

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 7 June 2021

Conducted virtually and streamed live online

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The Meeting opened at 7.01pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

The Mayor read an acknowledgement of the traditional custodians, the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung people.

Diversity Statement

The Mayor read Council's statement on its 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 24 May 2021 and;

Council Meeting – Hearing of Submissions held on 26 May 2021.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Cr Alida McKern declared a general conflict of interest in item 5.3 - Mother of God Church, Ivanhoe East - Interim Heritage Protection.

Presentation

Nil

1. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

2. PETITIONS

Nil

3. PEOPLE – COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT

3.1 FORD PARK, 244 - 268 BANKSIA STREET, BELLFIELD - PROPOSED LEASE AND LICENCE WITH YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SUMMARY

1. This report was deferred at the Council Meeting on 8 February pending Council's Chief Executive Officer meeting with counterparts of Yarra Junior Football League (YJFL), North East Link (NEL) and Manningham City Council to confirm Council's lease offer to YJFL.
2. The proposed lease is a five-year term with a four-year option at a commencing annual rent of \$7,500 plus GST. The lease commencement date is still to be settled with YJFL. The YJFL has been advised of the proposal.
3. Ongoing discussions have occurred with NEL and the YJFL for the opportunity for YJFL to relocate from their premises at Bulleen Park, Bulleen to Ford Park, Bellfield.
4. Council has successfully negotiated with NEL to provide substantial capital funding for the upgrade of Ford Park to accommodate this relocation.
5. The YJFL seeks a long-term lease at Ford Park to provide security of tenure for the league's operations and administrative headquarters.
6. It is proposed to offer YJFL a Lease for occupancy of part of the new sports pavilion and a licence for shared space within the pavilion, refer Attachment 1.
7. Ford Park is currently the home to the Ivanhoe Junior Football Club and Bellfield Cricket Club. Both clubs will continue occupation at the site.
8. The proposed Lease and Licence would run for a term of five-years with a four-year option.
9. The Ford Park upgrade is expected to be completed by August 2021.

Resolution (CO2021/111)

That Council:

1. Grants a Lease to the Yarra Junior Football League Inc. (YJFL) for occupancy and use of part of the new Ford Park sports pavilion for office administration purposes for an initial term of five years (commencement date to be determined) with an option for a further four years at a commencing annual rent of \$7,500 plus GST.
2. Notes that a Licence agreement will be negotiated with the YJFL for shared space within the pavilion on a similar term to the Lease.
3. Authorises the Director Community Programs to execute both the Lease Deed and Licence Agreement.
4. Develops in partnership with the Yarra Junior Football League a community engagement plan that includes consultation with community & Sporting Clubs that use Ford Park.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos
Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

4. PLANET – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Nil

5. PLACE – SUSTAINABLE AMENITY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT**5.1 59 SWANSTON STREET, HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS - RENEWAL OF LEASES****SUMMARY**

1. Council is the owner of the land and improvements at 59 Swanston Street, Heidelberg Heights, comprising 3 residential units.
2. At the Council meeting of 15 June 2020, Council resolved to engage a real estate agent to oversee the rental of the properties and to receive a further report in relation to the future of the site at a time when market conditions had improved.
3. The three units have been leased for a twelve-month term, due to expire on 31 July 2021 (Units 2 & 3) and 30 September 2021 (Unit 1).
4. This report seeks to outline the current opportunities available for the site, including continuing with the current rental arrangements or selling on the open market.

Resolution (CO2021/112)

That Council:

1. Continues to rent the properties located at 59 Swanston Street, Heidelberg Heights for a further twelve months following a market rent review.
2. Receives a further report in relation to the future of the site in twelve months' time.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

5.2 1017 HEIDELBERG ROAD, IVANHOE - PROPOSED DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HIGHWAY**SUMMARY**

1. Council commenced statutory procedures under section 204(1) of *the Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to declare the land known as 1017 Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe (the Land) a public highway under the *Road Management Act 2004* (RMA).
2. The Land provides pedestrian access to Darebin Station.
3. At the close of submissions on 18 May 2021, no written submissions were received.
4. Council may now consider formally declaring the Land a public highway (for pedestrian use only) and publish a notice in the Victorian Government Gazette to complete the process.
5. A declaration made under section 204(1) of the Act will automatically make the Land a public highway under the RMA and impose on Council a statutory duty to inspect, repair and maintain the road in accordance with the standards and requirements specified in Council's road management plan.
6. Council may consider assigning a name to the road/pedestrian way at a future time.

