

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 27 February 2023

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

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The Meeting opened at 7:03pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

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

Inclusive Banyule Statement

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

Present

Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo, Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern 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 Assets & City Services, Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services, Kath Brackett – Director Community Wellbeing, Natasha Swan – Director City Development, Krysten Forte – Governance Coordinator, Linda Chapple - Governance & Council Business Specialist, Amy Woolcombe - Council Business Officer, Sukhpreet Sidu – Technical Analyst, Duncan Stephen – Jets Facility & Technical Administrator, Krishan Meepe – Jets Youth Program Officer

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

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Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Nil

Presentation

Nil

1. Urgent Business

Councillor Di Pasquale left the Chamber at 7:10pm

Councillor Di Pasquale returned to the Chamber at 7:11pm.

Motion – Admitting Urgent Business

That pursuant to Chapter 2, Part C, Division 3, Rule 19 of the Governance Rules, Council resolve to admit the *Montmorency Community Hub – Current financial and operating situation urgent business item* into Urgent Business as listed in the Council Agenda 27 February 2023 for Council to consider at this meeting.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

1. URGENT BUSINESS MOTION – MONTMORENCY COMMUNITY HUB – CURRENT FINANCIAL AND OPERATING SITUATION

That Council:

1. Note the urgent and current financial and operational situation of the Montmorency Neighbourhood Cooperative Ltd (trading as Montmorency Community Hub).
2. Write to the Australian Prime Minister, the Victorian Premier and relevant Local Members of Parliament seeking their urgent financial commitment to support the financial viability and sustainability of the Montmorency Community Hub as a three tier government responsibility noting Council's commitment to equal funding of this potential venture.
3. Note that Council's consideration of financial support is subject to an equally shared financial commitment from other levels of government.
4. Request a report from Officers on the advocacy outcomes regarding the equal financial investment on this matter via the other levels of government, including the verified property valuation, and any future capital investment required to operationalise the site.
5. Due to the urgency of this matter, request that the report is to be presented at the Council Meeting for 20 March 2023.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

2. PETITIONS**2.1 OBJECTION TO CONSULTATION AND PROPOSED EXPANSION OF DRAFT RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT POLICY 2016**

Roger Fyfe addressed Council in person and was AGAINST the recommendation

SUMMARY

1. A petition titled "Objection to Consultation and Proposed Expansion of Draft Residential Parking Permit Policy 2016" has been received by Council with 28 signatures in support for it.
2. 26 signatories are from Ivanhoe and 2 are from Eaglemont.
3. The petition is summarised as follows:

We the undersigned petition Banyule City Council to acknowledge that the Draft Residential Parking Policy consultation process has failed to inform the community of the major changes made to the 2016 Policy, which is still in force until 30/6/23.

The proposal to combine three separate Ivanhoe Residential Parking Precincts 59, 60 and 61 into one large Precinct 60 was not the only change.

Exclude from Permits are: trucks, heavy vehicles, motor homes, caravans, boats, machinery or equipment, trailers or any vehicle or machinery that is designed or modified to be towed by another vehicle.

This is a substantial expansion of the 2016 Policy. Further the draft policy has not responded to innovations in for profit/private hire vehicle models. A revised strategy and further community consultation is required immediately.

Resolution (CO2023/14)

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the petition.
2. Refers the petition to the Transport and Environment Team for consideration and response to the primary petitioner and Council.
3. Notes that since the original petition was received, additional 140 signatures has been submitted and received by Council.
4. Advise the primary petitioner of the outcome of this resolution.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

3. OUR TRUSTED AND RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP

3.1 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA (MAV) STATE COUNCIL

A written statement was read out on behalf of Chris Chapple, Chris was FOR the recommendation.

SUMMARY

1. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is the statutory peak body for local government in Victoria and should take a lead role in advocating to the State Government on a variety of issues of concern to local governments in Victoria.
2. The State Council is MAV's governing body and is made up of representation from each member council.
3. Members can submit business to be considered to the MAV State Council Meeting in accordance with MAV's Strategy 2021-2025.
4. All motions are due to the MAV on or before Monday 20 May 2023 and are required to be the subject of a Council resolution.
5. All motions must be submitted to the MAV 60 days prior to the meeting.
6. Cr Tom Melican is Council's appointed Council representative, and Cr Elizabeth Nealy is Council's nominated substitute, who can attend the MAV State Council Meeting with voting rights. It is important to note that Cr Nealy would only attend if Cr Melican was not able to, and therefore has the appropriate authorisation to vote as per Council's resolution from 7 November 2022- Statutory Council Meeting.

7. The Agenda and Business Papers for the MAV State Council Meeting will be made available on the MAV State Council website on 19 April 2023.
8. Submitting motions to the MAV State Council is an approach Council is taking to align with Council's responsibility of advocating on behalf of the community.
9. **Attachment 1** to this Report details the proposed motions to be submitted to the MAV State Council Meeting – May 2023 for consideration.

Resolution (CO2023/15)

That Council:

1. In accordance with this resolution, and the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Rules 2022, endorse the motions that are annexed to this report at **Attachment 1** to be submitted to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) for consideration at the MAV State Council Meeting scheduled for Friday 19 May 2023.
2. Note that the Motions close on 20 March 2023 and are required to be a resolution of Council for consideration.
3. Note that Council may amend the motions that are submitted in consultation with the MAV Governance Department up until 5pm Wednesday 12 April 2023.
4. In line with resolution 3, authorise for the Chief Executive Officer and Governance Coordinator the ability to:
 - a) submit the endorsed motions on behalf of Council; and
 - b) make any minor changes to improve the wording of the motion and/or to update the motion relative to any changes to the issue that may have occurred between this Council meeting and the date of its lodgement with the MAV so as to ensure that it can meet the requirements of the MAV Rules.
5. Note that any feedback received from the MAV on the acceptance, required amendment or rejection of any motion throughout the motion submission process is communicated back to Councillors accordingly.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

3.2 BANYULE CITY COUNCIL - SUBMISSION OF MOTIONS FOR AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA)

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this Report is to seek endorsement from Council of proposed motions to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) – National General Assembly (NGA) conference scheduled to be held between 13-15 June 2023.
2. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is the national voice of local government, representing over 530 councils across the nation.
3. ALGA is a federation of state and territory local government associations.

