



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY

20 FEBRUARY 2023

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber Realm, on Monday 20 February 2023 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

Cr Rob Steane (Mayor)	Yarrunga Ward
Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor)	Wicklów Ward
Cr Marijke Graham	Barangeong Ward
Cr Tony Dib, OAM JP	Bungalook Ward
Cr Mike Symon	Jubilee Ward
Cr Suzy Stojanovic	McAlpin Ward
Cr Paul Macdonald	Tarralla Ward
Cr Kylie Spears	Wombolano Ward
Cr Linda Hancock	Wonga Ward
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer
Tony Rocca	Chief Financial Officer
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development
Chloe Messerle	Senior Governance Officer
Emma Hills	Governance Officer
Dan Glass	Multimedia Officer

The Mayor, Cr Steane welcomed all to the February Council meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer read the following Statement of Recording -

“Please note that this meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet. All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, your presence may be recorded.”

A prayer was read by Reverend Professor Philip Hughes from Maroondah Interfaith Network

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR SYMON 1/23

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2022 BE CONFIRMED.**CARRIED****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

ATTENDANCE REPORT ITEM 1

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 2/23

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS**CARRIED**

Councillors who spoke to their reports - Crs Steane, Damante, Graham, Symon, Stojanovic, Spears, Hancock

Cr Steane

13/12	Mayoral Video Filming
15/12	Meeting with Heathmont resident
15/12	Maroondah Audit & Risk Committee Meeting
15/12	Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Opening 'Room to Reverse'
22/12	ABC filming
25/01	'Through My Eyes' Art Exhibition Event
26/01	Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
01/02	Maroondah Photographic Society Trophy Presentation
02/02	Eastern Region Group (ERG) Maroondah Mayor & Deputy Mayor Meeting
02/02	Eastern FM Broadcast
04/02	Launch of Blossoms of Life at Ringwood Lake 'The Eucalyptus Flower for Everyone'
06/02	Councillor & Mayoral Video Filming
08/02	Maroondah Business Advisory Committee (MBAC) preparatory meeting
09/02	Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Launch 'OMMISSION: Ciaran Frame and Amber Cronin + In/Visible: Persephone Thacker'
14/02	Eastern Region Group (ERG) Pre-meeting with Chair and Deputy
20/02	Maroondah Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Cr Damante

- 13/12 FReeZA Graduation
- 20/01 Grand Opening Sideshow Burgers - Main Street, Croydon
- 26/01 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
- 31/01 Planning Consultation Meeting - 44, 46 and 48 Ruskin Avenue, Croydon
- 02/02 Eastern Region Group of Councils - Maroondah Mayor & Deputy Mayor Meeting
- 06/02 Councillor Video Filming
- 10/02 Municipal Association of Victoria Councillor Leadership Conference
- 13/02 "The Star" media interview
- 16/02 Photo opportunity at Croydon Main Street - "The Star"
- 18/02 Croydon Men's Shed visit

Cr Graham

- 06/01 Communities of Wellbeing 2023 Planning Day
- 11/01 Site visit with resident
- 01/02 Communities of Wellbeing 2023 Launch - Self Compassion
- 06/02 Councillor Video Filming
- 11/02 Public Art Launch - Tawny Frogmouth sculpture in Melview Reserve, Ringwood North
- 11/02 Aquahub Poolside Pride LGBTIQA+ Event

Cr Dib

- 26/01 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Cr Symon

- 13/12 Maroondah Business Group Networking (The Maroondah Report)
- 11/01 Meeting with Heathmont Community Action Group President
- 26/01 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
- 02/02 Councillor Video Filming
- 03/02 Meeting with resident
- 09/02 Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Launch 'OMMISSION: Ciaran Frame and Amber Cronin + In/Visible: Persephone Thacker'
- 10/02 Municipal Association of Victoria Councillor Leadership Conference
- 11/02 Public Art Launch - Tawny Frogmouth sculpture in Melview Reserve, Ringwood North
- 15/02 Municipal Association of Victoria Presidential Forum
- 16/02 Municipal association of Victoria Presidential Forum No. 2
- 18/02 Ringwood Cricket Club President's event
- 20/02 Maroondah Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Cr Symon tabled a report regarding the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2022 that he and Cr Macdonald attended in November 2022.

Cr Macdonald

- 14/12 Woodland Park Enhancement plan - drop in session
- 21/01 Woodland Park Enhancement plan - drop in session
- 26/01 Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
- 02/02 Councillor Video Filming
- 04/02 Launch of Blossoms of Life at Ringwood Lake 'The Eucalyptus Flower for Everyone'
- 10/02 Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Councillor Leadership Conference
- 11/02 Public Art Launch - Tawny Frogmouth sculpture in Melview Reserve, Ringwood North
- 16/02 Meeting with the Hon David Hodgett MP, Member for Croydon

