

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 18 July 2022

Nellie Ibbott Chambers, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub, 275 Upper
Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe, 3079

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The Meeting opened at 7.05pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

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

Diversity Statement

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

Present

Mayor Cr Elizabeth Nealy, 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,

Apologies

NIL

Leave of Absence

NIL

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 27 June 2022

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

NIL

Presentation

Scheduled award presentation was deferred.

1. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

2. PETITIONS

NIL

3. OUR INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

3.1 IVANHOE SPORTS PRECINCT PLAN CONSULTATION OUTCOMES

There were 3 speakers on this item.

Nicholas Downes and Dina Biviano addressed Council in person.

A written statement was read on behalf of Melinda Catlow.

SUMMARY

1. Council resolved to fund an Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan (the Plan) at Council Meeting 8 October 2018.
2. The Draft Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan, (Attachment 1) development began in 2019 with the establishment of a Community Reference Group and an agreed set of principles to guide the plans development. The reference group has been engaged and consulted with throughout the entire project.
3. Following an extensive amount of assessment, investigation, club stakeholder engagement and analysis of options, Council resolved to release the Draft Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan Issues and Options Report, Option One (Attachment 2) for broad community consultation at its meeting on 24 May 2021
4. The consultation period concluded on 30 August 2021 and a range of consultation opportunities were delivered over this three-month period.
5. The Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan Consultation and Engagement Summary Report, (Attachment 3), presents summary data and key feedback from Pop Up sessions, email and letter submissions, meetings with stakeholder clubs and shaping Banyule data.
6. Stakeholder sports clubs and surrounding residents who utilise the precinct for active participation or passive recreation were the main providers of feedback.
7. Most of the feedback received relates to the following:
 - o Ivanhoe Park and the plans proposal to replace the East Ivanhoe Bowls Club (EIBC) greens with three netball training courts, both in support and opposition.
 - o Improvements to sports facilities across the Precinct and support for sports field lighting and upgrade of pavilion/s at Chelsworth Park.
 - o Traffic management and car parking across Precinct.
 - o Importance of amenity and passive recreation use across Precinct.
8. There has been support for the plan from the majority of stakeholder clubs and community, 62.66% of survey respondents through Shaping Banyule were supportive or somewhat supportive of the proposed plan with 37.04% not supportive or somewhat not supportive.
9. Shaping Banyule survey identified the top three priorities as Chelsworth Park clubrooms improvements and sports field lighting (21.49%), construction of the three netball courts (18.18%), retention of East Ivanhoe Bowls Club in its current location (18.6%)
10. There was a considerable opposition expressed throughout the consultation to the removal of the bowling green from Ivanhoe Park. The East Ivanhoe Bowling Club (EIBC) submission indicates a growth in membership and a number of other initiatives to support their sustainability as a viable club in the future.
11. There was a great deal of support for netball, supporting female participation and the provision of training courts at Ivanhoe Park expressed through the consultation.

12. Councillors were presented with all consultation data, a copy of all email and letter feedback submitted, minutes of stakeholder club meetings, feedback and submissions at Councillor briefings.
13. Given the mixed feedback and strong support to accommodate both bowls and netball, Councillors requested that Officers explore the feasibility of retaining the EIBC green and include netball courts at Ivanhoe Park.
14. The attached is the result of this investigation which provides a revised feasible option – Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Revised Option July 2022 (Attachment 4) that retains the EIBC green as well as providing two netball courts (not three) as was originally proposed in Draft Option One.
15. This revised option still retains all the other key components of the original option that community was consulted on, the major change being the retaining of green and provision of two netball courts not three.

