



# Council Meeting

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**Draft Minutes**

**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**  
Council Chamber - Civic Centre  
and via Videoconference

## Information for Councillors and the community

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nations as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands and waterways.

We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region.

We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.



### COUNCIL VISION

Whether you live here or visit, you will see how much we care for country, how inclusive and connected our communities are, and how sustainable balanced growth makes this the best place in the world.

### VALUE OF HISTORY

We acknowledge that history shapes our identities, engages us as citizens, creates inclusive communities, is part of our economic well-being, teaches us to think critically and creatively, inspires leaders and is the foundation of our future generations.

### COUNCILLOR COMMITMENT

We'll be truthful, represent the community's needs, be positive and responsive and always strive to do better.

### OUR COUNCILLORS

**Billanook Ward:** Tim Heenan

**Chandler Ward:** David Eastham

**Chirnside Ward:** Richard Higgins

**Lyster Ward:** Johanna Skelton

**Melba Ward:** Sophie Todorov

**O'Shannassy Ward:** Jim Child

**Ryrie Ward:** Fiona McAllister

**Streeton Ward:** Andrew Fullagar

**Walling Ward:** Len Cox

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & DIRECTORS

**Chief Executive Officer,** Tammi Rose

**Director Built Environment & Infrastructure,**  
Hjalmar Philipp

**Director Communities,** Leanne Hurst

**Director Corporate Services,** Andrew Hilson

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# YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE 604<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 MAY 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.31 PM COUNCIL CHAMBER - CIVIC CENTRE AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

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### 1 COUNCIL MEETING OPENED

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor) declared the meeting open.

### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor then read the Acknowledgement of Country, and welcomed all present.

### 3 INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS PRESENT

#### Councillors

Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor)

Councillor David Eastham (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Jim Child

Councillor Andrew Fullagar

Councillor Tim Heenan

Councillor Richard Higgins

Councillor Johanna Skelton

Councillor Len Cox OAM

#### Officers

Tammi Rose, Chief Executive Officer

Hjalmar Philipp, Director Planning & Sustainable Futures

Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services

Leanne Hurst, Director Communities

Phil Murton, Acting Director Built Environment & Infrastructure

### 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology for this meeting was received from Councillor Fiona McAllister.

## 5 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Mayoral Announcements for this meeting.

## 6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Todorov spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Todorov**

**Seconded: Cr Higgins**

*That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held Tuesday 14 May 2024, as circulated, be confirmed.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

## 7 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

*In accordance with Chapter 7, Rule 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

Cr Skelton declared an indirect conflict of interest in Item 10.3, CT7428 - Works & Service Panel (WASP), as she has a family member who works for tendering company.

*In accordance with Chapter 3, Rules 57 and 59, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

## QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL

### QUESTION 1

#### **Michelle de Lima of Lilydale asked;**

*From the period of October 2020 to May 2024, how much money has the Yarra Ranges Council given, either through funding, donation or grants to Lilydale Township Action Group? Please detail the method of donation, the amount and the purpose of the funds for each amount either donated, grant or gifted.*

*Please also advise the names of any Councillors or Council Executive who have either disclosed a perceived, actual or potential conflict of interest associated with Lilydale Township Action Group.*

*I want know how independent Lilydale Township Action Group is to Yarra Ranges Council.*

#### **Leanne Hurst, Director Communities**

*Thank you for your question, Michelle.*

*All council grant programs have strong governance processes to ensure decisions are based on the strengths of applications and how well they meet the grant funding criteria.*

*In the Small Grants category, two officers assess each application, and these are then reviewed and approved by a relevant Manager. These officers are not members of the Council's Executive Leadership Team. The annual Grants for Community program applications are assessed by a panel that includes community members and a Council officer. After individual assessments, panels come together to develop final recommendations for the Council to review and consider. Councillors are not part of the panel assessment process.*

*From the period of October 2020 to May 2024 the Lilydale Town Action Group secured funding through two of Council's grant programs.*

*Under the Grants for Community Program, they have secured.*

- *\$10,000 in 2024 for the Lilydale Street Fair.*
- *\$4,500 in 2023 for the Fun and Films in the Park.*
- *\$4,000 in 2021 for the Celebrating Resilience of Lilydale*

