



# **Ordinary Meeting of Council Attachments**

**Monday 22 April 2024**

**Council Chamber, Realm**

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**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD**

**Briefing Details:**

Date: Monday 18 March 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

**Attendees:**

<b>Councillors</b>		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Tasa Damante
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon	Cr Linda Hancock
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	Cr Rob Steane OAM
<b>Council Officers:</b>		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fiaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	
		<b>Item</b>
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	2
Chris Zidak	Manager Business & Precincts	3
Sulochi Walisinghe	Urban Design Coordinator	3
Grant Meyer	Manager City Futures	4

**Apologies:**

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Nil

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:**

Councillors:

Nil

Council Officers:

Nil

**Items Discussed:**

**## Confidential**

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	Capital Funding for Community Groups Program 2024/25
3	Staley Gardens Landscape Masterplan Design Principles
4	Draft Maroondah Transport Strategy
5	Community Assistance Fund
6	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

**Record completed by:**

Council Officer  
Title

Emma Hills
Governance Officer



## COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

### Briefing Details:

Date: 22 - 24 March 2024

Location: Mansfield

### Attendees:

<b>Councillors</b>		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon	Cr Linda Hancock
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	Cr Rob Steane OAM
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Tasa Damante	
<b>Council Officers:</b>		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	

### Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP

Council Officers:

Nil

### Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:

Cr Kylie Spears: Item 2.2 - New Initiatives 2024/25  
*Reason: While the item in question was not a conflict, the discussion then moved to the Maroondah Nets management model, and I immediately removed myself from the discussion as a Life member and former President of Melbourne East Netball Association.*

Council Officers:

Nil

### Items Discussed:

**## Confidential**

1	Long Term Outlook
2	Operational Outcomes
3	Pipeline Projects & Priorities
4	Strategic Issues
5	Councillor Forum
6	Regional Representation

**Record completed by:**

Council Officer  
Title

Tony Rocca
Chief Financial Officer



**COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD**

**Briefing Details:**

Date: Monday 8 April 2024      Time: 6:00 PM      Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

*All items discussed at a Councillor Briefing are considered confidential in nature.*

**Attendees:**

<b>Councillors</b>		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon (virtual)	Cr Linda Hancock (virtual)
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	Cr Rob Steane OAM (virtual)
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Tasa Damante	
<b>Council Officers:</b>		
Steve Kozlowski	Chief Executive Officer	
Tony Rocca	Director/Chief Financial Officer	
Adam Todorov	Director Assets & Leisure	
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director People & Places	
Andrew Fuaux	Director Strategy & Development	
Emma Hills	Governance Officer	
		<b>Item</b>
Vincent King	Manager Operations	1-3
Ben Spiteri	Team Leader Built Environment	1-2
Christopher Howells	Team Leader Tree Maintenance	3
Tim Cocks	Manager Leisure & Major Facilities	4-5
Jeanette Ingram	Sports & Recreation Planning & Policy Advisor	4-5
Kirstie Dench	Team Leader Sports & Recreation	4

**Apologies:**

Councillors:	Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP
Council Officers:	Nil

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:**

Councillors:	Cr Kylie Spears: Item 5 - Community Facility Pricing Policy. <i>Reason: Life Member - Melbourne East Netball Association lead tenant of the Nets.</i>
Council Officers:	Nil

**Items Discussed:**

1	Contract 21062 Operations Depot Waste Collection Services
2	Tender Evaluation Report - Contract 21061 - Provision of Linemarking Services
3	Resident petition - Paddlewheeler Pocket, Croydon North
4	Regional Fair Access Policy
5	Community Facilities Pricing Policy
6	MVC Boxing Lease update
7	Councillor Conference 2024 Outcomes
8	Councillor Delegates' Meeting Report
9	Community Assistance Fund
10	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

**Record completed by:**

Council Officer	Emma Hills
Title	Governance Officer





**Attachment A**

## EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Thursday, 15th February 2024

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Hosted by: Online

### Attendees:

#### Councillors

- Cr Susan Laukens, Knox City Council (Acting Chair)
- Cr Andrew Fullager, Yarra Ranges Council
- Cr Anna Chen, Manningham City Council
- Cr Tina Liu, City of Whitehorse