Resolution (CO2021/113)

That Council:

1. Having undertaken statutory procedures under sections 204, 207A and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to consider a proposal to declare the land known as 1017 Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, being Lot 1 on TP573493L contained on certificate of title volume 5593 folio 592 (the Land) a public highway for pedestrian use only by:
 - (a) Giving public notice of the proposed declaration;
 - (b) Notifying the registered proprietor of the Land;
 - (c) Notifying owners and occupiers of nearby properties;
 - (d) Placing a notice in situ and information on Council's website;and having not received any written submissions to the proposal under sections 207A(c) and 223 of the Act and Council's Community Engagement Policy, hereby declares the Land a public highway for pedestrian use only pursuant to section 204(2) of the Act.
2. Publish a notice in the Victorian Government Gazette under section 204(1) of the Act declaring the Land a public highway for pedestrian use only.
3. Record the Land in Council's Register of Public Roads in accordance with schedule 1 clauses 1 and 2 of the *Road Management Act 2004*.
4. Refer funding for any upgrade works in the 2022/23 capital works budget.
5. Receive a future report on a proposal to assign a name to the public highway following the completion of upgrade works on the Land.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

Cr Alida McKern declared a general conflict of interest in item 5.3 - Mother of God Church, Ivanhoe East - Interim Heritage Protection as she currently attends the Church whilst her Church is under renovations.

Cr McKern left the meeting at 7.18pm. She was not present to participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

5.3 MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH, IVANHOE EAST - INTERIM HERITAGE PROTECTION

Janine Rizzetti spoke on the item via a pre-recorded video.

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to urgently consider interim heritage controls for the Mother of God Church (Ivanhoe East) to prevent its potential demolition.
2. On 21 May 2021, Council received an application under Section 29A of the *Building Act 1993* (the Building Act) to demolish the Mother of God Church (Church) at 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East. The application was received by Council without any prior consultation or pre-application discussion. The Building Act requires Council to determine the application within fifteen (15) business days – which is by the 11 June 2021.
3. The Church is included in Council's soon to be completed municipal-wide Heritage Study and is identified as having local heritage significance.
4. The demolition application has been received before the current heritage study has been finalised and before permanent heritage controls (in the Banyule Planning Scheme) can be pursued.
5. The requirement for Council to consider the demolition permit in the context of Council's heritage study means that the building's heritage value is considered to be under immediate threat.
6. If Council wishes to see the building protected from demolition – there are two options:
 - A. The voluntary withdrawal (by 10 June 2021) of the application to demolish by the applicant to enable discussions to occur with Council about the site's future; or
 - B. Utilising section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council can request the Minister for Planning to apply an interim heritage overlay to the property. This would provide a basis for suspending the demolition application under section 29B of the *Building Act 1993*.
7. The permit applicant has indicated an unwillingness to withdraw the application (Option A). Council is left with the option of pursuing Option B.
8. Option B, if approved by the Minister for Planning, would provide interim protection for the church building while Council finalises its Heritage Study and pursues permanent heritage protections.

Resolution (CO2021/114)

That:

1. Council continue to engage with the owner of the Mother of God Church at 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East as a matter of urgency to request the voluntary withdrawal of the Section 29A demolition application.
2. If, subject to 1 above, the application is not withdrawn by the applicant by Thursday 10 June 2021, Council request the Minister for Planning to prepare an Amendment to the Banyule Planning Scheme utilising section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to apply an interim heritage overlay to 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East.
3. If, Council pursues interim heritage controls under 2 above, it be noted that this will suspend the demolition application for 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East under Section 29B of the *Building Act 1993*.
4. It be also noted that if Council is successful in obtaining interim heritage protection for 56 Wilfred Road, Ivanhoe East in the Banyule Planning Scheme, that any controls will be time limited via a sunset clause. The reason for this is that Council will be expected to further investigate and confirm the heritage value of the site and either pursue permanent controls or agree to the lapsing of the interim controls.