Cr Stojanovic

- 20/01 Meeting with Croydon Conservation Society
- 23/01 Meeting with resident
- 31/01 Eastern Alliance Greenhouse Alliance (EAGA) Induction
- 01/02 Communities of Wellbeing 2023 Launch - Self Compassion
- 02/02 Rationalist Society Interview
- 02/02 EQUIP Women for Public Office Online Program
- 03/02 Meeting with Burnt Bridge Tennis Club
- 05/02 Midsumma Pride March 2023
- 06/02 Councillor Video Filming
- 09/02 February Croydon Conservation Society Virtual Meeting
- 10/02 Municipal Association of Victoria Councillor Leadership Conference
- 11/02 Aquahub Poolside Pride LGBTIQA+ Event
- 11/02 Urban Permaculture Garden Tour & Grey Water Demo T1 2023 - Central Ringwood Community Centre
- 13/02 Planning Consultation Meeting- 36 Grey Street, Ringwood East
- 16/02 Emerging Farmers' webinar

Cr Spears

- 13/12 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Victoria Finance subcommittee meeting
- 14/12 Australian Local Government Women's Association meeting
- 14/12 Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria / Baw Baw Shire Meeting regarding 2025 Conference
- 15/12 Meeting with resident
- 20/12 Local Government Sector Roundtable
- 09/01 National Australian Local Government Women's Association Special Meeting
- 16/01 Meeting with resident
- 17/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Exec Planning Day
- 17/01 Australian Local Government Women's Association Vic / Baw Baw Shire Meeting re 2025 Conference
- 18/01 Heathmont 100 Meeting
- 02/02 Meeting with residents
- 03/02 Eastern Regional Libraries Corporation/ Your Library Audit Risk Advisory Committee meeting
- 04/02 Launch of Blossoms of Life at Ringwood Lake 'The Eucalyptus Flower for Everyone'

08/02	Australian Local Government Women's Association Victoria / MPSC
09/02	Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Launch 'OMMISSION: Ciaran Frame and Amber Cronin + In/Visible: Persephone Thacker'
15/02	Australian Local Government Women's Association Planning day
16/02	Eastern Regional Libraries/ Your Library Board Meeting
16/02	Heathmont 100 meeting
16/02	Planning Consultation Meeting - 154-156 Canterbury Road, Heathmont
20/02	Maroondah Audit & Risk Committee Meeting

Cr Hancock

15/12	Norwood Park Enhancement plan on site consultation drop in session
15/12	Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Opening 'Room to Reverse'
10/01	Norwood Park Enhancement plan on site consultation drop in session
25/01	Meeting with residents at 3 New Street Ringwood
25/01	'Through My Eyes' Art Exhibition event
26/01	Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony
04/02	Launch of Blossoms of Life at Ringwood Lake 'The Eucalyptus Flower for Everyone'
06/02	Councillor Video Filming
06/02	Meeting with resident regarding ongoing building issues
09/02	Maroondah Federation Estate Gallery Exhibition Launch 'OMMISSION: Ciaran Frame and Amber Cronin + In/Visible: Persephone Thacker'
11/02	Public Art Launch - Tawny Frogmouth sculpture in Melview Reserve, Ringwood North
11/02	Wonga Ward Celebrate Maroondah event
16/02	Eastern Regional Libraries / Your Library Board Meeting

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR GRAHAM

3/23

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON THE 12 DECEMBER 2022 AND 6 FEBRUARY 2023**CARRIED****COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS**

ITEM 3

MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR MACDONALD

4/23

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES

- 1. MAROONDAH DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 24 NOVEMBER 2022**
- 2. EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2022**
- 3. EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2022**

CARRIED

PROPOSED GRANT OF EASEMENT AT 50A NANGATHAN WAY
CROYDON NORTH

ITEM 4

MOVED CR GRAHAM, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC

5/23

THAT COUNCIL

1. **HAVING FOLLOWED ALL THE REQUIRED STATUTORY PROCEDURES UNDER SECTION 114 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020 (ACT) IN RELATION TO ITS PROPOSAL TO GRANT THE POWER SUPPLY EASEMENT SHOWN MARKED 'E-1' ON THE PLAN ATTACHED AS SCHEDULE 1 TO THIS REPORT, OVER PART OF THE LAND CONTAINED IN CERTIFICATES OF TITLE VOLUME 9549 FOLIO 483, VOLUME 11027 FOLIO 276, AND VOLUME 10311 FOLIO 988, AND NOTING THAT THERE WERE NO SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC NOTICE, RESOLVES TO GRANT THE EASEMENT IN FAVOUR OF AUSNET FOR AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN A CURRENT MARKET VALUATION HELD BY COUNCIL, PLUS OTHER INCIDENTAL COSTS IN RELATION TO THE PROCESS; AND**
2. **AUTHORISES THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OR ANY OTHER OFFICER WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENABLE COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS FUNCTIONS UNDER THE ACT IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER**

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS QUARTERLY EXPENSE AND REIMBURSEMENT
REPORT - OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022

ITEM 5

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR SPEARS

6/23

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE COUNCILLORS EXPENSE AND REIMBURSEMENT
REPORT FOR OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2022**

CARRIED

REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM 6

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR SPEARS

7/23

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT FROM THE AUDIT & RISK
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2022**

