

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council



Held on the 25 September 2023

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

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MINUTES

The Meeting opened at 7.00pm

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Custodians

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

Diversity 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

Allison Beckwith – Chief Executive Officer, Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services, Jo Wilson – Acting Director Community Wellbeing, Darren Bennett – Director Assets & City Services, Natasha Swan – Director City Development, Krysten Forte – Manager Governance & Integrity, Linda Chapple – Governance & Integrity Coordinator, Fletcher Coburn – Councillor Request Management Officer, Duncan Stephen – Jets Facility & Technical Officer, Dom Katsikas – Jets Contractor, Joe Schipano – I.T Service Desk Officer

Apologies

Cr Mark Di Pasquale

Cr Tom Melican, Cr Fiona Mitsinikos (on a Council granted leave of absence)

Leave of Absence

Confirmation of Minutes

That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 August 2023

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests

Council's Chief Executive Officer, Ms Allison Beckwith declared a material conflict of interest for confidential item **11.3 Outcomes from the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting – 14 October 2023**. The item was scheduled and discussed for the Confidential Council Meeting.

The material conflict of interest was declared as a direct material conflict of interest, in that the Chief Executive Officer could stand to gain or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's decision, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020*.

Ms Beckwith left the chamber when this item was discussed in the Confidential Council meeting at 10.04pm and was not present for any of the deliberations or the vote.

Presentations

Nil

1. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

2. PETITIONS

Nil

3. OUR TRUSTED AND RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP**3.1 BANYULE CEMETERIES TRUST - OPERATIONS REPORT****SUMMARY**

1. At its meeting of the 5 December 2022, Banyule Cemeteries Trust resolved as follows:
“That the Banyule Cemeteries Trust:
 1. *Cease holding separate Cemetery Trust meetings.*
 2. *Establish a new custom and practice where Officers present individual reports on the Cemetery Trust maintenance and performance to the Banyule City Council at an Ordinary Council meetings.*
 3. *The frequency of reporting to an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Cemetery Trust matters would be in accordance with the Manual for Victorian Class B Cemetery Trusts of a minimum of four (4) times per annum.*
 4. *Commence this change in the calendar year commencing January 2023.”*
2. The Operations Report provides an update on the operations of the cemeteries relating to burials and interments of cremated remains and any other issues, such as, grant applications, storm damage, irregular maintenance issues, etc., that may arise and require reporting.
3. The number of burials and ashes interments for the twelve (12) months from 1 July 2022 to the 30 June 2023 has increased over the previous 2 years.
4. During the current financial year burials account for 51% of business (74% in 2021/22) and ashes purchases and interments 49% of business (26% in 2021/22).
5. This trend confirms that the interment of cremated remains has continued to improve with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.
6. The Banyule Cemeteries Trust Operations Report is now presented to the Banyule City Council for endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Banyule Cemeteries Trust Operations Report; and
2. Notes the Operational Report details, including:
 - The number of burials and ashes interments for the twelve (12) months of this financial year has increased over the previous 2 years,
 - The interment of cremated remains (ashes) has continued to improve with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Resolution (CO2023/167)

That Council:

1. Endorse the Banyule Cemeteries Trust Operations Report; and
2. Notes the Operational Report details, including:
 - The number of burials and ashes interments for the twelve (12) months of this financial year has increased over the previous 2 years,
 - The interment of cremated remains (ashes) has continued to improve with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

3.2 BANYULE CEMETERIES TRUST - FINANCIAL STATEMENT**SUMMARY**

1. At the Banyule Cemeteries Trust meeting of the 5 December 2022, Council resolved:
“That the Banyule Cemeteries Trust:
 1. *Cease holding separate Cemetery Trust meetings.*
 2. *Establish a new custom and practice where Officers present individual reports on the Cemetery Trust maintenance and performance to the Banyule City Council at an Ordinary Council meeting.*
 3. *The frequency of reporting to an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Cemetery Trust matters would be in accordance with the Manual for Victorian Class B Cemetery Trusts of a minimum of four (4) times per annum.*
 4. *Commence this change in the calendar year commencing January 2023.”*
2. As such, Council have now incorporated the Trust reports into Council's Ordinary Council Meeting.
3. The Financial Statement provides a quarterly update on the financial results of the cemeteries.
4. This report provides a financial update for the twelve (12) months from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
5. The overall Operating Surplus for the twelve (12) months is \$4,440.
6. The Trust had budgeted for an Operating Loss for the twelve (12) months of \$101,061.
7. The variance is \$105,501 or 104.39% better than budgeted.
8. The basis for the good result is primarily due to an increased number of burials, the sale of a grave in the first quarter of the financial year and the higher than budgeted interest on investments return.
9. The Banyule Cemeteries Trust Financial Statement is now presented to the Banyule City Council meeting for review and endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the Banyule Cemeteries Trust Financial Statement for the twelve (12) months from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023; and
2. Notes that the Financial Statement indicates that:
 - The overall Operating Surplus for the twelve (12) months is \$4,440.
 - The variance is \$93,100 or 48.18% better than budgeted,
 - The results detailed are due to an increased number of burials, the sale of a grave in the first quarter of the financial year and the higher than budgeted interest on investments return.

Resolution (CO2023/168)

That Council:

1. Endorse the Banyule Cemeteries Trust Financial Statement for the twelve (12) months from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023; and
2. Notes that the Financial Statement indicates that:
 - The overall Operating Surplus for the twelve (12) months is \$4,440.
 - The variance is \$93,100 or 48.18% better than budgeted,
 - The results detailed are due to an increased number of burials, the sale of a grave in the first quarter of the financial year and the higher than budgeted interest on investments return.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

3.3 BANYULE CEMETERIES TRUST - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23**SUMMARY**

1. At the Banyule Cemeteries Trust meeting of the 5 December 2022, Council resolved:
“That the Banyule Cemeteries Trust:
 1. *Cease holding separate Cemetery Trust meetings.*
 2. *Establish a new custom and practice where Officers present individual reports on the Cemetery Trust maintenance and performance to the Banyule City Council at an Ordinary Council meeting.*
 3. *The frequency of reporting to an Ordinary Meeting of Council on Cemetery Trust matters would be in accordance with the Manual for Victorian Class B Cemetery Trusts of a minimum of four (4) times per annum.*
 4. *Commence this change in the calendar year commencing January 2023.”*
2. As such, Council have now incorporated the Trust reports into Council's Ordinary Council meetings.
3. The Banyule Cemeteries Trust is a Class B cemetery.

