

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 6 February 2023

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

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The Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

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

Diversity Statement

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

Present

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

Allison Beckwith – Chief Executive Officer, Darren Bennett – Director City Assets & Development, Natasha Swan – Director City Development , Joseph Linnestad – Acting Director Corporate Services, Kath Brackett – Director Community Wellbeing, Krysten Forte – Governance Coordinator, Linda Chapple – Governance & Council Business Specialist, Amy Woolcombe – Council Business Officer, Duncan Stephen – JETS Facility Technical Administrator, Sukhpreet Sidhu – Technical Analyst

Apologies

Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern

Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 5 December 2022

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Nil

Presentation

Nil

PROCEDURAL MOTION*(CO2023/1)***Resolution**

The Mayor called for a Procedural Motion to reorder the business of the Council Meeting Agenda.

1. In accordance with Chapter 2, Part C, Division 3, rule 18(2) of the Governance Rules, reorder the business on the agenda so that item 6.2 is presented directly after item 2.1.
2. Note that the order of business is to resume as per detailed in the agenda papers thereafter

Moved: Cr Alison Champion

Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS**2.1 REMOVE THE TRIAL CLOSURE OF GLOUCESTER DR/BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG****SUMMARY**

1. A petition titled "Remove the Trial Closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street" has been received with 154 signatories in support.
2. 154 signatories are from Heidelberg and 2 are from Rosanna.
3. The petition request is summarised as follows:

We the undersigned, petition or request Council to:

1. *End and remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol St due to the:*
 - a) *Unacceptable and ongoing negative impacts on, and decrease in amenity of, the surrounding streets because of the increased diverted traffic that is turning Berkeley Ave into a rat-run; and*
 - b) *Lack of local support for and acceptance of the permanent closure (54% of residents consulted did not express support for the closure with support decreasing for the closure over the course of the trial, Berkeley Ave residents were not consulted, and this petition)*
2. *Investigate and install more proportionate and appropriate traffic calming measures on Gloucester Dr/Bristol St (i.e. speed humps, chicanes, chokers, and/or local traffic signs etc.) that would effectively address the root cause of its residents' concerns and still allow the road to carry its fair share of traffic safely.*

Resolution (CO2023/2)

That Council:

1. Receives the petition;
2. Considers the petition as part of the Gloucester Drive Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure Council Report that is to be considered on 6

February 2023 Ordinary Council Meeting; and

3. Advise the primary petitioner of this petition resolution and outcome from the Officer Report relating to Gloucester Drive Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

6.2 GLOUCESTER DRIVE AND BRISTOL STREET, HEIDELBERG - REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Leslie Gilham addressed Council in person and was FOR the recommendation.
Marie Spangher addressed Council in person and was AGAINST the recommendation.
A written statement was read out on behalf of Peter Borbiro and was FOR the recommendation.

Richard Webb addressed Council in person and was AGAINST the recommendation.
Mark Gualano addressed Council in person and was AGAINST the recommendation.
Kevin Biaggini addressed Council in person and was AGAINST the recommendation.

SUMMARY

1. Council resolved, at its meeting on 20 September 2021, to proceed with a 12-month trial road closure at the intersection of Bristol Street and Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg.
2. The temporary road closure was installed on 9 December 2021 which includes semi-barrier kerbs with flexible bollards, separation kerbs and warning signage.
3. Quarterly reviews of the closure were undertaken during the last year. All concerns raised were investigated. Responses to the concerns are provided in this report.
4. A survey on the trial resulted in 33 responses from 65 surveys sent. From the received responses, 91% were supportive of the permanent closure.
5. Traffic data demonstrates that the traffic in the local network is more uniformly distributed and that the speed in which drivers are travelling is safe.
6. At its meeting on 5 December 2022, a further report was presented to Council reviewing the operation of the temporary road closure. At the meeting Council resolved to defer the matter in order to consider further information and community input and hear a foreshadowed petition regarding the matter.
7. A petition titled "Remove the Trial Closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street" has been received on 13 January 2023 with 154 signatories.
8. Traffic data demonstrates that the traffic in the local network is more uniformly distributed and that the speed in which drivers are travelling is safe in comparison to data prior to the speed humps and road closure being put in place.
9. A statutory process is required to consider the permanent closure of Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue. This process includes formal public consultation.