Moved: Cr Peter Castaldo

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

Cr McKern returned to the meeting at 7.25pm.

6. PARTICIPATION – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Nil

7. PERFORMANCE - USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY**7.1 ADOPTION OF RATES FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE POLICY 2021/2022
SUMMARY**

1. Council's existing Rates Hardship Assistance Policy expires on 30 June 2021.
2. A new Rates Hardship Assistance Policy for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 has been prepared for consideration by Council for adoption.
3. Banyule City Council's Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 2021/22 (the draft Policy) outlines the process of applying for and assessing hardship applications.
4. The draft Policy includes the two categories that are eligible for partial rates waivers due to hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically:
5. Ratepayers holding a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card– JobSeeker or Low Income category for Residential Improved properties where the ratepayer is an owner-occupier.
6. Ratepayers who do not hold a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card– JobSeeker or Low Income category for Residential Improved properties where the ratepayer is an owner-occupier.
7. The anticipated reduction in rates income through application of these rate waivers is \$0.5 million.
8. Resourcing to administer the 2021/22 rate waivers and to assist those ratepayers that remain in financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic is anticipated to be approximately \$0.05m (0.5 EFT).
9. The draft Policy also outlines the assistance that will be provided to ratepayers who applied to defer their payments during 2020/21. It provides structured payment plans to repay the arrears owed on an interest-free basis.
10. The draft Policy and support available to ratepayers will be featured with the 2021/22 Rates and Valuation Notices, subsequent instalment notices and promoted through Council's website.

Resolution (CO2021/115)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 2021/22.
2. Make available through the Council's website the adopted Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 2021/22.
3. Advise ratepayers of the financial assistance that is available through:
 - a) Council's website and
 - b) The 2021/22 Rates and Valuation Notices distribution
4. Note the financial impact of the partial waivers being proposed and;

5. Fund in the proposed Budget 2021-2025 the estimated \$0.55m net cost (including resourcing) to deliver the Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 2021/22.

Moved: Cr Peter Castaldo

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

7.2 RW465 - PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF ROAD BOUNDED BY 275 UPPER HEIDELBERG ROAD, IVANHOE**SUMMARY**

1. Council is the owner of the land at 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe of which the right of way (road) RW465 abuts.
2. The right of way (road) currently serves no road purpose and is proposed for discontinuance.
3. The resultant land is intended to be retained for municipal purposes and consolidated with the adjacent land at 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.
4. The purpose of this report is for Council to consider whether or not to proceed with the discontinuance of the right of way (road), its retention for municipal purposes and consolidation of titles.

Resolution (CO2021/116)

That Council:

1. Forms the view that the right of way (road) RW465 located adjacent to 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe is no longer reasonably required for general public use and that:
 - a. the proposal will not impact the movement of pedestrians or vehicles within the vicinity of the road;
 - b. the service authority and Council assets will be protected; and
 - c. the discontinuance of the road will not affect neighbouring properties.
2. Publishes its resolution in the Victoria Government Gazette.
3. Agrees that the 'road' be discontinued and removed from Council's Road Register.
4. Agrees to consolidate the land with the adjacent property at 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe.
5. Authorises the signing of the necessary documentation at the appropriate time.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern
Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

7.3 AWARD OF CONTRACT NO. 1115-2021 - PROVISION OF TOWN PLANNING CONSULTANCY SERVICES**SUMMARY**

1. This report is to consider the awarding of Contract No. 1115-2021 - Provision of Town Planning Consultancy Services.
2. The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) has recommended awarding the contract to a total of eight contractors in accordance with the tender and conditions as determined by Council:
 1. Andrew Crack & Associates Pty Ltd
 2. Grace Town Planning
 3. Tamara Orrlov
 4. Hansen Partnership
 5. Kellock Town Planning Pty Ltd
 6. Multiply Town Planning
 7. Louise Lunn Planning
 8. David De Giovanni Town Planning
3. Tenders were received from 26 companies.
4. The contract will commence 1 July 2021. The Initial Contract Term shall be for a maximum initial period of three years with the option to extend for further periods of any duration up to a maximum extension period of two years based on satisfactory performance and meeting Council objectives.