*Under the Small Grants Program, they have secured \$500 for the Lilydale Community Christmas Decorations Project in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.*

*In total, the Lilydale Ton Action Group have received \$20,500 from Council grant programs throughout this period.*

## QUESTION 2

### **Sebastian Quezada Rojas of Kilsyth asked;**

*What is the estimated timeline for the ongoing waste policy review? This is so that residents can organise their submissions and petitions accordingly and have a clear deadline in mind. If there is no timeline for this waste policy review currently in place, is there an estimated month or date where the formal timeline for the review will be announced?*

### **Hjalmar Philipp, Director Planning and Sustainable Futures**

*Thank you for your question, Sebastian.*

*Council resolved to undertake an informal review of the Resource Recovery and Waste Services policy at six months post implementation. The change in kerbside waste services under that Policy went live in October 2023, with end March 2024 being the 6-month mark.*

*Since the end of March, data to inform the review has been collected, which includes a range of metrics including, community feedback, physical bin audits and projected environmental impacts, such as land fill diversion. It is planned that the review report will be shared with Councillors in June, where next steps will be considered, noting that the Policy has a formal review cycle of 2 years and any material change to the Policy requires a resolution of Council.*

## **SUBMISSIONS TO COUNCIL**

There were no Submissions listed on the Agenda for this meeting.



## 9 PETITIONS

*In accordance with Chapter 3, Rule 60, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

### 9.1 Petition to Council

#### SUMMARY

*The following petition be received:*

#### *General Petition*

- 1. Request that Yarra Ranges Council restrict parking on Greeves Drive, Unity Way and Friendly Court, Kilsyth.*

*75 valid signatures.*

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Cox and Cr Fullagar spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Cox**

**Seconded: Cr Fullagar**

*That the following General Petition be received and noted and referred to the appropriate officer.*

- 1. Request that Yarra Ranges Council restrict parking on Greeves Drive, Unity Way and Friendly Court, Kilsyth.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

## 10 BUSINESS PAPER

### 10.1 Morrison Reserve Master Plan - Consideration for Adoption

#### SUMMARY

A draft master plan for Morrison Reserve (the draft Master Plan) has been prepared, providing a 15-year strategic approach to improve recreation facilities at Morrison Reserve in response to identified community needs, opportunities, and externally funded projects. It has been developed following extensive consultation with local Mount Evelyn residents, Morrison Reserve user groups, local schools and community groups, Council's Advisory Groups, and the broader Yarra Ranges community.

Suggested improvements include an upgrade to soccer, athletics and court facilities, the path network and park furniture on Council land. The draft Master Plan also recommends an upgrade of the school oval, currently used by community clubs as a secondary ground, and advocacy for a future sports stadium at the Yarra Hills Secondary College.

The draft Morrison Reserve Master Plan is presented in Attachment 1 for adoption by Council.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Heenan, Cr Higgins, Cr Cox and Cr Skelton spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Heenan**

**Seconded: Cr Higgins**

*That Council*

- 1. Notes the findings of community engagement undertaken for public exhibition of the draft Morrison Reserve Master Plan.*
- 2. Adopts the Morrison Reserve Master Plan 2024 – 2039 in accordance with Attachment 1.*
- 3. Writes to submitters to advise them of the outcome of the Council Meeting.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

## 10.2 Quarterly Finance Report - March 2024

### SUMMARY

*The attached quarterly finance report has been prepared as of 31 March 2024.*

*The report includes financial year-to-date data up to the end of March 2024 for the 2023-2024 financial year and is compared to adopted budget and full year forecast for the financial year 2023-2024.*

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Skelton and Cr Fullagar spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Skelton**

**Seconded: Cr Fullagar**

*That Council*

- 1. Receives and notes the Finance Report for the nine month period to 31 March 2024.*
- 2. Approves and adopts the Capital Works Transfers as outlined in the March Quarterly Capital Works Program.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

### 10.3 CT7428 - Works & Service Panel (WASP)

*Cr Skelton left the meeting at 8:00pm prior to consideration of the item, having declared a conflict of interest in this item.*

#### **SUMMARY**

Yarra Ranges Council is actively pursuing a Contract Panel that provides a standing offer with contractors for a range of projects dedicated to the maintenance and management of its assets, infrastructure, and facilities.

