



# Minutes

Scheduled Council Meeting  
Monday 11 April 2022 at 6:30 pm

Council Chamber at Civic Centre,  
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang 3752

# Administrators

Lydia Wilson                      Chair of Council

Peita Duncan                     Administrator

Chris Eddy                        Administrator

On 19 June 2020 the Acting Minister for Local Government appointed the Panel of Administrators for the City of Whittlesea and appointed Ms Lydia Wilson as Chair of the Panel. The Panel of Administrators comprises of Ms Lydia Wilson, Ms Peita Duncan and Mr Chris Eddy who will undertake the duties of the Council of the City of Whittlesea until the October 2024 Local Government Election.

# Senior Officers

Craig Lloyd                        Chief Executive Officer

Frank Joyce                        Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

Marilyn Kearney                   Interim Director Corporate & Shared Services

Kate McCaughey                   Director Community Wellbeing

Sarah Oldman                     Acting Executive Manager Public Affairs

Justin O'Meara                    Director Planning & Development

Debbie Wood                      Director Infrastructure & Environment

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## **1 Opening**

### **1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions**

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson will open the meeting and introduce the Administrators and Chief Executive Officer:

- Administrator, Ms Peita Duncan;
- Administrator, Mr Chris Eddy; and
- Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Lloyd.

The Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd introduced members of the Executive Leadership Team:

- Executive Manager Governance and Strategy, Mr Frank Joyce;
- Acting Executive Manager Public Affairs, Ms Sarah Oldman;
- Director Planning and Development, Mr Justin O'Meara; and
- Director Infrastructure and Environment, Ms Debbie Wood.

Following the Introductions, the Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd will then read the following prayer:

*Almighty God, we ask for your blessing upon this council to make informed and good decisions to benefit the people of the City of Whittlesea.*

*Our father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

*Amen*

### **1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement**

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson will read the following statement:

“On behalf of the City of Whittlesea I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan as the Traditional Owners of this place.

I would also like to personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

**1.3 Acknowledgement - Deb Ganderton - CEO Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust**

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson made the following statement:

“I would like to acknowledge the life and passing of Deb Ganderton. We were extremely saddened and shocked to hear about the passing of the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust. This is a huge loss for the Trust, for the community services and local government sectors, and her family and friends. Deb had 18 years of Local Government experience across 3 Councils, primarily in communications and customer service areas, followed by her appointment to the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust as Director in 2017, and subsequently as Chief Executive officer in 2019. Deb described herself as a storyteller, and influencer, and a futurist, working with a passion for people and the urban environment. The greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust wrote: “Generally wonderful and a force of nature, Deb has left a legacy and will be missed by all at the Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust.” We will all miss Deb and our thoughts and best wishes go to her family and colleagues.”

**1.4 Acknowledgement - Religious Celebrations - Easter, Orthodox Easter, Ramadan**

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson made the following statement:

“I would also like to acknowledge a couple of religious celebrations.

Firstly, Easter and Orthodox Easter, which are Christian festivals, and cultural holidays, obviously with Good Friday falling on April 15 and Easter Sunday on April 17 with Orthodox Easter falling on 24 April.

Secondly, Ramadan which is the ninth month in the Muslim calendar, which is a special time for the Muslim community as a most blessed month. It’s a time for reflection, prayer and renewal of faith.

So, to everyone who celebrates these occasions, can we wish you all happy celebrations, and a safe and restful break.

### **1.5 Acknowledgement - NGAA Commendation Award for Partnerships & Building Connections**

Administrator Chris Eddy made the following statement:

“It's my pleasure to advise that very recently at the National Growth Area Alliance of which Whittlesea is a member, had their congress at Werribee. We were represented by Mr O'Meara, our Director, and we're pleased to learn that our Olivine Place project received an excellence and innovation commendation award in the Partnerships and Buildings Connections Category.

We are particularly proud of this project, it is a project that combines community space with a playground, social enterprise cafe and community programs and has become a hub of community activity and connection. It's wonderful to see that this is making a difference to growth area residents and creating an avenue for community members to have a say in how the facility and that development evolves.

This came through our innovative Growth Areas Social Planning Tool, started as a collaboration between the council, and grass roots place makers, but now has many other partners involved which is a great thing about the project. We look forward to that continuing to go from strength to strength and congratulate everyone involved in that recognition from the NGAA awards.”

