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Monday 16 September 2024

Council Chamber, Realm

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COUNCILLOR BRIEFING – PUBLIC RECORD

Briefing Details:

Date: Monday 19 August 2024 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

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

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP	Cr Tasa Damante
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon (virtual)	
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Suzy Stojanovic	
Council Officers:		
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	Item
Kirsten Jenkins	Manager Community Safety	2
Deanne Keogh	Emergency Management Officer	2
Sherryn Dunshea	Manager Executive Office	3
Phil Medley	Manager Governance & Performance	3
Nina Pirruccio	Coordinator Governance and Procurement	3

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Linda Hancock, Cr Rob Steane OAM
Council Officers:	Nil

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Items Discussed:

1	Council Meeting Agenda
2	Community resilience and Emergency Management update
3	Draft schedule for Council Election, Induction and Policy Review Activities 24/25
4	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: Monday 2 September 2024 Time: 6:00 PM Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

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

Attendees:

Councillors		
Cr Kylie Spears (Mayor)	Cr Mike Symon (virtual)	Cr Linda Hancock
Cr Paul Macdonald (Deputy Mayor)	Cr Suzy Stojanovic (virtual)	
Cr Chris Jones	Cr Tasa Damante	
Council Officers:		
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	
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Shaye Wilson	Coordinator Property, Revenue & Valuations	4
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Apologies:

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

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

Councillors:	Nil
Council Officers:	Nil

Items Discussed:

1	CMP 2023-2024 Season Review
2	Aquahub Gymnastics Program Update
3	Karralyka Centre and BizHub Coworking Update
4	Property Management and Compliance Update
5	Draft Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre Plan & Draft Residential Catchment Area
6	2024 Bill Wilkins Volunteer Award
7	Community Assistance Fund
8	Councillor Delegates' Meeting Report
9	Items of a General Nature Raised by Councillors

Record completed by:

Council Officer	Emma Hills
Title	Governance Officer



Maroondah Liveability Safety and Amenity Committee – Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday 24 July 2024 Time: 9:30am - 12pm Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

Attendees:

<p>Councillors Cr Rob Steane OAM (Chair) Cr Tasa Damante</p> <p>Council Officers: Kirsten Jenkins, Manager Community Safety Chris Zidak, Manager Business and Precincts Rosie Sheehan, Community Development Officer Chloe Messerle, Senior Governance Officer (Minute Taker) Chris Riseley, Team Leader Community Development Grant Meyer, Manager City Futures Angela Kechich, Manager Statutory Planning</p>
<p>Community Representatives: Judith Lenthall Wendy Thomas Ellen Mitchell Malory Healey Linda Tubnor</p>
<p>Agency Representatives: Sam Bartlett, Croydon Main Street Traders Association Anthony Glover, Metro Trains Sarah Treweek, Yarra Valley Water Onur Tunali - QIC (left the meeting at 11:16am)</p>
<p>Guest Speakers: Karen Milward, First Nations Consultant</p>

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Linda Hancock
Council Officers:	Sharyn Davey-Sharman, Coordinator Local Laws
Community Representatives:	Nil

Agency Representatives:

Kathryn Collier, METEC Matt Mercieca, QIC Eastland Nathan Mattinson, Melbourne Water Shaun Ruigrok, Metropolitan East Bicycle Users Group Inspector Dean Grande, Victoria Police
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Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

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

Items Discussed

1. OPENING OF MEETING (Acknowledgement 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 Steane opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2.1 Housekeeping

Cr Steane advised of exits, toilets and tea and coffee facilities.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024

ITEM 3

The minutes were confirmed by consensus.

4. ITEMS

RECONCILIATION PLAN - KEY THEMES EMERGING FROM KEY
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ITEM 4.1

Chris Riseley introduced the item, providing background to the Reconciliation Plan and introduced Karen Milward.

Karen spoke about the themes for Understanding First Peoples culture and history including storytelling, opportunities for First Peoples History, supporting festivals and event opportunities, continue to support and promote creativity and promoting positive outcomes.

Karen also discussed the capacity building, leadership and governance which can be promoted through the employment and inclusion of Indigenous people.

Question - how can Council support your organisation, business or community, support First Peoples to achieve these aspirations?

The committee broke up into three groups focusing on the following -

How to promote and celebrate First Peoples achievements? (past and present)

- Statues eg. William Barrack
- Audio visual screen rotating images instead of honour board
- Business Awards
- Sporting Awards
- Grants - financial/equipment

How can we create culturally safe spaces?

- Indigenous naming of places
- Connection to Country - natural spaces, trees, environmental areas
- Meeting places for yarning
- Logos for acknowledging if shops are using indigenous items

How do we embed First Peoples imagery into Council Places?

- Screens of images
- Sponsorship banners around sporting grounds
- Adding to the bottom of email replies for sporting clubs
- Indigenous socks for sporting events - something to acknowledge

Education piece for others to ensure understanding of culturally safe spaces which can mean employing indigenous people, including references to the indigenous culture around the work place which ensures cultural inclusion.

Chris advised of Community Engagement until the end of 2024 and endorsement at Council in 2025.

