



Moreland City Council

PROPOSED Minutes of the Council Meeting

Held at the Council Chamber, Moreland Civic Centre,
90 Bell Street, Coburg
on Wednesday 14 July 2021

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7 pm and stated the Council meeting is being held on the traditional country of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people and acknowledged them as Traditional Owners. The Mayor paid respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

Present	Time In	Time Out
Cr Annalivia Carli Hannan, Mayor	Leave of absence	
Cr Mark Riley, Acting Mayor	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Adam Pulford	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Angelica Panopoulos	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Helen Davidson	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Helen Pavlidis	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr James Conlan	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Lambros Tapinos	Leave of absence	
Cr Milad El-Halabi	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Oscar Yildiz JP	7 pm	9.22 pm
Cr Sue Bolton	7 pm	9.22 pm

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of absence has been granted to Cr Carli Hannan - 5 July 2021 to 25 August 2021 inclusive.

Leave of Absence

Motion

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded –

That Cr Tapinos be granted leave from 14 July 2021 to 14 August 2021.

Carried

OFFICERS

Chief Executive Officer – Cathy Henderson
Director Business Transformation – Sue Vujcevic
Acting Director City Infrastructure – Greg Gale
Director City Futures – Kirsten Coster
Director Community Development – Arden Joseph
Director Engagement and Partnerships – Joseph Tabacco
Manager Governance and Strategy – Yvonne Callanan
Unit Manager Governance and Civic Protocols – Sapphire Christofilos
Team Leader Governance – Naomi Ellis

DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

MINUTE CONFIRMATION

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 June 2021 and 24 June 2021 be confirmed, subject to the following correction on page 46 of the proposed 9 June minutes:

- **Item 8.2 Reviewing Moreland’s Zero Carbon Emissions Timeframes That Council:**
 - **Given the impacts of climate change are escalating, Moreland will review its Moreland Zero Carbon – 2040 Framework with a view to developing interim and more ambitious targets ‘with a view to achieving net zero emissions’ by 2030.**

Carried

PETITIONS

5.1 MERLYNSTON PROGRESS HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

A petition (D21/266461) has been received containing 77 signatures requesting Council extend the allowable opening hours of Merlynston Progress Hall. Current conditions of use require the hall be vacated by 9 pm on weeknights and 8 pm on Saturdays. Petitioners request that events be allowed to run until 9 pm on all evenings, with pack up and clean-up activities permitted until 10 pm.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives the petition, requesting Council extend the allowable opening hours of Merlynston Progress Hall.
2. Refers the petition requesting Council extend the allowable opening hours of Merlynston Progress Hall to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Receives the petition, requesting Council extend the allowable opening hours of Merlynston Progress Hall.**
2. **Refers the petition requesting Council extend the allowable opening hours of Merlynston Progress Hall to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

Carried

5.2 STOP USING GAS TO HEAT MORELAND'S POOLS

A petition (D21/266441) has been received containing 151 signatures requesting Council stop using gas to heat Moreland's pools.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Receives the petition, requesting Council stop using gas to heat Moreland's pools.**
2. **Refers the petition requesting Council stop using gas to heat Moreland's pools to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

Resolution

Cr El-Halabi moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Receives the petition, requesting Council stop using gas to heat Moreland's pools.**
2. **Refers the petition requesting Council stop using gas to heat Moreland's pools to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

Carried

5.3 SAVE FAWKNER'S OUTDOOR POOLS FROM CLOSURE

A petition was tabled requesting Council save Fawkner's outdoor pools from closure.

Resolution

Cr Pavlidis moved, Cr Conlan seconded –

That Council:

1. **Receives the petition, requesting Council save Fawkner's outdoor pools from closure.**
2. **Refers the petition requesting Council save Fawkner's outdoor pools from closure to the Director Community Development for consideration and response.**

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time commenced at 7.17 pm.

JANE HOLROYD – QUESTION - HOSKEN RESERVE

Why is Council pursuing the largest possible soccer pitch at Hosken North because it is Football Victoria's preferred size, despite a lack of community support, and when this soccer club already has a full size and locked soccer pitch at Hosken South, and another 550 metres away at Richards Reserve?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Arden Joseph, Director Community Development advised:

- It is Council's goal to increase participation in sport, and as there are no spatial site constraints on this sports field, best practice design would align to Football Victoria's preferred pitch size of 105 metres x 68 metres on the North Oval.
- This increases functionality and participation opportunities for juniors, allowing more games and training to be played concurrently.
- This may reduce the number of hours required to be booked, which may in turn provide additional time for community use outside of formal sport bookings.
- The reduction in size of the existing East pitch and provision of a dedicated central lawn for public open space offsets the provision of a maximum size North pitch. This is viewed as an extremely positive design outcome that maximises reserve use and functionality for all stakeholders.
- The consultant's report outlines that this element was not resolved conclusively by the Refresh Group.

PAULINE CARMICHAEL – STATEMENT – BIKE LANES KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Pauline Carmichael made a statement to Council in relation to the design of the bike lane on Kent Road, Pascoe Vale and it contributing to an increased risk of injury or fatality.

IAN CARMICHAEL – STATEMENT- BIKE LANES KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Ian Carmichael made a statement to Council in relation the installation of bike lanes on Kent Road, Pascoe Vale, the lack of consultation prior to installation and the impact on safety for all users.

IAN CARMICHAEL - QUESTION – BIKE LANES KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Obviously, with no consultation with the community or residents, did Council members familiarise themselves with this stretch of Kent Road and the movements surrounding it before they gave the go ahead for this design?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Kirsten Coster, Director City Futures advised:

- It is recognised that road design is very car focused and sustainable transport modes such as walking and cycling are vulnerable in this environment. Accordingly when adopting the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy in 2019 Council committed to reallocating road space, particularly at key locations, to support sustainable transport modes.
- Council is not looking to modify all roads across the networks and certainly some roads will primarily be for vehicle movement.

- Council committed to a program of COVID works across the municipality to support sustainable transport modes in July 2020 to be delivered in the 2020/21 financial year. These projects required scoping up, design, approvals, tendering and implementation and accordingly it has taken 9-12 months to get some of these projects implemented.
- The new trial separated bicycle lanes in Northumberland Road and Kent Road, Pascoe Vale will extend the Coburg to Glenroy bicycle link through Pascoe Vale. This will enable provision of a low-stress bicycle route which connects the Glenroy Activity Centre and Rhodes Parade, to Cumberland Road. This route has been many years in planning and has been identified as a project for delivery in Council 10 year bicycle plan for a number of years.
- The trial period for this project has been revised from up to two years to now being from June 2021 - July 2022 with a report planned to be presented to Council July 2022 reviewing the trial and determining if this becomes permanent or is abandoned.
- The project was adopted as a trial to gauge the impacts (positive and negative) of this new style of bicycle infrastructure before Council determines if they will be made permanent.
- Advisory letters were sent to the area in November 2020 and then again recently in May prior to installation. Information was also provided in Inside Moreland and in other key communication such as the Zero Carbon Moreland website.
- Council officers have been in regular discussions with the medical centre and will shortly be installing three disabled bays (including pram ramps) in Joffre Street (abutting the medical centre) and two 5 minute bays opposite to aid with drop-off/pickup.
- Additionally Council has recently removed ~100 metres (18 car spaces) of redundant No Stopping restrictions in Cumberland Road creating additional parking opportunity near Cole Reserve.
- Independent Road Safety Audits have been undertaken on the design and post implementation of these projects. These audits confirm that the bicycle lane design generally matches current standards and guidelines.
- Recently our Conversations Moreland website has been updated with an engagement program with the community over the next month and we will be letter dropping the area in the next few days inviting the community to these events. When preparing communications we include Language Links and consider the reader may not use English as the primary language.
- Council officers have been working with our waste management team during all phases of planning this project.

SANDRA TAYLOR – STATEMENT – BIKE LANES KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Sandra Taylor made a statement to Council in relation to the new bike lanes installed on Northumberland Road and Kent Road, addressing parking restrictions, traffic flow, lack of consultation/ communication.

SANDRA TAYLOR - QUESTION - KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Why have residents in Northumberland Road and Kent Road, Pascoe Vale been advised in writing to place rubbish bins near or on road obstructions, an instruction outside of Council's General Local Law?

At the request of the Acting Mayor, Kirsten Coster, Director City Futures advised:

- The General Local Law provides for a number of scenarios for the placement of rubbish bins including as otherwise prescribed by Council:
- 8.5 states a person must place a waste container:
 - a) with the lid fully closed;
 - b) at least 1 metre clear of any obstruction or parked vehicle; and
 - c) facing the road, near the kerb at the front of the premises; and
 - d) if applicable:
 - i. if the road is a one-way road, on the left hand side of the road (when facing the direction of travel); or
 - ii. if the road is a cul-de-sac, at the entrance to the bowl or hammerhead of the cul-de-sac; or
 - iii. as otherwise prescribed by Council.
- In this case Council is prescribing where the bins should be located.
- Additionally Council is not requesting the residents to place their bins immediately beside a parked vehicle or near an obstacle which would restrict the ability of the waste truck to empty the bin.
- Council will consult further with residents on this issue.

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

PAULINE CARMICHAEL – QUESTION – ROAD CHANGES, KENT ROAD, PASCOE VALE

Why is the Council refusing to provide, after written requests, the proposal for road changes in Kent Road and Northumberland Road that was given the green light by Councillors?