4. ALGA is guided their key policies and strategic priorities which are determined by the AGLA Board, consisting of two representatives from each of the member associations and an independent chair.
5. Motions that are carried by the NGA become resolutions, and these resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and feed into the Australian Council of Local Government processes.
6. The strategic priorities are aimed at focusing on championing for financial stability, roads and infrastructure funding, waste and recycling, strong community resilience and addressing the risk of climate change.
7. Each June, Banyule City Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer are invited to attend the ALGA National General Assembly (NGA) which calls for motions that align to the theme of each year and aims to identify opportunities for new federal programs and policies that will support councils.
8. The theme for this year's AGLA conference is "Our Communities, Our Future".
9. Officers have worked with Councillors to consider the issues facing local government and key advocacy priorities of Banyule City Council.
10. The proposed motions that are detailed in the body of this Report, if resolved on, will be presented and submitted to ALGA for consideration and voting at the Conference.
11. Council has a role to play in advocating to state and federal government agencies on key priority matters and advocating through the ALGA is a key opportunity to support our community and sector, aligning to Council's Advocacy portfolio and Council Plan Strategic Objectives.

Resolution (CO2023/16)

That Council:

1. Endorse the motion(s) to be submitted to the Australian Local Government Association General Assembly as annexed at Attachment 1 to this Report.
2. Note that the additional motion to be submitted to ALGA regarding the Urban Food Strategy: *That this National General Assembly calls to the Australian Government to prepare a strategy that provides for a Resilient and Sustainable National Food Secure Australia, able to provide for access to "sufficient, safe, and nutritious food" to its entire population at all times.*
3. In line with resolution 2, authorise for the Chief Executive Officer and Governance Coordinator the ability to:
 - a) submit the endorsed motions on behalf of Council; and
 - b) make any minor changes to improve the wording of the motion and/or to update the motion relative to any changes to the issue that may have occurred between this Council meeting and the date of its lodgement with ALGA so as to ensure that it can meet the requirements of the ALGA NGA Criteria; and
4. Note that any feedback received from the ALGA on the acceptance, required amendment or rejection of any motion throughout the motion submission process is communicated back to Councillors accordingly.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

3.3 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:	30 January 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture Strategic Plan - Creative Banyule 2030 • Customer Service Quarterly Update • Support for Banyule Retail Centres - January Update • Draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy 2023 – 2028 • Council Plan 2021-25 - Draft Year 3 Actions Plan • Neighbourhood House Partnership Framework • Quarterly Financial Management Report - December 2022 	
Councillors Present:		
Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion arrived 7.47pm Cr Peter Dimarelos Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Tom Melican Cr Fiona Mitsinikos arrived 6.41pm Cr Elizabeth Nealy		
Staff Present:		
Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Acting Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Megan Kemp - <i>Strategic Executive Assistant to CEO & Mayor</i> Cheree Hunter - <i>Manager Inclusive and Creative Communities</i> Karen Leeder – <i>Manager City Futures</i> Derek Ephrem - <i>Economic Development Coordinator</i> Dani Ahimastos - <i>Senior Economic Development Officer</i>		

Erica Hardie - <i>Senior Project Manager</i> Daniella Pariasella – <i>Economic Development Officer</i> Tania O'Reilly - <i>Manager Finance & Procurement</i> Tony Wu – <i>Acting Performance and Planning Coordinator</i> Hannes Berger - <i>Arts & Culture Coordinator</i>	
Others Present:	
Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

2	Date of Meeting:	06 February 2023 5.30pm
	Type of Meeting:	Pre-Brief
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petition – Remove the trial closure of Gloucester Dr/Bristol Street, Heidelberg • Audit & Risk Committee - Annual Report - 1 December 2022 • Audit & Risk Committee Minutes arising from the 9 December 2022 Committee Meeting • Audit & Risk Committee Remuneration Review • Record of Councillor Meetings • Child and Youth Framework 2021-2031 - Year 1 Summary Report • International Women's Day Celebration Event • Support for the EveryAGE Counts grassroots movement to end ageism • Arts & Culture Strategy Review • Heidelberg Park Masterplan – endorsement • Gloucester Drive and Bristol Street, Heidelberg - Review of Temporary Road Closure • Olympic Leisure Centre - Community Vision Report 	
Councillors Present:		
Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion – arrived 5:36pm Cr Peter Dimarelos – arrived 5:50pm Cr Mark Di Pasquale – arrived 5:36pm Cr Rick Garotti – arrived 5:36pm Cr Tom Melican – arrived 5:35pm Cr Fiona Mitsinikos Cr Elizabeth Nealy		
Staff Present:		
Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Acting Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport and Environment</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Linda Chapple - <i>Governance & Council Business Specialist</i> Amy Woollcombe – <i>Council Business Officer</i>		

Others Present:	
Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

3	Date of Meeting:	02 February 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
	Matters Considered:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Apologies • Creative Banyule 2030 (Arts & Culture strategic plan workshop) 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Cr Tom Melican Cr Elizabeth Nealy	
	Staff Present:	
Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Cheree Hunter – <i>Manger Inclusive & Creative Communities</i> Hannes Berger – <i>Arts & Culture Coordinator</i> Hiroki Kobayashi Blackney – <i>Arts & Cultural Development Officer</i> Jade Lillie – <i>Creative Industries consultant</i>		
Others Present:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Hansen • June Gassin • Janelle Dunstan • Genelle Ryan • Craig Eloranta • Amy Stephenson • Caroline Wall • Leah Crossman • Deb Lemcke • Kevin Ritchie 		
Conflict of Interest:	Nil	