BREAK

ITEM 4.2

Cr Steane called for a 10 minute break.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

ITEM 4.3

Angela Kechich and Grant Meyer introduced the item with Angela speaking about housing and the Planning Scheme referring to -

- Social and affordable housing developments
- Provisions in the Planning Scheme to seek to facilitate various forms of housing options through multiple avenues

Grant spoke about homelessness and advised what Council is actively doing to support the community. Grant referred to the Regional Homelessness and Social Housing Group Charter which comprises of 13 Councils, working on a values based Messaging Guide due to be released soon.

Grant mentioned the upcoming Homelessness Week Webinar to be held on Thursday 8 August between 2-3pm which has been circulated to the committee members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY CROYDON TOWN SQUARE DISCUSSIONS

ITEM 4.4

Anthony Glover provided some background on himself as well as highlighting safety concerns at both Ringwood and Croydon train stations.

Anthony highlighted times of the day that have had the most safety concerns and describe some of the incidents that his staff had to deal with including -

- Damage of property (including shops) and cars
- Substance (both drug and alcohol) affected individuals
- Physical violence
- Screaming, yelling and arguing

Sam Bartlett advised that there was a monthly safety meeting which included all groups that can help assist with safety concerns in the area. Sam to provide information to Anthony through Kirsten Jenkins post meeting.

INFORMATION SHARE AND DISCUSSION

ITEM 4.5

Community rep advised of a local facebook group which has increase in posts relating to crime and break ins in the area.

Chris Zidak spoke about how his team worked on the community engagement for the Croydon Town Square as a follow on from the previous item relating to the community safety.

Sam advise of a Christmas in July with markets and stalls to be held in the old Croydon Cinemas from 5-7pm on Saturday 27 July 2024.

Cr Damante thanked all committee members for attending and contributing to the committee over the past year.

Yarra Valley Water spoke about funding for water options for open space and community use.

Community rep spoke about the inquiry she worked on regarding the 2022 floods and advised of an upcoming Climate Resilience Inquiry at the end of 2024 which covers bush fire, flooding and extreme weather events.

Judith advised that she was at the end of her 4 years term on the Advisory committee. She thanked everyone as she had really enjoyed her last meeting.

Ellen spoke about the Ringwood East station that had recently opened.

Cr Steane spoke about the upcoming caretaker period leading into the Council Elections noting future Councillor representation would occur at the end of the year. He thanked everyone for their input over the years.

Kirsten provided the update regarding notification of advisory committees for next year and thanked everyone for attending the meetings.

The Meeting concluded at 11:28am.



Maroondah Access Inclusion and Equity Advisory Committee – Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2024 Time: 10:00am

Location: Maroondah
Federation Estate

Attendees:

Councillors

Cr Suzy Stojanovic (Chair)
Cr Chris Jones

Council Officers:

Heather Burns, Manager Community Services
Chris Riseley, Team Leader Community Development
Emma Hills, Governance Officer (Minute Taker)

Agency Representatives:

Gerardine Daniels (Department of Families, Fairness and Housing)
Janene Evans (FVREE)
Capella Henderson (Eastern Community Legal Centre)
Vicki Bryce (Uniting)
Judith Cheuk (Uniting)

Community Representatives:

Philip Hughes
Jenny Tang

Guests:

Karen Milward, First Peoples Senior Cultural Advisor to Council

Apologies:

Councillors:

Cr Kylie Spears

Council Officers:

Andrew Fuaux and Grant Meyer

Agency Representatives:

Angie Dimech, Sally Brooks, Hilary Bird, Roshika
Kumar, Shona Bass, Kerry Williams and Angelo Talidis

Community Representatives:

Jerry Jahau

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 Stojanovic welcomed everyone to the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2024

ITEM 3

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by consensus.

4. ITEMS

RECONCILIATION PLAN - THEMES EMERGING FROM STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ITEM 4.1

Chris provided an update regarding the Reconciliation Plan, noting the stakeholder engagement that has occurred and the community engagement that will be occurring over the next few months.

Karen spoke about the support for the Plan from the stakeholders and provided an overview of the three emerging themes as well as the aspirations that sit within them.

- Understanding First Peoples' culture and history.
- Supporting First Peoples organisations and community.
- Capacity building, leadership and governance.

The committee broke into groups to discuss the question: How can Council, your organisation, business or community support First Peoples to achieve these aspirations?

The question was discussed in relation to three different aspirations.

Advocate for more targeted health services to be based in Maroondah

- Convene a roundtable of organisations and community members to generate collective action.
- Leverage community grants to run an annual health day in Maroondah.

- Develop advocacy pack about needs, demand and aspirations.
- Enable First Peoples health services to operate in Maroondah by offering flexible short-term access to bookable office spaces.
- Loan vehicles/equipment to support First Peoples health services to deliver mobile clinics.

Greater support for mainstream services that provide services to First Peoples

- Ensure that the work is done to make mainstream services culturally safe before they are promoted to First Peoples.
- Mainstream service staff could attend First Peoples community events, to become better known.
- Mainstream staff following trauma-informed practice.
- Build trust between services, organisations and community.