As Pauline Carmichael elected not to ask this question during the meeting, it was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

KELLI SKAPETIS - QUESTION – ENCLOSED DOG PARK AT RICHARD RESERVE

An enclosed dog park was located at Richard Reserve several years ago. What was the rationale for placement of a dog park at this location and what is the name of the strategic document that articulated the demand and funding allocation for its delivery?

As Kelli Skapetis was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

KELLI SKAPETIS - QUESTION – PASCOE VALE FOOTBALL CLUB'S LEASING FEES

Pascoe Vale Football Club's (PVFC) commercial kitchen and cafe is now in operation. Can council confirm the amount that PVFC's annual leasing fees has increased to accommodate this? If there has been no increase, please confirm why?

As Kelli Skapetis was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JIM SKAPETIS - HOSKEN RESERVE AND SPORTING CLUBS

Can Council please confirm which sporting clubs in addition to Pascoe Vale Football Club have a monopoly on four sports fields, with a 1km radius (ie three at Hosken Reserve and one at Richards Reserve)?

As Jim Skapetis was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

JIM SKAPTEIS – SPOTING CLUBS USE OF CCTV

Can Council please confirm what sporting clubs other than Pascoe Vale Football Club are acting in the capacity of police or private security by monitoring (via CCTV) the community's use of parkland and open space, adjacent to their sporting pavilion?

As Jim Skapetis was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

MOIRA DEEMING – LEGALITY OF PROVIDING SEX BASED/TARGETED SERVICES AND FACILITIES SEPARATELY TO GENDER IDENTITY BASED/TARGETED SERVICES

Under Victorian law, is it legal for Local Government councils to provide sex based/targeted services and facilities separately to gender identity based/targeted services and facilities? If not, why not?

For example, can we legally put signs on a set of public toilets declaring that one is for biological males (including males with an intersex condition), one is for biological females (including biological females with an intersex condition) and one is for people with transgender identities (of any biological sex)? If not, why not?

As Moira Deeming was not in attendance, the question was taken on notice and a written response will be provided.

Public Question Time concluded at 7.41 pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

7.1 HOSKEN RESERVE

Executive Summary

Following a December 2020 Council resolution, a refresh project commenced on the 2009 Hosken Reserve Masterplan.

An extensive community engagement process was undertaken in February/March 2021 and reported to the May 2021 Council Meeting. At the May 2021 Council Meeting, Council resolved that a Refresh Group process commence as soon as possible to inform the design options for a refreshed masterplan for Hosken Reserve.

A Refresh Group consisting of 25 community members was established and met four times between 19 May 2021 and 9 June 2021. The outcome of this process has been the establishment of draft design recommendations for Council consideration. The draft design recommendations have been reviewed with regard to alignment with Council policy, management practices and operational procedures.

A revised draft Hosken Reserve Master Plan (the Master Plan) has subsequently been prepared. It is recommended that Council authorise its release for public exhibition prior to consideration for final adoption at a future Council meeting.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Thanks the Refresh Group participants for their significant contribution to the draft masterplan design;
2. Notes the Refresh Group Process Report and the Refresh Group Design excerpt summary reports; and
3. Approves release of the draft Hosken Reserve Master Plan Concept for public exhibition and a report back to Council in September 2021.

Motion

Cr Yildiz moved, Cr Davidson seconded -

That Council:

1. Thanks the Refresh Group participants for their significant contribution to the draft masterplan design;
2. Notes the Refresh Group Process Report and the Refresh Group Design excerpt summary reports; and
3. Approves release of the draft Hosken Reserve Master plan concept for public exhibition from 19 July to 15 August and a report back to Council in September 2021. As part of the consultation, there be targeted consultation with residents adjacent to the reserve.

Amendment

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That an additional point (4) be added:

4. Clarifies to the community that Point 6 of the 12 May 2021 resolution titled 'Hosken Reserve Synthetic Playing Field' regarding dogs on Hosken Reserve is consistent with Moreland's current rule about dogs at sportsfields and off-leash reserves which states that:

'As a dog owner, you must also be able to control your dog at all times using a chain, cord or leash if your dog is within 15m of any playground or children's play equipment or the main location of an organised sport activity or community event/festival. This would mean that if a game or training is not taking place on a game day, that dogs are allowed.'

In accordance with Governance Rule 3.10.4(3), the Amendment was acceptable to the original mover and seconder and therefore becomes part of the substantive Motion.

Resolution

That Council:

1. **Thanks the Refresh Group participants for their significant contribution to the draft masterplan design;**
2. **Notes the Refresh Group Process Report and the Refresh Group Design excerpt summary reports; and**
3. **Approves release of the draft Hosken Reserve Master plan concept for public exhibition from 19 July to 15 August and a report back to Council in September 2021. As part of the consultation, there be targeted consultation with residents adjacent to the reserve.**

4. Clarifies to the community that Point 6 of the 12 May 2021 resolution titled ‘Hosken Reserve Synthetic Playing Field’ regarding dogs on Hosken Reserve is consistent with Moreland’s current rule about dogs at sportsfields and off-leash reserves which states that:

‘As a dog owner, you must also be able to control your dog at all times using a chain, cord or leash if your dog is within 15m of any playground or children’s play equipment or the main location of an organised sport activity or community event/festival. This would mean that if a game or training is not taking place on a game day, that dogs are allowed.’

Carried unanimously

7.2 KERBSIDE WASTE REFORM - DRAFT KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE AND CHARGE POLICY

Executive Summary

This report presents a draft Kerbside Waste Reform Service and Charge Policy (Attachment 1) for Council endorsement – informed by substantial analysis, benchmarking and two stages of community engagement – to take to a final stage 3 community and stakeholder consultation process, before planned finalisation for adoption by Council in late 2021.

The reformed kerbside waste service and charge, as envisaged in the draft Policy, reflects a future service model that enacts Council’s obligations under the Victorian Government’s Recycling Victoria policy. The State policy seeks to transition to a four bin/stream service. The draft Moreland policy is projected to perform best against ongoing cost and environmental performance measures, as well as being the most preferred option emerging from the extended stage 2 community engagement.

Disposal of organics (food waste and garden clippings such as lawn mowing and tree/branch clippings) in landfill generates methane, a powerful greenhouse gas. Modelling suggests that switching the food organics and garden organics (FOGO) pick up to weekly and switching the garbage to fortnightly could halve the greenhouse emissions.

In addition to direct emissions saved from organics diverted from landfill, the proposed service model and waste charge structure helps the community to adopt more sustainable behaviours in line with the waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and participate in the transition to a more ‘circular economy’ that will ‘design out waste’.

The future reformed waste service model would provide:

- Weekly collection of FOGO from all households (i.e. every resident has weekly FOGO – no longer ‘opt-in’ service);
- Fortnightly (alternating) collections of Garbage and Recycling;
- A new Glass only bin, collected every four weeks;
- Updated ‘standard’ bin sizes, including upsize of the standard Garbage bin from 80L to 120L and upsize of the standard Recycling bin from 120L to 240L, to cater for the shift to fortnightly collection. Based on standard bin sizes, over a monthly collection cycle, the total collection capacity per household will be increased, with a higher proportion of capacity for recyclable and organics streams;
- Options for service users / properties with individual bins to elect to retain existing ‘smaller’ Garbage and Recycling bins, or, if required, to select larger than standard bin capacities across each stream;

- Shared (communal) bins for all Council serviced multi-unit developments where space constraints on-lot and/or on the kerb mean servicing of multiple individual bins is not feasible;
- Collection of hard waste via a booking system, rather than the current twice-yearly municipal-wide collections;
- Expanded categories for Concession pricing relating to additional Garbage bins/capacity;
- 'Fee for service' options for weekly Garbage collection and additional hard waste collections; and
- A revised waste charge model that will more transparently reflect the cost of waste service provision, while continuing to provide cost savings for use of shared or smaller bins.

Pending endorsement of the draft Policy for consultation, a stage 3 community consultation is planned to commence late July to August 2021 which aims to share the future service and charge fundamentals with the community (and specific impacted cohorts) to check 'have we got it right?', prior to presentation of a final Policy to Council in late 2021 for adoption.

The implementation approach (including potential phasing and timing) of the proposed future service and charge is the subject of ongoing analysis and planning, with the first change anticipated to be introduction of a booked hard waste service in the second half of 2022.

The 2021/22 draft Budget includes allowances for Kerbside Waste Reform stage 3 consultation, phased communications and community education, and detailed transition planning and procurement preparation.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the draft Kerbside Waste Service and Charge Policy (draft Policy, Attachment 1) as the basis for Stage 3 community consultation and engagement.
2. Note the summary outcomes of the completed stage 2 engagement on future kerbside service options and proposed stage 3 engagement framework (refer Section 4).
3. Note that future implementation approach and timing of the reformed kerbside waste service and charge (as envisaged in the draft Policy) is subject of transition planning currently underway, with consideration being given to operational, contractual, community and cost implications as well as evolving external risks and constraints.

Amendment

Cr Bolton moved -

1. Endorses the draft Kerbside Waste Service and Charge Policy (draft Policy, Attachment 1) **with the municipal-wide hard waste collection to be retained**, as the basis for Stage 3 community consultation and engagement.
2. Notes the summary outcomes of the completed stage 2 engagement on future kerbside service options and proposed stage 3 engagement framework (refer Section 4).
3. Notes that future implementation approach and timing of the reformed kerbside waste service and charge (as envisaged in the draft Policy) is subject of transition planning currently underway, with consideration being given to operational,

contractual, community and cost implications as well as evolving external risks and constraints.