4	Date of Meeting:	13 February 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing
	Matters Considered:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy progress report and next steps on North East Link advocacy • Banyule City Council Motions - Submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) - State Council Meeting • Banyule City Council Motions - Submission to Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) • Rates Hardship Assistance - Status Update 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banyule Advisory and Population Committee Honorarium Options Paper • Continuous Improvement Update • Watsonia Pool Name Reference - Acknowledgement of Herb Norman Swimming Pool 	
Councillors Present:	
Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Tom Melican Cr Fiona Mitsinikos	
Staff Present:	
Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Governance Coordinator</i> Jonathan Risby – <i>Manager Transport & Environment</i> Shawn Neilsen – <i>Communications, Advocacy & Engagement Coordinator</i> Michele Purtle – <i>Advocacy Lead</i>	
Others Present:	
Nil	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

Resolution (CO2023/17)

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

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

3.4 ADVOCACY SIX MONTHLY REPORT

Councillor Dimarelos left the Chamber at 7:50pm

Councillor Dimarelos returned to the Chamber at 7:53pm

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on Council's advocacy activities since July 2022.
2. Council endorsed its first ever Advocacy Framework and Action Plan in May 2022. An action of the Advocacy Framework is that update reports be provided to Council on the status of our advocacy work.
3. A four-year Advocacy Action Plan was also included within the Framework and is reported on each quarter to improve the effectiveness of Council's Advocacy efforts.

Resolution (CO2023/18)

That Council:

1. Note the Advocacy Six Monthly Report for July 2022 to December 2022.
2. Promote the July to September 2022 Advocacy Quarterly Report and October to December 2022 Advocacy Quarterly Report on Council's website and feature it in the March 2023 edition of the Banyule Banner.
3. Receive a further report in August 2023 on the January 2023 – July 2023 Advocacy outcomes.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

4. OUR INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

4.1 BANYULE SCOUTS GRANTS PROGRAM - YEAR 2 REPORT

Abdirizak Mohamad addressed council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation.
Kevan Hill addressed council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation.

SUMMARY

1. At the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 17 August 2020, Council approved the establishment of the Banyule Scouts Grants Program which allocated \$100,000 per annum for capital works projects over the next four years.
2. In 2021/22, the second year of the program, the grant round occurred between May 2022 and June 2022.
3. Through a coordinated approach with Scouts Victoria, the District Commissioner (DC), the Banyule District Scouts Groups and Council officers, three grant applications totalling \$100,000 were prioritised and submitted for approval.
4. Grants were approved and distributed to 1st Eaglemont, 10th Ivanhoe, and Heidelberg Scout Groups.
5. Through the evaluation of the Year 2 program and feedback provided, opportunities for improvement for both years three and four of the program were identified, with a grants program that is supported through a collaborative approach with Scouts Victoria, the DC and Council.

Resolution (CO2023/19)

That Council:

1. Notes the Banyule Scout Grants Program allocation for the 2021/22 financial year to the following Scouts groups:
 - 1st Eaglemont Scout Group \$40,000
 - 10th Ivanhoe Scout Group \$20,000
 - Heidelberg Scout Group \$40,000
2. Notes the collaborative process with the District Commissioner (DC), local Scouts groups and Scouts Victoria to deliver the Banyule Scouts Grants Program and the collaborative and coordinating role the DC for Banyule Scouts has taken in supporting the grant program.

3. Notes a program evaluation of the four-year program will be undertaken and the findings presented to Council on an annual basis.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

4.2 ADVISORY AND POPULATION COMMITTEES REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022 - FEBRUARY 2023

SUMMARY

1. Advisory committees are made up of Councillors and Community members.
2. They have terms of references and meet to discuss relevant issues, advise Council on specific matters based on the committee's purpose and objectives, and oversee the implementation of Council's strategic plan for their respective focus.
3. Advisory Committees provide important linkages between Council, Community, State agencies and interest groups. Following each advisory committee meeting, a report is submitted to Council to note the minutes from the committee meetings held during April - August 2022 and draw attention to specific recommendations that each advisory committee wishes to bring to the attention of Council.
4. Where there have been actions requested or recommendations made by the committee, officer comments have been provided in the report.
5. The following minutes are presented to Council for noting:
 - Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee – 7 December 2022
 - Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee – 14 December 2022
 - Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – 2 February 2023
 - Banyule Environment and Climate Action Committee – 8 December 2022
 - Multicultural Committee – 7 December 2022
 - Banyule Disability and Inclusion Committee – 6 December 2022
 - LGBTIQA+ Committee – 1 December 2022
 - Age Friendly Committee – 24 November 2022

Resolution (CO2023/20)

That Council:

1. Notes the following meeting minutes and reports:
 - a) Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee – 7 December 2022
 - b) Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Advisory Committee – 14 December 2022
 - c) Arts and Culture Advisory Committee – 2 February 2023
 - d) Banyule Environment and Climate Action Committee – 8 December 2022

- e) Multicultural Committee – 7 December 2022
 - f) Banyule Disability and Inclusion Committee – 6 December 2022
 - g) LGBTIQ+ Committee – 1 December 2022
 - h) Age Friendly Committee – 24 November 2022
2. Notes a recommendation from the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee that Council align the terms of the advisory and population committees with the councillor mayoral term and that a report for Council consideration will be submitted at a future Council meeting, regarding the alignment of the mayoral and advisory committee terms.
 3. Notes the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee congratulates and supports Council's endorsement of the Uluru Statement of the Heart.
 4. Notes the Multicultural Committee supports Banyule City Council to become a signatory of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and that a report for Council consideration will be submitted at a future Council meeting, regarding the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and note that an officer report will be presented back to Council regarding the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN).
 5. Endorse the Age Friendly Committee would like for the Terms of Reference to be changed to enable the current number of community members to be increased from 12 to 15 members, to ensure there are enough community members in attendance at each meeting and to enable subcommittees to be established.

