnerships and increased demands on support required for the local communities.
5. S48HC was closed to the public due to 3 lockdowns for 54% or just over 6 months of 2020/21. During the closures, essential services continued to operate from the facility and continued to deliver online and remote support services. The establishment of the Food Hub by the Banyule Support and Information Centre (BANSIC) was instrumental in distributing food parcels to existing and many new clients.
6. A report "*Shop 48 The Harmony Centre – Annual Report 2020/2021*" **Attachment 1**, details the past 12 months' operations.

Resolution (CO2021/162)

That Council:

1. Note the *Shop 48 The Harmony Centre – Annual Report 2020/2021*.
2. Acknowledge the excellent work of the S48HC tenant organisations who continued to provide essential and core services throughout the year in the exceptionally challenging environment of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

3.5 DRAFT CHILD AND YOUTH FRAMEWORK

SUMMARY

1. The Banyule Child Youth and Family Plan 2016-2020 has expired, and the next iteration has been prepared for consideration by Council.
2. The Youth and Family Services Team, in partnership with the Child Youth and Family Committee, propose the adoption of a 10-year Child and Youth Framework (the draft Framework) **Attachment 1**, to replace the Child Youth and Family Plan.
3. Extensive research informed this approach and it aligns with research, policy agendas and State and Federal Government reforms.
4. Community consultation was undertaken to inform this draft Framework. Feedback from children under school age, primary schoolers, young people, their families and from the Child Youth and Family Committee closely aligned with the research findings and, through aggregation, became the basis for the draft Framework.
5. The Framework is based on strengthening local assets that support children and young people to thrive. This includes physical, social and psychosocial assets. This approach was adapted from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Resolution (CO2021/163)

That Council:

1. Endorses the Draft 10-year Child and Youth Framework (the Framework) for public exhibition for a six-week period.
2. Receives a further report following the exhibition period on the consultation feedback.

Moved: Cr Peter Castaldo

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

A VIDEO PLAYED OF COUNCIL'S INITIATIVE – SUPPORT LOCAL.**3.6 ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT PACKAGE 2021/22**

Written statements were read on behalf of Julie Johnston and Janelle Dunstan and; pre-recorded videos played of Stavros Zikou and Jeremy Richards speaking on the item.

SUMMARY

1. Council has explored additional options to provide appropriate and timely assistance to the community, ratepayers and local businesses in 2021/22 who may experience hardship associated with the adverse economic implications of COVID-19.
2. The purpose of this report is to:
 - o Summarise the additional support provided to the community under the current Economic Support Package 2021/22; and
 - o Provide further options in 2021/22 to support the Banyule community and local business.
3. Under the current 2021/22 \$1.5 million Economic Support Package the Council is funding rate waivers and business recovery specific initiatives.
4. It is proposed to provide additional financial support initiatives to supplement the 2021/22 Economic Support Package at a total cost of \$1,154,007.
 - o Business Support \$722,754
 - o Community Support \$431,253
5. The additional funding required to support the revised 2021/22 Economic Support Package is \$1,154,007.
6. The Total COVID-19 Economic Support, if endorsed by Council, that will be funded in 2021/22 will be \$2,967,676:
 - o Current allocated initiatives projects – Initiatives budget: \$1,500,000
 - o Current allocated operating funding – Operational budget: \$313,669
 - o Additional support options – Initiatives budget: \$1,154,007

Resolution (CO2021/164)

That Council:

1. Notes the current 2021/22 \$1,500,000 Economic Support Package initiative to ratepayers, businesses, and community, as outlined in the Budget 2021-2025.
2. Notes the \$313,669 operational budget funding in 2021/22 from carry over funding of the prior year's Economic Support Package.
3. Provides further financial support to support the Banyule community and local business through expanding, extending and providing additional initiatives to the value of \$1,726,861.
 - a. Fund a full year of the business components of the Special Rate and Charge Schemes across the 10 Trader Associations covering the year 2021/22 (excluding Rosanna) - \$599,508
 - b. Provide a 6-month rent waiver for highly impacted commercial properties where Council is the landlord - \$150,000