Lapsed

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorse the draft Kerbside Waste Service and Charge Policy (draft Policy, Attachment 1) as the basis for Stage 3 community consultation and engagement.**
2. **Note the summary outcomes of the completed stage 2 engagement on future kerbside service options and proposed stage 3 engagement framework (refer Section 4).**
3. **Note that future implementation approach and timing of the reformed kerbside waste service and charge (as envisaged in the draft Policy) is subject of transition planning currently underway, with consideration being given to operational, contractual, community and cost implications as well as evolving external risks and constraints.**

Carried unanimously

7.3 AMENDMENT C179 - PROPOSED REZONING OF 77-87 SOUTH STREET, HADFIELD - DECISION GATEWAY 3: ADOPTION

Executive Summary

Amendment C179 to the Moreland Planning Scheme affects land at 77, 79, 83, 85 and 87 South Street, Hadfield ('the precinct'). The precinct is classified in the Moreland Industrial Land Strategy 2015-2030 (MILS) as an area to transition to residential uses. Council received a request to amend the Moreland Planning Scheme to rezone the precinct in 2019.

Consistent with the MILS, the request seeks to facilitate a transition to quality residential environments that contribute to Moreland's housing supply by rezoning the precinct from an Industrial 3 Zone to a Neighbourhood Residential Zone and applying an Environmental Audit Overlay to manage risk from potential contamination from past industrial land uses.

Council resolved to seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to commence the preparation of a planning scheme amendment to rezone the precinct at its meeting on 13 May 2020 (DCF17/20). Amendment C179 was publicly exhibited for four weeks and three submissions were received. Council resolved at its meeting on 10 March 2021 (7.14) to request the Minister for Planning to appoint an independent Panel to consider the submissions received during exhibition of the Amendment.

A Panel Hearing was held on 4 May 2021. The Panel determined that the Amendment is appropriate and strategically justified and will result in a net community benefit. The Panel recommends the Amendment be adopted subject to minor mapping updates.

A copy of the Panel's report is included in **Attachment 1**.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the findings and recommendations of the C179 Planning Panel included at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Adopts Amendment C179 to the Moreland Planning Scheme pursuant to section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
3. Submits Amendment C179 to the Moreland Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval, pursuant to section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.
4. Notifies all submitters of Council's decision in relation to Amendment C179.

Resolution

Cr El-Halabi moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the findings and recommendations of the C179 Planning Panel included at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Adopts Amendment C179 to the Moreland Planning Scheme pursuant to section 29(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
3. **Submits Amendment C179 to the Moreland Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval, pursuant to section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.**
4. **Notifies all submitters of Council's decision in relation to Amendment C179.**

Carried unanimously

7.4 132-134 CARDINAL ROAD PARK CLOSE TO HOME - ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES AND FINAL PARK CONCEPT

Executive Summary

In late 2020, Council commenced initial community consultation to seek community input to develop a new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy. The consultation included polling on the theme for the type of park people wanted to see in addition to the ability to provide general feedback.

A 'relaxing' style park was the clear preference from the community. There was strong support for lots of green space with shade trees, nature and sensory place, native species for planting and the ability to relax and socialise in the new space. There were also requests for water play features within the park. This initial feedback was used to inform the draft concept plan for the park.

Consultation on the draft concept plan was met with strong support, particularly in regards to the new park providing "something for everyone". Some feedback was received that the space was very busy and subsequently seemed small. And while the gym equipment was welcomed, it was felt that the offering could be pared back and simplified. There was also feedback seeking more green space and additional native plantings.

The draft plan was revised to relocate the entrance path, resulting in increased green space and garden beds. The play offering was refined and the gym equipment was reduced. The revised concept plan was made available on the Conversations Moreland website for further consultation. The changes were well received by the community. Some additional changes were considered before finalising the design, including further changes to the swing set, whether to include a BBQ and the inclusion of a sensory garden. These requests were considered but ultimately not progressed owing to the overall community preferences and decisions made in response to the initial feedback.

An onsite consultation event had been planned for late May which had to be cancelled owing to the implementation of a Covid-19 lockdown. Further attempts to reschedule were ultimately unsuccessful due the on-going restrictions and difficulties of planning ahead with any certainty. To ensure that residents would have an opportunity to meet with Officers, two online Question and Answer sessions were scheduled to allow residents to ask questions of Officers.

The final concept design is now ready to proceed to the next stage of the project; this includes detailed planning and design drawings to form the basis of the procurement and construction process.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that community engagement on the design for the Park Close to Home project at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy is complete, and the key themes emerging from the engagement have informed specific design outcomes.
2. Endorses the final concept plan for the new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy as provided at Attachment 2, which has been amended from the draft concept plan based on community feedback.
3. Notes that the additional features of the park emerging from the community engagement and other items needed for park construction can be met through the current budget allocation and grant funding from the Victorian Government's Local Parks Program.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that community engagement on the design for the Park Close to Home project at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy is complete, and the key themes emerging from the engagement have informed specific design outcomes.**
2. **Endorses the final concept plan for the new park at 132-134 Cardinal Road, Glenroy as provided at Attachment 2, which has been amended from the draft concept plan based on community feedback.**
3. **Notes that the additional features of the park emerging from the community engagement and other items needed for park construction can be met through the current budget allocation and grant funding from the Victorian Government's Local Parks Program.**

Carried unanimously

7.5 OPEN SPACE IN BRUNSWICK - RESPONSE TO COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS DCI11/20 AND NOM45/20

Executive Summary

This report responds to multiple resolutions of Council (DCI11/20 and NOM45/20), which relate to the provision of open space in and around the southern part of the municipality, specifically Brunswick, Brunswick East and Brunswick West.

Open space in Brunswick, and Moreland more broadly, is a valued community asset. Moreland City Council has actively sought to address shortfalls in the quality and provision of open space within Brunswick and its creek corridors over the last ten years through the implementation of key strategies, capital improvements and opportunistic land purchases.

Council has been successful in acquiring land for new open space in Brunswick at several locations in the last few years to improve resident access to nearby open space. Parcels of land have been developed for new parks or are planned for the near future, including Bulleke-bek Park, (West Street), Garrong Park, (Tinning Street), Frith Street, 260 Sydney Road, 33 Saxon Street, and the new active space south of Moreland Road created through the Level Crossing Removal Project.

The Park Close to Home strategic framework prioritises creating new open space within existing gap areas over the development of new public open space at Fleming Park, the Moonee Ponds and Merri Creek environs or Edward Street and Black Street carparks (as these areas are outside of the gap areas).

Initial investigations into the development of open space at Edward Street and Black Street carparks in Brunswick identifies these as complex projects, owing in part to special rate car parking, significant financial investment required and multi stakeholder dependencies. Due to these site constraints and significant encumbrances, officers do not recommend investing officer time, re-provisioning existing budgets, and raising community expectations by undertaking formal consultation to develop a vision for parks in these locations.

The creation of new open space in any highly populated part of the municipality will always have positive benefits. Council's existing framework for considering acquisition includes endorsed open space targets to ensure that all Moreland residents can access open space within a reasonable walkable distance. There are a large number of areas not meeting these targets. Expansion and provision of new open space in these areas have a higher priority than the neighbourhoods near the Fleming Park area, Merri and Moonee Ponds Creeks, Edward Street carpark or Black Street carpark.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the report.
2. Considers the outcome of further strategic work in the 2021-22 financial year around land acquisition as part of:
 - a) the Moreland Open Space Strategy review and
 - b) the development of a strategic property frameworkwhich will provide an opportunity to consider new principles and criteria around land acquisition.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Defers this item to the 11 August 2021 Council Meeting**

Carried

7.6 TOWARDS PLACE-BASED, COMMUNITY CO-MANAGEMENT OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES - RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF MOTION

Executive Summary

This report responds to two resolutions of Council (NOM30/20 and NOM 8.4 on 12 May 2021), which relate to community visibility of activities undertaken within a park and the level of involvement of the community with Council in open space management.

Moreland City Council has a long history of place-base community co-management of parks especially with our recreational sporting clubs and along our waterways through the Moonee Ponds Creek Chain of Ponds Collaboration and the Merri Creek Management Committee.

The COVID19 pandemic has raised the profile of open spaces with a big increase in informal / casual use of open spaces by all members of the community. With the increase on community activity in open spaces has come a higher level of community engagement with Council particularly around the development and upgrade of parks, play spaces and sports grounds as well as shared use and space availability conflicts with sports clubs and sporting competitions, and informal / casual users including families, dog walkers / owners, people using open spaces for exercise and relaxation and local residents adjacent to these open spaces. Some recent examples include Hosken Reserve Refresh, Fleming Park Master Plan, Douglas Reserve play space upgrade and the Garrong Park Close to Home Project.

Expansion of co-management of parks may play a role in advancing the engagement process between different community groups and Council leading to improved management of parks and reserves. The involvement of the different community user groups in the management of their local park will likely contribute to an improved visible condition of the grounds, garden beds and play spaces, more equitable use of spaces, increased activation, improved safety, shared knowledge and understanding between user groups and improved maintenance of parks through the combination of community care activities and Council coordinated maintenance.