Cr Di Pasquale requested the Mover and Seconder to consider to move an Amended Motion to the Motion on the table. Cr Nealy and Cr Melican declined accepting the amendment.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

Cr Mark Di Pasquale called for a Division:

FOR: Cr Tom Melican, Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Alison Champion, Cr Peter Dimarelos, Cr Elizabeth Nealy, Cr Fiona Mitsinikos Cr Alida McKern

AGAINST: Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr Rick Garotti

The Mayor declared the motion

CARRIED

5. OUR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

5.1 NJ TELFER RESERVE LONG-TERM ELECTRICITY POWER REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR AND BUILDING

SUMMARY

1. At the 5 December 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved to receive a future report on the required actions and resource implications to address the long-term main supply power constraints at NJ Telfer Reserve.

2. As part of Council's climate action program of works, community facilities at NJ Telfer Reserve were investigated for potential solar installation. The investigation revealed that a power supply upgrade via group metering was required to enable solar to be installed at the Bundoora Scout Hall. This power upgrade is valued at \$184,800, significantly exceeding the cost of the solar installation and outweighing the environmental benefits of doing so.
3. Although the Scout Hall solar installation alone does not justify a power upgrade, it is acknowledged that the current power supply supports a number of community facilities, and it would be necessary to undertake a power upgrade should any future works be proposed as the current system is at full capacity.
4. Strong impetus exists for Council to pursue the power upgrade at NJ Telfer Reserve. In addition to supporting solar installations and Council's climate action objectives, the power upgrade may also support other future development opportunities and sustainability initiatives that are currently constrained.

Resolution (CO2023/21)

That Council:

1. Supports the need for a power upgrade at NJ Telfer Reserve.
2. Refer the costs of upgrade of \$184,800 to the 2023/24 budget process for consideration.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

6. OUR WELL-BUILT CITY**6.1 IBBOTTSON STREET, WATSONIA - PROPOSAL TO PLACE PERMANENT BARRIERS - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS****SUMMARY**

1. At the 27 June 2022 Council Meeting Council resolved to:
"Commences the statutory process under the Local Government Act 1989 to permanently place obstructions or barriers on Ibbottson Street to restrict access of vehicles to the western end."
2. Public notice of the intention to install permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, at Watsonia Road was undertaken with a notice published in the Herald Sun, physical boards placed on-site and letters circulated to nearby properties and the emergency services.
3. The proposal was also submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) on 19 August 2022 requesting a formal report as required by the Local Government Act 1989.
4. During the submission period, 7 written submissions were received. No submitters requested to speak on their submission.
5. This report is to enable Council to formally consider the written submissions received through this process.

Resolution (CO2023/22)

That Council:

1. Note the submissions received as part of the public consultation to place permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, east of Watsonia Road/Ibbottson Street roundabout in accordance with the statutory process under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
2. Proceed with the proposed placement of permanent barriers on Ibbottson Street, Watsonia, east of Watsonia Road/Ibbottson Street intersection in accordance with the preferred concept design for the Watsonia Town Square development.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

6.2 NORTHERN TRAILS 2022 - NORTHERN TRAILS STRATEGY REFRESH - ENDORSEMENT

SUMMARY

1. The Northern Regional Trails Strategy 2022 has been prepared to establish a framework for the planning and development of regional trails in Northern Melbourne for the next 10 years and beyond. The strategy is a collaboration between six Councils: Darebin, Banyule, Hume, Merri-bek, Nillumbik and Whittlesea.
2. The main purpose of this Strategy will be to act as a key advocacy document to attract funding from State and Federal Government to deliver the Northern Region Trail Network over the next decade and beyond.
3. This strategy reviews and updates the 2016 strategy, taking into consideration the significant changes in the landscape as a result of large-scale state government infrastructure projects. The 2016 strategy successfully leveraged approximately \$11 million of State Government funding to deliver priority projects across the region.
4. Community engagement identified strong support for the strategy with some minor adjustments identified to reflect community feedback.

Resolution (CO2023/23)

That Council:

1. Adopt the draft Northern Trails 2022, Northern Trails Strategy Review and Update and the regional advocacy opportunities it presents in the Northern Region. subject to the following changes:
 - a) Re prioritise the Main Yarra Trail actions by moving Action Number 4 (Upgrade surface of existing trail from Banksia to Yarra Street) to Action Number 1 (Bridge across the Yarra River) and;
 - b) Substitute Action 9 (Bridge across the Yarra River) with Upgrade Surface of Existing Trail from Banksia to Yarra Street Action in the Top 10 Banyule Priority Trail Improvements.
2. Actively seek external grants and funding opportunities to assist with further delivery, whilst preparing necessary plans and permits for trail projects to expedite this grants process where opportunities arise.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

6.3 EAST IVANHOE STREETScape DELIVERY

John Sanderson addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation

SUMMARY

1. The East Ivanhoe Streetscape renewal project is one of the projects on the capital works - streetscape renewal list. Preliminary planning works for this project commenced in early 2022. This included community consultation via several workshops, completion of surveys and preparation of initial concept plans.
2. Scoping of works for the project has determined it is currently underfunded based on a number of factors, including community feedback, geographical complexity, Department of Transport involvement (Lower Heidelberg Road is a DoT asset) and also the level of asset renewal required in this area.
3. This report provides details on the anticipated scope, costs and timeline for the proposed works and requests that Council makes a decision outside of the budget process regarding additional funding to complete the works.