This report proposes the formation of the CT7428 Works and Services Panel (WASP) to optimise and simplify procurement procedures through a consolidated tender across all works categories outlined:

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Plant and Equipment               | 11. Pest Control Services                   |
| 2. Concrete Works                    | 12. Safety Barriers                         |
| 3. Supply of Asphalt Products        | 13. Bridge Works Maintenance                |
| 4. Asphalt Works                     | 14. Bin Services                            |
| 5. Carpentry Services                | 15. Sportsground Drainage & Irrigation      |
| 6. Electrical Services               | 16. Turf Services                           |
| 7. Plumbing Services                 | 17. Mowing, Tractor Slashing & Brushcutting |
| 8. Drainage Works                    | 18. Specialist Tree Works                   |
| 9. Supply of Pit Lids, Frames, Pipes | 19. Emergency Tree Works                    |
| 10. Supply of Quarry Products        | 20. Landscape Services.                     |

The report seeks Council's endorsement to form the Works and Services Panel, consisting of pre-selected contractors that meet the Council's strict standards and demonstrate a dedication to providing outstanding value. The initiative facilitates the following:

- A range of projects dedicated to the maintenance and management of its assets, infrastructure, and facilities across 20 categories.
- A selection of contractors based on their ability to meet Council's requirements offering competitive rates and overall value.
- Upholding high standards, valuing stakeholder feedback, and ensuring community satisfaction through key partnerships.

Overall, Council's decision to tender this panel serves to streamline contractor engagement, ensuring swift service delivery while demonstrating value for money and maintaining transparency throughout the procurement process.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Eastham and Cr Child spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Eastham**  
**Seconded: Cr Child**

*That*

- 1) *Council recommends the following tenderers to be accepted onto a panel of providers for CT7428 Works and Services Panel for an initial period of two years with two extension options of a further two years each.*

*Category 1 Plant and Equipment:*

- (a) JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 161 928 436)*
- (b) Anterior Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd (ABN: 41 078 779 469)*
- (c) Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (d) Foley Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 96 102 222 579)*
- (e) State Plant Hire Pty Ltd (ABN: 48 071 212 292)*
- (f) EJ's Plumbing Pty Ltd (ABN: 83088398770)*
- (g) Etheredge Mintern Pty Ltd (ABN: 36 006 521 151)*
- (h) Fern Earthmoving Pty Ltd (ABN: 28 081 358 796)*
- (i) Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (j) TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd (ABN: 80 606 123 924)*
- (k) B.L Beard & B.L Carr (ABN: 54 725 195 735)*
- (l) Justin Cameron (ABN: 99783874799)*
- (m) Yarra Ranges Fire Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 140 738 996)*
- (n) RK & JA Kent & Co Pty Ltd (ABN: 30006592490)*
- (o) Ashley Amber Pty Ltd (ABN: 85 364 980 639)*
- (p) D & L Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 83 093 289 528)*
- (q) Maca Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 20 146 021 347)*
- (r) CopeAg Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 139 749 198)*
- (s) Knox Maintenance Pty Ltd (ABN: 64107063838)*
- (t) VIS Group Pty Ltd (ABN: 34618155927)*
- (u) 1831 Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 119 252 710)*
- (v) J&R Rainford Nominees Pty Ltd (ABN: 48546127377)*
- (w) Bitu-Mill Pty Ltd (ABN:280 972 829 81)*
- (x) Ace Tree Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 58 804 786 029)*
- (y) Accomplished Plumbing Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 33 151 075 875)*
- (z) Brennan Contracting (ABN: 38 672829897)*
- (aa) Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty (ABN: 17 130 467 346)*
- (bb) Hartrax Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 645 861 829)*

- (cc) *Yarra Ranges Contracting Pty Ltd (ABN: 73 075 330 077)*
- (dd) *Woods Earthmoving & Plant Hire Pty Ltd (ABN: 67 062 230 719)*
- (ee) *Habitat Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 186 524 710 04)*
- (ff) *City Asphalt Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 630 114 466)*