A trial is proposed to explore increased engagement with the community through a place-based co-management methodology that includes an online interactive portal using Conversations Moreland, in park signage and QR codes and a working committee / steering group made up of representatives from the different community user groups, Council officers and if desired, Councillors. The two proposed locations for the trial are ATC Cook Reserve in Glenroy and Jones Park / Allard Park in Brunswick East. The goal is to make the system easily accessible and interactive so that members of the community, sporting clubs and Council can interact, share and seek information about the management of a park using both face to face and online forums.

Although there are costs associated with setting up and delivering this trial over a 12-month period, officers plan to explore ways through the trial to achieve a methodology that will require minimal to no ongoing additional funding. The trial evaluation measures will inform outcomes including whether this methodology could be rolled out to all parks across the municipality or only a select few where there is already active community engagement.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Agrees in principle to trialing a place-based, community co-management model for open space at ATC Cook Reserve in Glenroy and Allard Park/Jones Park in Brunswick East for a period of 12 months.
2. Defers to the mid-year budget update consideration of additional funding of \$90,000 spread across calendar year 2022, for the purposes of setting up the trial, establishing website content and resourcing an Engagement Officer.
3. Receives a report at the end of the trial, outlining the merits, resource and financial implications, of extending the same program across the municipality.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Agrees in principle to trialing a place-based, community co-management model for open space at ATC Cook Reserve in Glenroy and Allard Park/Jones Park in Brunswick East for a period of 12 months.**
2. **Defers to the mid-year budget update consideration of additional funding of \$90,000 spread across calendar year 2022, for the purposes of setting up the trial, establishing website content and resourcing an Engagement Officer.**
3. **Receives a report at the end of the trial, outlining the merits, resource and financial implications, of extending the same program across the municipality.**

Carried unanimously

7.7 TRAM ROUTE 58: MELVILLE ROAD TRAM IMPROVEMENT WORKS

Executive Summary

Department of Transport (DoT) and Yarra Trams are implementing a project to roll out larger E Class trams on Route 58 (Melville Road, Dawson Street and Grantham Streets) which will improve the capacity and efficiency of the tram network. E Class trams are the largest, safest and most accessible trams on the network. Each tram can carry 210 passengers and so they are longer than other trams. E Class trams also include audio and visual passenger information, air conditioning, improved safety features and dedicated spaces for passengers with mobility aids or prams. They are built in Dandenong, supporting local jobs, including the wider supply chain.

To facilitate these larger trams the project also involves track and tram stop infrastructure improvements. Of the 32 stops along Route 58 in Moreland, the project involves modifications to 12 stops – eight stops being relocated, and two stops for both directions being removed (i.e. four stops). The relocation of stops is generally minor and necessary to ensure that the longer tram doesn't block intersections when they are parked at a stop. Two stops are being removed due to close spacing with nearby stops noting that no two stops are more than 400m apart. The plans for these stops are shown in Attachment 1 and enable the use of high capacity trams to serve more residents and provide greater access to local schools, businesses and other activities.

A net loss of 34 spaces will result from the stop upgrades. The loss of parking is to provide unobstructed access at all doors of longer trams. Given the longer trams, there are more doors to enter/exit. For passenger safety, parking is banned on the kerb adjacent to the doors so passengers can disembark from the tram and onto the footpath as directly and quickly as possible.

The tram improvements are consistent with Council's policy of supporting public transport improvements and reallocating road space where appropriate from cars and car parking to walking, cycling and public transport.

Based on recent communications with DoT, it is anticipated that works on the tram stops along route 58 will commence in August 2021 with E-Class trams operational on the route in October 2021.

Whilst the creation of DDA accessible, level stops is not within the scope of this project, it is expected that this will become a high priority as Route 58 tram is the best tram route serving the major hospital precinct in Parkville.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves the modification of parking arrangements at 30 tram stops (some stops being relocated) along Route 58 required to accommodate the Department of Transport's proposal to introduce the use of high capacity E Class trams, which will result in the loss of 48 parking spaces and creation of 14 new spaces.
2. Notes that while officers continue to advocate for the provision of accessible trams stops (in accordance with resolution DCI39/18) the scope of the Department of Transport's project does not include provision of accessible stops at this time and that it is part of a separate project.
3. Notes that officers will continue to work with the Department of Transport with a view to:
 - a) Advocating for the project to provide tram shelters at key stops to provide protection from the elements for waiting commuters.
 - b) Supporting local businesses along the route that are impacted by localized parking losses with a view to providing appropriate parking restrictions nearby to mitigate some of the loss.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Approves the modification of parking arrangements at 30 tram stops (some stops being relocated) along Route 58 required to accommodate the Department of Transport's proposal to introduce the use of high capacity E Class trams, which will result in the loss of 48 parking spaces and creation of 14 new spaces.**
2. **Notes that while officers continue to advocate for the provision of accessible trams stops (in accordance with resolution DCI39/18) the scope of the Department of Transport's project does not include provision of accessible stops at this time and that it is part of a separate project.**
3. **Notes that officers will continue to work with the Department of Transport with a view to:**
 - a) **Advocating for the project to provide tram shelters at key stops to provide protection from the elements for waiting commuters.**
 - b) **Supporting local businesses along the route that are impacted by**

localized parking losses with a view to providing appropriate parking restrictions nearby to mitigate some of the loss.

Carried unanimously

7.8 KEY MISSING LINK IN GLENROY TO COBURG BIKE ROUTE - CUMBERLAND ROAD

Executive Summary

Council has long advocated for bicycle lanes on Cumberland Road, a State arterial road under the control of Department of Transport (DoT). In May 2018 the Victorian Government announced a commitment to deliver a cycling link on Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale (State controlled road) with a commitment of \$2 million. This link is a critical gap in the Coburg to Glenroy Cycling Link which has been implementing low stress infrastructure with cyclists separated from cars on busier roads. It also provides a missing route to key destinations along Cumberland Road.

In June 2020, the Member for Pascoe Vale, Lizzie Blandthorn MLA, announced the route would be moved to Council roads where bicycles would need to share the road with vehicles on Kent Road, and use physically unseparated painted bicycles lanes on Derby Street. The local member made this announcement with no prior discussions as to the reason for the significant change in alignment.

Further joint investigations of both alignments by Council and DOT officers confirm that there are challenges with either option.

In a letter to Council dated 04 June 2021 (as at Attachment 1), the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll has now made it clear that he does not support the alignment on Cumberland Road, and rather encourages Council to consider the Kent/Derby route alignment.

The Kent Road / Derby Street alignment proposal was previously not recommended by officers as it does not provide a high quality, low stress and safe route that will avoid car dooring that will improve transport choices for cyclists of all confidence levels. This was confirmed when compared against the option of physically separated bike lanes on Cumberland Road. The challenges present in both alignments lead to the recommendation to undertake community consultation on both options as resolved at the May 2021 Council meeting (ref Council report 7.3).

Given the Minister's clear position that he is against bike lanes on Cumberland Road and will not allow it, and given that it has been advised that Council will lose the \$4.48m funding allocated to this project if Council does not accept the Kent/Derby Road alignment, it is now recommended to consult the community solely on the Kent/Derby alignment and bring a report back to Council detailing the final design for this alignment.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll's stance that he will not support dedicated and separated bicycle lanes on Cumberland Road.
2. Notes that rather than Cumberland Road, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll is "strongly supportive" of Council and Department of Transport jointly delivering an engagement plan for the link on a Kent/Derby Road alignment (on Council roads) for delivery as soon as possible.
3. While noting that the Kent/Derby Road alignment is still not considered to be of

sufficient quality to encourage a large cohort of new bike riders sought by Council, given the Minister's clear stance against Cumberland Road, accepts the project to make improvements on Kent and Derby Roads instead.

4. Notes that once delivered this section of the link will need to be carefully monitored and, if entirely inadequate, officers will investigate an alternate route on local roads.
5. Writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll advising that given his strong position against bike lanes on Cumberland Road, that Council agrees to the project on the Kent/Derby alignment instead and agrees to communicate this to the community collaboratively with the Department of Transport.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll's stance that he will not support dedicated and separated bicycle lanes on Cumberland Road.**
2. **Notes that rather than Cumberland Road, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll is "strongly supportive" of Council and Department of Transport jointly delivering an engagement plan for the link on a Kent/Derby Road alignment (on Council roads) for delivery as soon as possible.**
3. **While noting that the Kent/Derby Road alignment is still not considered to be of sufficient quality to encourage a large cohort of new bike riders sought by Council, given the Minister's clear stance against Cumberland Road, accepts the project to make improvements on Kent and Derby Roads instead.**
4. **Notes that once delivered this section of the link will need to be carefully monitored and, if entirely inadequate, officers will investigate an alternate route on local roads.**
5. **Writes to the Minister for Roads and Road Safety Hon. Ben Carroll advising that given his strong position against bike lanes on Cumberland Road, that Council agrees to the project on the Kent/Derby alignment instead and agrees to communicate this to the community collaboratively with the Department of Transport.**

Carried unanimously

7.9 REFUGEE DETENTION IN MORELAND - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT FINDINGS

Executive Summary

In accordance with resolution 4 of NOM51/20, this report investigates if the Best Western Fawkner Suites and Serviced Apartments ('Best Western Fawkner') has breached the Moreland Planning Scheme with its designation and use as an Alternative Place of Detention ('APOD') of refugees.

Following the 9 December 2020 Council meeting, Council wrote to the Minister for Planning seeking his view on whether the Commonwealth Government practice of using residential hotels and serviced apartments as an APOD requires, and is capable of, greater regulation under the Victorian Planning Provisions. No response has been received.