Resolution (CO2023/24)

That Council:

1. Notes the progress on the concept plan for the East Ivanhoe Streetscape renewal project and endorses concept plan Option 2 to progress to detailed design.
2. Notes that work to be completed this year includes completion of detailed design, obtaining relevant approvals from external parties, as required, for the proposed scope of works, and procurement of a builder so that works can commence in late 2023/early 2024.
3. Refers the funding shortfall to the 2023/24 budget process for consideration.
4. Notes the current budget is an estimate only and there may be future additional amount to be allocated to achieve the vision and strategic outcomes for the centre. The amount will be ascertained once the project is tendered later in the year. A separate Council report will be prepared as part of the tender award.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

6.4 PLANNING AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES REPORT - JULY TO DECEMBER 2022 SUMMARY

1. This report presents and provides commentary on the July to December 2022 activities of Development Planning and Building with key highlights from the review period.

Development Planning

2. The number of planning applications and requests received decreased by 9.9% for the 2022 calendar year as compared to the previous year.
3. The average number of 'Live' (current) planning applications and requests reduced by an average of 40 per month as compared to the previous review period.
4. 81.5% of applications were determined within the statutory timeframes (60 days) across the six-month average, which improves from the 75% result from previous six months.
5. Applications for multi dwelling development increased by 36.7% in the six-month review period from 79 in the previous review period to 108 but remains comparatively since 2019.
6. There has been a slight reduction in the number of Council decisions overturned by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal throughout the review period with 60% of applications for review set aside by the Tribunal. This is compared to 67% overturned in the previous six months.
7. One 'out of time' appeal was received in the review period.

Building Services and Banyule Bpi

8. 388 building permits were issued compared to 391 for the previous July to December 2021 review period. This is a 0.8% decrease.
9. Banyule BPI's financial position for July to December 2022 is a \$11,630 cost, excluding corporate overheads.
10. The number of outstanding enforcement investigations have reduced by 17% over the review period.

Resolution (CO2023/25)

That Council note the Planning and Building Activities Report for the period July to December 2022.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

CARRIED

6.5 WATSONIA TOWN SQUARE - PROJECT UPDATE

Kevin Biaggini addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation
Jeremy Richards addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation

SUMMARY

1. Following successful negotiations with the State Government as part of the North East Link planning approval, Council secured \$5.5m in funding to facilitate the design and construction of a Town Square for Watsonia (\$500,000 is for the design phase and \$5 million for the construction phase).
2. Since the funding was secured, the project has progressed significantly, with completion of the planning, community consultation and concept design phases.
3. In June 2022, Council agreed on the preferred concept design, which included the removal of the High Street roundabout and provision of additional carparking (Stage 2). At this meeting Council was advised that, given the nature of the current town square proposal and the inclusion of the additional items, it is likely to exceed the \$5 million construction budget. These costs will be able to be more accurately determined following tendering of the project.
4. The concept design progressed into the detailed design phase in July 2022 and is due for completion in mid-March 2023. Very preliminary costings for the project have been obtained based on the substantially complete detailed design and are presented as a confidential attachment in this report (**Attachment 3**).
5. This report provides an update of works completed since the last report to Council in June 2022 and provides details on the next steps and an indicative timeline.

Resolution (CO2023/26)

That Council:

1. Notes that there has been a significant amount of work since the concept plan was endorsed by Council in June 2022 and that the detailed design for Watsonia Town Square will be completed by mid-March 2023.
2. Notes that an Expression of Interest (EOI) has been completed to shortlist a building contractor for the project and agrees to proceed to a Request for Tender (RfT), with a separate report to come to Council to award the building contract in mid-2023.
3. Notes that the RfT will be structured with separable portions for each stage of the build to assist with value management of the project.
4. Notes that the construction costs for the Watsonia Town Square will be refined following receipt of tenders and that Council will refer the funding shortfall to the 2023/24 budget process for consideration.
5. Continue to advocate to State Government for additional funding.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

6.6 31 WATSONIA ROAD WATSONIA - LIQUOR LICENCE FOR A BAR (P1392/2022)

Ben Mawby addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the recommendation
Kevin Biaggini addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation
A written statement was read out on behalf of Sarah Maguire and was FOR the recommendation.

George Giannakopoulos addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the recommendation.

SUMMARY

- The application is for a Liquor Licence, building extension and associated car parking reduction associated with a bar (as-of-right use).
- The parcel of land is located within the Watsonia Neighbourhood Activity Centre, separated from residential dwellings via a laneway to the rear.
- A total of 30 objections were received during the public notification period, raising concerns with the hours of liquor service, number of patrons, parking reduction, location of smoking area, noise from live music, and use of the premises for non-standard operation (functions).
- The proposal for a liquor license (associated with a bar) supports the enhancement and improvement of nightlife in the Watsonia Traders strip, will facilitate a greater night-time economy and use of the site. Consideration must also be given to the amenity of the nearby residential area.
- On balance, it is recommended the proposal be supported, subject to conditions which provides for staff parking, result in greater compliance with parking scheme rates, reduced hours of operation/liquor, venue/patron management, removal of smoking area and an increased buffer to residential interface.