4. The *Cemeteries and Crematoria Act 2003* requires all Class B cemetery trusts to forward an Abstract of Accounts detailing the financial transactions for that financial year.
5. This Abstract must be signed as correct by two Trust members, one of whom must be the chairperson, and lodged with the Department of Health.
6. LDAssurance are carrying out a review of the Banyule Cemeteries Trust Abstract of Accounts for 2022/23.
7. The Abstract of Accounts 2022/23 document is now presented to the Trust for approval, signing and submission to the Department of Health accordingly.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve the Abstract of Accounts for Banyule Cemeteries Trust for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
2. Ensure that the Abstract of Accounts is signed and submitted to the Department of Health as required under the legislation following satisfactory completion of the review by LDAssurance.

Resolution (CO2023/169)

That Council:

1. Approve the Abstract of Accounts for Banyule Cemeteries Trust for the period 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.
2. Authorise the Trust Chairperson and one other Trust Member to sign the Abstract of Accounts to be submitted to the Department of Health as required.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

3.4 AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - BI-ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY

1. The *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA) section 53 requires all councils to establish an Audit Committee.
2. The Committee operates under a Charter determined by Council and based on the best practice guide from Local Government Victoria. It is an advisory committee of Council.
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 (adopted 5 September 2022) to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
4. It is also a requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) for the Audit & Risk Committee to prepare a bi-annual report indicating how the Committee has discharged its responsibilities, as set out in the Audit & Risk Charter, for the previous 6 months.

5. On 4 September 2023, the Committee Chairperson Dr Irene Irvine, met with Councillors to provide an annual update on activities of the committee, and a reflection of her term as committee chair.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Adopt the bi-annual report indicating how the Audit & Risk Committee has discharged its responsibilities for the 6-month period 1 December 2022 to 30 May 2023, as required by the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Note the tabling of this report was held to allow for the Chairperson to attend 'in person' a Councillor briefing following a request during the Ordinary Council meeting held on 6 February 2023.

Resolution (CO2023/170)

That Council:

1. Adopt the bi-annual report indicating how the Audit & Risk Committee has discharged its responsibilities for the 6-month period 1 December 2022 to 30 May 2023, as required by the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Note the tabling of this report was held to allow for the Chairperson to attend 'in person' a Councillor briefing following a request during the Ordinary Council meeting held on 6 February 2023.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

3.5 'IN PRINCIPLE' APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

SUMMARY

1. In line with *Local Government Act 2020* ('The Act') sections 98-100, Council is required to complete its Annual Report as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year.
2. The Council must pass a resolution giving its 'in principle approval' to the performance and financial statements before officially submitting to the auditor for reporting.
3. The performance and financial statements, in their final form (after any changes recommended or agreed by the auditors), must be certified by two Councillors authorised by the Council, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the Principal Accounting Officer.
4. The Financial Statements and Performance Statement are subject to external audit by the Victorian Auditor General or their contracted agent. The detailed audit of the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 was undertaken by an agent of the Victorian Auditor General during August 2023.
5. The Audit and Risk Committee will hold its meeting on 22 September 2023 to review the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023.
6. The Audit and Risk Committee will consider, following audit clearance, its recommendation to Council to approve 'in principle' the Financial Statements and

Performance Statement pursuant to Section 99(2) of the Act, prior to formal presentation to the Auditor General.

7. Once the final audit opinion has been received from the Victorian Auditor General's Office, the finalised annual report will be presented to the public at the subsequent Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve 'in principle' the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023
2. Authorise its Councillor representatives on the Audit and Risk Committee and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to sign the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 in their final forms, after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Victorian Auditor-Generals Office have been made.
3. Upon receipt of the Victorian Auditor General's Audit Reports on the Financial Statements and Performance Statement, a report be prepared as soon as is practicable to adopt and present the Annual Report 2022/23, inclusive of the Report of Operations, Financial Statements and Performance Statement at an Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 October 2023.

Resolution (CO2023/171)

That Council:

1. Approve 'in principle' the Financial Statements and the Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023
2. Authorise its Councillor representatives on the Audit and Risk Committee and in their absence any other Councillor as substitute, to sign the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023 in their final forms, after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Victorian Auditor-Generals Office have been made.
3. Upon receipt of the Victorian Auditor General's Audit Reports on the Financial Statements and Performance Statement, a report be prepared as soon as is practicable to adopt and present the Annual Report 2022/23, inclusive of the Report of Operations, Financial Statements and Performance Statement at an Ordinary Council Meeting on 30 October 2023.
4. Note that Councils Audit & Risk Committee received the Victorian Auditor General's Audit Report on the Financial Statements and Performance Statement and Closing Report and Management Letter and note there were no new audit issues identified.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

3.6 PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS REPORT FOR SIX MONTH PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

SUMMARY

1. This Report provides information on land and property transactions settled or near settlement in the six-month period from 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023.
2. This information has been routinely presented to Council bi-annually, in February and August each year.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. Council notes property acquired, transferred, exchanged or sold by Council in the preceding six months ending 30 June 2023.

Land Sold / Exchanged

Address	Zone	Description	Area m ²	Price Incl. GST
50 Banyule Road, Rosanna (Banyule Primary School)	GRZ2	Road reserve	472m ²	\$104,000
46A Mountain View Road, Montmorency	GRZ2	Drainage reserve	100m ²	\$55,400
2/141 Waiora Road, Heidelberg Heights	GRZ2	Right of way	96m ²	\$30,600

Land Acquired / Exchanged

Address	Zone	Description	Area m ²	Price Incl. GST
7 Wellington Street, Montmorency	NRZ3	Residential dwelling	739m ²	\$1,250,000
74 Watsonia Rd, Watsonia	GRZ1	Car park	2036m ²	\$800,000

2. Notes a further report will be presented to Council in February 2023 identifying the land and property acquired, disposed, transferred or exchanged by Council in the preceding six months ending 31 December 2023.

Resolution (CO2023/172)

That:

1. Council notes property acquired, transferred, exchanged or sold by Council in the preceding six months ending 30 June 2023.