Likewise, no response has been received after writing to Australian Border Force seeking further information about the Best Western Fawkner being used as an APOD.

Due to the lack information available about the APOD use, Council Officers are unable to confirm a breach of the Moreland Planning Scheme and no further planning enforcement action can be taken at this time.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the lack of response from the Minister for Planning to Council's letter dated 13 January 2021.
2. Notes the lack of response from Australian Border Force to Council's letter dated 17 December 2020.
3. Notes that in the absence of any additional information and a lack of clarity about whether there is a breach of the planning scheme, that no planning enforcement action can be undertaken at this time.
4. Writes to the Prime Minister and Minister for Immigration in accordance with item 7 of NOM13/21, without the co-signatories sought by item 9 of NOM13/21.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer writing to the Minister for Planning in accordance with item 8 of NOM13/21, without the co-signatories sought by item 9 of NOM13/21.

Resolution

Cr Conlan moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the lack of response from the Minister for Planning to Council's letter dated 13 January 2021.**
2. **Notes the lack of response from Australian Border Force to Council's letter dated 17 December 2020.**
3. **Notes that:**
 - a) **the Australian Border Force has confirmed in writing that Best Western Fawkner Suites and Serviced Apartments ('Best Western Fawkner') is being used to detain people against their will.**
 - b) **as 'detention centre' cannot be defined as either a 'corrective institution' or 'accommodation' for the purposes of land use definitions in the Victoria Planning Provisions, it may be that the current use of Best Western Fawkner as a detention centre is a Section 2 use under the General Residential Zone, as detention centre is "Any other use not in Section 1 or 3"**
3. **Writes to the Prime Minister and Minister for Immigration in accordance with item 7 of NOM13/21, without the co-signatories sought by item 9 of NOM13/21.**
4. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for Planning in accordance with item 8 of NOM13/21, after first seeking the co-signatories of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of Darebin and Yarra City Councils.**
5. **Proceeds to obtain legal advice to assist with undertaking enforcement action against the Best Western Hotel Fawkner, if a breach of the Moreland Planning Scheme is demonstrated and warrants enforcement action by Council. This advice will be obtained before the August 2021 Council meeting.**
6. **Proceeds with the lodgement of a Freedom of Information request with Australian Border Force to seek additional information that may enable an**

assessment of whether there is a breach of the Moreland Planning Scheme.

8.34 pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting before the vote.

Carried unanimously

7.10 KINDERGARTEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICE PLANNING

Executive Summary

In an Australian first, the Victorian Government has committed to the implementation of funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten for all children over a 10-year roll out period, so that by 2029 all children in Victoria will have access to two years of play based learning through a funded kindergarten program. The reform will require a large expansion in workforce and infrastructure capacity across the State. The Government will invest almost \$5 billion and has invited all 79 Victorian Local Governments to discuss and agree upon a Kindergarten Infrastructure Services Plan (KISP) for their Local Government Area (LGA) to support the infrastructure and expansion required for the reform.

Council has collaborated with the Department of Education and Training (DET) in developing a KISP (Attachment 1) for Moreland which provides a shared view of existing kindergarten capacity and expectations about the location, timing and level of demand for kindergarten driven by the reform and population growth from 2022 to 2029. The KISP provides the foundation for the development of a partnership agreement between DET and Council for a program of co-investment in the new and expanded infrastructure required to meet Moreland's projected demand for an additional 1,330 kindergarten places during the reform, which will be rolled out incrementally from 2022.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the agreed Kindergarten Infrastructure and Service Plan (KISP)
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education and Training to enter a Building Blocks Partnership.

Resolution

Cr El-Halabi moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the agreed Kindergarten Infrastructure and Service Plan (KISP)**
2. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Education and Training to enter a Building Blocks Partnership.**

Carried

7.11 GLENROY COMMUNITY HUB - PROPOSED LEASE NORTHERN SCHOOLS EARLY YEARS INC AND PROPOSED LEASE COHEALTH

Executive Summary

The Glenroy Community Hub (the Hub), formerly known as Wheatsheaf Community Hub at 50 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy, will co-locate Council's community services in Glenroy onto one site to expand and strengthen health and lifelong learning services and enhance social opportunities for the Glenroy community.

Some of the services that will operate from the Hub will be under a lease agreement with a provider of that service.

At its meeting on 8 May 2019 (DCD9/19) Council resolved to commence the statutory process under section 190 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to lease the land at the Hub to cohealth.

At its meeting on 11 December 2019 (DCD32/19) Council resolved to commence the statutory process under section 190 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to lease the land at the Hub to Northern Early Years Cluster Inc.

As part of the statutory process, a public notice for the proposed lease to cohealth was placed in the *Moreland* and *Northern Leader* Newspapers and on Council's website on 1 July 2019, and a public notice for the proposed lease to Northern Early Years Cluster Inc was placed in the *Moreland* and *Northern Leader* Newspapers and on Council's website on 20 January 2020.

No submissions or objections were received for either of the proposed leases.

Having satisfied its statutory requirements, Council is now in a position to make a final decision regarding its intention to lease its land at the Hub, 50 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy.

This report discusses the proposal for a new lease end date for Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc and the public notice process for the proposed leases to cohealth and Northern Early Years Cluster Inc. This report recommends that Council enters into a new lease with Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre for a term beyond the end date of 21 March 2023, with cohealth for a 20 year term and with Northern Early Years Cluster Inc for a 5 year term, at the Hub, 50-62 Wheatsheaf Road, Glenroy.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes public notice for proposed lease to cohealth was given in the *Moreland Leader* and *Northern Leader* newspapers and on Council's website on 1 July 2019.
2. Notes public notice for proposed lease to Northern Schools Early Years Cluster Inc was given in the *Moreland Leader* and *Northern Leader* newspapers and on Council's website on 20 January 2020.
3. Notes that no submissions were received for both proposed leases.
4. Having satisfied the sections 190 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, enters into a lease agreement of part of its land at Glenroy Community Hub, 50 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy to cohealth to provide health services at the site and to Northern Schools Early Years Cluster Inc to provide an early years long day care at the site.
5. Notes the complexities of the site and authorises the Director Community Development to commence negotiation for a site-specific lease for all Hub tenants and a longer-term lease beyond the end date of 21 March 2023 for the Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.
6. Authorises the Director Community Development to do all things necessary to affect the lease of the site to cohealth for 20 years and to Northern Schools Early Years

Cluster Inc for 5 years.

Resolution

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Notes public notice for proposed lease to cohealth was given in the Moreland Leader and Northern Leader newspapers and on Council's website on 1 July 2019.**
- 2. Notes public notice for proposed lease to Northern Schools Early Years Cluster Inc was given in the Moreland Leader and Northern Leader newspapers and on Council's website on 20 January 2020.**
- 3. Notes that no submissions were received for both proposed leases.**
- 4. Having satisfied the sections 190 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, enters into a lease agreement of part of its land at Glenroy Community Hub, 50 Wheatsheaf Road Glenroy to cohealth to provide health services at the site and to Northern Schools Early Years Cluster Inc to provide an early years long day care at the site.**
- 5. Notes the complexities of the site and authorises the Director Community Development to commence negotiation for a site-specific lease for all Hub tenants and a longer-term lease beyond the end date of 21 March 2023 for the Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre Inc.**
- 6. Authorises the Director Community Development to do all things necessary to affect the lease of the site to cohealth for 20 years and to Northern Schools Early Years Cluster Inc for 5 years.**

Carried unanimously

7.12 GYM AND AQUATIC MEMBERSHIP FOR MORELAND SENIORS

Executive Summary

At the 10 March 2021 Council meeting, following the report on the Living and Ageing Well Report on year 1 actions, Councillors requested a report on the feasibility and cost implications of providing Moreland seniors (only) with a free gym and aquatic membership for one year following the anticipated rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine in October 2021.

Officers are aware that, following the COVID-19 lockdowns, many seniors have been reluctant to resume physical activities and to engage more broadly in the community as they once used to. As a result, many seniors are missing out on opportunities to build and maintain their physical fitness and to resume social contact with friends and community members. The various Government and other messaging about the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and changes have also contributed to uncertainty that some seniors have about their personal health and safety.

Council Officers have explored several options to encourage seniors to return to physical activities as follows:

Option 1 – Targeted support for vulnerable seniors (Recommended)

There are a number of barriers, not just financial, that are impacting many of our senior community members health and wellness including general mobility, social isolation and fear about contracting COVID, and fear of leaving their house and secure environment after being in lockdown for prolonged periods.

Unfortunately, the community members that most need assistance, will be less likely to attend even if they were eligible for a free membership. Those who would most benefit, need support and some 'hand holding' in order undertake exercise after being in an inactive state for over 12 months. We need to take small steps and a targeted and supported approach for our vulnerable community members. The development of individual pathways through allied health assistance and referrals is proposed, via a trial period, to encourage seniors who are inactive back into an exercise routine.

In the trial, it is proposed that this be implemented for Council's Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) clients where home support staff can assist and transport clients to gyms and fitness centres to safely take up/resume physical activity. Council's gymnasiums have qualified trainers who can design individual programs for clients. Additionally, Council's Participation Support Program (part of the Community Grants Program) can be accessed to help with the cost of memberships which are already discounted by 35 per cent for seniors over 60 years of age and are holders of an aged pension care or Commonwealth seniors discount card.