Resolution (CO2023/27)

That Council having complied with Section 52, 58, 60, 61 and 62 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, resolves to issue a **Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit** in respect of Application No. P1392/2022 for Liquor Licence, Parking Waiver of Five (5) Spaces and Buildings and Works Associated with a Section 1 Use – Food and Drink Premises (Bar) at 31 Watsonia Road WATSONIA subject to the following conditions:

General Plans

1. Before the development permitted by this permit commences, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and be submitted in an electronic format acceptable to the Responsible Authority. The plans must be substantially in accordance with the plans submitted 25 November 2022 with the application but modified to show:
 - (a) Deletion of the rear smoking area, and the rear and Northern extensions enclosed;
 - (b) Advice from a suitable qualified acoustic engineer demonstrating that acoustic performance of the approved addition is acceptable having regard to the operation of the venue, noise transmission and proximity of residential properties or recommendations for changes to achieve an appropriate performance.
 - (c) Any changes to the plans required to implement any recommendations established through condition 1 (b).
 - (d) The rear (west) elevation referenced in Condition 1 (a) to be setback 5 metres from the rear boundary/laneway;
 - (e) The roller shutters and blinds on the North elevation facing Black Street to be solid insulated wall panels;

- (f) The licensed area (red line plan) to align with changes referenced in Condition 1 (a) of this permit;
- (g) The space created at the rear of the site to be line marked, appropriately signed and used for two angled staff car parking spaces;
- (h) All patron entry and exit to be done via Watsonia Road, with the exception of emergency entry/exit points;
- (i) A material schedule, provided on a separate sheet detailing all surface treatments and finishes;
- (j) Development Drainage Plans in accordance with Condition 3 of this permit;

Layout Not to Be Altered

- 2. The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

Development Drainage Plans

- 3. Before the use and development permitted by this permit commences, Development Drainage Plans must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The plans must be prepared by a suitably qualified engineer including:
 - (a) The use of an On-site Stormwater Detention (OSD) system;
 - (b) The connection to the Council nominated Legal Point of Discharge;
 - (c) The integration, details and connections of all Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) features in accordance with the endorsed Sustainable Design Assessment (SDA)/Sustainable Management Plan (SMP) and STORM report and include drainage details as a result of landscaping;
 - (d) A properly prepared design with computations for the internal drainage and method of disposal of stormwater from all roofed areas and sealed areas;

Noise and Amenity Action Plan

- 4. A Noise and Amenity Action Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority prior to the commencement of the use. The Noise and Amenity Action Plan must address the following:
 - (a) Identifying all noise sources associated with the premises likely to impact on adjoining residents (including, but not limited to, music noise, entries and exits to the premises);
 - (b) Measures to be undertaken to address all noise sources identified, including on and off-site noise attenuation measures;
 - (c) Location of signs in prominent locations within the premises exhorting patrons to respect the amenity of neighbours and the need to avoid causing noise and disturbance to neighbours and discomfort to passing pedestrians;
 - (d) The nomination of a person responsible for the behaviour of patrons and a telephone number for the said responsible person ('the Hotline') which must be available during operation hours and must be provided to residents and business proprietors;
 - (e) The method for linking the telephone number of complaints to the complaints register;

- (f) The nominated person responsible for the behaviour of patrons to monitor congregation of patrons to avoid causing noise and disturbance to neighbouring properties and discomfort to passing pedestrians;
- (g) The method used to demonstrate that maximum patron numbers permitted on site at any one time are not exceeded;
- (h) Details of training provided for bar staff in the responsible serving of alcohol;
- (i) Hours of operation for all parts of the premises;
- (j) Lighting within the boundaries of the site;
- (k) Security lighting outside the premises;
- (l) Details of waste management (including storage and hours of collection for general rubbish and bottles associated with the licensed premises), bottle crushers, and delivery times associated with the licenses premises;
- (m) Details of smoking areas (should any be approved by amendment to this permit) including location, noise controls, restriction of liquor and any acoustic fence details;
- (n) The provisions, recommendations and requirements of the endorsed Noise and Amenity Action Plan must be implemented and complied with to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and shall not be changed or altered without the further consent of the Responsible Authority.

Amenity

5. The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected by the development and/or use, through:
- (a) The transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land;
 - (b) The appearance of any building, works or materials;
 - (c) The emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil;
 - (d) The presence of vermin;
 - (e) Any other way, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Hours of Operation

6. The service of liquor must operate only between the hours of:

Wednesday to Thursday:	3:00pm to 9:00pm
Friday:	3:00pm to 10:00pm
Saturday:	2:00pm to 10:00pm
Sunday:	2:00pm to 9:00pm

Unless with the further written consent of the Responsible Authority.

7. The total number of non-standard events operating between the hours of 12:00pm (Midday) till 11:00pm on Friday or Saturday Nights (functions, sports club nights or engagement/birthday type functions) must not exceed 12 per calendar year.

8. The permit holder must maintain a written record of all non-standard events held, including the date, event type, duration and number of attendees. This record must be provided to the Responsible Authority on request.
9. Live music may be played in the premises whilst achieving compliance with SEPP N-2 music noise limits during the following times to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:

Friday-Saturday between 12:00pm and 09:00pm
10. During times when non-standard events are held, the external façade windows and doors must be closed.

Hours of Operation (Rubbish Collection)

11. No rubbish is to be collected from the site or deliveries be made to the site before 7.00am Monday to Saturday and 10.00am on Sunday.

No External Sound System or Amplified Equipment

12. Without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority no form of public address system or sound amplification equipment shall be used on the premises so as to be audible outside the premises.

Compliance with State Environment Protection Regulations 2021

13. The development and use (commerce, industry and trade) of the site must not cause nuisance or be detrimental to the amenity of the neighborhood by the emission of noise. Noise emissions from the land must comply with *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021*.
14. At the Responsible Authority's request, the permit holder at their own expense, must engage a suitably qualified professional acoustic consultant to determine the extent of compliance with *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021*. A copy of the consultant's report must be submitted to the Responsible Authority. If measures under the *State Environment Protection Regulations 2021* are being exceeded then the permit holder must carry out such structural alterations and/or management measures to achieve compliance to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Exterior Lighting Development

15. Exterior lights must be installed in such positions to effectively illuminate all pathways, car parks and other public areas to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Number of Patrons

16. The total number of patrons within the premises at any one time must not exceed 100 except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.