Land Sold / Exchanged

Address	Zone	Description	Area m ²	Price Incl. GST
50 Banyule Road, Rosanna (Banyule Primary School)	GRZ2	Road reserve	472m ²	\$104,000
46A Mountain View Road, Montmorency	GRZ2	Drainage reserve	100m ²	\$55,400

2/141 Waiora Road, Heidelberg Heights	GRZ2	Right of way	96m ²	\$30,600
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2. Notes a further report will be presented to Council in February 2024 identifying the land and property acquired, disposed, transferred or exchanged by Council in the preceding six months ending 31 December 2023.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

3.7 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:	21 August 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing 6.34pm-10.50pm
Matters Considered:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Government Inspectorate Presentation 2. Disability Website Update 3. Customer Service Quarterly Update 4. Confidential - Chelsworth Park Pavilion - <i>Cr Peter Dimarelos declared a conflict of interest and left before the item was discussed.</i> 5. The Centre Ivanhoe – Portico Replacement 6. Consultant Cost Report – 2022/23 		

<p>7. Odenwald Road Bridge, Eaglemont – Safe Pedestrian Access – Project Update</p> <p>8. Carols by Candlelight 2023</p> <p>9. Email Signatures (Officers left the room for discussion)</p> <p>10. Notices of Motions</p>	
<p>Councillors Present:</p> <p>Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion Cr Peter Dimarelos (arrived 7.01pm and left 9.16pm) Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Alida McKern Cr Fiona Mitsinikos Cr Elizabeth Nealy</p>	
<p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Manager Governance and Integrity</i> Nicole Maslin – <i>Manager Healthy and Active Communities</i> Linda Chapple – <i>Acting Coordinator Governance & Integrity</i> Shawn Neilsen – <i>Manager Advocacy Communication Engagement & Performance</i> Jane Nethercote – <i>Communications Officer</i> Joseph Linnestad – <i>Manager CXP & Business Improvement</i></p>	
<p>Others Present:</p> <p>David Walker – <i>Local Government Inspectorate</i> Daniel Newman - <i>Local Government Inspectorate</i></p>	
<p>Conflict of Interest:</p>	<p>Confidential - Chelsworth Park Pavilion Cr Peter Dimarelos declared a conflict of interest and left at 9.16pm and was not present for discussion on this item</p>

2	Date of Meeting:	28 August 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Council Meeting Pre-Briefing 5.32pm-6.23pm
	<p>Matters Considered:</p> <p>3.1 Advocacy Achievements 2022/23 and Advocacy Priorities for 2023/24</p> <p>3.2 Financial Management Report - Preliminary June 2023 performance</p> <p>3.3 Banyule Cemeteries Trust - Victorian Protective Data Security Framework Attestation Obligations</p> <p>3.4 Release of IBAC's Operation Sandon - Context Setting, Summary of Recommendations & Response to Notice of Motion</p> <p>3.5 Record of Councillor Meetings</p> <p>4.1 Carols By Candlelight 2023</p> <p>4.2 Creative Banyule: Draft Arts and Culture Strategy 2023 - 2031</p> <p>4.3 Watsonia After Dark Final Report</p> <p>4.4 Inclusive Banyule Plan - Year 1 Achievements Report</p> <p>4.5 Draft Resilient and Safe Banyule Framework- update and request for public consultation</p> <p>6.1 2 & 4 Carlyle Crescent, Bellfield - Proposed Four Storey Apartment Development (P2/2023)</p>	

	<p>6.2 Bellfield Redevelopment Precinct - Proposed Amended Development Plan (P1654/2021 pt2)</p> <p>6.3 Planning and Building Activities - January to June 2023</p> <p>8.1 Inclusive Employment Program 2022/23 FY - End of Program Update</p> <p>8.2 Access Improvements to the Inclusive Employment Program</p>		
	<p>Councillors Present:</p> <p>Mayor Cr Peter Castaldo Deputy Mayor Cr Alida McKern Cr Alison Champion Cr Peter Dimarelos – arrived 5.41pm Cr Mark Di Pasquale– arrived 5.34pm Cr Rick Garotti– arrived 5.44pm Cr Fiona Mitsinikos Cr Elizabeth Nealy</p>		
	<p>Staff Present:</p> <p>Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Toni Toaldo – <i>Acting Director Corporate Services</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Manager Governance & Integrity</i> Linda Chapple – <i>Acting Coordinator Governance & Integrity</i> Joel Elbourne – <i>Manager Planning, Building & Municipal Laws</i></p>		
	<p>Others Present:</p>		
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3	Date of Meeting:	4 September 2023
	Type of Meeting:	Councillor Briefing 6.30pm- 9.40pm
	Matters Considered:	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audit and Risk Committee Chair – Biannual Report 2. Alliance for Gambling Reform 3. Governance Rules Review Consultation Discussion 4. Community Ball Invitations (Officers left the room for discussion) 	
	Councillors Present:	
	Cr Peter Castaldo Cr Alison Champion Cr Mark Di Pasquale Cr Rick Garotti Cr Alida McKern Cr Elizabeth Nealy	
	Staff Present:	

Allison Beckwith - <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> Natasha Swan – <i>Director City Development</i> Darren Bennett – <i>Director Assets & City Services</i> Marc Giglio – <i>Director Corporate Services</i> Kath Brackett – <i>Director Community Wellbeing</i> Krysten Forte – <i>Manager Governance & Integrity</i> Linda Chapple – <i>Governance & Integrity Coordinator</i> Carmel Rapacciuolo - <i>Governance Project Officer</i> Jo Wilson - <i>Manager Resilient & Connected Communities</i>	
Others Present: Rebecca Paterson - <i>Alliance for Gambling Reform</i> Irene Irvine - <i>Audit and Risk Chair</i>	
Conflict of Interest:	Nil

RECOMMENDATION

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

Resolution (CO2023/173)

Receives and notes the Record of Councillor Meetings report with a minor administrative amendment for the Record of Councillor Attendance for the 28 August 2023 pre brief meeting. The amendment to be reflected in the meeting minutes & corrects Cr McKern as the Deputy Mayor, and not Cr Champion as originally transcribed.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion
Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