As part of Moreland's Community Grants Program and the commitment to ensuring that barriers to participation are reduced for those who are most in need, eligible community members can obtain a reduced or free membership to Council's aquatic and leisure centres.

Council currently funds up to 120 people each year deemed eligible for a free membership per annum across all centres. This program is accessed by service providers (such as physiotherapists, occupational therapists etc. on behalf of the clients) who can access Council's online 'Smartygrants' system and is based on a set of agreed eligibility criteria.

Option 2 – Offer a free membership to access Council's aquatic and leisure centres for all Moreland seniors who have a Victorian or Commonwealth Government Seniors card – Not Recommended at this stage.

Apart from the uncertainty of take up and significant cost involved, this option may not achieve the desired effect of engaging directly with seniors who are not currently active and would benefit from "customised" solutions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Resolves to proceed with options 1 outlined below as a trial for six months commencing August 2021.
2. Receives a further report at the end of the trial period outlining the results achieved and any future options.

Motion

Cr Davidson moved, Cr Yildiz seconded -

That Council:

1. Offers a free gym membership for three months to access Council's gyms and aquatic centres for all Moreland seniors who have a Commonwealth Government Seniors Health Care Card.
2. Refers the cost of such service the First Quarter Budget review for consideration.

3. Promotes the free three month membership opportunity to seniors in Moreland.

Lost

Cr Yildiz called for a division.

For	Against
Cr Bolton	Cr Riley
Cr Davidson	Cr Pulford
Cr Yildiz	Cr Panopoulos
Cr Pavlidis	Cr Conlan
	Cr El-Halabi
Total For (4)	Total Against (5)

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

- 1. Resolves to proceed with option 1 outlined below as a trial for six months commencing August 2021.**
- 2. Receives a further report at the end of the trial period outlining the results achieved and any future options.**

Carried unanimously

7.13 AGED CARE UPDATE

Executive Summary

The Final Report to the Royal Commission into Aged Care, Quality and Safety was released in March 2021 with 148 recommendations. Many recommendations focus on residential aged care and Home Care Packages, however there are many relevant to local government and the delivery of Commonwealth Home Support Programme. The Federal government has provided a response to the recommendations. The response to the recommendations include the establishment of a new support at home program. The Government will finalise the design of the new support at home program, intended to commence from July 2023, following sector consultation and further model development.

Council currently delivers and subsidises a range of Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP) services including: Assessment, Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Respite, Delivered Meals, Social Support and Property Maintenance, as well as Community Transport, which receives no CHSP grant funding.

Council policies highlight Council's key role in enabling older people to actively participate in their communities and stay connected. Aged and Community Support branch undertook a community survey between 16 November and 17 December 2020 to understand how older people in Moreland are currently feeling, and how people can be better supported to stay happy, active and part of the community. The survey highlighted that older residents needed information on aged care services, caring for their health, social opportunities, and technology. This feedback is informing service planning within Aged and Community Support.

Work is being undertaken in the aged care sector to strengthen integration of support at home programs, including CHSP and Home Care Packages. Council has the option to register as a Home Care Package while it assesses it's options to participate as an approved provider. As there continues to be uncertainty about the future funding and service models for aged care services, officers will continue to monitor, review and

analyse policy documents, as they are released, to provide timely information to Council to enable determination of Council's ongoing role.

Councillors were provided with a comprehensive update on Aged Care matters at a Councillor Workshop on 1 July 2021.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Continues to monitor, review and analyse Commonwealth and State Government funding and other policies in relation to the future of aged care operating and service delivery models.
2. Registers as a Home Care Package provider.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council :

1. **Continues to monitor, review and analyse Commonwealth and State Government funding and other policies in relation to the future of aged care operating and service delivery models.**
2. **Registers as a Home Care Package provider.**
3. **Continues to consult with councils which provide Home Care Packages, such as Whitehorse, Moonee Valley, Wangaratta, Maroondah, Colac Otway and Kingston Councils.**

8.55 pm Cr Pulford left the meeting.

8.57 pm Cr Davidson left the meeting.

8.57 pm Cr Pulford returned to the meeting before the vote.

Carried unanimously

7.14 MORELAND COVID-19 RECOVERY PLAN

Executive Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the Moreland community very deeply, in direct and indirect ways, with a disproportionate effect on many vulnerable groups which has magnified existing inequalities. Council undertook a Secondary Impact Assessment (SIA) as part of its responsibility to coordinate relief and recovery efforts after an emergency and to assist in understanding the full impact of COVID-19 on the community.

While this global emergency has required significant response from all Australian jurisdictions, the Moreland community is relying on Council to continue to respond to the needs of our community and local businesses, for services, resources and support as the focus moves to recovery and roll out of the vaccination program.

The longer-term impacts on health and the broader social and economic impacts are not yet known.

Key issues emerging through research and consultation into the impacts of the pandemic on the Moreland community and economy have informed the proposed recovery priorities:

- Financial distress: impacts for households;
- Mental health and wellbeing: the mental health toll on the Moreland community;

- Digital access and inclusion: impact of technological barriers;
- Social inequalities and vulnerabilities: isolation, discrimination and family violence which has damaged social cohesion within the community; and
- Economic impacts: impacts on local businesses and the economy.

While there are positive signs of economic recovery at a national level, the extent of local economic recovery is not yet known. The Victorian economy has been impacted more than any other state due to the four “lockdowns” in response to COVID-19 outbreaks.

The COVID-19 Recovery Plan (Attachment 1) contains many strategies to support community recovery that can be implemented by individual Council business units with existing resources. Council will continue to engage with the business community to ensure our economic development policy and program settings are well positioned and responsive to continue to support business and economic recovery, which will in turn assist broader community recovery.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the Moreland COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Moreland COVID-19 Recovery Plan.**

9pm Cr Yildiz left the meeting before the vote.

Carried unanimously
(without Cr Davidson and Cr Yildiz)

7.15 TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY

Executive Summary

In November 2000, Council resolved to adopt the Telecommunications Policy in response to community concerns regarding visual amenity impacts and health issues associated with electro-magnetic radiation (EMR) arising from the installations of telecommunications facilities. It was also noted that ‘low impact’ facilities did not require planning approval.

At the time this Policy was adopted, it was noted that The Australian Communications Industry Forum (ACIF) and the National Carrier Coordination Group (NCCG) were working to develop national codes for the design, installation and operation of radio-communications infrastructure, and the colocation of mobile telephone facilities respectively. The Telecommunications Policy was adopted to fill a need in the absence of a national code.

A national industry code was introduced in 2002. There is now a suite of Federal and State legislation and codes governing the installation of telecommunications infrastructure. Council’s Telecommunications Policy does not have any statutory weight when Council is asked to determine a planning permit application or comment on the installation of a low impact facility.

The *Local Government Act 2020* and Council’s Leasing Policy guide decision-making when Council is deciding whether to lease land to a Telecommunications Carrier.

As the Policy does not form the basis for any of Council's decision-making, it should be revoked.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the current legislative framework that guides the installation of telecommunications facilities, including:
 - The *Telecommunications Act 1997*
 - The Telecommunications Code of Practice 2018
 - The Moreland Planning Scheme
 - The Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria (2004)
2. Notes that a Council adopted policy does not have any statutory standing to influence decisions by carriers about the location of telecommunications facilities.
3. Revokes the Telecommunications Policy.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Panopoulos seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the current legislative framework that guides the installation of telecommunications facilities, including:**
 - **The *Telecommunications Act 1997***
 - **The Telecommunications Code of Practice 2018**
 - **The Moreland Planning Scheme**
 - **The Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities in Victoria (2004)**
2. **Notes that a Council adopted policy does not have any statutory standing to influence decisions by carriers about the location of telecommunications facilities.**
3. **Revokes the Telecommunications Policy.**

Carried unanimously
(without Cr Davidson and Cr Yildiz)

9.02 pm Cr Davidson and Cr Yildiz returned to the meeting.

7.16 CONTRACT RFT-P-2021-183 FOR ACTIVE RECREATION - DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLIES

Executive Summary

Council has an in-house team of qualified turf and recreational services personnel to deliver a range services relating to sports field maintenance and improvement. Council purchases products to facilitate this work and contractors and consultants are required at times to supplement Council resources for successful delivery of these services.

To facilitate procurement of these products and services and in the light of the expiry of the previous Contract C424T, Moreland City Council is establishing a new panel of contractors with competitively sourced schedules of rates to provide:

- a) Sporting oval/ground maintenance

- b) Synthetic turf supply, covers and repair
- c) Sportsground fencing
- d) Electrical repairs (Pumps and irrigation controllers)
- e) Supply of irrigation parts
- f) Consultants for Irrigation design, sportsground auditing & drainage design
- g) Supply of Goal posts, basketball/netball hoops, coaches boxes and other 'furniture' apparatus
- h) Supply, install, repair and maintenance of sports field lighting infrastructure.

Council sought tenders from suitably qualified contractors for each of these categories and assessed the tenders in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy and in accordance with the Strategic Procurement and Probity Plan. Contracts are recommended to be awarded as outlined in the Officer Recommendations above.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Accepts the Schedule of Rates of Tenders and awards Contract RFT-P-2021-183 – Active Recreation – Design, Construction, Maintenance and Supplies to the panel of contractors listed below according to the various categories, for a period of three (3) years from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2024, with an option for a further two (2) by two (2) year extensions, until end term of 31 July 2028.