#### Officers

- Lucas Sikiotis, City of Greater Dandenong
- Christopher Marshall, City of Greater Dandenong
- Shane Hardingham, Knox City Council
- Winchelle Chuson, Knox City Council
- Emma Steele, Manningham City Council
- Michael Blowfield, Maroondah City Council
- Terry Tillotson, City of Monash
- Sandra Worsnop, City of Monash
- Karen O’Gorman, Yarra Ranges Council
- Kim O’Connor, Yarra Ranges Council
- Chris Hui, City of Whitehorse
- Leah McGuinness, City of Whitehorse

#### Secretariat

- James McGarvey, The Agenda Group

#### Apologies

- Cr Stuart James, City of Monash
- Cr Tony Dib, Maroondah City Council
- Cr Rhonda Garad, City of Greater Dandenong
- Matthew Hanrahan, Knox City Council
- Yingnan Wang, Knox City Council
- Frank Vassilacos, Manningham City Council
- Hunter del Solar, Yarra Ranges Council

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

As Cr James was an apology, Cr Laukens assumed the Chair and welcomed the attendees.

**2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were raised.

**3. Election of ETC Office Bearers**

Given a number of Councillors were apologies for the February ETC meeting, it was agreed to reschedule the election of office bearers for the March ETC meeting.

Moved: Cr Anna Chen

Seconded: Cr Tina Lius

Carried

**4. ETC Finance Report**

The finance report for the ETC for November 2023 – February 2024 is as follows:

Opening Balance for November 2023	\$60,470.91
November Invoice from TAG	\$7,500.00
December Invoice from TAG	\$7,500.00
Income	\$0.00
<b>Closing Balance for February 2024</b>	<b>\$45,470.91</b>

Moved: Terry Tillotson

Seconded: Lucas Sikiotis

Carried

**5. Ratify Previous Draft Minutes and Actions Arising**

Minutes of the December ETC meeting:

Moved: Lucas Sikiotis

Seconded: Cr Susan Laukens

Carried

## 6. Guest Presentation – SRL Draft Precinct Visions

Leah McGuinness, Project Manager, Strategic Advocacy Projects with the City of Whitehorse joined the meeting to present on the Suburban Rail Loop Authority's draft precinct visions (link: [First look at future of SRL East Neighbourhoods - Victoria's Big Build](#) ).

There are two proposed SRL station precincts in the City of Whitehorse and three in the City of Monash. Leah consulted with her colleagues at the City of Monash in preparing her presentation, and has focussed on the Burwood station precinct, given its relevance to both councils.

Leah gave a high level summary of the State Government's objectives and population forecasts that are framing their approach to housing residents and providing necessary services for future communities.

The visions released for the precincts by the SRL last year set out high level aspirations as well as maps setting out varying levels of change proposed for each precinct.

Enhanced corridors (transport and amenity, connectivity) are set out, as well as active transport connections to the SRL stations.

Some focus and information on bio-diversity issues are also included for the precincts.

Neighbourhood characteristics for each precinct have been mapped and communities will be consulted on possible opportunities for enhancement.

Submissions on the visions close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, with draft structure plans being exhibited for comment in late 2024/early 2025.

*A copy of Leah's presentation will be circulated with the meeting's minutes.*

## 7. 2024 ETC Advocacy Workplan

### Priority issues for ETC advocacy in 2024

James McGarvey, ETC Secretariat provided an update on a number of advocacy issues:

### **Eastern Region Trails Strategy**

Mr McGarvey met earlier this day with members of the ERTS working group to provide input and advice on the ERTS working group's priority projects refresh process.

Michael explained that further consideration is being given on how to further refine priorities, through applying filters like:

- potential links to state government 'big build' projects
- road safety benefits
- their importance to individual councils
- project timing and urgency, and
- packaging with other road projects

The group will work on this process over the next month and report back on an updated advocacy list in time for the upcoming federal election (late 2024/early 2025) and budget cycles for 2025.

The ETC can then consider what advocacy strategies and tactics are available to support the projects, including looking at engaging with supportive community and stakeholders.

### **Councils' advocacy plans and Integrated Transport Plans**

As flagged previously, Mr McGarvey sought guidance from the group on how the ETC could conduct an exercise in considering each individual Council's transport advocacy priorities to look for areas of common themes and projects.