## 1.6 Attendance

### Members:

Ms Lydia Wilson Chair of Council

Ms Peita Duncan Administrator

Mr Chris Eddy Administrator

### Officers:

Mr Craig Lloyd Chief Executive Officer

Mr Frank Joyce Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

Ms Sarah Oldman Acting Executive Manager Public Affairs

Mr Justin O'Meara Director Planning & Development

Ms Debbie Wood Director Infrastructure & Environment

### Apologies:

Ms Marilyn Kearney Interim Director Corporate Services

Ms Kate McCaughey Director Community Wellbeing

## 2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No Declarations

## 3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:  
Scheduled Meeting of Council 21 March 2022.**

**CARRIED**



## **4 Public Questions, Petitions and Joint Letters**

### **4.1 Public Question Time**

#### **4.1.1 Public Question - Mernda Library**

**Mr James Walter, Mernda Resident:**

Construction of the Roads and Woolworths Complex is well under way for Mernda Town Centre. Does Council have a plan/estimated delivery time for a new Library in the Mernda Town Centre precinct? There is a large population in Mernda and Doreen under-served by Libraries and with so many young families here a Library would make for a fantastic space for young people to borrow books and engage in STEM activities.

**Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Lloyd:**

Delivering community services and infrastructure such as libraries for all parts of our municipality remains a priority for Council. Over the next 10 years permanent library services are planned for the communities of Wollert, Mernda, Epping North and Donnybrook. Mobile and pop-up hubs (as part of community centres) will provide library services for these communities as they establish and grow.

A pop-up library hub will soon be open at the Galada Community Centre in Epping North, in addition to an existing pop-up at Olivine Shared Space in Donnybrook. At these facilities, people will be able to return library items, collect holds and browse and borrow from a collection of books and resources. There will also be regular story-time sessions.

In addition to these facilities, a mobile library visits the Laurimar Primary School in Doreen and Mernda Primary School weekly, which is open to everyone in the community.

### **4.2 Petitions**

No Petitions

### 4.3 Joint Letters

#### 4.1.3 Joint letter - 12 Residents calling on a better deal for Epping North/Wollert Chair of Council, Ms Lydia Wilson:

The Joint Letter is from 12 residents, requesting Council to bring forward and make public its plans to fund community infrastructure for the Epping North/Wollert growth area in its upcoming 2022/23 budget. In particular to fund initial planning works for a library and sporting complex in Epping North/ Wollert.

The full content of the Joint Letter is as follows:

“We urge the Council to bring forward and make public its plans to fund necessary civic infrastructure for the Epping North/Wollert growth area in its upcoming 2022/23 budget. As local resident, we are extremely concerned with the council decision making upon civic infrastructure for our area within the City of Whittlesea.

In February 2019 Council adopted, at the recommendation of Council Officers, that a business case be prepared for a 25m pool with a gym at a possible cost of \$47m for the Mernda Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Since that time the Council has changed its position on at least two occasions, with its latest announcement made in December 2021 to build at \$112M 50m pool, six court sporting complex for the whole of the northern region. Noting that it is focused on the Plenty corridor where you already have the Mill Park Pool, Whittlesea Pool, Redleap Basketball stadium, and recently announced netball facilities (joint venture in Doreen) for a smaller surrounding population base.

This announcement comes after \$5M earmarked for gyms in Epping North was revoked due to revocation by Council associated with a joint venture at the Casa D’Abruzzo club. On the Western corridor there is TRAC and Epping Reserve, Mosaic and Epping Soccer Stadium. There is no Council owned 50m pool in this corridor, or multi-court indoor sporting complex.

Under the Whittlesea Basketball Netball Strategy, Council has committed to building a ten-court basketball facility at Epping Recreational Reserve by 2030. Yet we note it has not yet made public whether it has commence scoping works, a feasibility study or how it will overcome the \$34M capital shortfall to help realise this aspect of its stadium plan.

We also note Council has not yet made public whether it has commenced scoping works, a feasibility study or has plans to fund a public library in the Epping North/Wollert area. In addition, little other sporting development planning for the Western Corridor has been announced.

We are concerned Council is depriving our community from the civic infrastructure it so desperately needs, based upon a population that desperately deserves it.

We the signatories, call on Whittlesea Council to deliver a better deal for Epping North/Wollert in its upcoming budget by funding initial planning works for a library and sporting complex in Epping North/Wollert.”

**Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Lloyd:**

“In response, I will provide a draft recommendation in a moment for your consideration. It's a good opportunity with the timing of this for this submission to be considered as part of the council's budget considerations. There will be an opportunity, should you resolve to follow the recommendation, in a moment, that this be considered as part of the budget process and that will allow respondents to attend at the budget committee and provide a submission to the committee. We would also provide a full copy of their letter, which will be included in the minutes of this meeting. It is our recommendation that the council receive the joint letter from 12 residents regarding community infrastructure and the Epping North area for the upcoming 22/23 budget, and that the letter be considered as a public submission to the 22/23 budget currently open for feedback until 5 PM on the on 26 April this year.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Administrator Peita Duncan

***THAT Council receive the joint letter from 12 residents regarding community infrastructure and the Epping North/Wollert area for the upcoming 22/23 budget, and that the joint letter be considered as a public submission to the 22/23 budget currently open for feedback until 5 PM on the on 26 April this year.***

**CARRIED**

## 5 Officers' Reports

### 5.1 Connected Communities

#### 5.1.1 Audit & Risk Committee Report on Activity

**Responsible Officer** Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

**External in Attendance** Mr Geoff Harry, Audit & Risk Committee Chairperson

#### Attachments

1. Audit Risk Committee March 2022 Report to Council [5.1.1.1 - 4 pages]

#### Purpose

Section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires that the Audit & Risk Committee prepare a biannual report on its activities. A copy of that report is to be provided to the Chief Executive Officer for tabling at an ordinary Council meeting.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Eddy

**Seconded:** Administrator Duncan

**THAT an extension of speaking time for Mr Geoff Harry be granted for one minute**

**CARRIED**

#### Recommendation

That Council note the Audit & Risk Committee's Report on Activity.

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council receive with thanks the report on activity from Mr Geoff Harry, Chairperson of the Audit & Risk Committee.**

**CARRIED**

## 5.1.2 Administrator Good Governance - 6 monthly update

**Responsible Officer** Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

### Attachments

1. Administrator Action Plan 2020-2024 update March 2022 [5.1.2.1 - 26 pages]
2. Activities of the Administrators September 2021 to March 2022 [5.1.2.2 - 7 pages]

### Purpose

To provide an update on the work, priorities, community engagement and achievements of the Panel of Administrators over the past six months to ensure good governance at Council.

### Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note to the Administrator Good Governance – 6 monthly update report and provide a copy of it to the Hon. Shaun Leane, the Minister for Local Government, Local Government Victoria and all local Members of Parliament.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**Seconded:** Administrator Peita Duncan

**THAT Council adopts the Administrator Good Governance 6 monthly update and provide a copy to the Minister for Local Government, the Hon, Shaun Leane; to Local Government Victoria; and to all local Members of Parliament.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.3 Amendment C257WSEA – Proposed Planning Provision Changes to 115 Trawalla Avenue, Thomastown**

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| <b>Responsible Officer</b> | Director Planning & Development                            |
| <b>Author</b>              | Coordinator Strategic Land Use Planning                    |
| <b>In Attendance</b>       | Linda Martin-Chew, Coordinator Strategic Land Use Planning |

#### **Attachments**

1. Att 1 C 257 wsea Locality Plan [5.1.3.1 - 3 pages]
2. Att 2 MW Revegetation and Landscape Plan [5.1.3.2 - 1 page]
3. Att 3 C 257 wsea 001 zn Map 20 [5.1.3.3 - 1 page]
4. Att 4 C 257 wsea 002 dcpo Map 20 [5.1.3.4 - 1 page]

The purpose of this report is to inform recommendations for a Council position on a proposed planning scheme amendment to rezone land formerly within the Merri Creek Reserve in Thomastown from Public Use Zone to Industrial 1 Zone. Melbourne Water owns the land and has formally requested Council's views on the proposed rezoning of the land by 29 April 2022.

The Amendment will affect part of the land at 115 Trawalla Avenue, Thomastown with the objective being to ensure that the zoning of the land is consistent with its use.

The land has a complex planning and building compliance history. The current use of the subject land is a warehouse and car parking. The situation that the proposed Amendment seeks to resolve arose many years ago from the development of these buildings and works on Melbourne Water land without the necessary approvals.

Subsequently, the adjacent landowner has worked with Council and Melbourne Water to obtain the necessary retrospective approvals and the Amendment is being pursued by Melbourne Water to finally resolve the matter. The Amendment is the logical conclusion to an iterative process undertaken by both Melbourne Water and Council since 2014 to correct the situation.

The planning authority for the Amendment is the Minister for Planning. The amendment process is being conducted by the Government Land Planning Service and will be publicly exhibited from 15 March to 27 April 2022. Following exhibition of the Amendment, the sale of the land will be considered by the Government Land Standing Advisory Committee via a Public Hearing process in June 2022.