Sporting oval/ground maintenance:

- Anco Turf ABN 13 151 500 971
- Evergreen Turf ABN 17 007 427 536
- Globe Growing Solutions ABN 75 001 429 714
- Green Turf Pty Ltd ABN 26 138 977 349
- Hume Turf & Machinery Pty Ltd ABN 14 170 602 450
- Mickleham Soils Pty Ltd ABN 85 004 643 850
- Nuturf Pty Ltd ABN 22 069 900 456
- Oasis Pacific Pty Ltd ABN 65 077 581 938
- Sportsgrass Pty Ltd ABN 77 006 773 315

Synthetic turf supply, covers and repair

- Hume Turf & Machinery Pty Ltd ABN 14 170 602 450
- Maddocks Sports Pty Ltd ABN 38 059 538 635

Sportsground fencing

- Hume Turf & Machinery Pty Ltd ABN 14 170 602 450
- Melbourne Chain Wire Fencing ABN 91 609 191 460

Electrical repairs (Pumps and irrigation controllers)

- Century Rain ABN 95 008 083 592
- GJP Solutions ABN 76 998 361 482
- Greenearth Plumbing and Electrical Solutions ABN 68 408 895 479
- McKechnie & Gillespie Pty Ltd ABN 65 156 149 870
- Melbourne Irrigation Pty Ltd ABN 25 096 845 573
- Planned Irrigation Projects Pty Ltd ABN 50 006 031 590
- RMS Groundworks Pty Ltd ABN 73 606 867 127
- Sportsgrass Pty Ltd ABN 77 006 773 315

Supply of irrigation parts

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Consultants for irrigation design, sportsground auditing and drainage design

- 2MH Consulting ABN 83 090 539 503
- Greenearth Plumbing and Electrical Solutions ABN 68 408 895 479
- Michael Smith and Associates ABN 65 742 475 072
- Rinad Pty Ltd T/A Make it Wet ABN 40 168 098 084

Supply, install, repair and maintenance of sports field lighting infrastructure

- McKechnie & Gillespie Pty Ltd ABN 65 156 149 870

2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contracts by the Contractors in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:

- a) Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to do all things necessary to execute the contracts, including advising the tenderers of Council's decision in this matter
- b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute future option for the two (2) by two (2) years contract extensions beyond the initial term, as set out in part 1 of this resolution.

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council:

1. **Accepts the Schedule of Rates of Tenders and awards Contract RFT-P-2021-183 – Active Recreation – Design, Construction, Maintenance and Supplies to the panel of contractors listed below according to the various categories, for a period of three (3) years from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2024, with an option for a further two (2) by two (2) year extensions, until end term of 31 July 2028.**

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Supply, install, repair and maintenance of sports field lighting infrastructure

- **McKechnie & Gillespie Pty Ltd** **ABN 65 156 149 870**

2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contracts by the Contractors in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:

- a) **Authorises the Director City Infrastructure to do all things necessary to execute the contracts, including advising the tenderers of Council's decision in this matter**
- b) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute future option for the two (2) by two (2) years contract extensions beyond the initial term, as set out in part 1 of this resolution.**

Carried

7.17 CONTRACT RFT-2021-185 FESTIVAL LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT

Executive Summary

Council has invited suppliers to respond to the Festival Logistics Management public tender process. Engineroom Production Services is the recommended Contractor to be appointed to provide Festival Logistics Management services for the next one (1) year, with four (4) X one (1) year extension options. These extensions will be at the absolute discretion of Moreland City Council. This contract RFT-2021-185 will replace the previous Festival Logistics Management Tender 483T that is due to expire on the 31 July 2021.

Council called for tenders for the provision of Festival Logistics Management services from 1 May 2021 to 24 May 2021. The supplier recommended in this report has been selected from a highly competitive tender process that meets Council's requirements and represents the best value for money available in the marketplace.

The tender complies with Section 109 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and Council's Procurement Policy.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Make a formal offer to Engineroom Production Services (Contractor) to award contract RFT-2021-185 for the Provision of Festival Logistics Management (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:
 - i. for the sum of \$119,920.00 (excluding GST) per year as a Management Fee, with an additional sum of up to \$480,080.00 per year for all infrastructure hire costs associated with the delivery of the service, totalling \$600,000 per year (excluding GST).
 - ii. for a period of one (1) year with four (4) x one (1) year extension options.
 - b) Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:
 - i. the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and
 - ii. other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;
2. Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:
- a) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and
 - b) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and
 - c) Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to:**
 - a) **Make a formal offer to Engineroom Production Services (Contractor) to award contract RFT-2021-185 for the Provision of Festival Logistics Management (Contract) on the following terms and otherwise subject to and in accordance with paragraph 1(b) of this Resolution:**
 - i. **for the sum of \$119,920.00 (excluding GST) per year as a Management Fee, with an additional sum of up to \$480,080.00 per year for all infrastructure hire costs associated with the delivery of the service, totalling \$600,000 per year (excluding GST).**
 - ii. **for a period of one (1) year with four (4) x one (1) year extension options.**
 - b) **Negotiate and finalise the terms of the Contract between Council and the Contractor provided that:**
 - i. **the terms specified in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution shall not be altered without a further Resolution of Council; and**
 - ii. **other than terms referred to in paragraph 1(a) of this Resolution, the terms of the Contract are acceptable to the Chief Executive Officer;**
2. **Conditional on acceptance of the Contract by the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Resolution:**

- a) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to do all things necessary to execute the Contract and any required documentation for the Contract; and**
- b) **Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to exercise the option(s) to extend contracts in accordance with the provisions within the Contract; and**
- c) **Advises all tenderers of Council's decision in relation to the Contract.**

9.04pm *Cr Conlan left the meeting before the vote.*

Carried unanimously
(without Cr Conlan)

7.18 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2021

Executive Summary

This report presents the Financial Management Report for the financial year to date period ending 31 May 2021.

A detailed financial review was undertaken across the organisation in April 2021. This process provides the opportunity to review financial performance to date and reallocate the available financial resources to maximise the delivery on strategic objectives.

The results of this review are included in this report as the Full Year Revised Forecast.

The May Income Statement shows the Council surplus is \$6.3 million better the year to date Revised Forecast as a result of lower overall expenditure. These differences are considered largely timing in nature.

Council has spent \$45.3 million on capital expenditure which is \$1.3 million less than the year to date Revised Forecast.

Council has previously taken the approach of generating small surpluses to reinvest in much needed infrastructure projects. This strategy has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and it is unlikely Council will generate a funding surplus for 2020/21.

Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 May 2021, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr El-Halabi seconded -

That Council notes the Financial Management Report for the period ended 31 May 2021, at Attachment 1 to this report.

Carried unanimously
(without Cr Conlan)

7.19 SISTER AND FRIENDSHIP CITIES REVIEW

Executive Summary

The main aims of sister and friendship city contact is to create friendship and understanding between peoples and to lay a foundation of goodwill and exchange for communities and Council.

In September 2020, Council determined to refocus its relationships with local and international cities on collaborative and progressive relationships with a focus to inform further work on climate emergency and identify appropriate local government with a sound record of working collaboratively with indigenous and multicultural populations and organisations.

Council also sought a report to identify which sister/friendship cities to cease existing relationships with.

Council has one Friendship City relationship and six Sister City relationships. The relationships have been generally inactive for many years, including up to 17 years. There is limited, documented information, about the value of these relationships (even prior to the period of inactivity). Although the relationships have generally been dormant, it is acknowledged that city relationships can develop from number of sources, beyond relationships with city officials and can also be founded / supported by community exchange, particularly where there are ancestral/demographic connections and expatriate communities. In Moreland's case, we have community members living in Moreland from areas where we have established some city relationships.

The most successful friendship relationship has been the Friends of Aileu, which has proven to be an enduring and active collaboration. A joint Community Advisory Committee (with Hume City Council) has been active in maintaining the relationship and generating positive outcomes for the City of Aileu in East Timor.

It is recommended that Council formally write to all of the dormant Sister and Friendship Cities to ascertain if the objectives of the relationships are being met and continue to be of benefit, prior to determining whether to formally continue or cease each relationship.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Formally write to current (inactive) Sister and Friendship Cities seeking to determine if the objectives of the relationships are being met and continue to be of benefit, as follows:
 - a) Sister City – Xianyang, China
 - b) Friendship Cities (including special relationship Cities)
 - i) Corum Municipality, Turkey
 - ii) Spartiaton Municipality, Greece
 - iii) City of Canterbury-Bankstown, Australia
 - iv) Mansfield, Australia
 - v) Solarino, Sicily, Italy
 - vi) Messina, Sicily, Italy.
2. Receive a further report on the outcomes of discussions with those Sister and Friendship Cities identified in this report and present recommendations for the purpose of continuing or ceasing existing relationships.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Formally write to current (inactive) Sister and Friendship Cities seeking to determine if the objectives of the relationships are being met and continue to be of benefit, as follows:**
 - a) **Sister City – Xianyang, China**
 - b) **Friendship Cities (including special relationship Cities)**
 - i) **Corum Municipality, Turkey**
 - ii) **Spartiaton Municipality, Greece**
 - iii) **City of Canterbury-Bankstown, Australia**
 - iv) **Mansfield, Australia**
 - v) **Solarino, Sicily, Italy**
 - vi) **Messina, Sicily, Italy.**
2. **Receive a further report on the outcomes of discussions with those Sister and Friendship Cities identified in this report and present recommendations for the purpose of:**
 - a) **continuing relationships, including recommendations for timelines for review of relationships; or**
 - b) **ceasing existing relationships**

9.06 pm Cr Conlan returned to the meeting.