It was suggested that Councils could revert to their own advocacy lists that they had prepared for the previous state and federal elections to identify initiatives that are yet to be funded.

Some Councils have upcoming internal review activities to review and agree on priority projects, and these (i.e. transport projects) could be brought back to the ETC for discussion.

As there will be little money available in this year's state budget, advocacy around these items should feed into the next budget (and election) cycle.

It was agreed that each Council would give consideration to bringing forward some items to commence a consideration process at the March ETC meeting.

### **Bus network reform**

In discussion, Cr Anna Chen, Manningham City Council raised the initial work conducted in Manningham and parts of Whitehorse as part of the State Government's pilot bus network review.

Further funding is now required to fund the business case and next range of implementation projects identified by the Department of Transport and Planning in its initial work.

It was agreed that the ETC would write to the Minister and other relevant targets in the Victorian Government calling for funding for this next stage of works to be provided in the upcoming state budget.

## 8. Level crossing removal projects and school crossings funding

This item was flagged at a previous ETC for discussion at a future meeting.

ETC members discussed their varied experiences in pursuing complementary or out of scope projects and their funding by the LXRA/Victorian Government. Members reported that financial constraints on the State Government appear to be limiting the Government's willingness to engage on these sorts of initiatives, and that Councils may need stronger public advocacy around these projects to get the State government to respond positively.

One suggested approach for Councils to consider is where they can argue that they could deliver these projects more cost effectively than the State government could.

School crossing funding has been a major issue for the wider local government sector, with campaigns run by Councils and the MAV in recent times. The funding imbalance remains an issue of concern for local government.

## 9. Local issue presentation

Chris Marshall from the City of Greater Dandenong provided a product demonstration of PlanWisely's People Movement Data module – one of the GIS tools a number of Councils subscribe to.

PlanWisely pulls information from the census and consistently updates with information from other sources. It provides numerous applications and uses, including mode of transport, origination and destination data for commuter movements, length of stay data, all of which can be framed by specific time parameters.

Link to the PlanWisely website: [Planwisely - Make smarter geospatial decisions](#)

Link to youtube training video for Mornington Peninsula which can provide more of an overview of the general platform (excludes movement module): [Planwisely Basic Training Session | Workshop Recording - YouTube](#)

## 10. General Business

No items were raised.

## 11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be hosted by Maroondah City Council and online, and will commence at 6.30pm (6.00pm for dinner) on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

### Action Summary

Action Items	Owner(s)	Deadline
1. Reschedule ETC Office Bearer elections for March meeting	Secretariat	March 2024
2. ETC secretariat to meet with the ERTS working group to finalise advocacy approach for priority projects	Secretariat	March 2024
3. Prepare a letter to the State Government seeking funding support in the state budget for bus network review initiatives.	Secretariat	March 2024

## Attachment B

### State Budget - Bus Network Reform

The Hon Gabrielle Williams MP  
Minister for Public and Active Transport  
Level 3, 1 Treasury Place  
Melbourne VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

In advance of delivery of the 2024/25 State Budget, the Eastern Transport Coalition (ETC) is seeking your assistance in advocating for key bus improvements in Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, including Manningham.

The ETC, comprising seven municipalities and covering over a million residents across Melbourne's eastern region has long campaigned for a greater emphasis and investment in buses, particular for areas like Melbourne's east which are heavily bus dependent.

For instance Manningham is the only metropolitan municipality in Melbourne that is served only by buses, and not by heavy or light rail. Feedback from a community survey on bus usage undertaken in 2023 included that network improvements such as additional or revised routes, increased frequency and off-peak service spreads were top priorities for Manningham bus users.

We continue to request that the Victorian government delivers actions in accordance with the timeframes committed to in the Victorian Bus Plan - which designates 2023 – 2030 to *transform the bus network and meet growing demand*. This clearly dictates that now is the time to focus on implementation.

As a key stakeholder in this ongoing state-wide Bus Network Reform (the reform), we have welcomed and strongly supported the work of your Department in conducting a review of the bus network in Melbourne's north eastern suburbs.

Building on this work, it is vital that the Victorian Government now commits funding for the implementation stage of the reform to deliver tangible, on-the ground network improvements. In particular, we are requesting that strong priority be given to network upgrades in Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, including Manningham.