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- c. Provide rent relief to eligible tenants under the Victorian Government Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme, by application - \$15,000
 - d. Business investment funding to continue to fast track permit applications - \$100,000
 - e. Fund Gift Cards and/or vouchers that support shopping local -\$58,000
 - f. Continue to deliver on the Rediscover Local strategy - \$100,000
 - g. Broaden COVID -19 Business Grants eligibility
 - h. Waive from 100% of the 2021 Winter season ground and pavilion hire fees (excluding utilities) - \$155,153
 - i. Increase the funding of the current Community Grants Program – major grants pool - \$50,000
 - j. Waive 100% the 2021/22 fees (excluding utilities) for leased clubs – bowls, croquet, tennis, scouts - \$13,000
 - k. Waive Shop 48 rental fees for a period of 12 months - \$146,200. Fund our 7 Neighbourhood houses for service enhancement - \$70,000
 - m. Provide additional funding to support Greenhills Neighbourhood House to continue the food relief and sustainability programs - \$40,000
 - n. Fund the extension of the ‘Chillin in Banyule’ program for further a 9-months to provide for local musicians to be programmed into local businesses - \$10,000
 - o. Fund an Arts and Culture COVID Relief program to support our local creative sector - \$20,000
 - p. Allocates \$200,000 to set-up a fund that will support businesses that have been impacted by the economic impacts of COVID to successfully re-open and reinvigorate their businesses once the COVID-19 restrictions ease. Eligible businesses will be able to apply for up to \$5,000 from this fund based on demonstrated impacts and need.
4. Provide a status report to Council on Banyule’s Economic Support Package at the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 6 December 2021.
 5. Notes that the Economic Support package compliments the rates waivers the Council is offering to resident rate payers experiencing financial hardship. Council is providing a rates waiver of \$500 for those on Jobseeker and \$250 for those experiencing general financial hardship.
 6. Notes that a report on Community Resilience will be considered by Council in the future.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

4. PLANET – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Nil

5. PLACE – SUSTAINABLE AMENITY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT**5.1 72 TURNHAM AVENUE, ROSANNA (ROSANNA LIBRARY) - PROPOSED PART SALE OF LAND - PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

The following submitters were heard in relation to their submissions.

Written statements were read on behalf of Wayne Trewalla, Madeleine Ward, Megan Burke, Michelle Skeete, Max Martin, Michelle Giovas and Alicia Curry.

A pre-recorded audio message was played of Carol McColl speaking on the item and pre-recorded videos played of Alicia Waters and Susan Martin speaking on the item.

SUMMARY

1. The proposal involves the sale of an 828m² parcel of the Rosanna Library site at 72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna to Fabcot Pty Ltd (**Fabcot**) (wholly owned subsidiary of Woolworths Limited) at an agreed price and for no less than market value, to enable development of a Woolworths supermarket on the adjacent site.
2. Fabcot will construct and deliver a new library to a 'warm shell' to agreed specifications on land to be retained by Council to an agreed construction cost. The library construction cost will be offset against the land purchase price.
3. The new library will be a two storey, 1,300m² building that incorporates indoor and outdoor spaces. In addition, Fabcot will construct a shared use basement carpark at its cost.
4. Council gave notice of intention under Section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020 (Act)* to sell part of Council land by private treaty at 72 Turnham Avenue Rosanna.
5. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider 52 written submissions received. Ten submitters have requested to be heard in support of their written submission. Two late submissions were received. All submissions have been separately circulated to councillors.
6. A petition has been received containing 12 signatories objecting to the proposal and will be considered in conjunction with this report.

Resolution (CO2021/165)

That Council:

1. Receive and consider 52 written submissions including 10 verbal submissions in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and Plans pursuant to section 55 of the *Local Government Act 2020* in response to public notice given of the proposed sale of part of 72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna pursuant to section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Receive a petition containing 12 signatories objecting to the proposal.
3. A further report be submitted to Council at its meeting on 20 September 2021 to resolve on the sale of land proposal.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

5.2 WATSONIA TOWN SQUARE PROPOSAL UPDATE

A written statement was read on behalf of Kevin Biaggini and a pre-recorded video was played of Jeremy Richards speaking on the item.