Property Appearance

17. The subject land must be kept neat and tidy at all times and its appearance must not, in the opinion of the Responsible Authority, adversely affect the amenity of the locality.

Public Address System

18. Except with the further consent of the Responsible Authority no form of public address system shall be used on the premises so as to be audible outside the building.

Car Park

19. Areas set aside for the parking of vehicles together with the aisles and access lanes must be properly formed to such levels that they can be utilised in accordance with the endorsed plans and must be drained and provided with an all-weather seal coat. The areas must be constructed, drained and maintained in a continuously useable condition to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
20. Areas set aside for the parking and movement of vehicles as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be made available for such use and must not be used for any other purpose.
21. Prior to the commencement of the occupation of the building enabled by this permit, the crossover located on Black Street must be reinstated or reduced to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Development Contribution Levy

21. Prior to the commencement of development, the permit holder must pay to Banyule City Council a development infrastructure levy in accordance with the amount specified in Table 6 of the Banyule Development Contributions Plan 2016-17, September 2018. The contribution amount payable in the table will be adjusted annually from 1 July 2017, each year to cover inflation, by applying the Consumer Price Index for Melbourne (All Groups) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Time Limits

22. In accordance with section 68 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, this permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
- (a) The development is not commenced within two (2) years from the date of permit issue;
 - (b) The development is not completed within four (4) years from the date of permit issue.
 - (c) The use is not commenced within four years of the date of this permit; or
 - (d) The use is discontinued for a period of two years.

PERMIT NOTES

(A) Permit Extension

In accordance with section 69 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, within six months afterwards, or within twelve months afterwards if the development started lawfully before the permit expired.

(B) Building Permit Required

Prior to the commencement of the development or use you are required to obtain the necessary Building Permit.

(C) Health Approval Required

Prior to the commencement of the development or use you are required to obtain the necessary Council Health Department approvals.

(D) Copy of Endorsed Plans to Building Surveyor

The applicant/owner must provide a copy of this planning permit to any appointed Building Surveyor. It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner and Building Surveyor to ensure that all building development works approved by any building permit is consistent with the planning permit.

(E) Noise Levels

Permissible noise levels emanating from the site must comply with the requirements of the State Environment Protection Authority.

(F) Food and Drink Premises

Prior to the commencement of the use permitted by this permit, the proprietor shall apply and obtain from Council, approval to operate under the Food Act 1984 as beverages (including alcohol) are deemed to be 'food'.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

7. OUR VALUED COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES**7.1 PETER ROWLAND GROUP CONTRACT UPDATE AND KPI'S FOR THE CENTRE IVANHOE**

Councillor Di Pasquale left the Chamber at 10:10pm. and was not present for the vote

SUMMARY

1. Council awarded The Centre Ivanhoe - Venue Management, Catering and Hospitality Services Contract to the Peter Rowland Group (PRG) in September 2019 to commence January 2020 for an initial term of three years to 31 December 2022 with the options for Council to extend the contract for a further period of two x three-year terms.
2. The commencement of this contract was significantly delayed due to COVID-19, industry restrictions and shutdowns and the delayed completion of the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.
3. Given the impact on business, Council considered and approved at its 22 March 2021 Council meeting an official request by PRG for a 1-year extension so that the initial three-year term could commence from 1 January 2021.
4. Recommendations from this meeting also included receiving a further report on negotiated Key Performance Indicators in 2021 and Contract Performance Report at completion of the first 3 years.
5. COVID-19 and further restrictions continued from the revised start date of January 2021 which has presented challenges to develop meaningful and realistic key performance indicators for this contract until now.

6. Officers and PRG are pleased to see some positive steps towards recovery for the hospitality and event industry from mid-2022 and now moving into 2023 there is some optimism that the most difficult period is over.
7. This report presents the proposed negotiated Key Performance Indicators for 2023, **Attachment 1 – The Centre Ivanhoe - Key Performance Indicators 2023.**

Resolution (CO2023/28)

That Council:

1. Note the negotiated Key Performance Indicators for The Centre Ivanhoe 2023, **Attachment 1.**
2. Receives a further report on the Contract Performance after the conclusion of the first term (3 years) on 31 December 2023.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

8. OUR THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

8.1 DRAFT BANYULE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2023 - 2028 - PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Councillor Di Pasquale was not present for the vote
SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement for public release of the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy (EDS) (**Attachment 1**) to gain further input and feedback from the community.
2. Community feedback regarding the draft EDS will be sought through the Shaping Banyule website and a meeting with the Project Reference Group during the month of March 2023.
3. The EDS is a five-year plan that has been developed over a 12-month period in collaboration with the community including a designated Project Reference Group.
4. The Strategy and is structured into six key themes and strategic directions:
 - A Dynamic & Supported Business Community
 - Workforce Growth, Attraction & Diversity
 - A Prosperous National Employment and Innovation Cluster (La Trobe NEIC)
 - Thriving & Vibrant Activity Centres
 - A Desirable Destination for Visitors
 - An Environmentally Sustainable Local Economy
5. The draft EDS presents an opportunity for Council to transform its Economic Development service from a reactive, opportunistic approach to a planned, proactive, evidence-based service that prioritises high-impact initiatives.
6. This service transformation is considered essential to guide Banyule's economy towards sustainable and inclusive growth in the post COVID-19 recovery period.