Resolution (CO2021/117)

That Council:

1. Award Contract No. 1115-2021 - Provision of Town Planning Consultancy Services for a period of three years with the option to extend for further periods and any duration up to a maximum extension period of two years to a panel of eight contractors:
 - a) Grace Town Planning
 - b) Andrew Crack & Associates Pty Ltd
 - c) Tamara Orrlov
 - d) Kellock Town Planning Pty Ltd
 - e) Hansen Partnership
 - f) Louise Lunn Planning
 - g) Multiply Town Planning
 - h) David De Giovanni Town Planning
2. Authorise the Director of Corporate Services to sign the contract and any other associated documents.

3. Authorise the Director of Corporate Services to award extensions of this contract, subject to review of the contractor's performance and Council's business needs, at the conclusion of the initial three year contract term and extension periods.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

7.4 OLYMPIC PARK MASTER PLAN - FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

SUMMARY

1. In March 2021, Council resolved to apply for funding under the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program towards the completion of the Olympic Park Master Plan and was successful in this application.
2. On 14 May 2021, the Hon. Ros Spence announced that the Victorian Government would commit \$4.5M towards the project. Banyule Council previously committed \$2.5M towards the project.
3. A further \$0.5M is required to accept the funding from the Victorian State Government, of which \$0.13M can be provided by reallocation of other funding.

Resolution (CO2021/118)

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the \$4.5M contribution from the Victorian Government towards the completion of the final stage of the Olympic Park Master Plan
2. Endorse a further \$0.5M towards the final stage of the Olympic Park Master Plan, noting that Council has already endorsed \$2.5M at the Council Meeting on 1 March 2021.
3. Consider as part of the adoption of the 2021/22 Council budget the allocation of \$1.57M (the balance of the council funding required to fund the endorsed \$3M contribution) in the 2022/23 capital works budget.
4. Abandon the project to light up the median strip of Southern Road and redirect this funding towards the Olympic Park Master Plan
5. Enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Heidelberg United Football (Soccer) Club to explore the development of community opportunities within the club environment.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

7.5 BUDGET 2021 - 2025 SUBMISSIONS DECLARATIONS**SUMMARY**

1. The proposed Budget 2021 - 2025 (Budget) has been prepared to deliver the overall strategic direction for Banyule. The Budget comprises services, initiatives and capital works across the municipality.
2. Consideration of 2021 - 2025 Budget submissions is included in this Council meeting agenda.
3. The need for Councillors to disclose a conflict of interest where one exists in relation to any of the Budget submissions requires that they be addressed separately.
4. Any item in which a Councillor discloses a conflict of interest are to be dealt with by separate resolution under this 'Budget Submissions Declarations' process.
5. If a Councillor has declared a conflict of interest, they must outline the nature of the interest and leave the Chamber at the request of the Mayor/Chairperson.
6. Once all disclosures have been made and the items which are the subject of any disclosure are determined by the Council, all Councillors are able to vote on the consideration of submissions.
7. This report provides an opportunity for Councillors to disclose any conflicts in relation to the Budget submissions.

Resolution (CO2021/119)

That it be noted no Councillors disclosed a conflict of interest to any submissions to the budget.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

7.6 CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED - PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2025 & PROPOSED REVENUE AND RATING PLAN 2021-2025**SUMMARY**

1. At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 12 April 2021, Council resolved to give notice for the preparation of the Budget 2021-2025 and the preparation of the Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025. Subsequently, Council commenced a public exhibition period.
2. The proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 were made available for community comment from 14 April 2021 to 11 May 2021, enabling members of the community to provide written submissions.
3. Seventy (70) submissions were received in relation to the Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan.
4. Council held a Council Meeting on Wednesday, 26 May 2021 to hear the public submissions. At this meeting Council resolved that the submissions received be included in the report to the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 7 June 2021 for Council consideration to determine outcomes for the submissions.
5. This report is to enable Council to formally consider and agree on the outcomes of each written submission received regarding the proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025.
6. All submissions received are presented in a summary table attached to this report. The attachment includes a summary of each submission, officer comments and recommendations.
7. The proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 will be updated with the details and financial impact of each submission, as determined by the outcome of Council's consideration of the submissions.
8. Consideration to adopt the proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 with or without amendment will be held at a Council Meeting on Monday, 28 June 2021.
9. Any conflicts of interest have been addressed separately under the 'Budget Submissions Declarations' process and will enable all Councillors to be able to vote on the consideration of submissions.