4. OUR INCLUSIVE AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

4.1 DRAFT BANYULE VOLUNTEER POLICY AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: ENDORSEMENT FOR COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is twofold, to respond to a Notice of Motion from the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting and to seek Council endorsement for the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy 2023 (**Attachment 1**), for targeted community consultation.
2. In 2021 a scoping exercise and gap analysis was completed to better understand the current state of volunteering in Banyule Council and determine an appropriate approach for Council moving forward.
3. At the 15 August 2022 Council Meeting, Council resolved to receive a report regarding:
 1. *The development of a Banyule Volunteer Framework.*
 2. *Inclusion of guidelines for environmental volunteers working on Council land to be incorporated as a subset of the broader proposed Banyule Volunteer Framework.*

3. *A process for Council collaboration with the Banyule community, including existing Friends groups and other environmental volunteers to prepare guidelines.*
4. In response to the 2021 audit and the Notice of Motion, the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy 2023, **(Attachment 1)** has been developed to provide Council with a consistent and coordinated approach to engaging and supporting volunteers across the whole organisation and includes Council's Population and Advisory Committee members.
5. The draft Volunteer Policy 2023 also outlines Council's arrangements with volunteer-involving community groups (who have volunteers) operating on Council land and/or in Council facilities. These groups operate independently of Council. Their relationship to Council is supported by various binding documentation.
6. In addition to drafting the Volunteer Policy a separate draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Banyule Environment Friends of Groups (EFoG), **(Attachment 2)**, has been developed as a first step to address the above resolution. The MoU outlines an agreed approach on how EFoG conduct their volunteer activities when operating on Council land and what Council would commit to in supporting this work.
7. The development of guidelines to support volunteer EFoGs will be considered outside of this draft policy, as a next step and could be influenced by Council's draft Urban Forest Strategy going forward.
8. Given the specificity of the draft Volunteer Policy 2023 and the MoU a targeted consultation process is being proposed with key stakeholders in October 2023 to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to provide feedback.
9. Following consideration of feedback the final draft of both the Volunteer Policy and EFoG MoU will be presented to Council in December 2023 for formal adoption.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy 2023, **(Attachment 1)**, and the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Banyule Environmental Friends of Groups, **(Attachment 2)**, for targeted community consultation from the 1 October to 31 October 2023.
2. Note that the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy and the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Banyule Environmental Friends of Groups will be presented to Council following targeted community consultation for adoption in December 2023.

Resolution (CO2023/174)

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy 2023, (Attachment 1), and the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Banyule Environmental Friends of Groups, (Attachment 2, for targeted community consultation from the 1 October to 31 October 2023.
2. Endorse additional targeted consultation action for the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy, that includes the following conditions:

- Two (2) face to face engagement forums be held throughout the consultation period.
 - All listed Banyule Environment Friends of Groups (EFoG) to be invited to the face-to-face engagement forums.
 - The face to face engagement forums to facilitate and encourage discussion and feedback, on the proposed Banyule Environment Friends of Groups (EFoG) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between volunteers and members of Council staff, and to facilitate constructive networking.
 - Invitations are to extend to all Councillors and the opportunity is to be afforded to Councillors to open and introduce the forums.
 - Invitations to the consultation to extend to the Friends of Darebin Parklands and Friends of Eaglemont Village.
3. Note that the draft Banyule Volunteer Policy and the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) Banyule Environmental Friends of Groups will be presented to Council following targeted community consultation for adoption in December 2023.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

5. OUR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

5.1 PROPOSED URBAN FOOD STRATEGY

SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this paper is to seek Council's endorsement for the Draft Urban Food Strategy (**Attachment 1**) and Action Plan (**Attachment 2**) for formal adoption.
2. In the 2022/23 Budget, Council endorsed an initiative to develop an Urban Food Strategy and Framework. This budget was adopted by Council on 27 June 2022.
3. The Urban Food Strategy and Action Plan has been developed after extensive internal and external consultation through a co-design process.
4. An Urban Food Strategy Working Group, consisting of 12 individuals and chaired by Councillor Alida McKern, was established to inform the development of the Urban Food Strategy.
5. Initial community consultation occurred between November 2022 and January 2023. This consultation invited community members, groups and organisations to comment on the current state of Banyule's urban food system, generate ideas and gather initial recommendations for consideration.
6. Over 700 participants engaged in a range of consultation opportunities that included a survey, pop-up community sessions, kitchen table talks and workshops.
7. A public exhibition period of four weeks between July 3rd and August 3rd 2023, invited community members to share feedback on the Draft Urban Food Strategy and Action Plan.
8. Following community feedback, amendments to the draft Urban Food Strategy (**Attachment 1**) and Action Plan (**Attachment 2**) were made to highlight Council's role

in local food systems, increase readability of the Strategy, and demonstrate a commitment to evaluation and measuring impact.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Having considered the community feedback, Council adopts the final Draft Urban Food Strategy 2023-2027 (**Attachment 1**) and Draft Urban Food Strategy Action Plan 2023-2027 Years 1-4 (**Attachment 2**).
2. Note amendments were made to the Draft Urban Food Strategy (**Attachment 1**) and Draft Urban Food Strategy Action Plan 2023-2027 Years 1-4 (**Attachment 2**) following feedback received during the public exhibition period.

Resolution (CO2023/175)

That Council:

1. Having considered the community feedback, Council adopts the final Proposed Urban Food Strategy 2023-2027 (Attachment 1) and Proposed Urban Food Strategy Action Plan 2023-2027 Years 1-4 (Attachment 2), including the additional actions:
 - Councillors have the opportunity to champion a food-related initiative and progress to be reported back to Council via the Banyule Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee (BECAAC)
 - A nominated Councillor to be appointed as a chair of the proposed Urban Food Working Group (UFWG); and
 - The Urban Food Working Group (UFWG) recommendations and strategic achievements to be reported to Council via the BECAAC & State of Environment Report.
2. Note amendments were made to the Proposed Urban Food Strategy (Attachment 1) and Proposed Urban Food Strategy Action Plan 2023-2027 Years 1-4 (Attachment 2) following feedback received during the public exhibition period.
3. Note that a Mayor and Deputy Mayor 'forward' will be included in the Final Urban Food Strategy which will be drafted in consultation with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

5.2 CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME (CDS)

SUMMARY

1. The Victorian Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is a State Government Program and will commence in November 2023.
2. The Scheme will reward participants with a 10-cent refund for every eligible can, carton and bottle they return. There are a number of options regarding refund collection points, one being a Reverse Vending Machine (RVM).