Resolution (CO2023/3)

That Council:

1. Notes the speed and volume data analysis, feedback during the trial closure and the community submissions received.

2. Resolves not to proceed with the permanent closure of Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg.
3. Approves the retention of the temporary road closure infrastructure from Bristol Street at Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg, to allow for continued consultation regarding traffic calming measures in Gloucester Drive.
4. Undertakes community consultation with residents who currently live on Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, regarding the potential installation of three watts profile speed humps along Gloucester Drive; and subject to majority support through the consultation process, allocates \$60,000 to be funded from the 2022/2023 Capital Works Budget savings for their installation.
5. Notifies residents of Gloucester Drive, Bristol Street, Berkeley Avenue, Heidelberg and adjacent streets of this resolution.

Moved: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos
 Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

3. OUR TRUSTED AND RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

3.1 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT - 1 DECEMBER 2022

SUMMARY

1. The *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA) section 53 requires all councils to establish an Audit and Risk Committee.
2. The Committee operates under an adopted Charter determined by Council and based on the best practice guide from Local Government Victoria. It operates akin to an advisory committee of Council and makes formal recommendations to Council on matters set out in the Charter.
3. The Audit & Risk Committee's role is to report to the Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its Charter in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
4. In the main, the Audit and Risk Committee monitor the compliance of Council's policies and procedures in line with the overarching governance principles, the Local Government Act 2020 and associated regulations, monitor Council's financial and performance reporting, monitor and provide advice on risk management and fraud preventions systems and controls, and oversee the internal and external audit functions.
5. The Chairperson's Annual Report has been prepared by the Chair of the Committee who is currently Independent Committee Member, Dr Irene Irvine and Council officers demonstrating how the Committee has discharged its responsibilities, as set out in the Audit & Risk Committee Charter, for 2022 calendar year.
6. This report was presented and adopted by the Committee at its meeting held 9 December 2022.

Resolution (CO2023/4)

That Council:

1. Adopt the Chairperson's Annual Report indicating how the Audit & Risk Committee has discharged its responsibilities for the 2022 year, as required by the Audit &

Risk Committee Charter and as required pursuant to s 54(5) and 54(6) of *Local Government Act 2020*.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

3.2 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES ARISING FROM THE 9 DECEMBER 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING

SUMMARY

1. The Audit & Risk Committee acts as an advisory committee of Council, 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 an Ordinary Council Meeting.
3. Accordingly, the minutes of the meeting held on the 9 December 2022 are presented in this report for noting by Council.
4. These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Audit & Risk Committee at its next meeting scheduled for 24 March 2023.

Resolution (CO2023/5)

That Council:

1. Note the unconfirmed meeting minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting that was held on the 9 December 2022 before presentation to the Audit and Risk Committee for confirmation at its scheduled meeting for 24 March 2023.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

3.3 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE REMUNERATION REVIEW

SUMMARY

1. The Audit & Risk Committee acts as an advisory committee of Council, and its role is determined by the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 2. The responsibilities and terms of reference of the Audit & Risk Committee are defined in the Committee's Charter.
 3. Section 3.5 of the Audit & Risk Committee Charter states that once every Council term (4 years), the fee paid to Independent Committee Members will be benchmarked against no less than five other like councils to provide the Council with the information required to fully review fees.
 4. The benchmarking process has indicated that our current remuneration fee paid to the Chairperson and Independent members are below the average fees being paid across various councils in the local government sector.
 5. Independent Committee Members fees have remained unchanged since 2012.
 6. This report proposes an increase in current fees paid to Independent Committee Members whilst remaining within the current approved operational budget.
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7. The proposed increase in remuneration would remain in place until 2025.

Resolution (CO2023/6)

That Council,

- a. Accept the recommendation to increase Independent Committee Member fees within the current operational budget from 1 March 2023 to the following:
 1. Member remuneration fees to increase by \$150 per meeting, to equate to a total fee \$1,450 (excl GST) per meeting.
 2. Chairperson remuneration fees to increase by \$128 per meeting to equate to a total fee of \$2,050 (excl GST) per meeting
- b. Apply the increases to each to become effective from 1 March 2023 until otherwise resolved.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

3.4 RECORD OF COUNCILLOR MEETINGS

SUMMARY

In accordance with section 60 of *the Local Government Act 2020*, Council at its meeting on 14 November 2022 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, 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 tabled at the next convenient Council Meeting and are recorded in the meeting minutes of that Council meeting.

