

Minutes

Scheduled Council Meeting
Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 6pm

Great Hall at Civic Centre,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Administrators

Lydia Wilson Chair of Council

Peita Duncan Administrator

Christian Zahra AM Administrator

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

Senior Officers

Debbie Wood Acting Chief Executive Officer

Agata Chmielewski Director Community Wellbeing

Sharon Durantini Acting Director Customer & Corporate Services

Andrew Mason Acting Director Planning & Development

Nick Mazzarella Acting Director Infrastructure & Environment

Janine Morgan Executive Manager Public Affairs

Jacinta Stevens Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Chair of Council, Lydia Wilson opened the meeting at 6pm.

“Welcome to this Council Meeting of 18 June 2024 which is being held in person in the Great Hall at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang and also being live streamed.

I am Lydia Wilson, Chair of Council and I would also like to introduce my Panel colleagues, Administrators Peita Duncan and Christian Zahra. I would also like to introduce our Acting Chief Executive Officer, Debbie Wood and ask that she in turn introduce the members of the Executive Leadership Team in attendance today.”

“Good evening everyone, we also have with us:
Agata Chmielewski, Director Community Wellbeing;
Sharon Durantini, Acting Director Customer & Corporate Services;
Andrew Mason, Acting Director Planning & Development;
Nick Mazzarella, Acting Director Infrastructure & Environment;
Janine Morgan, Executive Manager Public Affairs; and
Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO.

These members of the Executive Leadership Team will join us during the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Nil

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

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

“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

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

1.4 Diversity and Good Governance Statement

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

“At the City of Whittlesea we are proud of our diversity and the many cultures, faiths and beliefs that make up our community. We strive to be an inclusive welcoming City that fosters active participation, wellbeing and connection to each other and this land. We commit as a Council to making informed decisions to benefit the people of the City of Whittlesea now and into the future, to support our community’s vision of A Place For All.”

1.5 Acknowledgements

Administrator Duncan made the following acknowledgements:

Ron Driscoll Passing

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of award-winning local artist Ron Driscoll.

A long-time resident of Thomastown, Ron was a regular contributor to the City of Whittlesea Annual Art Exhibition and very well known for his portraits.

In 2021 Ron wrote “Originally a house painter I started painting landscapes and still life in 1989. I like painting portraits of people and like meeting people.”

In 2021, Council commissioned Ron to paint a series of 24 small portraits of members of our community to celebrate the diversity of our residents and the really rich stories of their lives.

His works are prominently displayed within Council’s Civic Centre, including a selection of the Face-to-Face series and his portrait of Father Bob Maguire.

His passing is a great loss to our community. We send our deep thoughts and condolences to Ron’s family and friends.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day and Ageing Well Expo

On Saturday 15 June we observed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. This important day reminds us all that elder abuse is a critical issue affecting older adults everywhere. Elder abuse can take many forms, including financial, emotional, physical and neglect.

To encourage more conversation and awareness on this important matter, some of our senior residents participated in the Warm Safe Home project. They created small cardboard house models, decorated to represent what a warm and safe home means to them.

These wonderful creations were on display today at our Ageing Well Expo, that our Chair enjoyed being part of the expo and seeing a wealth of information on how to stay safe and live well as you age.

The expo also featured an information session with Senior Rights Victoria on preventing elder abuse and other expert-led sessions on important topics like, retirement planning, avoiding scams, and advanced care planning.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Ageing Well Expo today as I’m sure the Chair had a wonderful day also.

Administrator Zahra made the following acknowledgements:

Refugee Week

This week is Refugee Week. A time to come together to recognise and celebrate the enormous contribution our refugees make to our community identity and culture.

To celebrate, Council is hosting an event this Thursday 20 June from 9:45am to 1:30pm here at the Civic Centre.

We invite everyone to come along to this special event and enjoy multicultural performances, art, dancing and entertainment while also raising awareness about the challenges faced by people from refugee backgrounds.

World Environment Day

On Friday 7 June we had the pleasure of welcoming over 350 people to our celebration of World Environment Day, which is celebrated globally on Wednesday 5 June. The event featured a special screening of Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* at Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre.

This film engaged our community with its colourful portrayal of the whimsical Truffula Trees and its unique characters, sharing key lessons on the significance of conservation and environmental responsibility.

Thank you to everyone that joined us. We are grateful for our community's enthusiastic participation and their shared commitment to protecting our environment.