Resolution (CO2022/124)

That Council:

1. Receive the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan Consultation Engagement Summary Report, (Attachment 3), noting the key findings contained as well as the detailed submissions provided to Council.
2. Endorse the revised Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Revised Option (Attachment 4) as the final Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Masterplan, which includes the following key changes from those proposed in the Draft Issues and Options Paper (Attachment 2).
 - Retaining of the East Ivanhoe Bowling greens and synthetic lanes at Ivanhoe Park
 - Construction of two outdoor netball courts with storage and amenities at the current site of two tennis courts at Ivanhoe Park
 - Replacement of existing lighting on Southern oval at Chelsworth Park to LED and removal of lighting proposed for Northern oval
3. Note that staging priorities and high-level costings will be developed and presented back to Council.
4. Acknowledge the work of the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Reference Group in the development of the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan and thank the representatives for their work.
5. Formally note that the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan consultation process is now complete and the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Reference Group is no longer required to meet, and from the date of this Council resolution the Reference Group is dissolved.
6. Note that staging priorities and high-level costings will be developed and presented back to Council in the form of an implementation plan by December 2022, including landscape plan and existing tree canopy assessment as part of the detailed design.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

Councillor Di Pasquale left the Chamber at 7.35 pm. Councillor Di Pasquale returned to the Chamber at 7.39 pm

Councillor Castaldo left the Chamber at 7.35 pm. Councillor Castaldo returned to the Chamber at 7.37 pm.

3.2 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE - YEAR 1

SUMMARY

1. Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) are nationally recognised plans which enable organisations to make their contribution to a reconciled Australia.
2. RAPs emphasise the public commitments an organisation will make to improve understanding and attitudes towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and improve opportunities to reduce disadvantage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
3. Banyule's first Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) was endorsed by Reconciliation Australia and adopted by Council in September 2020.
4. This report presents Banyule's annual report which outlines Council's progress in advancing reconciliation in Banyule for the period of September 2020 to December 2021.
5. The Banyule Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee (RAP) has played a key role in supporting Council and community to realise aspirations toward reconciliation, embedding First Nations voice, input, and cultural perspectives into this plan.
6. A summary of key progress overall indicates that Council is tracking well and has made some strong achievements.
7. Of the 103 actions outlined in the RAP, 67 have been completed and 36 in part completed or are pending further action; some of which were disrupted due to Covid-19 impacts. While there are some areas that require further commitment for completion by the end of the overall RAP period, Council is well positioned to deliver.

Resolution (CO2022/125)

That Council:

1. Notes the progress of the Banyule City Council Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Year One Action Plan 2020-2021.
2. Thank the Banyule Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee for their continuing advice and guidance on the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).
3. Continues to work in partnership with the Banyule Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee and First Nations Community to support local community engagement and Truth Telling as part of the journey towards Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

4. OUR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Nil

5. OUR WELL-BUILT CITY

5.1 89 MARSHALL STREET, IVANHOE - DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR DWELLINGS (P1280/2021)

There was 1 speaker on this item.

Michael Constantine addressed Council in person.

SUMMARY

1. The proposal is for the development of four dwellings on the subject site in a tandem arrangement. The dwellings each contain three bedrooms and associated living, dining, bathroom and kitchen areas. Car parking is provided as double garages at a semi basement level.
2. The subject site is located within the Ivanhoe Accessible Residential Area, close to the Ivanhoe Activity Centre and train station with good access to services, transport and shopping facilities. It is covered by the Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 12 (DDO12).
3. A total of eight objections were received during the public notification period raising concerns relating to neighbourhood character and residential amenity, vegetation removal and heritage impacts to neighbouring dwellings.
4. A community consultation meeting was held on 12 May 2022 with three objectors, the permit applicant and three Councillors in attendance.
5. The proposed development, subject to conditions, is considered to provide an appropriate response to the Ivanhoe Structure Plan and the character of the area and compliance with the objectives of DDO12. The DDO12 supports the development of sensitive multi-dwelling developments, such as townhouses and low-rise apartments, while ensuring buildings are of a high quality design and respond to the desired future streetscape, height, siting and built for character.
6. The development will result in the loss of nine trees which are protected under the Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO3). None of these trees are of high retention value and their removal is supported subject to appropriate replacement planting.
7. The development as submitted achieves a 55% Built Environment Sustainability Scorecard (BESS) score in relation to Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD). Further to this, the applicant has agreed to additional initiatives, including provision of solar photovoltaics and all dwellings being all-electric. These additional initiatives will be secured via conditions on permit and would result in a higher BESS Score
8. Further conditions of permit are proposed to increase the front and side setback to ensure compliance with the DDO12, screen the basement entry, retain Tree 14 (Canary Island Date Palm) in the rear corner of the site and address internal amenity concerns relating to secluded private open space and dwelling entries.
9. The proposal should be supported, subject to conditions.