3. Visy Recycling is the scheme operator for Banyule and have sought assistance from Council for locations on Council land.
4. The following three locations for RVMs on Council land have been identified:
 - o The Mall Carpark
 - o Eaglemont Tennis Club Carpark
 - o Macleod Health and Fitness Centre (YMCA) Carpark
5. It is important to note that there will also be refund collection points on non-Council land.
6. The area required for a RVM is the equivalent to five car parking bays and it is proposed that this land would be managed under a collaborative Council license agreement with Visy Recycling. The State Government has granted an exemption for a planning permit for CDS locations.
7. The State Government will begin promoting the scheme in October 2023 in anticipation for the November launch.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Note this report and the commencement of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in November 2023.
2. Endorse entering into a license agreement with Visy recycling for reverse vending machine sites on Council land

Resolution (CO2023/176)

That Council:

1. Note this report and the commencement of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in November 2023.
2. Endorse entering into a license agreement with Visy recycling for reverse vending machine sites on Council land.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern
Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

6. OUR WELL-BUILT CITY

6.1 59 SWANSTON STREET, HEIDELBERG HEIGHTS - COMMENCEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND

Rhianna Wilson addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the officer recommendation.

Gemma Wilson addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the officer recommendation.

Maiko O'Reilly addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the officer recommendation.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – ADJOURNMENT

Cr Nealy requested that Council consider adjourning the Council Meeting for a short recess.

That Council adjourn the meeting for a short recess.

Mover Cr Elizabeth Nealy
Seconder Cr Alison Champion
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8.23pm and Councillors left the Chamber at this time.

All Councillors present at the meeting re-entered the Chamber at 8.32pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION – RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed at 8.32pm with the consent of Council. The adjournment and resumption occurred prior to a decision being made on item 6.1.

SUMMARY

1. Council owns the land at 59 Swanston Street, Heidelberg Heights, including the three units on the property.
2. The purpose of this report is to commence the statutory process for sale of the land in accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
3. This process entails giving public notice of its intention to sell and undertake a community engagement process in accordance with Council's community engagement policy. Advertising of the sale notice is intended to occur between 2 October 2023 and 30 October 2023.
4. The giving of public notice of Council's intention to sell does not compel Council to sell the Land. Council is merely complying with its statutory obligations under the Act.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, commences the statutory procedures to give public notice of its intention to sell the land at 59 Swanston Street, Heidelberg Heights, and undertakes a community engagement process in accordance with the *Banyule Community Engagement Policy 2021*.
2. Receives written submissions on the proposal and hears from persons who have made a written request to be heard in person or by a party representing them as specified in their submission, at the next available meeting of Council.
3. In the event of no submissions being received in respect of the above property, decide whether or not to sell the land at the next available meeting of Council.
4. Receive a further report on setting the reserve price for the sale of the subject land.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to sign and seal the necessary documentation at the appropriate time.

Resolution (CO2023/177)

That Council:

1. Resolve to not sell the property at this time.
2. Notes the liability that exists by retaining this property due to their construction below the flood level.
3. That Officers consult with the tenants to assist them in finding alternative accommodation.
4. That Officers present a future report to Council regarding the alternative accommodation arrangements and a proposal for a potential sale process at a more appropriate time.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Peter Dimarelos

CARRIED

Cr Rick Garotti left the chamber at 8.43pm and returned at 8.45pm and was present for the vote.

Cr Peter Dimarelos left the chamber at 8.43pm and returned at 8.45pm and was present for the vote.

Cr Alison Champion left the chamber at 8.43pm and returned at 8.45pm and was present for the vote.

It should be noted that at 8.43pm a Quorum of Councillors was lost. No business was transacted at this time.

A Quorum of Councillors was formed at 8.45pm and business continued to be transacted thereafter.

6.2 78-80 HAWDON ST, HEIDELBERG - COMMENCEMENT OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL LAND

Jane Crone addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the Officer recommendation.

Alicia Curry addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the Officer recommendation.

Brian Grace from Good Governance Banyule addressed Council in person and spoke AGAINST the Officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

1. Council owns the land at 78-80 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg, publicly referred to as the Hawdon Street Community Hall (or Hawdon Hall)
2. At the time that the Community Hub at Bellfield was planned, Council contemplated relocation of other users into this new facility. This was to occur in conjunction with the subsequent sale of ageing buildings, many of which required considerable maintenance and were not able to meet the requirements of current groups using the buildings. One of the buildings from which users were to be moved was the Hawdon Street Community Hall.

3. The Community Wellbeing team has completed considerable work in identifying suitable alternate locations for current users of the Hawdon Hall and are currently working through options individually with each user to allow ample time for relocation should the sale proceed.
4. At the 29 May 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council resolved to receive a further report to commence the statutory process for sale of the land at 78-80 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg in accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
5. The giving of public notice of Council's intention to sell does not compel Council to sell the Land. Council is merely complying with its statutory obligations under the Act.
6. This process will entail giving public notice of its intention to sell and undertake a community engagement process in accordance with Council's community engagement policy. Advertising of the sale notice is intended to occur between 2 October 2023 and 30 October 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, commences the statutory procedures to give public notice of its intention to sell the land at 78-80 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg and undertakes a community engagement process in accordance with the *Banyule Community Engagement Policy 2021*.
2. Receives written submissions on the proposal and hears from persons who have made a written request to be heard in person or by a party representing them as specified in their submission, at a future meeting of Council.
3. In the event of no submissions being received in respect of the above property, decide whether or not to sell the Land at a future meeting of Council.
4. Receive a further report on setting the reserve price for the sale of the subject land.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or delegate to sign and seal the necessary documentation at the appropriate time.
6. Continues to work with existing user groups on potential relocation options and communicate next steps and project timelines

Resolution (CO2023/178)

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 114 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, commences the statutory procedures to give public notice of its intention to sell the land at 78-80 Hawdon Street, Heidelberg and undertakes a community engagement process in accordance with the *Banyule Community Engagement Policy 2021*.
2. Receives written submissions on the proposal and hears from persons who have made a written request to be heard in person or by a party representing them as specified in their submission, at a future meeting of Council.
3. In the event of no submissions being received in respect of the above property, decide whether or not to sell the Land at a future meeting of Council.
4. Receive a further report on setting the reserve price for the sale of the subject land.