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

Awards

I am delighted to announce the hard work of the team here at Council has been recognised with multiple awards recently:

At the National Growth Areas Alliance Awards, we received three awards:

- The Built Environment Award for the Affordable Housing Project in New Epping, a joint effort with Riverlee and Haven Home Safe.
- The Building Connections Award for our Economic Participation Plan 2023-2026.
- The Leadership in Growth Areas Award for our collaboration with Mitchell Shire Council and Hume City Council in planning the Cloverton Metropolitan Activity Centre.

Our Quarry Hills Future Directions Plan received two awards:

- The 2024 Maggolee Award, celebrating local governments' partnership with First Peoples.
- The 2024 Victorian Landscape Architecture Award by the Australian Institute of Landscape Architects.

At the Parks and Leisure Australia (VIC/TAS) awards, our collaboration with Mitchell Shire Council and Hume City Council earned the Strategic and Master Planning category for the Cloverton Regional Community and Recreation Needs Assessment.

The final award I wanted to note this evening, our 2022-2023 Annual Report was honoured with a gold award at the Australasia Reporting Awards. I wish to pass on our congratulations to the number of Council staff involved in the development of our Annual Report. Well done to the team.

City of Whittlesea Business Awards

Our business community gathered in May for our Annual Business Awards and it really was a wonderful celebration of our dynamic local business community.

Congratulations to all the winners:

- Customer Service Award: Mantra Melbourne Epping.
- Workplace Diversity Award: Edlyn Foods Pty Ltd.
- Community Contribution Award: Big Group Hug.
- Sustainability and Environment Award: Nugal Biik Plants & Seeds (in partnership with Whittlesea Community Connections and Hanson Landfill Services).
- Innovation and Enterprise Award: Distinctive Features Cosmetic Tattoo and Beauty.
- Home-Based Business Award: A Grade Resumes.
- Business of the Year 2024: Mantra Melbourne Epping.

Again, our congratulations go to all the nominees for those awards and clearly to the overall winners, it was a wonderful evening.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Nil

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:

- **Scheduled Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024.**

CARRIED

4 Public Questions, Petitions and Joint Letters

4.1 Public Question Time

No Public Questions.

4.2 Petitions

No Petitions.

4.3 Joint Letters

No Joint Letters.

5 Officers' Reports

5.1 LXR Request for Declaration of Road - Keon Parade Railway Carpark Entrance

Director/Executive Manager: Acting Director Customer & Corporate Services
Acting Director Infrastructure & Environment

Report Author: Unit Manager Strategic Property

In Attendance: Unit Manager Strategic Property

Executive Summary

The Level Crossing Removal Project (LXR) has asked Council to consider declaring a small rectangular parcel of Council-owned land at 2 Keon Parade, Thomastown as road.

Access to the former Keon Park station carpark (owned by VicTrack Access) from Keon Parade relies on a private right of carriageway access registered on the title of Council's land at 2 Keon Parade.

LXR representatives and Council officers agree that the LXR requires the certainty of road access over Council's land to extend and develop a new commuter car park and additional sites following the completion of the grade separation works. Furthermore, the parties agree that a local road pursuant to S204 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* will satisfy the LXR's public access needs.

This report is intended to provide the background and reasoning in support of the officers' recommendation to procure a Council resolution that declares Council's land as a local road.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council resolve to declare 2 Keon Parade, Thomastown a local road pursuant to s204(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and on the basis that the road is reasonably required for public use and be open to public traffic.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council resolve to declare 2 Keon Parade, Thomastown a local road pursuant to s204(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* and on the basis that the road is reasonably required for public use and be open to public traffic.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

Chair of Council Lydia Wilson

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5.2 1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan

Director/Executive Manager: Acting Director Planning & Development

Report Author: Strategic Planner

In Attendance: Acting Manager Strategic Futures
Strategic Planner

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* (the *Development Plan*), prepared by Activate Town Planning Consultancy on behalf of the property owner. The *Development Plan* (Refer Attachment 1) affects the property at 1025 Yan Yean Road, Doreen. The subject site is one hectare in area and is bound by existing residential development to the north, south and west, and Yan Yean Road to the east.

The proposed *Development Plan* has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 5 to the Development Plan Overlay (DPO5) at Clause 43.04 of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme and the *Mernda Strategy Plan*. The *Development Plan* proposes standard and low-density residential development, as well as an open space reserve to retain significant native vegetation within the site. The low density lots will be 900 to 1000 square metres, and the standard density lots will be 500 to 600 square metres in size, which responds to the relevant planning controls and the surrounding context of this infill site. As such, the future housing yield from the *Development Plan* is likely to be relatively modest noting it is also subject to the outcome of assessment at the planning permit application stage.