Resolution (CO2023/29)

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy for a period of community consultation from 1 March 2023 to 31 March 2023 with the following amendments:
 - a. Inclusion of an additional strategic direction 1.4 under the Theme 1: A Dynamic & Supported Business Community entitled "Reduce legislative and regulatory burdens on business"
 - b. Inclusion of an additional strategic direction 2.4 under Theme 2: Workforce Growth, Attraction and Diversity entitled "Activate and support social enterprise in Banyule"
 - c. Inclusion of a new action that involves consulting with business on their workforce labour challenges and working with them to address these. Officers are to populate the details of the action and ensure there is no monetary cost assigned to this action.
2. Acknowledge the community consultation will include a presence on Shaping Banyule and a meeting of the Project Reference Group.
3. Receive a further report in April/May 2023 to report on the consultation outcomes, and any recommended changes or additions for consideration in the final adoption of the draft Banyule Economic Development Strategy.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

8.2 ROSANNA STATION KIOSK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Di Pasquale returned to the Chamber at 10:21 pm.

SUMMARY

1. On 15 May 2019 Council commenced a lease with Metro Trains Melbourne for the Rosanna Station Kiosk, with the intent to sublease the facility to a social enterprise operator enabling the creation of local job outcomes for local people experiencing barriers to employment.
2. On 24 February 2020, Council endorsed the negotiations to lease the Rosanna Station Kiosk to Youth Projects Ltd. (trading as The Little Social).
3. In July 2020, a lease was established with Youth Projects. However, on 30 November 2022, the social enterprise ceased operation at the site.
4. In December 2022, Council commenced an Expression of Interest (EoI) process to engage social enterprises interested in leasing and operating the Rosanna Station Kiosk for a term of approximately 14-months.
5. Council received 2 EoI applications. A cross-functional assessment panel completed a thorough assessment process and unanimously determined Now and Not Yet Inc as the recommended operator.
6. It is proposed that Council consider entering a lease with Now and Not Yet.

7. The proposed partnership would enable the creation of four employment opportunities for local people experiencing barriers to employment.

Resolution (CO2023/30)

That Council:

1. Notes an Expression of Interest process for the lease of the Rosanna Station Kiosk has been completed.
2. Notes that the assessment panel recommended Now and Not Yet as the preferred social enterprise operator.
3. Commence negotiations to lease the Rosanna Station Kiosk (75 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna VIC 3084) for a term of approximately 14-months to social enterprise Now and Not Yet for the purpose of operating a new social enterprise café that provides four local job outcomes for local people experiencing barriers to employment.
4. Subsidise the fixed lease rental costs for a term of 14 March 2023 – 13 May 2024 that supports the start-up of Now and Not Yet in Banyule.
5. Authorise the Director Community Wellbeing to execute the new retail lease.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican

Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS**Councillor Strategic Planning Day – 19 February 2023**

Cr McKern reflected on the Councillor Strategic Planning Day that was held on Sunday 19 February, 2023 at the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub. Cr McKern acknowledged the Councillor group and officers who presented and contributed on the day. Councillors were invited to climb the stairs of the clocktower where they enjoyed the view of Ivanhoe, and Cr McKern shared pictures to the Gallery taken from the clocktower from 1937 to 2023.

Tour of Farm Rasier-Banyules Urban Farm

Cr McKern attended a tour of the Farm Rasier-Banyules Urban Farm which is next door to the Bellfield Community Hub. This farm is run by five farmers and is a non-for-profit farm that sell fresh fruit and vegetables to the public. For more information about the farm please visit their website: <https://www.farmraiser.com.au/>

Memories of Diamond Valley Shire, Book Launch

Cr Champion and Cr Melican attended the recent book launch of a new book by the Greensborough Historical Society, titled "Memories of the Shire of Diamond Valley" which was written by the local resident, Rosie Bray OAM. The launch was held at Greenhills Neighbourhood House on Saturday, 25 February 2023 and was well attended by local residents and Minister Colin Brooks, State Member for Bundoora. The book can be purchase through the Greensborough Historical Society and retails for \$25.

Sports Forum

The Mayor, Cr Castaldo reflected on the Sports Club Forum which was held on Wednesday 22 February 2023. He thanked the team that brought the event together and noted that it was the biggest attendance yet with over 70 presidents and volunteers from Banyule's Sporting Clubs. The forum covered a range of areas which will help progress the experience for all (including volunteers) involved with clubs.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1	<p>Name & Suburb</p> <p>Roger Fyfe Ivanhoe</p>
	<p>Question:</p> <p>Council has several policies that deal with affordable housing and availability of properties for rental.</p> <p>Does Council have a register of properties in residential streets that are available for short-term rentals and is there a fee for appearing on the register?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>Banyule City Council is working with key government agencies and community organisations to seek solutions to the affordable housing issues that are of concern across Victoria.</p> <p>Banyule is also currently working on the development of an affordable housing strategy that will consider all potential options that may assist with housing and rental shortages. At this point in time, Council does not have a register of short term stay properties across the municipality or its impact on housing availability, but this may be considered as part of the strategy development as it progresses.</p> <p><i>Kath Brackett– Director of Community Wellbeing</i></p>

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 and 11.2.

11.1 Banyule Strategic Sites - Directions to Proceed – was designated as confidential pursuant to s 3(1)(g) of the 2020 Act as the information within the report contains information relating to commercial information, being information provided by a business commercial or financial undertaking and related to either trade secrets and if released prematurely, could unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

11.2 Strategic Sites - Homes Victoria Business Case – was designated as confidential pursuant to s 3(1)(g) of the 2020 Act as the information within the

report contains information relating to commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking and relates to either trade secrets and if released prematurely, could unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Seconded: Cr Fiona Mitsinikos

Carried

Closure of Meeting

The Open Ordinary Council Meeting was closed at 10:36pm and did not re-open to the public.

The Confidential Council Meeting opened 10:14pm in order to deal with items 11.1 and 11.2 and closed at 11:37pm.

Council resolved to not release any of the information within the confidential report, including the resolution to the public at this time in line with the confidentiality designation as detailed above.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 20 March 2023