#### **Recommendation**

**That Council write to Melbourne Water Corporation providing support for Planning Scheme Amendment C257 which proposes to rezone part of the land at 115 Trawalla**

**Avenue, Thomastown, to the Industrial 1 Zone and to apply the Development Contributions Plan Overlay Schedule 3.**

### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**Moved:** Administrator Peita Duncan

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Amendment C257WSEA – Proposed Planning Provision Changes to 115 Trawalla Avenue, Thomastown.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.4 Planning Application PLN-38193 - 90 Bodycoats Road, Wollert - Removal of Native Vegetation**

**Responsible Officer** Director Planning & Development  
**Author** Principal Growth Areas Planner  
**In Attendance** Jessica Higgins, Principal Growth Areas Planner

#### **Attachments**

1. Locality Maps [5.1.4.1 - 2 pages]
2. Tree Retention Removal Plan [5.1.4.2 - 1 page]
3. Site Context Plan [5.1.4.3 - 1 page]
4. Arborist Report [5.1.4.4 - 22 pages]

**Applicant** Whiteman Property and Associates  
**Council Policy** Clause 12.01-1L River Redgum Protection Policy  
**Zoning** Urban Growth Zone – Schedule 5  
 General Residential Zone (applied zone)  
**Overlay** Development Contributions Plan Overlay – Schedule 16  
**Particular Provision** Clause 52.17 Native Vegetation  
**Referral** Landscape Assessment, Rural & Environmental Planning  
**Objections** The application is exempt from notice, pursuant to Clause 37.07-14 of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

### **Proposal**

Council's approval is being sought for the removal of 15 river red gums to support the subdivision of the subject land in accordance with the Wollert Precinct Structure Plan (PSP), which was approved by the Minister for Planning and gazetted via Amendment C187 on 23 February 2017.

There is a mandatory requirement titled R3 within the PSP which requires that:

*'Except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority, a minimum of 80 per cent of river red gums classified as Medium, Large, or Very Large...must be retained on each parcel for their landscape and amenity value'.*

Due to existing constraints, including the location of a connector road which runs east to west through the middle of the site and is required by the PSP, as well as previously approved subdivisions on adjoining sites, the application for subdivision of the land does not retain 80% of all the trees within the site. The application results in 44%, or 11, of the river red gums subject to R3 within the site being retained (see *Attachment 2*). A proposal which does not retain a minimum of 80% triggers a planning permit for removal of native vegetation under Clause 52.17 of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme.

The applications inability to comply with this requirement has been explored in detail in conjunction with the assessment of the multi-lot subdivision application on the site due to the numerous existing constraints that were required to be designed into the subdivisions layout. Trees proposed for removal within the site are further detailed in the table below:

| <b>Tree Number</b> | <b>DBH</b> | <b>Health</b> | <b>Comments</b>  |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|--|
| 93                 | 105        | Dead          | Requested for removal to achieve a logical subdivision layout. Stump relocated to open space for habitat purposes  |
| 125                | 65         | Fair          | Requested for removal to achieve a logical subdivision layout  |
| 128                | 62         | Fair          | Requested for removal to achieve a logical subdivision layout  |
| 136                | 113        | Fair to poor  | Required to be removed to allow for construction of required Connector Road  |
| 142                | 67         | Fair          | Required to be removed to allow for construction of required Connector Road  |
| 157                | 117        | Fair to poor  | Due to approved road alignments to the south, tree falls within developable land and cannot be appropriately retained  |
| 158                | 112        | Fair to poor  | Due to approved road alignments to the south, tree falls within developable land and cannot be appropriately retained  |
| 161                | 94         | Fair to poor  | Required to be removed due to the road alignment approved within adjoining site to the south   |
| 162                | 78         | Fair to poor  | Due to approved road alignments to the south, tree falls within developable land and cannot be appropriately retained  |
| 163                | 116        | Dead          | Due to road alignments to the south, tree falls within developable land and cannot be appropriately retained. Stump to be relocated to open space for habitat purposes |



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| 166 | 103 | Fair         | Required to be removed to allow for construction of required Connector Road  |
| 168 | 76  | Fair         | Required to be removed to allow for construction of required Connector Road  |
| 174 | 118 | Fair         | Due to approved road alignment to the north, tree falls within developable land and cannot be appropriately retained                                 |
| 176 | 100 | Fair to poor | Required to be removed due to the road alignment approved within adjoining site to the north   |
| 186 | 104 | Dead         | To allow for the continuation of the road alignment approved within adjoining site to the south – stump relocated to open space for habitat purposes |

Trees not subject to the 80% retention policy (small trees less than 60cm DBH) are exempt from requiring a planning permit for removal, pursuant to Clause 52.17 of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme, and are not considered in this assessment.