Record of Meetings

1	Date of Meeting:	5/12/2022
	Type of Meeting:	Pre-Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition – Objection to the Draft Residential Parking Permit Policy 2022 • Uluru Statement from the Heart • Graffiti Strategy 2020 - 2024 - Year 2 Report • Advisory and Population Committees Report - September - November 2022 • 3.4 Sporting Facilities User Guide and Allocation Policy Sporting Facilities Capital Works Policy. • 2021/22 State of the Environment Report • Draft Urban Forest Strategy 2022-2032 		

- Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg – Review of Temporary Road Closure
- Wallace Street, Ivanhoe – Speed Reduction Treatment Consultation
- 11 Livingstone Street, Ivanhoe – Request to Change Zebra Crossing to Pedestrian Operated Signals
- 72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna – Subdivision of Council land (P631/2022)
- Community Infrastructure Plan
- Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer
- Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Council Staff
- Instrument of Appointment to Authorised Officers under the Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Instrument of Sub -Delegation and Appointment and Authorisation- Environment Protection Act 2017
- Award of Contract No. 1168-2022 Provision of Smart Access Control and Security Solution including Managed Services
- Record of Councillor Meetings
- Award Contract No. 1222-2022- Implementation of Microsoft Dynamics 365 CRM and Managed Services
- International Women's Day Event – 2023
- NJ Telfer Reserve Long-Term Electricity Power Requirements for Solar and Building
- Supply Chain Integrity
- Banyule Blitz

Councillors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Allison Beckwith - *Chief Executive Officer*
 Darren Bennett – *Director Assets & City Services*
 Marc Giglio – *Director Corporate Services*
 Natasha Swan – *Director City Development*
 Kath Brackett – *Director Community Wellbeing*
 Krysten Forte – *Governance Coordinator*
 Jonathan Risby – *Manager Transport & Environment*
 Michael Tanner – *Manager Parks & Natural Environment*
 Jan Richardson – *Cemetery Administration and Support Officer*
 Linda Chapple – *Governance & Council Business Specialist*
 Amy Woollcombe – *Council Business Officer*

Others Present:

Nil

Conflict of Interest:

Nil

MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**6 FEBRUARY 2023**

2	Date of Meeting:	7/12/2022
	Type of Meeting:	Multicultural Committee Meeting
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Food Strategy consultation • Harmony Week 2023 • Refugee Welcome Pack • Days of significance calendar • ICAN 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Cr Fiona Mitsinikos	
Staff Present:		
Jo Wilson – <i>Manager Resilient & Connected Communications</i> Lisa King – <i>Community & Social Planner</i>		
Others Present:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baljit Singh • Susan Zhou • Mandira Panday • Ansum Sadik • Alaa Elzokm 		
Conflict of Interest:		Nil

3	Date of Meeting:	8/12/2022
	Type of Meeting:	Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodiversity working Group • Bushland Management • Green Factor Tool and the Planning Scheme • State of the Environment Report • ICLIE Membership • Urban Food Strategy • North East Link 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern	
Staff Present:		

Jonathan Risby - <i>Manager Transport & Environment</i> Damien Harrison – <i>Environment Coordinator</i> Ellie Hall - <i>Community Climate Action Lead</i> Paul Davis – <i>Biodiversity Advisor</i> David Moon – <i>Development Planning Coordinator</i> Tom Crawshaw – <i>Park Ranger</i>	
Others Present:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>BECAAC Members;</i> • Denise Fernando • Jacinta Humphrey • Lynne Siejka • Paul Gale Baker • Michelle Giovas 	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

Resolution (CO2023/7)

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

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

4. OUR INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY**4.1 CHILD AND YOUTH FRAMEWORK 2021-2031 - YEAR 1 SUMMARY REPORT**

Councillor Dimarelos left the Chamber at 7:59pm.

Councillor Dimarelos returned to the Chamber at 8:01pm.

SUMMARY

1. On the 15 November 2021, the Child and Youth Framework 2021- 2031 (The Framework) was endorsed by Council to guide its work of continuing to support children and young people from birth to twenty- four (24) years.
2. The Framework is a long-term approach to supporting better outcomes for children and young people within the municipality.
3. The Banyule Child and Youth Committee are very proud to present the summary report highlighting outcomes and achievements of Year 1 of the Framework. **(Attachment 1)**

Resolution (CO2023/8)

That Council:

1. Notes the Child and Youth Framework 2021-2031: Year 1 Summary Report at attachment 1 to this report.

2. Acknowledges and thanks the Banyule Child and Youth Committee for their continued support and partnership work in the implementation of the Framework and associated actions.
3. Receives individual action (implementation) plan reports annually as part of the Child and Youth Framework Summary Report on the First 1000 days Plan- targeting children aged (Birth- 2 years); The Children's Plan - targeting children (3-12 years) and Youth Plan – targeting young people (12-24 years).
4. Notes that reporting on the Youth Plan – targeting young people (12-24 years) will include specific reporting on 12-16 year and 16 –24 year cohort actions.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

4.2 INTERNATIONAL WOMAN'S DAY CELEBRATION EVENT

SUMMARY

1. At the 5 December 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to receive a future report on costings for Council to host an International Women's Day Event in March 2023 for the Banyule Community.
2. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.
3. As Council does not currently hold a specific event to celebrate International Women's Day a budget allocation would be required of \$13,000 if the event was to proceed in 2023.
4. Officers propose to hold the event on 10 March 2023, including guest speakers, collections to support woman's charities and networking opportunities to celebrate the 2023 International Women's Day campaign theme of #EmbraceEquity.
5. If Council wishes to continue to hold events of such nature on an ongoing basis, then funding consideration will need to be made in future budgets.

Resolution (CO2023/9)

That Council:

1. Support the introduction of a Banyule Community Event to celebrate International Women's Day to be held in March 2023.
2. Allocate the additional amount of \$13,000 from operational savings to the Event to cover the costs associated with venue hire, catering, security and other event management requirements for the Event to be successfully held at The Centre Ivanhoe.
3. Consider the appropriate payment that may be charged per person as an entry fee in line with the budget considerations for the event.
4. Consider ongoing funding support for a continued event to celebrate Internal Woman's Day each year through its upcoming budget deliberations and process.

Moved: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

4.3 SUPPORT FOR THE EVERYAGE COUNTS GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT TO END AGEISM**SUMMARY**

1. The EveryAge Counts (EAC) organisation sent correspondence to Banyule City Council inviting Council to join other Local Government areas around Australia to support the work of EAC and provided information for Council's to consider if Council wanted to take action and establish a formal position on EveryAge Counts.
2. EAC correspondence was taken to Banyule's Age Friendly Committee on the 29 September 2022 for consideration in the first instance and the Committee advised and recommended that Council's support on the campaign.
3. Supporting the EAC Campaign will enable Council to directly address the impacts of ageism on Banyule's older community members and enable Council to demonstrate meeting our responsibilities under the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Resolution (CO2023/10)

That Council:

1. Support the EveryAge Counts (EAC) Motion recommendations, which includes:
 - a. Stating its deep concern about the profound impact of ageism on the community. Recognise that ageism can negatively impact the job prospects, confidence, health, quality of life and control over life decisions of Banyule constituents. Ageism can limit people from participating in communities as full citizens. Ageism also has proven negative impacts on the physical health, mental health, and longevity of our constituents.
 - b. Supporting the EAC campaign to end ageism and join with others in the community to create a society where every person is valued, connected, and respected, regardless of age.
 - c. Taking the pledge to stand for a world without ageism where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. Commit to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life.
 - d. Signing the pledge to raise awareness of the impacts of ageism, and for this to take place in March 2023 to align with the relaunching of the Age Friendly Champions program post the COVID-19 restrictions.
 - e. Informing relevant Federal and State parliamentarians of Council's support for the EAC campaign and advising that Banyule have taken the pledge to end ageism.
2. Agree to Council delivering the actions outlined under Key Considerations on Page 3 of this Report, as advised by the Age Friendly Committee.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

4.4 ARTS & CULTURE STRATEGY REVIEW**SUMMARY**

1. Council's Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021 sets a vision, cultural outcomes and guided actions related to arts and culture in Banyule until 2021.
2. The Strategy expired in December 2021. Since, Council has undertaken a review of the Strategy to consider its success and key learnings for future strategic arts and culture planning.
3. The review demonstrated that despite Covid-19 impacts, the Strategy was successful. Arts and culture activity helped to achieve cross-Council strategic objectives; significant programming opportunities were delivered to support community members to engage in cultural experiences including major events; there was significant investment in public art, and the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was established and enabled a greater number and diversity of cultural opportunities for community including exhibitions and creative sector professional development.
4. A key learning of the review is the importance of having clearly defined outcomes and strategic planning that takes an integrated whole-of-Council approach that pragmatically considers what is achievable within Council's allocated resources.
5. Throughout the Strategy period, community voice and interest surrounding Council's investment in arts and culture has remained high and continues to increase.
6. Strategic planning and development to guide Arts & Culture in Banyule for the next decade will be undertaken throughout the 2022/23 financial year.
7. "Creative Banyule 2030" will solidify a new strategic direction and will aim to elevate arts and culture's role in achieving Council's Community Vision; while taking an integrated and place-based approach that enhances the activation of cultural outcomes alongside social, economic and environmental outcomes.
8. Council has established a comprehensive community engagement plan, with community consultation to commence in February 2023. This will support the co-design of the Strategy and related action plan for Council consideration.