*Category 2 Concrete Works:*

- (a) *Foley Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 96 102 222 579)*
- (b) *G & E & M D'alessandro (ABN: 12093355581)*
- (c) *Ultimate Civil Solutions Pty Ltd (ABN: 481 381 394 38)*
- (d) *Etheredge Mintern Pty Ltd (ABN: 36 006 521 151)*
- (e) *Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (f) *JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 161 928 436)*
- (g) *Germano Construction Pty Ltd (ABN: 66093180842)*
- (h) *A&V Creative Concrete Pty (ABN: 98 947 414 573)*
- (i) *JN Tait Pty Ltd (ABN: 66 653 738 188)*
- (j) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (k) *TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd (ABN: 80 606 123 924)*

*Category 3 Supply of Asphalt Products:*

- (a) *May Asphalt Group Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 450 624 025)*
- (b) *Boral Resources (Vic) Pty Ltd (ABN: 87004620731)*
- (c) *Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd (ABN: 66 008 709 608)*
- (d) *Prestige Paving Pty Ltd (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (e) *City Asphalt Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 630 114 466)*

*Category 4 Asphalt Works:*

- (a) *Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (b) *Etheredge Mintern Pty Ltd (ABN: 36 006 521 151)*
- (c) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (d) *May Asphalt Group Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 450 624 025)*
- (e) *Pro Pave Asphalt (ABN: 17 276 185 439)*
- (f) *City Asphalt Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 630 114 466)*
- (g) *MACA Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 20 146 021 347)*
- (h) *Bitu-mill Pty Ltd (ABN:280 972 829 81)*
- (i) *Bild Infrastructure Pty Ltd (ABN: 78 099 996 344)*
- (j) *Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd (ABN: 66 008 709 608)*

(k) *The Trustee for SuperSealing (ABN: 228 687 812 89)*

*Category 5 Carpentry Services:*

- (a) *T2 construction group Pty Ltd (ABN: 86400742964)*
- (b) *A & C Patterson Family Trust (ABN: 71713914051)*
- (c) *Programmed Facility Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 23 001 382 010)*
- (d) *Yarra Ranges Fire Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 140 738 996)*

*Category 6 Electrical Services:*

- (a) *Talk Electrical Pty Ltd (ABN: 57 101 046 673)*
- (b) *The Trustee for Eco Electrical Services Trust (ABN: 93 101 239 118)*
- (c) *Lighton Electrics Pty Ltd (ABN: 59 007 281 914)*
- (d) *Adapt Essential Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 94 489 751 476)*
- (e) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (f) *Programmed Facility Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 23 001 382 010)*
- (g) *High Access Cabling Pty Ltd ATF (ABN: 51 260 874 027)*
- (h) *Westwoods Electrical and Property Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 69 007 211 403)*

*Category 7 Plumbing Services:*

- (a) *EJ's Plumbing Pty Ltd (ABN: 83088398770)*
- (b) *Plumbtrax Pty Ltd (ABN: 11142872491)*
- (c) *Programmed Facility Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 23 001 382 010)*
- (d) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*

*Category 8 Drainage Works:*

- (a) *Foley Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 96 102 222 579)*
- (b) *EJ's Plumbing Pty Ltd (ABN: 83088398770)*
- (c) *M. Tucker & Sons Pty Ltd (ABN: 14 007 193 811)*
- (d) *TDM Earthworks Pty Ltd (ABN: 80 606 123 924)*
- (e) *JTX Civil Contracting Pty Ltd (ABN: 72 161 928 436)*
- (f) *Ultimate Civil Solutions Pty Ltd (ABN: 481 381 394 38)*
- (g) *Ashley Amber Pty Ltd (ABN: 85 364 980 639)*
- (h) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (i) *J&R Rainford Nominees Pty Ltd (ABN: 48546127377)*
- (j) *Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (k) *Hartrax Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 645 861 829)*

- (l) *Etheredge Minterm Pty Ltd (ABN: 36 006 521 151)*
- (m) *Interflow Pty Limited (ABN: 34 000 563 208)*
- (n) *Justin Cameron (ABN: 99783874799)*
- (o) *Abergeldie Rehabilitation Pty Ltd (ABN: 90 601 658 066)*
- (p) *Veolia Environmental Services (ABN: 20 051 316 584)*
- (q) *TDM Pipeline Solutions Pty Ltd (ABN: 80 654 325 863)*
- (r) *Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 17 130 467 346)*