Resolution (CO2022/126)

That Council having complied with Section 52, 58, 60, 61 and 62 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, issue a **Refusal to Grant** a Planning Permit in respect of Application No. P1280/2021 for Development of the land for the construction of four (4) dwellings and removal of vegetation at 89 Marshall Street IVANHOE on the following grounds.

Siting, Design and Neighbouring Residential Amenity

1. The siting and design of the proposed development will have an overbearing physical impact upon neighbouring property and will have an adverse impact upon local residential amenity and the streetscape contrary to Clauses 15.01-1R – Urban Design and 21.04-1 – Housing and Clause 43.02 - Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 12) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Mass, Bulk, Scale and Neighbourhood Character

2. The mass, bulk and scale of the built form of the proposal is contrary to both the existing and preferred character of the neighbourhood and would erode the spacious and well landscaped character and have an adverse visual impact on the streetscape contrary to Clauses 15.01-1R – Urban Design, 21.04-1 – Housing, 22.02 - Residential Neighbourhood Character Policy, Clause 43.02 – Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 12) and Standards B1 – Neighbourhood Character and B31 – Design detail of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Open Space/Landscaping

3. Inadequate setbacks has been provided throughout the development to provide canopy tree planting and landscaping to adequately soften views of the development from the street and neighbouring land and enhance the landscape character of the area contrary to Clauses 21.04-1 – Housing, 21.06 – Built Environment, 22.02 – Residential Neighbourhood Character Policy, 42.03 – Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 12) and Standard B13 – Landscaping of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Internal Residential Amenity

4. The proposed development would provide an inadequate level of internal residential amenity by reason of inadequate provision of secluded private open space for the recreational needs of future occupants contrary to Standard B28 – Private Open Space of Clause 55 (ResCode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

General ResCode Non-Compliance

5. The entries to dwellings are obscured and not easily identifiable, contrary to Standards B12 – Safety and B26 – Dwelling Entry of Clause 55 (Rescode) of the Banyule Planning Scheme.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern
Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

6. OUR VALUED COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES

6.1 SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK 2022-2032

SUMMARY

1. Council resolved at the Council Meeting on 8 February 2021, “*That a report be presented to Council regarding the development of a community services and facilities infrastructure plan*”, therefore the Social Infrastructure Framework has been prepared for Council’s consideration and adoption accordingly.
2. The Social Infrastructure Framework 2022-2032 was iterated based on community feedback and learnings generated from the community infrastructure planning process. A range of adaptations were made to the Framework to strengthen the approach.
3. The Social Infrastructure Framework 2022-2032 will inform the development of a Community Infrastructure Plan. This Plan will use the multi-criteria assessment measures outlined in the Framework and will establish a set of social infrastructure investment priorities over the next decade.
4. The Community Infrastructure Plan is in the final stages of development and the draft will be presented to Council in August 2022 for consideration and feedback.

Resolution (CO2022/127)

That Council:

1. Adopts the Social Infrastructure Framework 2022-2032.
2. Notes the community feedback, valuable comments and suggestions provided during the Community consultation period.
3. Notes that a draft Community Infrastructure Plan outlining infrastructure development priority will be presented to Council in August 2022 for consideration and feedback

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

7. OUR THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

Nil

8. OUR TRUSTED AND RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

8.1 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN - 2022/23

Brief explanation:

1. Council approved the new Procurement Policy on 24 May 2021 to come into effect on 1 July 2021.
2. As part of the adoption of the new Procurement Policy, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Delegation increased to \$1.0 million from \$0.5 million.
3. With an increased financial delegation limit, ensuring transparency on the awarding of contracts under delegation is important. Transparency is supported using the following criteria:
 - a. Ongoing reporting to Council on procurement contracts approved between \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million under the Chief Executive Officer's delegation to be presented to Council annually
 - b. Exemptions from public tender or expressions of interest to be presented to Council annually
 - c. An Annual Procurement Plan is to be presented to Council in the first quarter of each financial year.
4. The attached Annual Procurement Plan for the financial year 2022/23 incorporates all the currently known and planned sourcing events (as at 1 July 2022).
5. Sustainable and collaborative procurement opportunities have also been considered against each known sourcing event.
6. The Procurement Plan is continually reviewed and updated throughout the year.
7. This Report provides for an update to Council on the number of contracts executed under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer valued between \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million in the 2021/ 2022 financial year, details relating to the Annual Procurement Plan for 2022/2023 and a commitment to Council that the Procurement Plan is regularly reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Resolution (CO2022/128)

That Council receives and notes:

1. That the Chief Executive Officer awarded 5 contracts, each valued between \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million, under delegation in the 2021/22 financial year
2. The 2022/2023 Annual Procurement Plan detailing the anticipated procurement activity that includes the expenditure for anything over \$100,000 as attached to this Report.
3. The sustainable and collaborative procurement opportunities for the known strategic sourcing events have been considered and classified
4. That the Procurement Plan is continually reviewed and updated throughout the year.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

8.2 COUNCIL MEETING PRAYER

There was 1 speaker on this item.

A written statement was read on behalf of Beverley Moss.

SUMMARY

1. At the Council Meeting held on 21 March 2022, Council received and considered a Notice of Motion (NOM) on the introduction of a Council Meeting Prayer and resolved that a report be presented to a future meeting of Council investigating the possible inclusion a prayer at the beginning of Ordinary Council Meetings along with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians and Diversity Statement.
2. This report responds to the request raised in the Notice of Motion and presents the findings of investigation and research pertaining to council prayers, including: benchmarking; previous practices at Banyule Council; analysing census data regarding religious identification; and relevant legislative and policy obligations.
3. The report concludes that based on being representative and serving in the best interests of the community of Banyule, there are no compelling or justifiable reasons to introduce a Council Prayer that refers to God or has religious association.
4. There may, however, be benefit in introducing a good governance pledge or commitment statement which reinforces the Councillor Oath/Affirmation of Office and the governance principles enshrined in the *Local Government Act 2020*. Though it is not being recommended to introduce such a pledge at this time, further exploration could be undertaken as part of the upcoming review of the Banyule Governance Rules.

Resolution (CO2022/129)

That Council:

1. Noting the investigation and findings regarding the possible introduction of a Council Meeting Prayer, acknowledges that a prayer should not be introduced for Banyule Council Meetings; and
2. Includes consideration of the possible introduction of a good governance pledge or commitment statement as part of the consultation process for the upcoming review of the Banyule Governance Rules.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

8.3 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS

SUMMARY

In accordance with section 60 of *the Local Government Act 2020*, Council at its meeting on 17 August 2020 adopted the Banyule Governance Rules. The Governance Rules, Chapter 6 Miscellaneous requires the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that a summary of the matters that are discussed, and meet the following definition:

If there is a meeting of Councillors that:

1. Is scheduled or planned for the purposes of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors;
2. Is attended by at least one member of Council staff; and
3. Is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee Meeting or a Community Asset Committee Meeting

are to be tabled at the next convenient Council Meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes of that Council meeting.

Record of Meetings

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| 1 | Date of Meeting: | 22/06/2022 |
| | Type of Meeting: | Advisory Committee Meeting: Disability and Inclusion, LGBTIQA+ and Multicultural Integrated Committee Meeting |
| | Matters Considered: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive Banyule Overview • Data trends and themes • Draft Inclusive Banyule Action Plan |
| | Councillors Present: | Alison Champion Rick Garotti Fiona Mitsinikos |
| | Staff Present: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> • Jo Wilson – <i>Manager Resilient & Connected Communities</i> • Laura Mannix – <i>Social Policy & Planning Team Leader</i> • Vickie Martinez – <i>Community & Social Planner</i> • Lisa King – <i>Community & Social Planner</i> • Xenia Taunt – <i>Rivers - Community & Social Planner</i> |
| | Others Present: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samira Liban • Jeyarajah (Raj) Ramanathan • Susan Zhou • Ginger (Lan) Jiang • Alaa Elzokm • Laila Fernandez • Parvin Ahadi • Donna Prichard |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Lowe • Sarah Hockey • Dani Stramandinoli • Ros Melling • David Landis-Morse • Morganne Blackburn • Fleassy Malay • Ilias Katis • Michelle McNamara • Richard Peterson | |
| Conflict of Interest: | NIL |

