



MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY

18 SEPTEMBER 2023

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber Realm, on Monday 18 September 2023 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT

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| Cr Rob Steane, OAM (Mayor) | Yarrunga 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 |
| Emma Hills | Governance Officer |
| Sienna Gallagher | Theatre Technician |

The Mayor, Cr Steane welcomed all to the September 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 Pastor Andrew Harris from Croydon Hills Baptist Church.

The Councillor Pledge was read by the Mayor.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor.

APOLOGIES

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| Cr Tasa Damante (Deputy Mayor) | Wicklow Ward |
| Cr Tony Dib, OAM JP | Bungalook Ward |

Cr Dib was granted a Leave of Absence at the 28 August 2023 Council Meeting.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR SPEARS

101/23

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28 AUGUST 2023 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Resident

"How much money has the council spent on heritage consultants during the course of this heritage review?"

Director Strategy & Development

"The city wide Heritage Studies, associated community engagement and planning scheme work has progressed over 6 financial years. Over 6 financial years \$242,696 has been spent on the Heritage Consultants."

Thomas Oliver

"Given that 79% of submissions concerning amendment C148maro were opposing the amendment, not including petitions, why should the amendment not be abandoned rather than referred to a planning panel. Thankyou."

Director Strategy & Development

"The referral of the Amendment to a Planning Panel allows each person to explain their submission in person and in detail. The veracity of each submission including that of Council Heritage Advisor and supporters of the Amendment, can then be independently reviewed and reported back to Council for their consideration."

OFFICERS' REPORTS**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

ATTENDANCE REPORT

ITEM 1

MOVED CR MACDONALD, SECONDED CR SYMON

102/23

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

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

Cr Steane (Mayor)

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| 29/08 | Mayoral Video Filming |
| 29/08 | Victorian Local Government Grants Commission (VLGGC) information session |
| 30/08 | National Meals on Wheels Day site visit and volunteer activities |
| 31/08 | Ringwood Spiders 2023 Trophy Presentation |
| 07/09 | Maroondah Student Voice Forum |
| 12/09 | Freeman of the City Presentation event |

Cr Damante (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Damante is currently on leave

Cr Graham

06/09 Community of Wellbeing September Meeting - "Forgiveness"

Councillor Graham resigned on 8 September 2023

Cr Dib

Councillor Dib is currently on leave

Cr Symon

04/09 Ringwood Arts Society Artwork Launch
05-07/09 National Local Roads & Transport Congress
07/09 Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) - Corruption risks in Local Councils: Operation Sandon special report
09/09 Ringwood Croquet Club Official Opening Day for season 2023/24
12/09 Freeman of the City Presentation event
13/09 Heatherdale Community Action Group Annual General Meeting
14/09 Maroondah Arts Exhibition Launch - Doubt (again) & Our Plants, Our Heritage
15/09 Eastern Football and Netball League (EFNL) Grand Final function

Cr Stojanovic

29/08 August BizBites lunch, learn and connect
31/08 Women's Health East (WHE) - Margins to the Mainstream Consultation Guide Launch
04/09 Ringwood Arts Society Artwork Launch
07/09 Eastern FM Broadcast
07/09 Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) / Local Government information Unit (LGIU) Global Executive Panel - Harmonious Decision Making
08/09 Victorian Local Government Grants Commission (VLGGC) information session
08/09 The Helping Hand Project Movie Fundraiser - My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3
09/09 Burnt Bridge Tennis Club - Grand finals
10/09 Burnt Bridge Tennis Club Annual General Meeting
12/09 Freeman of the City Presentation event
14/09 Ruth McGowan Professional Development Group Coaching Session
14/09 Maroondah Arts Exhibition Launch - Doubt (again) & Our Plants, Our Heritage
16/09 Formal Opening of Chin Championship Cup

Cr Macdonald

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Cr Spears

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| 29/08 | Women for Election (WFE) / Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) meeting |
| 30/08 | National Meals on Wheels Day site visit and volunteer activities |
| 30/08 | Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Bursary Award Gala event |
| 05/09 | Women for Election (WFE) /Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) meeting |
| 08/09 | Women for Election (WFE) /Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) meeting |
| 12/09 | Regional Roundtable with the Honorable Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government |
| 12/09 | Freeman of the City Presentation event |
| 14/09 | Cr Michelle Kleinert - Order of Australia Medal (OAM) presentation at Government House |
| 14/09 | Women for Election (WFE) /Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) meeting |
| 14/09 | Heathmont 1923-2023 Planning Committee |
| 14/09 | Maroondah Arts Exhibition Launch - Doubt (again) & Our Plants, Our Heritage |
| 15/09 | Eastern Football and Netball League (EFNL) Grand Final function |
| 15/09 | Ringwood East Traders Association - Meet and Greet Traders |

Cr Hancock

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| 29/08 | August BizBites lunch, learn and connect |
| 30/08 | Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) Bursary Award Gala event |
| 31/08 | Ringwood Spiders 2023 Trophy Presentation |
| 09/09 | Metropolitan Training Education Centre Inc (METEC) Strategic Planning meeting |
| 10/09 | World Suicide Prevention Day event |
| 12/09 | Freeman of the City Presentation event |