### Recommendation

**THAT Council approve Planning Application No 38193 and issue a Permit for the removal of native vegetation (15 scattered trees), in accordance with the endorsed plans as the trees are unable to be retained due to connector roads required by the approved Wollert Precinct Structure Plan, as well as previous issued Permits. The proposed tree removal is therefore unavoidable in order for the land to be able to be developed generally in accordance with the PSP and removal is to be offset under the State applied Melbourne Strategic Assessment levy. Council approval is subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. No native vegetation may be removed until the first stage of the subdivision approved under any future planning permit for the subject land is certified.**
- 2. No vegetation or tree shown for retention on the endorsed plans is to be removed, lopped, pruned or destroyed without the further written consent and approval of the Responsible Authority. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority, any request for such consent must be accompanied by the report of a suitably qualified and experienced arborist to assist the Responsible Authority in determining whether to give written consent.**
- 3. Tree removal as permitted by this Permit must be undertaken in accordance with the following:**
  - a. Each tree nominated for removal shall be suitably marked prior to its removal and an inspection arranged with an appropriate Council Officer to verify that the marked tree(s) accords with the permit and/or endorsed plans;**
  - b. Prior to removal, the tree to be removed shall be inspected by an appropriately qualified and experienced zoologist to determine the presence of any native animals living or nesting in the tree. Should any native animals be detected they must be caught and relocated to a site deemed appropriate by the zoologist;**
  - c. Tree removal is to be undertaken in a safe manner;**

- d. All services either above or below ground are to be located prior to the commencement of any works;
  - e. Stumps and any surface roots are to be ground down below ground level. Ground and chipped material to a depth of 50mm is to be removed from site at the direction of the project manager. The project manager must supply and place suitable topsoil and seed the area making certain that the reinstated ground surface is level, even and safe;
  - f. Stumps shall be removed within 14 days of removal of the tree. All stumps not removed immediately after removal of the tree are to be paint marked with a suitable bright yellow reflective marking paint;
  - g. After a tree has been felled, the tree must be protected from firewood harvesting via temporary fencing and signage to the satisfaction of Council until such time as the tree has been relocated for habitat or mulched;
  - h. All timber greater than 300mm in diameter that cannot be reused as habitat, furniture or another use determined appropriate by the responsible authority shall be hammer milled and shredded for reuse as mulch within the site; and
  - i. All timber less than 300mm in diameter and branch/leaf material shall be shredded for reuse as mulch within the subject site.
4. This permit will expire if:
- a. The approved tree removal does not start within two (2) years of the date of this permit; or
  - b. The approved tree removal is not completed within six (6) months of commencement.

The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to above if a request is made in writing. This request must be made before or within 6 months after the permit expiry date where the development has not yet started, and within 12 months after the permit expiry date where the development allowed by the permit has lawfully started before the permit expires.

## NOTES

### Melbourne Strategic Assessment levy area

In accordance with the Melbourne Strategic Assessment (Environment Mitigation Levy) Act 2020, levy liabilities for the removal of native vegetation in growth areas are payable after the issue of statement of compliance. Future subdivision of the subject land will therefore trigger the levy liability to compensate the loss of native vegetation allowed by this permit. The liabilities will be considered satisfied upon payment of the levy assessment notice and receipt of the appropriate MSA certificate as issued by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

## COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**Seconded:** Chairperson Lydia Wilson

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Planning Application PLN-38193 - 90  
Bodycoats Road, Wollert - Removal of Native Vegetation.**

**CARRIED**

### **5.1.5 Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum, Heritage Garden and Caretaker Cottage - Late Report Notice**

**Responsible Officer:** Director Community Wellbeing

**Author:** Manager Active & Creative Participation

#### **Chief Executive Officer Explanatory Note**

*In accordance with rule 12.2 and 12.3 b) of the Governance Rules 2021 the Chief Executive Officer, with the agreement of the Chairperson, withdrew this matter from the Agenda of this meeting.*

*The item was withdrawn to allow for further discussions to occur between Council officers and the Friends of Westgarthtown Group before the matter is considered by Council at a future meeting.*

**5.2 Livable Neighbourhoods**

Nil reports

**5.3 Sustainable Environment**

Nil reports

**5.4 Strong Local Economy**

Nil reports

## 5.5 High Performing Organisation

### 5.5.1 Interstate Conference - Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2022

**Responsible Officer** Executive Manager Governance & Strategy

**Author** Coordinator Governance Administration

**Attachments** No Attachments

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to authorise Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson and Administrator Chris Eddy to attend the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly which is taking place in Canberra from 19-22 June 2022.