Resolution (CO2021/120)

That:

1. Council having heard and considered the submissions in respect of Council's intention to adopt the proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 in accordance with sections 93 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - a. Supports or partially supports the projects and or funding requests for submissions 1, 6, 10, 20, 28, 30, 31, 33, 36, 38, 40, 52, 56, 57, 60, 62, 63, 69 & 70 and agrees to amend the proposed Budget 2021-2025 as outlined in this report.
 - b. Agrees to fund submissions 1, 28, 33 and 63 in Year 1 of the proposed Budget 2021-2025; currently recommended for funding in Year 2.
 - c. Supports the projects and or funding requests for submissions 21 & 37 as already funded or planned to be funded within the capital works and initiatives program, with no changes proposed to the Budget 2021-2025.

- d. Agrees to undertake further investigation regarding the projects and or specific funding requests for submissions 2, 5, 7, 9, 11 - 15, 18 -19 & 58 and, if warranted, utilise existing budget allocations and or refer the project to a future budget.
 - e. Notes the feedback, issues, concerns and or support from submissions 27, 34, 46, 54 & 67.
 - f. Pursues alternative solutions with the submitters for submissions 3, 4, 17, 29, 32 & 41.
 - g. Notes the unsupported submissions 8, 16, 22-26, 35, 39, 42-45, 47-51, 53, 55, 59, 61, 64, 65, 66 and 68.
 - h. Notes the late submission received from Montmorency Neighbourhood Co-operative Ltd requesting a contribution to the funding of the Montmorency Community Hub project.
 - i. Notes the late submission received by the Heidelberg West Football Netball Club for the upgrade of the scoreboard at Heidelberg Park.
 - j. Agrees to contribute \$20,000 towards the upgrade of the scoreboard at Heidelberg Park from the 2021/22 Budget.
 - k. Notes the resolution from the 'Budget Submissions Declaration' (Item No: 7.5) and the subsequent decisions in relation to any submissions which were dealt with as part of that resolution.
2. All submitters be advised Council has considered their submissions relating to the proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025, be advised of the outcome of the consideration as it relates to their specific submission and thanked for their contributions.
 3. The details and financial impact of the submissions agreed to be included in the proposed Budget 2021-2025 and the proposed Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 be updated with the documents to be considered by Council at its meeting on Monday 28 June 2021, where Council will consider adoption of the proposed Budget and Revenue and Rating Plan.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

8. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 REFUGEE WEEK 2021

Cr Melican raised an item of General Business regarding Refugee Week 2021

Refugee week commences on 20 June through to 26 June 2021. The theme for this year is: Unity – the Way forward.

Refugee week aims to raise awareness of the issues affecting refugees. The theme aims to highlight aspects of the refugee experience and help the broader community to understand what it is like to be a refugee. It promotes harmony and togetherness. The theme unites individuals, communities and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

Council is a Refugee Welcome Zone and through Council's Multicultural Plan supports and advocates for refugees and asylum seekers. Council will be undertaking a number activities and events during Refugee Week, for details check Council's website.

10.2 MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS UPDATE

Cr Tom Melican raised an item of General Business regarding Major Transport Projects Update

There are a number of Major Transport Projects underway in the municipality, including the Fitzsimons Road intersection, Hurstbridge Railway Line upgrade Stage 2 and the North East Link Project. Trees are a particularly important consideration for each of these projects including the need to minimise tree canopy loss as well as ensuring that there is significant replacement planting. A recent Age article in relation to the loss of canopy cover at Borlase Reserve associated with the North East Link has highlighted the concerns.

An update on Major Transport Projects is expected at the next Council Meeting which will include the approach being taken to replacement planting associated with each project.

10.3 COVID SUPPORT

Cr Fiona Mitsinikos raised an item of General Business regarding COVID Support

We would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge that this most recent pandemic is having a significant impact of those in our community.

In June 2020 the State-wide Coronavirus Hotline was expanded to proactively reach out to people known to be isolated or vulnerable. The State-wide hotline connects callers to support networks in each local government area. At the same time the Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) Initiative was implemented to combat loneliness, social isolation, provide emotional and practical support and referral to appropriate services to keep them connected. Groups in particular focus included senior Victorians, people with disability, carers, and people from CALD communities.