Mutual secondment opportunities between ACCOs, Council, businesses, others e.g. service providers

- Find alignment of programs between mainstream and First Peoples' service providers.
- Ensure there are secondment opportunities at leadership level as this is the best way to encourage change in an organisation.
- Start the conversation among organisations and ensure workplaces are culturally safe.
- Allow and assist employees to substitute public holidays to align with their values and community obligations.

Karen Milward left the meeting at 11:17am.

OUTCOMES FROM CONSULTATIONS IN 2024

ITEM 4.2

Chris provided an update on two of the matters that the committee consulted on during the year and how the feedback has been implemented by Council.

- Recreational opportunities for LGBTIQ+ community.
- Community campaigns for gender equity.

TOPICS FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2025

ITEM 4.3

Chris noted that there are already a number of consultation items in the pipeline for next year; however, it would be good to get an understanding of the topics that are of the greatest importance to the committee members.

Chris provided a reminder of the population groups that the committee focusses on as well as a list of the policy issues from the committee's Terms of Reference.

The committee members advised of a number of topics that they would like to cover:

- Advancing gender equality and greater inclusion, particularly for LQBTIQ+ communities, faith based and multicultural communities.

- Impacts of racism on faith-based groups, young people, multicultural communities, and First Peoples.
- Inclusion of the Chinese community with a focus on seniors.
- Social and affordable housing, particularly for older women and emergency accommodation.
- Increasing social connection in younger age groups of multicultural communities.

COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN 2025

ITEM 4.4

Cr Stojanovic advised that the committee will operate in its current form for the 2025 calendar year. A review of all advisory committees will be conducted in 2025 and further information will be provided to members when this review occurs.

MEMBER UPDATES

ITEM 4.5

FVREE are moving to Bond Street in Ringwood in November. They are also holding forums in September and December regarding the intersectionality between family violence and disability.

Maroondah Interfaith Network have been organising visits to various faith groups in the area.

Uniting advised that their tenancy support program, Tenancy Plus has received some funding.

Eastern Community Legal Centre provided an update regarding their climate justice program, noting that there will be a free workshop on 12 September 2024 focussing on how organisations can work with the community regarding the impact of climate change.

Deshan Care advised that they are planning for their seniors festival in October.

MEETING CLOSE

ITEM 4.6

Cr Stojanovic thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the committee's contributions this year.

The meeting concluded at: 12:10pm.



Maroondah Community Health and Wellbeing Committee – Minutes

Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2024 Time: 9:30am - 11:30am Location: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Realm

Attendees:

<p>Councillors Cr Tasa Damante (Chair) Cr Chris Jones</p> <p>Council Officers: Belinda Rose, Coordinator Community Health Adam Cooper, Coordinator Community Wellbeing Joanne Kyrkilis, Social Planning and Development Officer Chloe Messerle, Senior Governance Officer (Minute Taker) Chris Riseley, Team Leader Community Development Amy Liddy, Community and Online Engagement - Youth and Children’s Services</p> <p>Agency Representatives: Laura Hurren - Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) Edwina Ricci - Communities of Wellbeing (entered at 9:47am) Rod Donald - Youth Support + Advocacy Service (YSAS) Mel Chisholm - North Eastern Public Health Unit (NEPHU)</p> <p>Community Representatives: Gagan Agrawal Cathy White Janni Haskin</p>
<p>Others: Karen Milward, First Peoples’ Consultant</p>

Apologies:

Councillors:	Cr Tony Dib OAM, JP
Council Officers:	Andrew Fuaux, Director Strategy and Development Grant Meyer, Manager City Futures
Agency Representatives:	Jodie Murphy - Eastland Vacant - Department of Health Brooke Young - Outer Eastern Local learning & Employment Network (OELLEN) Representative - NEAMI National

Community Representatives:	Jo Ong - Eastern Melbourne Primary Health Network (EMPHN)
	Prateeti Sabhlok
	Karly Horton

Conflict of Interest Disclosure:

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

Items Discussed

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2. WELCOME

2.1 Housekeeping

Cr Damante welcomed all to the meeting and invited the new attendees to introduce themselves.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, 29 MAY 2024

ITEM 3

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed by consensus.

4. ITEMS

RECONCILIATION PLAN - THEMES EMERGING FROM STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

ITEM 4.1

Chris Riseley introduced the item, providing background to the Reconciliation Plan and introduced Karen Milward.

Karen spoke about the themes for Understanding First Peoples culture and history including storytelling, opportunities for First Peoples History, supporting festivals and event opportunities, continue to support and promote creativity and promoting positive outcomes. Karen advised that everyone consulted to date supports Maroondah Council to develop a Reconciliation Plan. Noting the work that Maroondah Council have already done in partnership with First Peoples. Also discussed was the importance of youth and children's services through ongoing reconciliation work and greater participation throughout the community.

Karen focused on collaborating on a network of organisations providing services to First Peoples, advocating for healthcare services, greater support for mainstream services, improving access to Council facilities and further sponsorship to key First Peoples community events.