*Category 9 Supply of Pit Lids, Frames, Pipes:*

- (a) *Road Safety Grating (ABN: 54 326 673 505)*
- (b) *Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (c) *Accomplished Plumbing Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 33 151 075 875)*
- (d) *MACA Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 20 146 021 347)*
- (e) *SVC Products Pty Ltd (ABN: 96 004 279 458)*

*Category 10 Supply of Quarry Products:*

- (a) *Prestige Paving (ABN: 84 140 970 912)*
- (b) *The Trustee for Castella Quarries Unit Trust (ABN: 97 138 449 316)*
- (c) *MACA Civil Pty Ltd (ABN: 20 146 021 347)*

*Category 11 Pest Control Services:*

- (a) *Propest Pest Control (ABN: 67 096 465 413)*
- (b) *Safe Spray Pty Limited (ABN: 31 155 391 941)*

*Category 12 Safety Barriers:*

- (a) *Frazer Safety Installations (ABN: 12069589457)*
- (b) *The trustee for JEC Family Trust (ABN: 29474983540)*

*Category 13 Bridge Works Maintenance:*

- (a) *Yarra Ranges Fire Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 140 738 996)*
- (b) *CopeAg Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 139 749 198)*
- (c) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (d) *RK & JA Kent & Co Pty Ltd (ABN: 30006592490)*

*Category 14 Bin Services:*

- (a) *WM Waste Management Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 69 897 425 789)*
- (b) *M. Tucker & Sons Pty Ltd (ABN: 14 007 193 811)*



*Category 15 Sportsground Drainage & Irrigation:*

- (a) *EJ's Plumbing Pty Ltd (ABN: 83088398770)*
- (b) *ETNW Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 638 760 111)*
- (c) *L.D Irrigation Design Pty Ltd (ABN: 88 632 537 261)*
- (d) *Chapman and Rivett (Vic) Pty Ltd (ABN: 95 008 083 592)*

*Category 16 Turf Services:*

- (a) *Evergreen Turf Group (ABN: 17 007 427 536)*
- (b) *Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd (ABN: 61 135 355 958)*
- (c) *AJ & RM Uhr-Henry Turf Maintenance Consultancy (ABN: 73 389 665 389)*

*Category 17 Mowing, Tractor Slashing & Brushcutting:*

- (a) *Yarra Ranges Contracting Pty Ltd (ABN: 73 075 330 077)*
- (b) *Yarra Ranges Fire Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 97 140 738 996)*
- (c) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (d) *Fern Earthmoving Pty Ltd (ABN: 28 081 358 796)*
- (e) *Land Management Systems Pty Ltd (ABN: 33082231481)*

*Category 18 Specialist Tree Works:*

- (a) *Ace Tree Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 58 804 786 029)*
- (b) *ETS Infrastructure Management (ABN: 38 070 013 884)*
- (c) *C&R Ryder Consulting Pty Ltd (ABN: 47376684521)*
- (d) *Austree Pty Ltd (ABN: 56 656 065 646)*
- (e) *The Trustee for Ben & Rachael (ABN: 39 531 880 706)*
- (f) *Active Green Services Pty Ltd (ABN: 88 079 090 181)*
- (g) *Hallyburton Engineering Pty Ltd (ABN: 71 007 160 009)*
- (h) *Brennan Contracting (ABN: 38 672829897)*
- (i) *Tree Dimensions Pty Ltd (ABN: 45 139 982 639)*
- (j) *Woods Earthmoving & Plant Hire (ABN: 67 062 230 719)*
- (k) *Cmore Pty Ltd (ABN: 58 096 262 494)*
- (l) *Sevron Pty Ltd (ABN: 41 165 444 011)*
- (m) *ENSPEC Pty Ltd (ABN: 92062909255)*
- (n) *Leaf and Limb Tree Services Pty (ABN: 31 164 508 043)*
- (o) *Ironbark Environmental Arboriculture Pty Ltd (ABN: 13 601 242 568)*
- (p) *Lucas and Co Pty Ltd (ABN: 50 611 315 452)*
- (q) *The Trustee for the Meyer (ABN: 43 741 345 801)*