The *Development Plan* and supporting documents were placed on non-statutory exhibition in February and March 2024. Neighbouring properties and relevant agencies and organisations were notified and provided the opportunity to comment on the proposal. Two submissions were received, one supporting and one objecting to the location of the shared path within the tree reserve on the *Development Plan*. In response to the submission, it is recommended that the location of the shared path be moved to the north side of the tree reserve. This change is considered to satisfactorily address the issue raised in the submission.

Overall, the *Development Plan* responds to the site conditions, surrounding neighbourhood context and overarching strategic documents. It is therefore recommended that Council note the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* and authorise the CEO to approve the Development Plan subject to the recommended change noted above being incorporated into the document.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Note the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* as detailed in *Attachment 1* and the exhibition outcomes detailed in this report.
2. Endorse an amendment to the proposed *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* to relocate the shared path to the north side of the public open space reserve with less than 5% encroachment of the outer edge of the Tree Protection Zone of Tree 5.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan*, once the amendment at point 2 above is incorporated into an updated version of the Development Plan.
4. Notify the proponent and submitters of Council's decision.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council:

1. Note the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* as detailed in *Attachment 1* and the exhibition outcomes detailed in this report.
2. Endorse an amendment to the proposed *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan* to relocate the shared path to the north side of the public open space reserve with less than 5% encroachment of the outer edge of the Tree Protection Zone of Tree 5.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve the *1025 Yan Yean Road Doreen Development Plan*, once the amendment at point 2 above is incorporated into an updated version of the Development Plan.
4. Notify the proponent and submitters of Council's decision.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Nil

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5.3 Sport Fair Access Policy - Post Consultation Approval

Director/Executive Manager: Director Community Wellbeing

Report Author: Unit Manager Leisure & Recreation

In Attendance: Acting Manager Active & Creative Communities

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council endorsement of the City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy (the Policy) for the usage and planning of community sports infrastructure.

The Policy responds to the Victorian Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap which aims to develop a state-wide foundation to improve the access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure for women and girls.

From 1 July 2024, all Victorian councils will need to have gender equitable access and use policies in place to be considered eligible for infrastructure funding.

Community consultation on the draft Policy included workshops, online forums, targeted conversations and surveys.

Following endorsement of the Policy, a roadmap and action plan will be developed to guide implementation.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Note the outcomes of community and stakeholder consultation undertaken between 20 March 2024 and 2 May 2024 on the draft City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy at Attachment 2.
2. Endorse the City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy at Attachment 1.
3. Note that a Fair Access Roadmap and Action Plan will be developed in consultation with stakeholders following Council endorsement of the City of Whittlesea Fair Access Policy.

Administrator Zahra moved the following motion which became the Council Resolution.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council:

- 1. Note the outcomes of community and stakeholder consultation undertaken between 20 March 2024 and 2 May 2024 on the Fair Access in Sport Policy Engagement Summary at Attachment 2.**
- 2. Endorse the City of Whittlesea Fair Access in Sport Policy at Attachment 1.**
- 3. Note that a Fair Access Roadmap and Action Plan will be developed in consultation with stakeholders including the City of Whittlesea Youth Council and local and regional sporting clubs and associations following Council endorsement of the City of Whittlesea Fair Access in Sport Policy.**

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

Administrator Peita Duncan

Chair of Council Lydia Wilson

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5.4 Tender 2023-104 - Construction of Baltrum Drive Extension and Associated Drainage Works

Director/Executive Manager: Director Infrastructure & Environment

Report Author: Senior Engineering Project Manager

In Attendance: Unit Manager Engineering Design & Construction

This attachment has been designated as confidential in accordance with sections 66(5) and 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* on the grounds that it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that:

- (i) relates to trade secrets; or
- (ii) if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

Executive Summary

It is proposed that the contract number 2023-104 for Construction of Baltrum Drive, Wollert from Emden Road to Saltlake Boulevard and associated drainage works is awarded to Winslow Constructors Pty Ltd for the lump price of \$2,599,361.84 (excluding GST).

Council is project managing the delivery of this infrastructure project on behalf of the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) to support the new Wollert Central Primary School, scheduled to open in 2025.