Resolution (CO2023/11)

That Council:

1. Note the achievements of the Arts & Culture Strategic Plan 2017-2021.
2. Acknowledge the contribution of members of Banyule's Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, both past and present.
3. Acknowledge the value and positive impact of arts and culture activities in Banyule and commit to ongoing investment through the development of a new arts and culture strategic plan – Creative Banyule 2030.
4. Note that the strategic planning and development to guide Arts & Culture in Banyule will be undertaken throughout the 2022/23 financial year for Arts and Culture Strategy – 'Creative Banyule 2030'; and
5. Supports the Community Engagement Plan (1 Feb – 15 March) which includes a dedicated Shaping Banyule page and survey, two community workshop (online and in person), a workshop with Banyule's artists and creative sector, workshop with internal departments and staff survey, Councillor survey and consultation with Banyule's Advisory Committees, to help inform the development of the draft 'Creative Banyule 2030' document.

6. Receives a further report detailing the draft 'Creative Banyule 2030' document once it has been developed.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

5. OUR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

Nil

6. OUR WELL-BUILT CITY

6.1 HEIDELBERG PARK MASTERPLAN – ENDORSEMENT

Kevin Biaggini addressed Council in person and was FOR the recommendation

SUMMARY

- The Heidelberg Park Masterplan was an initiative project in the 2019/20 financial year.
- An important recommendation in the *Public Open Space Plan (2016 – 2031)* is to prepare a master plan for Heidelberg Park.
- The Masterplan provides a long- term vision for this park that will service both current and future community needs.
- A final Masterplan was produced in November of 2022 after three phases of public consultation totalling 5,163 Shaping Banyule views, 308 online contributors and 25 emails received.
- The final Masterplan is supported by the local community with 87% of respondents confirming they support the inclusions of the document.
- To deliver all elements detailed in the Masterplan would cost in the region of \$7,600,000 (inclusive of oval redevelopment – approximately \$2.2million) and there are opportunities to seek external funding to support delivery.

Resolution (CO2023/12)

That Council:

1. Adopt the final Heidelberg Park Masterplan;
2. Consider the discreet projects as part of the future ten-year Capital Works Program.
3. Actively seek external grants and funding opportunities to assist with delivery.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED

7. OUR VALUED COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES**7.1 OLYMPIC LEISURE CENTRE - COMMUNITY VISION REPORT****SUMMARY**

- On 4 October 2021, Council adopted a set of project principles that underpinned the Olympic Village Leisure Centre (OLC) re-imagining project that included being sustainable and connected, flexible, transformational, predictive, proactive, and collaborative for everyone.
- The OLC Community Co-Design Team was formed through an Expression of Interest (Eoi) process and the membership reflected the demographics of the community.
- The Community Co-Design team presented the outcomes of the reimagining process to a Council briefing on 12 May 2022.
- Representatives of the team shared a new Community Vision as presented in the attached OLC Concept Design Report, (**Attachment 1**), that responds to local needs and strongly emphasises the retention and possible expansion of aquatics.
- The OLC Co-design team were very clear about the need to retain an aquatic facility at the site to meet the unique and diverse needs of the Heidelberg West Community.
- The OLC recently reopened in October 2022 from an 18-month closure for extensive emergency rectification works. Approximately \$1.5 million has been spent on upgrading the pool concourse and stadium which has resulted in a considerate uplift and improvements to the aquatics, gym, and basketball courts.
- The re-opening presents an opportunity to trial and test new program options identified by community as part of the co-design process and gauge the level of renewed community interest and participation at the leisure centre going forward.