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| 2 | Date of Meeting: | 27/06/2022 |
| | Type of Meeting: | Pre-meeting Briefing |
| | Matters Considered: | |
| | Petition - Parklets on Upper Heidelberg Rd Watsonia Town Square - Community Consultation Summary & Preferred Concept Design North East Link Urban Design Landscape Plan Adoption of 10 Year Asset Plan Temporary Outdoor Dining Parklets and Pop-Up Program Proposed Budget 2022-2026 - Declarations of Interest Council Plan 2021-2025 - Adoption of Year 2 Annual Action Plan 2022/2023 Adoption of Financial Plan 2022-2032 Adoption of Revenue and Rating Plan 2022-2026 Adoption of Rates Financial Hardship Assistance Policy 2022-2026 Adoption of Banyule City Council Budget 2022-2026 Contract for the Provision of Parking and Traffic Enforcement and Administration Services Record of Councillor Meetings | |
| | Councillors Present: | |
| | Peter Castaldo (virtual) Alison Champion Peter Dimarelos Rick Garotti Alida McKern (virtual) Tom Melican (virtual) Fiona Mitsinikos Elizabeth Nealy | |
| | Staff Present: | |
| | Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> (virtual) Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Gina Burden – <i>Manager Corporate Governance & Communication</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Michael Tanner – <i>Manager Parks & Natural Environment</i> Karen Leeder – <i>Manager City Futures</i> Lucy Rasdell – <i>Manager Strategic Properties & Projects</i> | |

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| Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport & Environment</i> | |
| Others Present: NIL | |
| Conflict of Interest: | NIL |

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| 3 | Date of Meeting: | 4/7/2022 |
| | Type of Meeting: | Councillor Briefing |
| | Matters Considered: Customer Experience – Quarterly Update Banyule Activity Centre Governance Review Recommendations Review of Planning and Building Enforcement Framework Bell Street Development – Completion of Request for Proposal Phase 15-17 Flintoff Street – Commuter Car Park and Bus Interchange – Update on Continued Advocacy Watsonia Town Square – Land Matter | |
| | Councillors Present: Peter Castaldo Alison Champion Rick Garotti Alida McKern Tom Melican Fiona Mitsinikos Elizabeth Nealy | |
| | Staff Present: Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Michael Tanner – <i>Acting Director Assets and City Services</i> Robbie Colosimo – <i>Acting Director Community Wellbeing</i> Joel Elbourne – <i>Acting Director City Development</i> Karen Leeder – <i>Manager City Futures</i> Dani Ahimastos – <i>Economic Development Officer</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Manager Customer Experience & Business Improvement</i> Megan Kemp – <i>Councillor Support & Civic Events Officer</i> | |
| | Others Present: NIL | |
| | Conflict of Interest: | NIL |

Resolution (CO2022/130)

That Council receives and notes the Record of Councillor Meetings report.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion
Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

9. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Montmorency Football and Netball Club – 10 Years of Women’s Football

Councillor Alison Champion attended an event on 10 July 2022 celebrating 10 years of Women’s football at Montmorency Football and Netball Club, which is the largest integrated club in Australia, and honouring past and present players of all ages, coaches and club leaders.

11.2 Women in Business Lunch

Councillor Allison Champion attended Banyule Council’s Women in Business Lunch on Friday 15 July which was held for the first time in two years. Councillor Champion congratulated Banyule Council’s Economic Development Team for creating such a successful event, and thanked local businesses for contributing generously to raffle prizes.

11.3 New Fish Ladder at Darebin Creek in the Darebin Parklands

Councillor Alida McKern acknowledged the new Fish Ladder which has been installed in the Darebin Creek. The new Fish Ladder enables fish to swim upstream and new stepping stones have been added as a pedestrian crossing on the creek.