5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or delegate to sign and seal the necessary documentation at the appropriate time.
6. Continues to work with existing user groups on potential relocation options and communicate next steps and project timelines.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

7. OUR VALUED COMMUNITY ASSETS AND FACILITIES

7.1 PUBLIC TOILET PLAN REVIEW

Roger Fyfe addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the Officer recommendation. **Louise Muller** provided a written statement and was AGAINST the Officer recommendation. Natasha Swan Director City Development read out the written statement.

SUMMARY

1. The Banyule Public Toilet Plan (the Plan) sets out a ten-year capital works program and action plan for the provision and management of Council owned and managed public toilets across the municipality.
2. The purpose of this report is to present the review of Council's first Public Toilet Plan adopted in 2018 and seek endorsement for public exhibition.
3. The revised (draft) Public Toilet Plan is a review of the 2018 Public Toilet Plan, and therefore not a completely new document. An action of the original Plan was for it to be reviewed midway through its 10-year timeframe.
4. As part of community consultation, 545 community members provided feedback. 64% of people that participated are women and 85% are more than 35 years old.
5. The Plan sets out a renewal, replacement, and upgrade program; a program for installing new toilet facilities and an action plan for internal stakeholders.
6. A detailed audit of 57 toilets across Banyule was undertaken. Community feedback was also considered to develop these programs.
7. A gap analysis was undertaken, considering proximity to activity centres and open space/parks, as well as community feedback, to identify priority locations for additional toilet facilities. Six new toilets are proposed in the next 10 years.
8. An Action Plan consisting of 39 actions are a combination of carried over actions from the original plan or new actions developed through internal stakeholder consultation and community feedback.
9. The proposed work program requires an estimated \$1.515 million additional funding over the next 10 years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Public Toilet Plan 2023 (Attachment 1) for a 4-week public exhibition from 27 September 2023 to 26 October 2023 on Shaping Banyule, seeking community feedback prior to adoption.

2. Notes the Community Consultation Report (Attachment 2), which will also be shared with the community on Shaping Banyule.
3. Receives a further report in December 2023 outlining the consultation outcomes, and any proposed changes or additions, together with the final Public Toilet Plan for adoption

Resolution (CO2023/179)

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft Public Toilet Plan 2023 (Attachment 1) for a 4-week public exhibition from 27 September 2023 to 26 October 2023 on Shaping Banyule, seeking community feedback prior to adoption.
2. Notes that Community Consultation is to include extended consultation to include paper feedback and public notices display at service centres and libraries in Banyule.
3. Notes the Community Consultation Report (Attachment 2), which will also be shared with the community on Shaping Banyule.
4. Receives a further report in December 2023 outlining the consultation outcomes, and any proposed changes or additions, together with the final Public Toilet Plan for adoption.

Moved: Cr Alida McKern

Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti

CARRIED

8. OUR THRIVING LOCAL ECONOMY

8.1 INCLUSIVE LOCAL JOBS STRATEGY / ACTION PLAN YEAR THREE UPDATE SUMMARY

1. A review of year three (3) of Council's Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025 has been completed (**Attachment 1**).
2. Within the 2022-23 financial year, key initiatives implemented as part of this Strategy and Action Plan have led to the creation of 252 local job outcomes for local people facing barriers to employment.
3. Together with the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan, a total of 333 job outcomes were created in the 2022-23 financial year.
4. This is the third year of the strategy implementation and Council has made significant progress toward the target of '1000 local jobs for people facing barriers to employment by 2025'. A total of 726 job outcomes have been created across both strategies since adopted.
5. Council has commenced the fourth year of the Strategy and Action Plan (**Attachment 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the achievements of year three of the Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.

2. Receive an annual report in September or October 2024 with an update regarding year four achievements of the Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.

Resolution (CO2023/180)

That Council:

1. Notes the achievements of year three of the Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.
2. Receive an annual report in September or October 2024 with an update regarding year four achievements of the Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

8.2 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE STRATEGY / ACTION PLAN YEAR THREE UPDATE SUMMARY

1. A review of year three (3) of Council's Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025 has been completed (**Attachment 1**).
2. Within the 2022-23 financial year, key initiatives implemented as part of this Strategy and Action Plan have led to the creation of 81 local job outcomes for local people facing barriers to employment.
3. Together with the Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Action Plan, a total of 333 job outcomes were created in the 2022-23 financial year.
4. This is the third year of the strategy implementation and Council has made significant progress toward the target of '1000 local jobs for people facing barriers to employment by 2025'. A total of 726 job outcomes have been created across both strategies since adopted.
5. Council has commenced the fourth year of the Strategy and Action Plan (**Attachment 2**).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Notes the achievements of year three (3) of the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.
2. Receive an annual report in September or October 2024 with an update regarding year four achievements of the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.

Resolution (CO2023/181)

That Council:

1. Notes the achievements of year three (3) of the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.
2. Receive an annual report in September or October 2024 with an update regarding year four achievements of the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan 2020-2025.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Roger Fyfe addressed Council in person and spoke FOR the Officer recommendation.

TAKE NOTICE that it is my intention to move:

That Council:

1. Note the current issues and challenges faced across the Banyule Community regarding the impacts abandoned shopping trolleys.
2. Request that an officer report be presented back on or before December 2023 providing Council with information regarding:
 - (a) The current approach that Council takes in relation to dealing and managing the increase in abandoned shopping trolleys across the municipality.
 - (b) What options can Council take, if any, to work with shopping centres to reduce instances of abandoned shopping trolley.
 - (c) What existing policy position or strategy is in place that provides guidance to the community, shopping centres and Council on the management of abandoned trolleys.
 - (d) What alternatives to a policy position could Council consider, if Council does not have a set policy or strategy on abandoned shopping trolleys and how this may be informed in line with strategies that other local government agencies employ to manage the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys across Victoria.
 - (e) Understand what, if any, statutory powers Council's Authorised Officers have under Councils Local Law No. 1 (2015) in relation to compliance and enforcement activity of abandoned shopping trolleys.
 - (f) What proactive advocacy and communication strategies and does Council use to advertise the impacts and issues relating to abandoned shopping trolleys across the municipality.