SUMMARY

1. After successful negotiations with the State Government as part of the settlement agreement resulting from a legal challenge to the planning approval granted for the North East Link, Council secured \$5.5m in funding to deliver a Town Square for Watsonia. \$500,000 of the funding is for the project design and the balance for construction.
2. The first stage of consultation has been carried out, including meetings with the Watsonia Town Square Community Reference Group. The consultation has led to the formation of design principles to inform the concept design options.
3. The design principles relate to the key areas of traffic and parking, access, economic growth, local identity, amenities, flexible spaces, community and sustainability.
4. Consultation to date supports amending the project brief to include the design of new public toilet amenities and the production of an additional concept design that considers the relocation of the transmission towers and installation of slimline monopoles. The inclusion of these items will incur an additional \$91,000 in design costs and increase the project timelines by up to six weeks.
5. A variation is currently being sought to the funding agreement that Banyule Council has with the State Government that outlines the activity deliverables and timeline for the \$5.5m grant.
6. The construction of the public toilet is to be funded through Councils 2022/23 budget process. Funding for the works associated with the detailed design and construction of the monopole option is currently not budgeted or incorporated into the updated project timeline.
7. It is intended to advocate to the State Government to commit to funding the construction of the monopoles (\$4.98m) to enhance the eventual final Watsonia Town Square design solution to be determined after community consultation. In order to meet the revised project timelines, State Government funding commitment is required by the end of January 2022.
8. Broad community consultation regarding the concept design options is now planned in November 2021.

Resolution (CO2021/166)

That Council:

1. Endorses the Watsonia Town Square Design Principles relating to traffic and parking, access, economic growth, local identity, amenities, flexible spaces, community and sustainability, that will be used to form the concept design options.
2. Notes the inclusion of the design of public toilet amenities and the monopole concept design option, including the timeline implications and associated funding variation that has been submitted to the State Government.
3. Notes the additional budget implications including:
 - o \$91,000 for the monopole feasibility and additional concept design option and public toilet design. This will be met by operational budgets.

- The construction of the public toilet which will need to be considered and funded through Councils 2022/23 budget process. Ongoing maintenance of the new amenities will be considered as part of the public toilet maintenance regime.
- 4. Notes that funding for the detailed design and delivery of the monopole option is currently outside of the project budget and timeline.
- 5. Proactively advocates to the State Government to commit to funding the construction of the monopoles in the creation of the Watsonia Town Square.
- 6. Writes to the Hon Colin Brooks MP seeking his support for State Government funding for the monopoles and requesting a meeting to discuss Council's advocacy objectives.
- 7. Notes that a commitment to the State Government funding request is required by the end of January 2022 to mitigate future project delays.
- 8. Receives a future report that details the consultation outcomes and preferred town square design in early 2022.
- 9. Initiates discussion with the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne regarding the future of the church land currently leased by Banyule Council for car parking which may be affected by one or more of the Town Square design options.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

5.3 LOCAL PARKS PROGRAM - WATERDALE ROAD

A written statement was read on behalf of Kevin Biaggini speaking on the item.

SUMMARY

1. The Waterdale Road shared zone and pocket parks is a grant-funded project from the Victorian State Government through the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) via the Local Parks Program.
2. The aim of the Waterdale Road project is to design and deliver a green urban space for passive recreation and socialising in a built-up urban area in Ivanhoe.
3. The grant funding is for:
 - o The road closure at the northern end of Waterdale Road and the creation of a pocket park in proximity to the Upper Heidelberg Road shops;
 - o The conversion of the balance of Waterdale Road between the pocket park (adjacent Upper Heidelberg Road) and Norman Street into a shared pedestrian – vehicle zone;
 - o The conversion of undeveloped land in the road reserve to the south of Norman Street into a pocket park.
4. At the Meeting of 21 September 2020 Council considered the proposal to place permanent barriers across Waterdale Road in Ivanhoe to the south of Upper Heidelberg Road (Resolution CO2020/187).
5. Resolution CO2020/187 included the requirement that a concept design for a pocket park within the closed section of Waterdale Road be prepared in consultation with the community and a report be presented on the final design at a future Council meeting. If the final design does not require the closure of the Road, then the decision to place permanent barriers will not proceed.
6. A draft concept plan was prepared, community consultation has occurred, and a revised concept plan adjusted with due regard to feedback.

Resolution (CO2021/167)

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the extensive work undertaken to date including public consultation that has guided the preparation of the concept plan for the Waterdale Road shared zone and pocket parks.
2. Acknowledge the project will include the placement of permanent barriers across Waterdale Road to the south of Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.
3. Endorse the Concept Plan so that detailed design can proceed.
4. Notes that the detailed design will address the following matters:
 - a. Resolution of levels for the Norman Street St Pocket Park.
 - b. Resolution of deciduous tree placement and design with respect to site conditions at the Upper Heidelberg Road end pocket park-to include a raised planter to accommodate the planting should underground services prohibit direct planting at ground level.