Callers to the Coronavirus Hotline are triaged, and based on a needs assessment are offered immediate food, material aid and emotional support. They may then also be referred to the Community Connector (CASI) for additional support and linking services if required.

CASI works by connecting people in need to community supports available in their area. This means that they work to highlight what sorts of practical, emotional and social supports are available in their community, and then ensures that those supports come together for those seeking help. The supports available differ from community to community, but types of support tend to fall into three categories:

- Emotional support such as regular chats with a like-minded local
- Practical help such as running errands or helping people to video chat with friends and family
- Social activities such as linking into online book clubs, fitness groups or volunteering opportunities.

During the first lockdown Banyule Council implemented the CASI Program in collaboration with partners to deliver support to residents that have increased need due to isolating during COVID-19. The group works together to assess need and look at collaborative responses to fill the gaps.

We encourage any individuals who are currently experiencing increased need during isolation as a result of COVID to in the first instance contact the COVID Hotline 1800 675 398 or alternatively email Community.Connector@banyule.vic.gov.au

This email is monitored within Business hours Monday to Friday where you will be connected with someone who can help.

In addition to this, today the State Government has announced an additional \$30M to support Victorians during this current situation. This includes an additional \$4.5M for provision of food, support to International students, the introduction of food hubs and collaboration with local cafes and restaurants to support the hospitality industry. An additional hardship support payment will also be offered in conjunction with \$12M for Community Organisations focused on supporting vulnerable communities.

Closure of Meeting to the Public

That in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council close the Meeting to members of the public prior to considering the confidential matters in 11.1.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned at 8.09pm.

The Meeting was closed to the public at 8.09pm.

Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

DATED: DAY OF 2021

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 28 June 2021.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

1	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p> <hr/> <p>Question:</p> <p>How will council be notifying the wider public about the 828sqm of Rosanna Library public land being sold to accommodate a larger Woolworths supermarket as part of the Woolworths / Banyule council partnership, and what date will notification occur?</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p> <p>A report to Council on the next steps for the Rosanna Library Project including commencement of statutory process for the sale of land is expected on 19 July 2021. Public Notice of the sale of the land is expected to commence shortly after and will include a notice on Councils website, on site and to nearby affected properties.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
2	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p> <hr/> <p>Question:</p> <p>Will Banyule Council be consulting the community to inform their submission to the new “Rosanna Station” 7 storey proposal by Beetham Parade Pty Ltd launched on the Engage Victoria website?</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p> <p>The consultation process is being conducted by the State Government with a limited timeframe to provide submissions. This means that Council will be unable to undertake consultation before lodging a submission and encourages all affected residents to submit their submissions direct to the Engage Victoria website.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
3	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p> <hr/> <p>Question:</p> <p>What are the expected planning permit triggers for a) the Rosanna Woolworths, and b) the Rosanna Library partnership development?</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p>

	<p>The planning approval process is not expected to commence until later this year. The relevant planning permit triggers will be identified as part of the planning process based on the final development proposal.</p> <p><i>Scott Walker – Director City Development</i></p>
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4	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>What is the average number of people that watch an Ordinary Meeting of Council through a) Facebook b) Council’s website?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Viewer numbers vary, not just for individual meetings but also during meetings. Viewers join the meeting, leave the meeting, some re-join and the number of viewers at the start of the meeting is often not the same as the middle or at the end of the meeting. We have taken the average of viewers across all livestreamed meetings who watched at least 1 minute of the livestream which is 360 people per meeting. This includes viewers who watch the recording of the meeting not just those who watch “live”.</p> <p><i>Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services</i></p>

5	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Michelle Giovas – Heidelberg</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Could council provide the number of “Shaping Banyule” accounts by suburb and how many are registered to receive notifications on new projects?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>1,997 people have registered an account with Shaping Banyule. Suburb details are optional so not all people have listed a suburb; hence this data is unable to be provided. 764 registered members are following a project. Following a project means the person will be notified by email when a project is updated. It should be noted that most projects on Shaping Banyule do not require people to register an account to be able to participate.</p> <p><i>Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services</i></p>