The tender evaluation panel advises that:

- Four tenders were received.
- The recommended tender is the highest ranked and the highest ranked tenderer has demonstrated the required capability, capacity, qualification and represents best value for Council to deliver this project.
- Collaborative tendering was not undertaken in relation to this procurement because it is not listed in the Northern Councils Alliance consolidated contract register and this contract relates to a unique need for the City of Whittlesea.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Resolve to award the following contract to Winslow Constructors Pty Ltd:
 - Number: 2023-104
 - Title: Construction of Baltrum Drive, Wollert from Emden Road to Saltlake Boulevard and associated drainage works
 - Cost: A lump sum of \$2,599,361.84 (excluding GST)
 subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Contractor providing contract security and proof of currency for insurance cover as required in the tender documents.
 - b) Price variations to be in accordance with the provisions as set out in the tender documents.
 - c) Price variations to be in accordance with the provisions as set out in the conditions of contract.
2. Approve the funding arrangements as detailed in the confidential attachment.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and execute the contract on behalf of Council.

The Acting Director Infrastructure & Environment informed Council that officers have provided and tabled an amendment to the confidential attachment this evening. The amendment provides a clarification on the sustainability elements.

The Chair of Council sought a procedural motion to extend the speaking time for up to an additional 2 minutes.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT the speaking time be extended for up to an additional 2 minutes.

CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council:

1. Resolve to award the following contract to Winslow Constructors Pty Ltd:
 - Number: 2023-104
 - Title: Construction of Baltrum Drive, Wollert from Emden Road to Saltlake Boulevard and associated drainage works
 - Cost: A lump sum of \$2,599,361.84 (excluding GST)
 subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Contractor providing contract security and proof of currency for insurance cover as required in the tender documents.
 - b) Price variations to be in accordance with the provisions as set out in the tender documents.
 - c) Price variations to be in accordance with the provisions as set out in the conditions of contract.
2. Approve the funding arrangements as detailed in the confidential attachment.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and execute the contract on behalf of Council.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

VOTING			
UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5.5 Governance Rules

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Executive Summary

Between the period 22 May 2024 to 5 June 2024, and following the 21 May 2024 Council resolution, a marked-up version of the draft Governance Rules (**Rules**) was made publicly available on Council's Engage Whittlesea web page seeking community feedback.

At the time of the feedback period closing, five community members provided feedback or comments on the draft Rules. Council also received feedback from one community member via email. A summary of feedback is contained within the Background/key information section of this report.

As a result of the community feedback/comments received, and to ensure Council meetings are held in an orderly, respectful and safe environment for all in attendance, this report is proposing no additional amendments be made, and the Rules be adopted by Council.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Adopt the Governance Rules at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Acknowledge and thank the community members who provided feedback.
3. Note a copy of the Governance Rules will be made available on Council's website.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council:

1. **Adopt the Governance Rules at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Acknowledge and thank the community members who provided feedback.**
3. **Note a copy of the Governance Rules will be made available on Council's website.**

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

Chair of Council Lydia Wilson

VOTING			
UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
<i>YES</i>			

5.6 Governance Report

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Unit Manager Governance

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information and endorsement for the following governance related matters:

- Unconfirmed minutes of Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 14 May 2024 (Attachment 1)
- Instrument of Delegation (s6) from Council to Members of Council Staff (Attachment 2)

In accordance with best practice, good governance principles, transparent and accountable reporting, officers deem it appropriate to consolidate governance and administrative reports into one standing report to provide a single reporting mechanism for a range of statutory compliance, transparency and governance matters. This also ensures compliance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council's Governance Rules and related regulations.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Note the Governance Report for June 2024.
2. Note the 14 May 2024 unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee at Attachment 1 to this report.
3. Resolve to delegate to the members of staff holding the relevant positions the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument of Delegation (s6) from Council to Members of Council Staff attached at Attachment 2.
4. Resolve to commence operation of the Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Council Staff at Attachment 2 immediately upon the signing by the Chair Administrator and CEO, and common seal of Council being affixed to the Instrument.
5. Revoke the previous Instrument of Delegation (s6) from Council to Members of Council Staff that was previously adopted by Council on 27 June 2022.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council:

1. Note the Governance Report for June 2024.
2. Note the 14 May 2024 unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee at Attachment 1 to this report.
3. Resolve to delegate to the members of staff holding the relevant positions the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument of Delegation (s6) from Council to Members of Council Staff attached at Attachment 2.
4. Resolve to commence operation of the Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Council Staff at Attachment 2 immediately upon the signing by the Chair Administrator and CEO, and common seal of Council being affixed to the Instrument.
5. Revoke the previous Instrument of Delegation (s6) from Council to Members of Council Staff that was previously adopted by Council on 27 June 2022.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