- c. Resolution of proposed art installation.
- 5. Receives a further report to consider detailed design plans for construction and considerations needed for upgrade of the public toilets.
- 6. Request Officers meet with representatives from the Ivanhoe Uniting Church to discuss parking needs and the rearrangement of carparking spaces at the rear entrance of the Church that abuts the Council owned carpark.
- 7. Notes that while proposed new line marking for the carpark is being funded by Council, works are proposed to be executed in line with construction of the proposed pocket parks and Waterdale Road shared zone.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

6. PARTICIPATION – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE**6.1 DISC GOLF PROPOSAL - CONSULTATION OUTCOMES****SUMMARY**

1. As part of the 2019/20 Budget, following a formal budget submission from community members and members of Melbourne Disc Golf, \$30,000 was allocated for Disc Golf.
2. Approximately 378 people participated in one or more of the engagement activities conducted between March 2021 through to August 2021.
3. A copy of the Disc Golf Engagement Summary Report is provided, **Attachment 1** which outlines key community engagement activities and feedback.
4. The consultation indicates that more people are in opposition or have concerns about the proposal than those who support it. Key reasons for opposition included; concerns for safety, risk of injury, privatisation of parklands, inappropriateness of activity for Warringal Park and the impact on dog club training activities.
5. Those who support the project listed reasons including; it is a free outdoor activity, encourages physical activity for people and families and it is a great location.
6. Given the feedback is mostly strongly opposed, particularly from local Banyule residents, it is recommended that the installation of a permanent disc golf course at Warringal Park does not proceed.
7. There are options to consider pop-up, temporary disc golf activity in Banyule locations during summer school holidays.

Resolution (CO2021/168)

That Council:

1. Notes the key community engagement activities and feedback detailed in the Disc Golf Engagement Summary report.
2. Does not proceed with the installation of a permanent disc golf course at Warringal Parklands.
3. Allocates the balance of the \$30,000 budget allocated to Disc Golf at Warringal Parklands to fund temporary Disc Golf pop-up sessions in Banyule; noting that:
 - a. The pop-up temporary sessions will occur during summer school holidays as part of Council's Leisure and Sport program of activities for children and families.
 - b. The pop-up temporary disc golf sessions will be delivered in separated, non multi use spaces such as on ovals where the risk of injury from flying discs is minimised.
 - c. The proposed Warringal parklands course will not be one of the locations for the pop-up temporary disc golf sessions.

Moved: Cr Peter Castaldo

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

7. PERFORMANCE - USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY**7.1 PROPOSED ROAD DISCONTINUANCE AND SALE OF PART RW243 REAR 7 DUNSTAN STREET, MACLEOD - HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS****SUMMARY**

1. RW243 is an unconstructed 'road', part of which is located at the rear of 7 Dunstan Street, Macleod.
2. In December 2020 the owners of 7 Dunstan Street, Macleod (the Applicant), requested Council consider a part road discontinuance and sale in order to extend their yard and increase open space as part of a development proposal.
3. In accordance with section 206 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (Act) and section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, public notice of the proposal was given in the Herald Sun on 6 July 2021. The submission period closed on 3 August 2021 with two submissions received, both from the same submitter. The submitter wishes to speak in support of their submission.
4. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the submissions received.

Resolution (CO2021/169)

That Council

1. Receive and consider the submissions, in response to the public notice given pursuant to sections 206 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020* of Council's intention to discontinue part of the road adjacent to 7 Dunstan Street, Macleod and sell the resultant land to that owner.
2. Receive a further report at a future meeting of Council to make a decision on whether or not to discontinue part of RW243 and sell the resultant land adjoining the rear 7 Dunstan Street, Macleod, to that owner.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

7.2 MINUTES - AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING - 18 JUNE 2021**SUMMARY**

1. The Audit & Risk Committee is an Advisory Committee and its role is determined by the *Local Government Act 2020*. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.
2. The *Audit & Risk Committee Charter* states the minutes of each meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee are required to be reported to a Council Meeting.
3. Consequently, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 June 2021 are being circulated for noting by Council.
4. The minutes are subject to confirmation by the Audit & Risk Committee at its next meeting, being held on 17 September 2021.

Resolution (CO2021/170)

That Council:

1. Note the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on the 18 June 2021.
2. Requests that in future the Minutes of Audit and Risk Committee meetings be tabled at the next possible Council meeting for review and noting.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

7.3 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS

SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 1989* previously required that Assembly of Councillors (meetings of Councillors held outside of the formal Council Meeting program) were to be reported to the next available Council meeting, this section has now been repealed.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council at its meeting on 17 August 2020 adopted the Banyule Governance Rules which include the requirement to report to Council on Councillor attendance at Briefings and Advisory Committees.