Resolution (CO2023/13)

That Council:

1. Receives the Olympic Leisure Centre (OLC) Community Vision, as presented in the attached OLC Concept Design Report.
 2. Acknowledges the work of the Community Co-Design team in the development of the OLC community vision and thanks them for their contribution.
 3. Supports the continued partnership with the West Heidelberg Key Partners Collaborative Working Group, the OLC Co-design Team and Council Officers, to continue to work through community needs and potential future options for OLC. Including continuing to advocate for State and Federal government funding
 4. Reviews the Community Vision concept and associated reports to analyse viability, opportunities, outcomes, funding strategies, partners and any further work, investigations or options that may be required to support achieving the community aspirations reflected in the Vision.
 5. Receives an interim report in November 2023 that presents information on visits, programming and engagement at OLC over the 12 months since re-opening. Also includes details of any new partnerships connections or initiatives that respond to the community vision and key principles.
 6. A further report be presented to Council by late 2024 to report on these investigations and analysis of the Vision, as well as the OLC operations, engagement and programming since OLC was reopened and outline the proposed next steps.
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7. Endorses inclusion of the Olympic Leisure Centre as a local level facility within the Draft Banyule Aquatic Strategy to retain a level of aquatics.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

8. OUR THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

Nil

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Christmas Day Event with Exodus

Cr Mitsinikos reflected on the Christmas Day volunteer lunch event held together with Brother Harry from Exodus that was held on 25 December 2022. It was a great day with volunteers serving 40 meals to those in need, and provided an opportunity for those who may have been alone on Christmas Day to be with others in the Community.

Banyule Youth Pop-Up Bike Jumps

Cr Mitsinikos highlighted the MTB and BMX jumps session for the Banyule youth which was held at Rosanna Park Lands and Malahang Reserve on the both 12 and 16 January 2023. Cr Mitsinikos advised that over 30 people participated in the event with local "Mountain Biking Legend" Chevy Del Zell supporting the youth and sharing some mount bike expertise.

Midsumma Festival

The Mayor reflected on the Midsumma Festival which is Australia's premier queer arts and cultural organisation, bringing together a diverse mix of LGBTQIA+ artists, performers, communities and audiences.

One of the events of the festival was the Midsumma Pride March, which Cr Castaldo attended and voiced was a great and well populated event. The Pride march is an annual event celebrating solidarity in gender and sexual diversity.

Cr Castaldo also spoke to the gender Garden Exhibition and encouraged community members to visit Council's website (<https://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Events-activities/Whats-on/Exhibition-history/The-Gender-Garden>) for more information.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1	Name & Suburb
	Anonymous
	Question:
	What is the economic or financial benefit to the community in installing anything to do with the 20-min neighbourhoods?
	Response:

	<p>The creation of 20-minute neighbourhoods is part of the State Governments Planning strategy, Plan Melbourne 2017-2050. It's focused on giving people the ability to meet most of their daily needs within a 20-minute walk from home.</p> <p>Research has shown that the creation of 20-minute does facilitate thriving local economies, enabling greater access to local businesses and employment opportunities. It is also noted that there are economic benefits in creating walkable neighbourhoods through reduction in traffic congestion, improvement in health, infrastructure and environmental outcomes.</p> <p>– Director Natasha Swan – Director City Developments</p>
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2	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Roger Fyfe Ivanhoe</p> <hr/> <p>Question:</p> <p>There are currently two pedestrian crossings on Lower Heidelberg Road in the East Ivanhoe Shopping Strip. Only one is operating - the original one at the Northern end.</p> <p>The new one at the Southern end was finished in September 2022, requiring the removal of a number of parking spaces. Five months later, it is still not operating.</p> <p>In addition, a number of parking spaces in side streets have been removed recently.</p> <p>How can Council increase the number of parking spaces available within the vicinity of the Shopping Centre?</p> <hr/> <p>Response:</p> <p>The Department of Transport and Planning are responsible for the installation of the pedestrian crossing and are waiting for the power to be connected. They expect Jemena to do this by the end of the month.</p> <p>Five parking spaces have been removed on the arterial road as part of the signal installation.</p> <p>Seven parking spaces have been removed at the start of Burton Crescent as part of a trial place activation and outdoor dining project. These works were undertaken following consultation and aim to assist in the revitalisation of the shopping strip.</p> <p>Council is reviewing potential options to replace some of the parking spaces that we have removed if the work is made permanent. We have also recently undertaken consultation with the shopping strip regarding modifications to parking restrictions in the existing carparks at the rear of the shops, to encourage greater turnover of parking and more availability for shoppers.</p> <p>– Director Natasha Swan – Director City Developments</p>
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Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 8:51pm.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 27 February 2023

Minutes Confirmed: 27th Day of February 2023

Signed by Cr Peter Castaldo

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