Administrator Peita Duncan

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

5.7 Q3 Community Grants Update

Director/Executive Manager: Acting Director Customer & Corporate Services

Report Author: Grants Coordinator

In Attendance: Acting Manager eMPO & Change
Grants Coordinator

Executive Summary

This report is to provide an update on the grant applications in Q3 2023-2024 as part of the community grants program. Please refer to the enclosed document at Attachment 1 which provides an updated report for the:

1. Approved Community Grants.
2. Funding Agreements issued to date.

The approval rate of the applications submitted for this quarter is still slightly improving where it has increased from 47% last quarter to 48% this quarter.

The overall approval rate of the applications are currently sitting at 48%, an increase of 1% from Quarter 2. A rudimentary review of the reasons for applications being declined was conducted and found that some applications failed across many areas of the Grant Guidelines with the top 3 reasons for being declined or not approved as follows;

- 14% did not include quotes or legitimate quotes,
- 13% applied for 'what cannot be funded' and
- 12% seeking grants for core business – not eligible under the Guidelines.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT Council note the community grants overview of applications received and decision for funding at Attachment 1.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Administrator Christian Zahra</i>
Seconded:	<i>Administrator Peita Duncan</i>

THAT Council note the community grants overview of applications received and decision for funding at Attachment 1.

CARRIED

ADMINISTRATOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Administrator Christian Zahra

Administrator Peita Duncan

Chair of Council Lydia Wilson

VOTING

UNANIMOUS	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
YES			

6 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion

7 Urgent Business

No Urgent Business

8 Reports from Council Representatives and CEO Update

8.1 Administrator Christian Zahra's Report

- Nothing to report.

8.2 Administrator Peita Duncan's Report

- Internal Event National Sorry Day held on 27 May 2024.
- Council Briefing Held on 4 June 2024.

8.3 Chair of Council Lydia Wilson's Report

- YPRL - National Simultaneous Storytime held on 22 May 2024.
- City of Whittlesea Business Awards held on 23 May 2024.
- National Volunteer Week Celebrations held on 24 May 2024.
- Municipal Association Victoria - Mayor & CEO Dinner held on 30 May 2024.
- Council Briefing held on 4 June 2024.
- Northern Business Achievement Awards held on 6 June 2024.
- Whittlesea Township Park - Connecting Community through Improved Access held on 6 June 2024.
- Citizenship Ceremony held on 11 June 2024.
- YPRL - Finding My Place Finale held on 13 June 2024.
- Laurimar Recreation Reserve Cricket Nets Improvement Celebration held on 13 June 2024.
- Ageing Well Expo held on 18 June 2024.

8.4 Acting Chief Executive Officer, Debbie Wood Update

Whittlesea Township Park and Laurimar Cricket Nets SOD Turns

As mentioned by the Chair of Council, I also attended the Whittlesea Township Park and Laurimar Cricket Nets SOD turns which was fantastic to get the community out to those locations and to see some projects that we have underway.

Tramoo Street

Works are expected to begin in the next fortnight on a project to improve safety and accessibility at the shopping precinct in Tramoo and High Streets in Lalor. The works will deliver improved pedestrian safety through the replacement of uneven footpaths, and the installation of a new raised pedestrian crossing in Tramoo Street.

Driver safety will be improved through the introduction of 45-degree angled parking on a section of High Street and new parallel parking spots on Tramoo Street.

A new bike path will connect to Edgars Creek and seating, bins, trees and bike racks will be installed to improve the area.

The \$900,000 project, which is funded by Council and \$200,000 from the Victorian Government's Living Local Suburban Grants program, is expected to be finished in September this year.

Infrastructure renewal

As the financial year draws to a close, I'm pleased to report that Council has had another very productive year renewing our transport infrastructure.

This program of works includes the resurfacing or rehabilitation of approximately 20 kilometres of roads throughout the municipality.

Council has also reconstructed about nine kilometres of kerb and channel and renewed more than two kilometres of footpaths.

It is also pleasing to note that almost 2,500 tonnes of recycled material has been diverted from landfill and used in these road renewal projects.

9 Confidential Business

No confidential items.

10 Closure

There being no further business the Chair of Council formally closed the meeting at 7:04pm.

Confirmed this 16th day of July 2024.

Lydia Wilson
Chair of Council