Record of Meetings

1	Date of Meeting:	2 August 2021 – 6.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Plan Workshop 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Peter Dimarelos Mark Di Pasquale Rick Garotti Alida McKern Tom Melican Fiona Mitsinikos Elizabeth Nealy	
	Staff Present:	
Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Scott Walker – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Programs</i> Gina Burden – <i>Manager Governance & Communication</i> Kamal Singh – <i>Integrated Planning Project Manager</i>		
Others Present:		
Nil		
Conflict of Interest:	Nil	

2	Date of Meeting:	9 August 2021 – 5.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting Pre-Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
Items listed on the agenda for Council Meeting 9 August 2021 as below:		
3.1 Banyule Scouts Grants Program- Year 1 report		
5.1 Local Parks Program - Waterdale Road		
5.2 Northern Region Transport Strategy - Final Report		

	<p>5.3 Planning and Building Activities Report January - June 2021</p> <p>5.4 COVID-19 Response - Business Support Package and Economic Development and Recovery Plan 2022-2025</p> <p>5.5 Proposed Declaration of a Special Charge - Heidelberg Central Shopping Precinct</p> <p>5.6 Mother of God Church, Ivanhoe East - Interim Heritage Overlay Request</p> <p>6.1 Victorian Government Sport and Recreation Funding Outcomes</p> <p>6.2 Banyule 2041 Stage 3 - Public Exhibition of Council Plan 2021-2025 and Financial Plan 2021- 2031</p> <p>7.1 2 Clauscen Street, Heidelberg Heights - Proposed discontinuance and sale of adjacent land</p> <p>7.2 Banyule Investment Strategy</p> <p>7.3 Financial Management Report - Preliminary June 2021 Performance</p> <p>7.4 Record of Councillor Meetings</p> <p>9.1 Christmas Day Gathering for Isolated or Underprivileged People</p>		
	<p>Councillors Present:</p> <p>Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Peter Dimarelos Mark Di Pasquale Rick Garotti Alida McKern – left 6.21pm – returned 6.36pm Tom Melican Fiona Mitsinikos Elizabeth Nealy</p>		
	<p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Scott Walker – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Programs</i> Gina Burden – <i>Manager Governance & Communication</i> Vivien Ferlaino – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Emily Outlaw – <i>Council Business Team Leader</i> Samuel Moore – <i>Council Business Officer</i> Jay Mifsud – <i>Youth Program Officer</i> Duncan Stephen – <i>Jets Sound Engineer/Program Assistant</i> David Pascolo – <i>Technical Analyst</i></p>		
	<p>Others Present:</p> <p>Nil</p>		
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3	<p>Date of Meeting: 10 August 2021 – 7.30pm</p> <p>Type of Meeting: Watsonia Town Square Community Reference Group Meeting</p>
	<p>Matters Considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watsonia Town Square – Key Observations and Design Principles • Updated timeline and scope of works • Advocacy items relevant to the project

Councillors Present:	
Mark Di Pasquale – left 8pm Rick Garotti	
Staff Present:	
Scott Walker – <i>Director City Development</i> Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport</i> Erica Hardie – <i>Senior Project Manager</i>	
Others Present:	
Jeremy Richards, Watsonia Traders Association Sarah Maguire, Watsonia Traders Association Paul Parrella, The A Team Kitchen Shaun Paine, Rex Paine Timber and Hardware John Kiriakidis Susannah Madden Kate van der Drift Matthew Guest, Watsonia RSL Barbara Armstrong, Yarra Plenty Regional Library Watsonia Branch Rev Denise Nicholls, Anglican Parish of Banyule Alexander Madden Nathan Mundy, Group GSA John Holland, Group GSA Rita Fernandes, Group GSA	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

4	Date of Meeting:	16 August 2021 – 6.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurstbridge Line Upgrade • Heidelberg Structure Plan • Neighbourhood Character Introduction • General Business 	
Councillors Present:		
Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Peter Dimarelos Mark Di Pasquale Rick Garotti Alida McKern Tom Melican Fiona Mitsinikos Elizabeth Nealy		
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	Fae Ballingall – Principal Strategic Planner James Kelly – <i>Manager Delivery & Assets</i>	
	Others Present:	
	Level Crossing Removal Project	
	Conflict of Interest:	Nil

Resolution (CO2021/171)

That the Record of Councillor meetings report be received.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

8. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS**10.1 YARRA PLENTY REGIONAL LIBRARY (YPRL) SERVICE MEETING**

Cr Elizabeth Nealy raised an item of general business relating to the recent meeting of the YPRL on 26 August 2021 attended by Cr Nealy and Cr Alison Champion. Cr Nealy applauded the YPRL service's adaptability during recent Covid lockdown restrictions.