Carried

7.20 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Executive Summary

In accordance with section 54 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Council is required to establish an Audit and Risk Committee.

In doing so, Council must have in place an Audit and Risk Committee Charter that specifies the functions and responsibilities of the Committee. The current Audit and Risk Committee Charter stipulates that it be reviewed annually.

The Audit and Risk Committee reviewed the charter at its meeting on 15 June 2021, as a result of this review, the following changes were recommended: minor administrative changes (including amendment to staff titles); and to amend the Charter's review frequency from annually to biennially. The requirements of the Audit and Risk Committee are generally constant, therefore the frequency of reviewing the Charter is recommended to be extended from annually to biennially.

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter also outlines the membership of the Audit and Risk Committee including the need to periodically review the Committee's membership. The initial appointment of independent (external) Committee members was for a three-year period, with an independent member not being able to serve more than two full terms in any one position before the position is publicly advertised.

In this regard, an Independent Audit and Risk Committee member has completed their term (as at 30 June 2021) and Council must appoint a new Independent Audit and Risk Committee member for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. Following a recruitment

process, it is recommended that Mr Jeff Rigby is appointed as an independent member to its Audit and Risk Committee for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Appoints Mr Jeff Rigby as an independent member to its Audit and Risk Committee for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.
2. Through the Mayor, writes to formally acknowledge and thank the outgoing Independent Member, Mr Craig Burke for his contribution to the Audit and Risk Committee.
3. Endorses the updated Audit and Risk Committee charter as provided in Attachment 1 to this report (as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee).

Resolution

Cr Riley moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Appoints Mr Jeff Rigby as an independent member to its Audit and Risk Committee for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.**
2. **Through the Mayor, writes to formally acknowledge and thank the outgoing Independent Member, Mr Craig Burke for his contribution to the Audit and Risk Committee.**
3. **Endorses the updated Audit and Risk Committee charter as provided in Attachment 1 to this report (as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee).**

Carried unanimously

7.21 PUBLIC LIABILITY/PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE RENEWALS 2021-22

Executive Summary

Council officers received confirmation of the cost of public liability and professional indemnity insurance from their current insurer MAV Liability Mutual Insurance scheme.

MAV Liability Mutual Insurance provided a quote of \$1,352,272.00 (ex-GST). This provides Council with \$600 million public liability and \$600 million professional indemnity coverage with a \$50,000 excess. Pleasingly, this is slightly less than last year's premium (\$1,363,636 excluding GST).

Council's Public Liability/Professional Indemnity insurance policy was scheduled to conclude at 4pm on 30 June 2021 and coverage was required to be in place prior to this time, to limit Council's exposure. Due to confirmation of the premium cost not being received until 21 June, Council officers were not able to present this information to Council for approval (in accordance with financial delegation requirements) in advance of 30 June 2021. Therefore this report has been prepared to retrospectively seek Council's approval.

The Chief Executive Officer made the decision to renew the policy with MAV Liability Mutual Insurance. This decision ensured that Council had appropriate insurance in place. It also ensured that Council complied with the requirements of sections 43 and 52 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, which require Council to indemnify Councillors and staff.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the renewal of Council's Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance with Municipal Association of Victoria's Liability Mutual Insurance Scheme for 2021-22 for \$1,352,272.00 (ex-GST).

Resolution

Cr El-Halabi moved, Cr Pulford seconded -

That Council:

1. **Endorses the renewal of Council's Public Liability and Professional Indemnity Insurance with Municipal Association of Victoria's Liability Mutual Insurance Scheme for 2021-22 for \$1,352,272.00 (ex-GST).**

Carried unanimously

7.22 GOVERNANCE REPORT - JULY 2021 - CYCLICAL REPORT

Executive Summary

The Governance Report has been developed as a monthly standing report to Council to provide a single reporting mechanism for a range of statutory compliance, transparency and governance matters.

This Governance Report includes:

- Reports from Committees to Council, with a recommendation that Council notes the reports;
- Records of Meetings, with a recommendation Council notes the records;
- Responses to Public Question Time items taken on notice at 12 May and 9 June 2021 Council meetings, with a recommendation Council notes the responses.
- A recommendation Council appoints and authorises the Council officer referred to in the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation (*Planning and Environment Act 1987*) at **Attachment 4**.
- A recommendation Council continue the Library Hours Trial until September 2021.

Noting the upcoming timeframe of August 2021 for the tendering of the Management of Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the report from Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Notes the Record of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.
3. Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the May and June 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 3 to this report.
4. In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- a) Appoints and authorises the Council staff referred to in the Instrument at Attachment 4 to this report, as set out in the instrument.
 - b) Determines the instrument comes into force immediately, the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.
 - c) Authorises the affixing of Council's common seal.
5. Endorses continuation of the Library Hours Trial until September 2021, with report back to Council anticipated in October/November 2021 on the outcomes of the trial.
- Notes the upcoming timeframe of August 2021 for the tendering of the Management of Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Pavlidis seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes the report from Committees to Council, at Attachment 1 to this report.**
2. **Notes the Records of Meetings, at Attachment 2 to this report.**
 - a) **Subject to the correction in Record of Meeting for TCI Coburg Square that Cr Pavlidis was in attendance.**
3. **Notes responses to questions taken on notice during Public Question Time at the May and June 2021 Council meetings, at Attachment 3 to this report.**
4. **In the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and section 313 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:**
 - a) **Appoints and authorises the Council staff referred to in the Instrument at Attachment 4 to this report, as set out in the instrument.**
 - b) **Determines the instrument comes into force immediately, the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it.**
 - c) **Authorises the affixing of Council's common seal.**
5. **Endorses continuation of the Library Hours Trial until September 2021, with report back to Council anticipated in October/November 2021 on the outcomes of the trial.**

Notes the upcoming timeframe of August 2021 for the tendering of the Management of Council's Aquatic and Leisure Centres.

Carried

NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1 PROTECTION OF PARKS FROM DEVELOPMENT

Motion

That Council:

1. Receives a report with recommendations on improving the protection of Moreland's parks from the impact of development, such as overshadowing, on adjacent and nearby parks.
2. Ensures that when a development application is received for a development adjacent to or near a park, that the application is advertised to park users as well as the neighbouring residences.

Resolution

Cr Bolton moved, Cr Conlan seconded -

That Council:

1. **Notes that Council will receive a report with recommendations on improving the protection of Moreland's parks from the impact of development, such as overshadowing, on adjacent and nearby parks.**
2. **Ensures that when a development application is received for a development adjacent to or near a park, that the application is advertised to park users as well as the neighbouring residences.**

Carried unanimously

NOTICE OF RESCISSION

Nil

FORESHADOWED ITEMS

Nil

URGENT BUSINESS REPORTS

Resolution

Cr Pulford moved, Cr Bolton seconded -

That Council admits Urgent Business regarding medevac refugees for consideration, as it relates to a matter that has arisen since the distribution of the agenda and cannot safely or conveniently be deferred to the next Council meeting.

Carried

11.1 MEDEVAC REFUGEES

Cr Angelica Panopoulos

The Australian government's current refugee and asylum seeker policies have been long regarded as 'cruel' and constituting 'torture' by many reputable organisations such as Amnesty International and the United Nations. There are refugees currently detained across Australia, including in the MITA detention centre in Broadmeadows. Numerous

refugees inside the detention centre undertook a hunger strike throughout June to protest the cruel and degrading conditions that they are forced to live in. Several became 'dangerously ill' and were admitted to hospital. For many, the hunger strike lasted for 17 days, however for a few it is still ongoing.

Most of this cohort were medically evacuated from Nauru or Manus Island to Australia because they were too sick to remain on the islands. This was after almost a decade of detention and after fleeing war and persecution in their home countries. Many have also been approved for resettlement in America or Canada, which means that they are indeed genuine refugees and there is no reason for their detention. The fact that almost 100 other refugees who were brought to Australia in the same circumstances have been released into the community highlights the totally arbitrary nature of this cohort's detention.

Moreland City Council has a proud history of standing up for human rights. This is an urgent item as the hunger strike has been ongoing for over two weeks and several people are critically ill. One man has lost 14kg and now weighs only 51kg. These men need to be urgently released into the community and we, as Council, must use our platform to join the chorus of voices in calling for the kind and humane treatment of those that come to our country seeking our help.

Resolution

Cr Panopoulos moved, Cr Bolton seconded –

That Council:

- 1. Expresses its deep concern for the immediate health and wellbeing of the men who are seeking asylum as medevac refugees being held in detention indefinitely at the Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (MITA) centre, who were on hunger strike and for those continuing the hunger strike.**
- 2. Writes to:**
 - a. the Minister for Immigration and Minister for Home Affairs requesting the urgent humanitarian settlement of all medevaced refugees and all people seeking asylum.**
 - b. the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting Asylum Seekers requesting that this group also writes to the Minister for Immigration and the Minister for Home Affairs regarding this urgent action.**
- 3. As a Welcoming City and a signatory of the Refugee Welcome Zone declaration, remains deeply concerned about the wellbeing of all people being held in detention under the Federal government's inhumane immigration and settlement policy.**

Carried

The Acting Mayor noted the Director Community Development, Arden Joseph's resignation and thanked him for his service to the Moreland community.

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

Confirmed

Cr Mark Riley
ACTING MAYOR