CARRIED

COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 (YEAR 2: 2022/23) PRIORITY ACTION
PROGRESS REPORT, QUARTER 2, 2022/23

ITEM 7

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR DIB

8/23

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS THE DELIVERY OF 2022/23
PRIORITY ACTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025 AS AT 31
DECEMBER 2022**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Spears

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING FRAMEWORK
- SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT - QUARTER 2,
2022/23

ITEM 8

MOVED CR GRAHAM, SECONDED CR SPEARS

9/23

**THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FRAMEWORK SERVICE PERFORMANCE RESULTS FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL
YEAR AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Graham, Spears

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT: SIX MONTHS ENDING
31 DECEMBER 2022

ITEM 9

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR SPEARS

10/23

**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL
PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDING 31 DECEMBER
2022**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Symon

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - FURTHER TERM APPOINTMENT
FOR CURRENT MEMBER

ITEM 10

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR SPEARS

11/23

**THAT MR. MICHAEL ULBRICK BE APPOINTED AS AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE
MEMBER FOR A FURTHER THREE-YEAR TERM**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Symon

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISUREPETITION - HEATHMONT RESIDENTS ACTION GROUP ITEM 1MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 12/23**THAT COUNCIL**

1. **RECEIVES AND NOTES THE ADDITIONAL PETITION, CONTAINING 128 SIGNATURES, REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "VILLAGE GREEN" AT 127B CANTERBURY ROAD, HEATHMONT**
2. **ADVISES THE LEAD PETITIONER THAT COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY AWAITING FURTHER ADVICE FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ON HOW ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO NO LONGER FUND THE PROPOSED HEATHMONT ACTIVITY CENTRE CAR PARK WILL IMPACT THE FUTURE USE OF THE LAND**

CARRIEDCAPITAL WORKS REPORT: SECOND QUARTER 2022/2023
FINANCIAL YEAR ITEM 2MOVED CR DIB, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 13/23**THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022****CARRIED****DIRECTOR STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT**BIODIVERSITY IN MAROONDAH (2020) VOLUMES 1 & 2 ITEM 1MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR GRAHAM 14/23**THAT**

1. **VOLUME 1 OF BIODIVERSITY IN MAROONDAH (2020) BE NOTED BY COUNCIL AND MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**
2. **THE DOCUMENT "COUNCIL RESPONSES TO 'ACTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION' IN BIODIVERSITY IN MAROONDAH 2020 VOLUME 1" ACCOMPANY VOLUME 1 AND BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**
3. **VOLUME 2 OF BIODIVERSITY IN MAROONDAH (2020) BE FORMALLY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AS AN ACCEPTED BASE OF EVIDENCE, AND ALSO BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON COUNCIL'S WEBSITE**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Stojanovic

DIRECTOR PEOPLE & PLACES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S CHARTER 21 - ANNUAL UPDATE ITEM 1
MOVED CR GRAHAM, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 15/23

THAT COUNCIL

1. **NOTES THE OVERVIEW OF ACTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE WOMEN'S CHARTER KEY PRINCIPLES OF GENDER EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP THAT COUNCIL HAS UNDERTAKEN OVER THE PAST 12 MONTH PERIOD**
2. **INVESTIGATES OPPORTUNITIES TO PROMOTE, ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT WOMEN AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE TO STAND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MAROONDAH**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs, Graham, Stojanovic Spears, Steane, Spears

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

45 LACEY STREET, CROYDON - LEASE WITH ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) ITEM 1
MOVED CR DAMANTE, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 16/23

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE WITH ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) FOR THE OCCUPATION OF 45 LACEY STREET, CROYDON

CARRIED**MOTIONS TO REVIEW**

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR ROB STEANE AND CR LINDA HANCOCK

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR SPEARS 17/23

THAT CR ROB STEANE AND CR LINDA HANCOCK BE GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THE FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE 20 MARCH 2023

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR GRAHAM, SECONDED CR SYMON 18/23

THAT THE FOLLOWING MATTERS BE DEALT WITH IN CAMERA PURSUANT TO S66(1) AND S66(2)(A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020, BECAUSE THE REPORTS CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH S3(1) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2020.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ITEM 1 CONTRACT VTS - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - MOBILE SERVICES
(THROUGH STATE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT)

Reason: This report contains . This information is confidential in accordance with of the Act.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

ITEM 2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONTRACT

Reason: This report contains personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs. This information is confidential in accordance with s3(1)(f) of the Act. This ground is applied because the information, if publicly released at the time, is likely to be inappropriately detrimental to the Council or any person.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

CONTRACT VTS - TELECOMMUNICATIONS - MOBILE SERVICES
(THROUGH STATE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT)

ITEM 1

THIS REPORT AND ALL DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THIS RESOLUTION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT AT WHICH TIME THE RESOLUTION BE MADE PUBLIC

CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONTRACT

ITEM 2

DETERMINES THAT THIS RESOLUTION AND REPORT ARE TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THAT THIS DECISION BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM OF THIS MEETING

The open forum closed at 8:35pm.

Confirmed

Date