REPORTS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS

ITEM 2

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR HANCOCK

103/23

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2023 AND 4 SEPTEMBER 2023

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATION REPORTS ITEM 3

MOVED CR SYMON, SECONDED CR STOJANOVIC 104/23

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING BODIES

1. **MAROONDAH ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 AUGUST 2023**
2. **MAROONDAH COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 AUGUST 2023**
3. **MAROONDAH ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2023**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Stojanovic and Symon

BARNGEONG WARD VACANCY ITEM 4

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 105/23

THAT COUNCIL NOTE THE VACANCY IN THE BARNGEONG WARD AND THAT A BY-ELECTION IS TO BE HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2023

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Steane

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE

STADIUM SPORTS STRATEGY ITEM 1

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR SPEARS 106/23

THAT COUNCIL ADOPTS THE STADIUM SPORTS STRATEGY

CARRIED

DIRECTOR STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT

MAROONDAH PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C148 -
CONSIDERATIONS OF SUBMISSIONS ITEM 1

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 107/23

THAT COUNCIL HAVING PREPARED AMENDMENT C148MARO TO THE MAROONDAH PLANNING SCHEME (AMENDMENT C148MARO) AND EXHIBITED AMENDMENT C148MARO UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE *PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987*

1. **NOTES AND CONSIDERS ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE EXHIBITION OF AMENDMENT C148 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 22(1) OF THE *PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987***
2. **ENDORSES THE OFFICER'S RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE SUBMISSIONS AS OUTLINED IN THE OFFICER REPORT AND ATTACHMENT 2 TO THIS REPORT**
3. **REQUESTS THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT PLANNING PANEL UNDER PART 8 OF THE *PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 1987* TO CONSIDER ALL SUBMISSIONS TO AMENDMENT C148**
4. **REFERS ALL SUBMISSIONS TO THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING PANEL APPOINTED BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING**
5. **ENDORSES THE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO AMENDMENT C148 OUTLINED IN THE OFFICER REPORT, ATTACHMENT 2 AND ATTACHMENT 3, FOR THE PURPOSES OF COUNCIL'S ADVOCACY POSITION BEFORE THE PANEL**
6. **DELEGATES THE MANAGER CITY FUTURES THE POWER TO CONSIDER ANY LATE SUBMISSIONS AND THE POWER TO REFER THEM TO THE PANEL**
7. **ADVISES ALL SUBMITTERS OF COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Symon, Spears, Hancock, Steane and Stojanovic

COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE - COMMUNITY CENTRES

ITEM 2

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR SYMON

108/23

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS COMMUNITY FACILITIES LEASE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INCORPORATED COMMUNITY HOUSES

1. **ARRABRI COMMUNITY HOUSE INC**
2. **CENTRAL RINGWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE INC**
3. **GLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE INC**
4. **NORTH RINGWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSE INC**
5. **YARRUNGA COMMUNITY CENTRE INC**

CARRIED

DIRECTOR PEOPLE & PLACES

DRAFT MAROONDAH EXTENDED OUTDOOR DINING POLICY ITEM 1

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR HANCOCK 109/23

THAT COUNCIL

1. **NOTE FEEDBACK RECEIVED THROUGH THE MAROONDAH BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY CONSULTATION; AND**
2. **ENDORSE THE DRAFT MAROONDAH EXTENDED OUTDOOR DINING POLICY SUBJECT TO AMENDING THE PROCEDURAL FLOWCHART TO REQUIRE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY 2021, INCLUDING**
 - **ONLINE ENGAGEMENT VIA COUNCIL'S YOUR SAY MAROONDAH WEBSITE**
 - **A REQUIREMENT THAT THE APPLICANT IS TO DISPLAY A PUBLIC NOTICE ON THE PREMISES**

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Cr Stojanovic

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

LETTER UNDER SEAL - MARIJKE GRAHAM ITEM 1

MOVED CR SPEARS, SECONDED CR MACDONALD 110/23

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS A LETTER UNDER SEAL FOR MARIJKE GRAHAM IN RECOGNITION OF HER SERVICE AS A COUNCILLOR OF THE CITY OF MAROONDAH BETWEEN 2016 AND 2023 AND AS DEPUTY MAYOR IN 2019/20

CARRIED

Councillors who spoke to the motion - Crs Steane, Stojanovic, Spears, Symon, Hancock and Macdonald

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR STOJANOVIC, SECONDED CR SYMON

111/23

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.

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE**ITEM 1 TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - CONTRACT 21050 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF RINGWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE CAR PARK**

Reason: This report contains Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released. This information is confidential in accordance with s3(1)(a) 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.

DIRECTOR ASSETS & LEISURE**TENDER EVALUATION REPORT - CONTRACT 21050 DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION OF RINGWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE CAR PARK****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

The open forum closed at 8:40pm.

Confirmed

Date