Resolution (CO2023/182)

That Council:

1. Note the current issues and challenges faced across the Banyule Community regarding the impacts abandoned shopping trolleys.
2. Request that an officer report be presented back on or before December 2023 providing Council with information regarding:
 - (a) The current approach that Council takes in relation to dealing and managing the increase in abandoned shopping trolleys across the municipality.
 - (b) What options can Council take, if any, to work with shopping centres to reduce instances of abandoned shopping trolleys.
 - (c) What existing policy position or strategy is in place that provides guidance to the community, shopping centres and Council on the management of abandoned trolleys.
 - (d) What alternatives to a policy position could Council consider, if Council does not have a set policy or strategy on abandoned shopping trolleys and how this may be informed in line with strategies that other local government agencies employ to manage the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys across Victoria.
 - (e) Understand what, if any, statutory powers Council's Authorised Officers have under Councils Local Law No. 1 (2015) in relation to compliance and enforcement activity of abandoned shopping trolleys.
 - (f) What proactive advocacy and communication strategies does Council use to advertise the impacts and issues relating to abandoned shopping trolleys across the municipality.

Moved: Cr Peter Dimarelos
Seconded: Cr Alida McKern

CARRIED

9.2 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE OPPORTUNITIES AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TAKE NOTICE that it is my intention to move:
That Council:

1. Notes the current need for increased community infrastructure as demonstrated in the Banyule Community Infrastructure Plan endorsed by Council on 26 June 2023.
2. Notes that Council has demonstrated success of community infrastructure partnerships with the State Government at public secondary schools benefiting both the local school community and wider community at Banyule, notably at Nets Stadium at Macleod Secondary College and sporting infrastructure at Greensborough Secondary College.

3. Notes there is an opportunity to explore if further shared infrastructure between the Education Department and Banyule Council exist across Banyule.
4. Request that an officer report be presented back to Council by the end of October 2023 providing Council with information regarding:
 - (a) Current opportunities that exists to meet community infrastructure needs with facility upgrades at Banyule's public secondary and primary schools, detailing type of infrastructure opportunities, upgrade and redevelopment costs and community and school benefits achieved through investment.
 - (b) Advocacy opportunities for future State Government budgets for these facility upgrades with a shared funding model between both State Government and Banyule Council.
 - (c) A proposed program of works that could be considered within future budgets with a consideration of seeding funding from Banyule Council to stimulate State Government investment opportunities, over a number of years.

Resolution (CO2023/183)

That Council:

1. Notes the current need for increased community infrastructure as demonstrated in the Banyule Community Infrastructure Plan endorsed by Council on 26 June 2023.
2. Notes that Council has demonstrated success of community infrastructure partnerships with the State Government at public secondary schools benefiting both the local school community and wider community at Banyule, notably at Nets Stadium at Macleod Secondary College and sporting infrastructure at Greensborough Secondary College.
3. Notes there is an opportunity to explore if further shared infrastructure between the Education Department and Banyule Council exists across Banyule.
4. Request that an officer report be presented back to Council by the end of October 2023 providing Council with information regarding:
 - (a) Current opportunities that exist to meet community infrastructure needs with facility upgrades at Banyule's public secondary and primary schools, detailing type of infrastructure opportunities, upgrade and redevelopment costs and community and school benefits achieved through investment.
 - (b) Advocacy opportunities for future State Government budgets for these facility upgrades with a shared funding model between both State Government and Banyule Council.
 - (c) A proposed program of works that could be considered within future budgets with a consideration of seeding funding from Banyule Council to stimulate State Government investment opportunities, over a number of years.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

CARRIED

Cr Peter Castaldo left the chamber at 9.37pm and returned at 9.42pm.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Opening Night – 2023 Banyule Award for Works on Paper

Cr McKern and the Mayor Cr Castaldo, Cr Nealy and Cr Champion attended the opening night of the 2023 Banyule Award for Works on Paper on 15 September 2023, showcasing 25 artworks, responding to the theme *Nhalinggu Bagung* (meaning ‘Come Together’ in Woi-wurrung language).

This year, Council’s prestigious \$10,000 national acquisitive art prize was awarded to **Aunty Rochelle Patten and Katie Howard for their collaborative artwork, Bayadherra.**

The exhibition is on until 26 November 2023 at Art Gallery 275 at Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (ILCH).

BANSIC Food Hub

Cr McKern assisted at the Food Hub this week, packing food relief parcels. Although located in 3081, BANSIC also services other areas incorporating postcodes 3079, 3084 & 3085. Further information regarding volunteering or general information regarding BANSIC they can be contacted contact PH 03 9459 5959. Cr McKern thanked all Council staff, State Government staff, residents and contractors for delivering a fantastic result.

Opening Were Street Pocket Park – Montmorency

Cr Champion attended the opening of the Were Street Pocket Park on 15 September 2023. Cr Champion reflected that the Pocket Park is a great space for all of the community to gather and enjoy. Also in attendance were Federal Member for Eltham Vicki Ward MP, Mayor Cr Castaldo, and Council’s CEO Ms Allison Beckwith and other Council staff.

Ivanhoe Reading Circle

Mayor Cr Castaldo attended the Ivanhoe Reading Circle on 5 September 2023 which focused on the first astronomers – our First Nations people. Cr Castaldo reflected that it was a fascinating and engaging presentation.

Banyule Community Fund Launch

Mayor Cr Castaldo attended the launch of the Banyule Community Fund on 7 September 2023 which he reflected was a very well attended event. Cr Castaldo reflected on this important piece of work by Council that encourages people to support local organisations.

Youth Fest

Mayor Cr Castaldo attended the Youth Fest on 10 September 2023, which is the peak event for Youth Services Department at Council. The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Wurrunjeri Cultural Walk

Mayor Cr Castaldo attended the Wurrunjeri Cultural Walk on 20 September 2023 facilitated by Uncle David and Uncle Bill. Cr Castaldo reflected that Uncle David and Uncle Bill provided a breadth and depth of knowledge about the Banyule Billabong and the importance of different vegetation and ecology within it.