11.4 Australian Local Government Women’s Association Annual Conference (ALGWA)

Councillor Alida McKern attended the ALGWA conference hosted by the Greater Shepparton Council. It was an opportunity to network with other leaders from over fifty Victorian councils and learn more about local government operations.

11.5 Change Exhibit at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (ILCH)

Councillor Alida McKern attended the opening night of Theresa Bennett’s and Felicity Gordon’s Change exhibit at Loft 275 Gallery of ILCH with Mayor Nealy, Councillor Champion and Councillor Castaldo. The environmental exhibition aims to show how change can look, including a stool made out of coffee grounds. The exhibit is open to all until 24 July 2022.

11.6 Warringal Conservation Society Planting Bee

Councillor Fiona Mitsinikos attended the planting bee held in Banyule Native Garden in Viewbank on July 10 2022 along with Councillor Melican. Councillor Mitsinikos thanked Banyule Council’s Senior Bushland Ranger Kylie D’Amico, and James Dean of the Warringal Conservation Society and all volunteers who attended.

11.7 Banyule Youth Services and Open House Afternoon at Malahang Reserve

Councillor Fiona Mitsinikos attended a Banyule Youth Services/Open House afternoon at Malahang Reserve on 7 July 2022. Councillor Mitsinikos thanked all attendees as well as Banyule Youth Services, Open House and the grill masters who operated the barbecue.

Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 8.26pm.

DATED: DAY OF 2022

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 15 August 2022.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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| 1 | <p>Name & Suburb Luke Stephens, Ivanhoe</p> |
| | <p>Question: I'm concerned that any question put forward to Council by a Member of the Public can be refused because a question may be interpreted as "embarrassing" to a Council Member. As rate-payers we should have the right to ask questions without them being refused purely because they may be seen as embarrassing. Shouldn't the Council be fully transparent and embrace all questions submitted by those you represent? Can the Council amend these "Putin-like" rules to be more inclusive to Rate-payers?</p> |
| | <p>Response:</p> <p>The Governance Rules will be reviewed in stages over the coming months. The first review is proposed to be undertaken between August and November this year focusing on electronic council meetings and a broader review, including the provisions relating to the means in which the community can participate in Council meetings, will be undertaken in the next 6-9 months thereafter. At this time, the community will be able to provide feedback and input via the established community engagement methods on matters such as petitions, how the community can address Council, and Public Question time.</p> <p>It is important to note that as per the Governance Rules (page 31), Council meetings are the forum for Council to make its decisions, not for the public to use as a public forum to raise concerns regarding Councillor or staff conduct. There are other more appropriate avenues for raising these types of complaints or issues, please refer to Council's Complaints Management Policy available on our website. Nor can Council allow derogatory or defamatory statements to be made about any individual using any of its public platforms as Council could be held liable for allowing such statements to be published.</p> <p>Whilst there are provisions for Public Question time at Council Meetings, the Rules and associated guidelines set parameters around what can be asked to keep the questions in line with the purpose of public question time.</p> <p>Overall, respectful parameters around public question time and providing the community with appropriate channels to raise concerns aims to only strengthen the governance, transparency and accountability of Council.</p> <p><i>Gina Burden – Manager Corporate Governance & Communications</i></p> |

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| 2 | Name & Suburb Roger Marcus Fyfe, Ivanhoe |
| | Question: Council determined to exhibit a DRAFT BANYULE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY (Item 4.2 9/5/22 Meeting). The existing plan has approximately 2,500 residential parking permits in use. The revised plan proposes to combine three residential precincts in the Ivanhoe area. What are the number of residential parking permits in each of those in each of these current precincts, broken down by: Number of permits per dwelling: 4, 3, 2, 1? |
| | Response: We are not able to provide an answer to this question as part of public question time for the Council Meeting as it would require the diversion of resources for the data to be analysed, given the short time period of time between the question being asked and the Council meeting. An answer will be provided by email and published in the next Council Meeting's minutes. <i>Natasha Swan – Director City Development</i> |