10.2 NORTHERN ALLIANCE FOR GREENHOUSE ACTION (NAGA) MEETING

Cr Alida McKern raised an item of general business relating to a recent webinar held by NAGA. Cr McKern explained the purpose and intent of the alliance.

10.3 FAREWELL AND CONGRATULATIONS TO SCOTT WALKER

Cr Tom Melican raised an item of General Business to farewell and congratulate Director City Development – Scott Walker. Cr Melican highlighted Scott's significant contributions to Council and wished him well for the future.

Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 9.18pm.

DATED: DAY OF 2021

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 20 September 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Lynette D'Alton - Greensborough</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Over the previous 2 years or so, what sites were provided by the Banyule City Council to the VHBA for consideration for the location of the proposed Eltham area Community Hospital, and if no sites were provided, why not?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Banyule City Council was not engaged by the VHBA to nominate potential sites nor provide comment on an identified preferred site for the Eltham area Community Hospital.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
2	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>In relation to the various land parcels owned by council (incl PCRZ, PUZ etc), which of these could council agree to sell without rezoning prior to sale and which would need to go through the rezoning process first?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Council can agree to sell land in any zone prior to rezoning.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
3	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Sheldon Williams - Rosanna</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>It is great to see the work council is doing repairing and replacing footpaths in the Price Park area. This is essential, core council responsibility. Is there a plan or continuing program for the Beverley and Buckingham Rd, Gloucester Dr, Berkeley Av and Shropshire St area?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>There is a plan to complete footpath repair works for the Beverley and Buckingham Rd, Gloucester Dr, Berkeley Av and Shropshire St area. This area is programmed into Council's current capital works footpath repair program. It is anticipated that the repairs will occur April / May 2022.</p>

	<i>Darren Bennett – Director Assets & City Services</i>
4	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Alicia Curry - Rosanna</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>When Banyule Council decided to “set aside” \$80m of ratepayer funds for investment purposes (cash asset \$40m and strategic property \$40m) and assessed the acceptable risk at “medium” based on each councillor’s individual “risk appetite”, where is the consultation and assessment of the public’s “risk appetite”?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Council’s setting of risk appetite for this strategy was based on Banyule’s Risk Management Framework which has been endorsed by Council’s Audit and Risk Committee.</p> <p><i>Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services</i></p>
5	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Max Martin - Rosanna</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Could council advise how many car spaces are for use solely by council staff at their offices at 1 Flintoff street, Greensborough and to what % they are utilised?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>There are 65 dedicated car parking spaces within the secured mezzanine level carpark below 1 Flintoff Street for Council purposes. These spaces are used primarily for Council owned vehicles. The use of these car spaces has fluctuated significantly over recent use with various lockdowns and extensive work from home arrangements.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
6	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p> <p>Question:</p> <p>Could council advise how many public car spaces are owned by Banyule Council in the Greensborough, Heidelberg and Ivanhoe Activity Centres?</p> <p>Response:</p> <p>Council has parking plans for Greensborough, Heidelberg and Ivanhoe which are available at the below links:</p>

	<p>Ivanhoe</p> <p>https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/ivanhoe-parking-plan</p> <p>Greensborough</p> <p>https://shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/GreensboroughParking</p> <p>Heidelberg</p> <p>https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/files/assets/public/_operating-images-amp-docs/heidelberg-central-and-bell-street-mall-parking-plan.pdf</p> <p>These plans detail the supply of parking in each of the centres.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
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7	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Carol McColl - Rosanna</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>When Banyule council adopted the Rosanna Urban Design Guidelines in December, 2016 which included a height limit of “3 to 4 storeys” in Rosanna, where did they expect this height limit to be applied, if not against planning applications?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>The Rosanna Village Urban Design and Landscape Guidelines (December 2016) indicate a preferred contemporary built form height of 3 to 4 storeys. There were no “height limits” specified or heights allocated to individual sites.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>