Citizenship Ceremony

Mayor Cr Castaldo attended a recent Banyule City Council Citizenship Ceremony on Wednesday 20 September 2023. Cr Castaldo reflected on the significance of the Citizenship Ceremonies and how beautiful and celebratory they are, with over 150 people naturalised and now calling Australia home.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

1	<p>Name & Suburb Jy Sandford Heidelberg Heights</p>
	<p>Question: Will Council fly the trans flag to mark Trans Day of Remembrance on 20th November 2023?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>In 2022, the Transgender Flag was flown to mark the official Transgender Day of Remembrance as per the recommendations made from the LGBTIQ+ committee to Council.</p> <p>This practice will continue this year until the Committee makes a different recommendation to Council.</p> <p>Jo Wilson – Acting Director Community Wellbeing</p>
2	<p>Name & Suburb Roger Fyfe Ivanhoe</p>
	<p>Question: Properties on the East side of Waterdale Road Ivanhoe in Precinct 61 can use Bryant Reserve to access parking within that Precinct. Can that be done safely at night. If not, what will it cost to become compliant?</p>
	<p>Response:</p> <p>A lighting assessment of Bryant Reserve and the carparking area was undertaken by one of Council's traffic engineers in June 2023. The inspection determined that the lighting met the required standard. So, from an infrastructure perspective it is considered safe, however safety is an individual consideration with the infrastructure being only one element.</p> <p>Natasha Swan – Director City Development</p>
3	<p>Name & Suburb Alicia Curry Rosanna</p>
	<p>Question: Would council provide the figures on social housing (ie public and community housing) in Banyule, to include the existing dwellings (and number bedrooms this provides) and also provide the estimated number of dwellings (and respective bedrooms) which have been planned by State Government (some for many years), yet to be provided, such as</p>

	<p>the Ivanhoe Water Tank site, Bell Bardia estate, Tarakan estate, Buna site and other known sites in the Heidelberg areas?</p> <p>Response: Council does not provide or coordinate social housing and as such we do not usually have access to existing housing numbers, which are held by the State Government. Homes Victoria has however recently shared some of their figures with us.</p> <p>There are 2,296 social housing dwellings in Banyule. These dwellings can be broken down by number of bedrooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 bed: 663 dwellings • 2 bed: 840 dwellings • 3 bed: 593 dwellings • 4+ bed: 200 dwellings <p>We have limited information so far on specific sites for planned housing as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tarakan Estate: 130 dwellings, with a combination of 1,2 and 3 bed dwellings. 40 of these dwellings is for affordable housing based on income, rather than social housing. • Launch housing, Bellfield: 58 units with a mix of studio, 1,2 and 3 bed dwellings. • Unison, Bell Street: 42 dwellings for a mix of social and affordable housing. <p>Natasha Swan – Director City Development</p>
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4	<p>Name & Suburb Jane Crone Eaglemont</p> <p>Question: Seeking Information on the once vibrant family orientated, friendly, successful Heidelberg Swimming Club, that would include what happened to it, where did it go, what happened to its partially parent funded club room and where is its historical memorabilia now stored that includes its honour boards and perpetual swimming championship trophies?</p> <p>Response: Council has only been able to source information about the Heidelberg Flyers Swim Club that utilise the Heidelberg Primary School pool in Cape Street and/or Ivanhoe Girls Grammar.</p> <p>Heidelberg Historical Society outlines on its website some information some history of swimming clubs in Banyule which can be located at; Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.</p> <p>It refers to the Heidelberg Swimming Club that was established in 1912. It seems to be linked with the Alphington Swimming Club rooms which was located along the Yarra River. This was used for competitions for local swim clubs including Heidelberg. A number of sheds and beaches at the Yarra swimming holes were swept away by repeated flooding (especially in 1934). By the 1950s and 1960s the river was increasingly polluted and municipal swimming pools were being established and replaced river swimming. Unfortunately, it is unknown what may be happened to the historical memorabilia, but the Historical Society may have more information on this.</p>
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	Jo Wilson – Acting Director Community Wellbeing
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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 three (3) confidential matters.

11.1 Management and Operation of WaterMarc - Finalisation of 2023/2024 Budget and Request for Tender Timelines

11.2 Bellfield - Uplift Payment for Crown Condition Removal on Wedge Land

11.3 Outcomes from the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting - 14 August 2023

Item 11.1 has been designated as confidential pursuant to section 3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it contains confidential information relating to personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. The information within the report relates to the employment and performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.

Item 11.2 has been designated confidential pursuant to section 3(1)(a) and(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, as they contain confidential information relating to private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that relates to trade secrets; or if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

Item 11.3 has been designated confidential pursuant to section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it relates to personnel matters, being information which if it was released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. The information in the report relates to the employment, remuneration and the annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED

Closure of Meeting

The Ordinary Council Meeting was closed to the public at 9.54pm.

The Confidential Council Meeting opened at 10.02pm in order to deal with items 11.1, 11.2, and 11.3.

The Confidential Meeting closed at 10.59pm and did not reopen to the public.

Council resolved to not release any information to the public regarding Item **11.1 Management and Operation of WaterMarc – Finalisation of 2023/2024 Budget and Request for Tender Timelines as the information.**

The information remained designated as confidential pursuant to s3(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as the information remains private commercial information, and if

released, would unreasonably expose Council and the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

Council resolved to not release any information to the public relating to item **11.2 Bellfield – Uplift Payment for Crown Condition Removal on Wedge Land.**

The information remained designated as confidential pursuant to s3(1)(a) and (g) of *the Local Government Act 2020* as the information remains confidential council business information being information that prematurely released at this point would prejudice Council’s position in commercial negotiations.

Council resolved to release the following information to the public from item **11.3 Outcomes from the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2023:**

- That the CEO Employment Matters Committee Meeting that was scheduled on Monday 14 August 2023 to undertake the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) 12 month Performance Review was held in accordance with the Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy and Chief Executive Officer Employment Matters Terms of Reference.
- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) successfully completed her 12 month Performance Review in accordance with the Chief Executive Officers current contract, KPI’s and Scorecard.

The remainder of the Council resolution, Officer Report and attachments remains confidential pursuant to s3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it relates to personnel information and personal affairs information regarding the Chief Executive Officers employment and remuneration.

DATED: DAY OF 2023

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 9 October 2023