6	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Alicia Curry – Rosanna</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Would council provide a list of the council meetings, agenda items and reasons for when the council has voted “en bloc” since January 2016?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Council Agendas and Minutes are publicly available documents. Agendas and minutes from January 2017 are available on Council’s website.</p> <p>As previously advised on 3 May 2021, ‘enbloc voting’ has rarely been used. Should Council use ‘en bloc’ voting, a reason is not required.</p> <p>To review all minutes from 2016 would require a significant amount of Council resources to determine whether ‘en bloc’ voting occurred.</p> <p>The submitter has been asked to submit some specific items or reports for officers to check.</p> <p><i>Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services</i></p>

7	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Sheldon Williams - Rosanna</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>From the Council meeting 3/2/2020 it was resolved:</p> <p>“That a report comes to Council to explore the options including costs and issues associated with providing a waste and recycling service to all rated properties within the municipality that currently do not receive a waste service from Council, with an objective of providing a better service with improved environmental outcomes.”</p> <p>Given that this is some 15 months ago and that according to Council Record of Councillor Meetings this has been discussed on a number of occasions. When will this report be coming to Council?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>As Council do not provide a service to the properties in question, the complexity and diversity of collection methods needed to facilitate a collection service must be explored and understood in order to inform the council report.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this report will come to Council later in 2021.</p> <p><i>Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services</i></p>

8	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Roger Marcus Fyfe - Ivanhoe</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Why has Council not publicised the closure of the one-way section of Waterdale Road, Ivanhoe in the Banyule Banner, as the impacts of closure on motorists extend far beyond the immediate vicinity that received a letter drop and passing pedestrian traffic at two pop-up sessions on site. Given that the Banyule Banner is the channel that people prefer to find information about Council?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Council resolved at its meeting of 21 September 2021 to place permanent barriers on Waterdale Road, south of Upper Heidelberg Road, subject to finalisation of concept design for a pocket park.</p> <p>A draft concept plan is scheduled to be considered by Council in July / August this year. Once this has occurred, it is expected that an article will be published in the Banyule Banner.</p> <p>Further information on the Pocket Park project is available on Shaping Banyule.</p> <p><i>Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services</i></p>

Question carried over from 24 May 2021 Meeting.

9	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Anonymous</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Could council please provide a table to include each of the council meetings for the last 12 months and detail the number of questions submitted, the number of questions amended, (incl redacted or refused), and include the reason provided for the changes between what was submitted and what was published.</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>In the last 12 months Council has received 99 public question submissions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 questions did not meet the criteria and were not accepted for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two questions had previously been asked ▪ One was an operational request that required a detailed answer to be coordinated and provided directly to the submitter • 4 questions were amended in accordance with the criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One question was reworded by the submitter

- One submission was amended to incorporate the submitter's multiple questions into one concise question
- One reworded question extracted from background text
- One submission was amended to include reworded background information to provide context to the submitter's question and incorporate the submitter's multiple questions into one concise question.
- 19 submissions included background statements that were removed and only the question was included in the minutes. The question was not changed.
- The table below provides a summary of each meeting:

Council Meeting	Total number of submissions	Questions not accepted	Questions Amended	Statements removed in accordance with the criteria	Statements and Questions reworded & reason
18 May 2020	6	0	1	1	1 question incorporated multiple points into 1 question.
15 June 2020	9	0	0	5	
6 July 2020	9	2	0	3	1 question asked previously 1 operational question
27 July 2020	9	0	0	0	
17 August 2020	7	0	0	1	
7 September 2020	10	0	0	3	
21 September 2020	2	0	0	0	
23 November 2020	7	0	1	0	1 question reworded by submitter
14 December 2020	7	1	0	1	1 question asked previously
8 February 2021	2	0	0	0	
1 March 2021	4	0	0	2	
22 March 2021	9	0	0	0	
12 April 2021	7	0	0	0	
3 May 2021	11	0	2	3	1 question reworded to incorporate multiple points into 1 concise question. 1 question reworded extracted from background
Total	99	3	4	19	

<p>All public questions are assessed against the set criteria published on Council's website. All submitters are contacted and advised when the criteria is not met. Council has since made some improvements to the online form to allow two separate fields to provide any background information (optional) and a question separately. All background information and questions are provided to Councillors and officers who provide the response.</p>

Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services.