Feedback from a community survey undertaken in 2023 also included that value for money is a key driver for bus patronage. This is an important consideration during the current cost of living crisis, when bus travel can offer a more affordable transport option.

The 2023 release of Infrastructure Victoria's report, *Fast, frequent, fair: how buses can better connect Melbourne* further supports the case for implementation of the reform, and strongly aligns with Manningham's advocacy objectives as contained in the *Manningham Transport Action Plan 2021* (Council's Transport Strategy).

Recommendation 7 focuses on the need to improve the bus stop and interchange experience for passengers. Manningham continues to advocate for an upgraded outcome for Doncaster Park and Ride (DPR), which is a key interchange for the future Eastern Express Busway and wider bus network in the north-eastern suburbs.

DPR is proposed as a 'like for like' reinstatement following the North East Link Project works, per the State

Government approved reference design. Manningham's position is that a mixed-use transit-oriented development is a strongly preferred outcome, which is an example opportunity for implementation-focused funding.

This request for funding aligns with the priorities outlined in the Victorian Bus Plan. Without funding for implementation specifically, the initiative will not achieve any tangible improved outcome for the community.

We are happy to provide any further information you may require on the importance of bus reform and investment to Manningham and the broader eastern region of Melbourne, and look forward to continuing to work with you and your department on ensuring an efficient and effective bus network that meets the transport needs of all Victorians.

Yours sincerely,

Chair

Eastern Transport Coalition





## **Maroondah Access Inclusion and Equity Advisory Committee – Minutes**

**Meeting Details:**

Date: Tuesday 27 February 2024      Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm      Location: Realm level 2, meeting rooms 1 & 2

**Attendees:**

<b>Councillors</b>	
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor and Chair)	
Cr Chris Jones	
<b>Council Officers:</b>	
Grant Meyer, Manager City Futures	
Heather Burns, Manager Community Services	
Chris Riseley, Team Leader Community Development	
Emma Hills, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)	
Abi Abarajitha, Coordinator Aged and Disability	Item 4.1
Heather Cummings, Community Services Planning and Strategy Advisor	Item 4.1
Jeanette Ingram, Sports and Recreation Planning and Policy Advisor	Item 4.2
Rachelle Jones, Team Leader Youth Services	Item 4.2
<b>Agency Representatives:</b>	
Janene Evans (FVREE)	
Angelo Talidis (Wellways)	
Kate Gibson (Eastern Community Legal Centre)	
Avega Bishop (Women’s Health East)	
Shona Bass (EV Inc)	
Amanda Wilson (Uniting) - proxy for Vicki Bryce	
<b>Community Representatives:</b>	
Philip Hughes	
Warren Mendola	
Jerry Jahau	

**Apologies:**

Councillors:	Cr Suzy Stojanovic
Council Officers:	Andrew Fuaux
Agency Representatives:	Angie Dimech, Kerry Williams, Jessica Ness, Gerardine Daniels, Hilary Bird
Community Representatives:	Nil

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure:**

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil
Agency Representatives:	Nil
Community Representatives:	Nil

**Items Discussed**

1. OPENING OF MEETING AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

Maroondah City Council, in the spirit of Reconciliation, acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation as traditional custodians of the land on which we are gathered today, where Indigenous Australians have performed age-old ceremonies. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

2. WELCOME

Cr Spears welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cr Jones, Jerry Jahau and Amanda Wilson as new members.

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ITEM 3

The notes of the previous meeting were noted.

4. ITEMS

AGED AND DISABILITY SERVICES - RE-IMAGINE AND RE-DESIGN PROJECT

ITEM 4.1

Heather Burns introduced the item and provided some background regarding Aged and Disability Services at Council.

Abi Abarajitha provided background on the aged care reforms and the changes that are being made in response to the *Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety*, as well as NDIS reforms and the response to *Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability*.

Heather Cummings noted that they are looking at how Council is going to respond to those reforms. She also outlined the Project's aims in supporting vulnerable groups and re-designing the current service model.

The Committee discussed Home and Community Care (HACC) services and asked how this fits into the new model. Heather Burns noted that most of the funding went to NDIS and My Aged Care which largely replaced HACC.

The Committee spoke about raising awareness regarding elder abuse.

They also identified that there are less programs available for the 60 to 80 year-old age bracket.

























































































































































































































































































