#### Recommendation

**THAT Council authorise Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson and Administrator Chris Eddy to attend the ALGA National General Assembly, 19-22 June 2022 in Canberra.**

#### COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Moved:** Administrator Peita Duncan

**Seconded:** Administrator Chris Eddy

**THAT Council adopt the recommendation for Interstate Conference - Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly 2022.**

**CARRIED**

## **6 Notices of Motion**

No Notices of Motion

## **7 Urgent Business**

No Urgent Business

## **8 Reports from Council Representatives and CEO Update**

### **8.1 Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson Report**

Chairperson Wilson's report was provided verbally at the 11 April 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting. Since the last Council Meeting, Chairperson Wilson attended:

- The Northern Councils Alliance Meeting;
- The City of Whittlesea Business Advisory Panel Meeting;
- The MAV Interface Regional Meeting;
- The Whittlesea Community Connections Board Meeting;
- A Citizenship Ceremony which was held in person;
- The Community Festival held on 25 and 26 March 2022; and
- Site visits across Wollert, Epping, Doreen, Mill Park and Bundoora including Ziebell's Farmhouse Museum and Heritage Garden and Bertocchi Smallgoods.

### **8.2 Administrator Peita Duncan Report**

Administrator Duncan's report was provided verbally at the 11 April 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting. Since the last Council Meeting, Administrator Duncan attended:

- The Whittlesea Reconciliation Group's Planning Day;
- The first inaugural Coffee with Council held in Lalor; and
- A site visit to Bertocchi Smallgoods

### **8.3 Administrator Chris Eddy Report**

Administrator Eddy's report was provided verbally at the 11 April 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting. Since the last Council Meeting, Administrator Eddy attended:

- The Coffee with Council held in Lalor;
- The Community Festival held on 25 and 26 March 2022; and
- Various site visits throughout the municipality as previously listed by the Chair of Council.

#### **8.4 Chief Executive Officer, Craig Lloyd Update 11 April 2022**

The Chief Executive Officer's report was provided verbally at the 11 April 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer provided an update on the Palm Street petition received by the Council at the last Council meeting. The petition was received from 15 residents on 21 March 2022, requesting Council remove 5 mature Paper Bark trees in Palm Street in Thomastown. It was envisaged that the council report responding to the petition would be tabled at today's council meeting. A consultant was engaged to evaluate the tree health and life expectancy and their report was received on 20 March 2022. This inspection report will be reviewed by Council arborist and a report will be presented at the Council meeting on 16 May.

The Chief Executive Officer also advised of the following:

- Our first Repair Cafe was opened on Saturday, 9 April 2022;
- A reminder that the Draft Budget and Community Plan Action Plan are still open and available for comment until 26 April 2022;
- Submissions on cat curfews, cat confinement and mandatory desexing of newly registered cats are open online until 30 April;
- The \$2.2 million upgrade of Arthurs Creek Road has been completed;
- Construction has commenced at the Mill Park library to extend and reconfigure the car park;
- The pavilion extension at the H.R. Uren Reserve is well underway and the pitch is expected to be completed later in the month. We are also adding a function space and kitchen for club events, spectator viewing, first aid rooms, and lighting;
- Thank you to Northern Health, they have finished with their vaccination services based at the PRACC building and Council Offices. Services continue at the Northern Hospital.
- Acknowledgment of the start of Ramadan, and best wishes to everyone celebrating Easter.

## **9 Confidential Business**

### **9.1 Confidential Connected Communities**

No Reports

### **9.2 Confidential Livable Neighborhoods**

No reports

### **9.3 Confidential Strong Local Economy**

No reports

### **9.4 Confidential Sustainable Environment**

No Reports

### **9.5 Confidential High Performing Organisation**

No Reports

### **9.6 Confidential Notices of Motion**

No reports

## **12 Closure**

There being no further business the Chair of Council closed the Scheduled Council Meeting 11 April 2022 at 7:40 pm.

Confirmed this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2022



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**Lydia Wilson**  
**Chair of Council**