- (r) *McLeod Trees (ABN: 13 108 979 308)*
- (s) *The Tree Company (ABN: 97120997239)*
- (t) *Arborspray P/L (ABN: 66076529747)*
- (u) *Heritage Tree Professionals (ABN: 11318125425)*
- (v) *Landlinks Environmental (ABN: 53078936151)*
- (w) *Environmental Tree (ABN: 13 130 335 287)*

*Category 19 Emergency Tree Works:*

- (a) *Ace Tree Management Pty Ltd (ABN: 58 804 786 029)*
- (b) *ETS Infrastructure Management (ABN: 38 070 013 884)*
- (c) *Austree Pty Ltd (ABN: 56 656 065 646)*
- (d) *Hallyburton Engineering Pty Ltd (ABN: 71 007 160 009)*
- (e) *Brennan Contracting (ABN: 38 672829897)*
- (f) *Leaf and Limb Tree Services Pty (ABN: 31 164 508 043)*
- (g) *Lucas and Co Pty Ltd (ABN: 50 611 315 452)*
- (h) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (i) *The Tree Company (ABN: 97120997239)*
- (j) *McLeod Trees (ABN: 13 108 979 308)*
- (k) *Zentia Integrated Services Unit (ABN: 54 452 075 070)*
- (l) *Fern Earthmoving Pty Ltd (ABN: 28 081 358 796)*

*Category 20 Landscape Services:*

- (a) *1831 Pty Ltd (ABN: 74 119 252 710)*
- (b) *Knox Maintenance Pty Ltd (ABN: 64107063838)*
- (c) *Bells Civil Excavations Pty Ltd (ABN: 62 169 307 939)*
- (d) *Sevron Pty Ltd (ABN: 41 165 444 011)*
- (e) *The Trustee for Ecodynamics (ABN: 14 772 744 278)*
- (f) *Australian Synthetic Turf Enterprises (ABN: 98 105 615 263)*

- 2) *Council approves the Director of Built Environment & Infrastructure be delegated authority to extend the Deed term by two periods of two years each.*
- 3) *Council approves the contract documents to be signed by the Director of Built Environment & Infrastructure.*
- 4) *The confidential attachment to this report remains confidential indefinitely as it relates to matters specified under Section 3(1) (g)(i), (g)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Todorov, Cr Child,  
Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

*Cr Skelton returned to the meeting at 8.06pm following the vote being taken.*

## 10.4 Tree Canopy Strategy

### SUMMARY

A Tree Canopy Strategy and Implementation Plan have been prepared and taken to the community for consultation.

The strategy is the first of its kind for Yarra Ranges and sets out the vision, objectives and targets for the long-term protection, management and planting of trees in Yarra Ranges. It will provide the foundation for the development and implementation of best practice tree management to maximise the benefits of our tree canopy and to minimise risk.

*Our Vision is that Yarra Ranges Council will conserve and enhance our leafy character, culturally significant landscapes and unique biodiversity through the protection, management and planting of trees. Our tree canopy will improve liveability, support community health and wellbeing, maintain ecosystems and enhance local tourism.*

The strategy sets out six objectives to be delivered through the implementation plan.

1. Value, protect and manage trees.
2. Grow a healthy tree canopy.
3. Conserve culturally significant trees and enhance local tourism.
4. Improve tree canopy resilience to climate change.
5. Support and enhance community health and wellbeing.
6. Apply best practice tree management.

A strategy is needed to respond to key challenges and opportunities shaping the future of our tree canopy. Council must adopt a more proactive stance to tree management. The strategy establishes a clear vision, defines objectives, and sets measurable targets. Such an approach will offer the direction necessary to effectively plan, allocate resources and act to maximise the benefits of our tree canopy and to minimise risk.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Skelton, Cr Fullagar, Cr Heenan and Cr Cox spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Skelton**

**Seconded: Cr Fullagar**

*That Council endorse the Tree Canopy Strategy and associated Implementation Plan.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

## **11 COUNCILLOR MOTIONS**

*In accordance with Chapter 3, Division 4, of the Governance Rules developed by Council in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Councillor motions listed on the agenda for this meeting.

## **12 ITEMS THROUGH THE CHAIR**

### **12.1 Reconciliation Week**

Cr Skelton, along with Cr Todorov, attended a joint Yarra Ranges Council and Cardinia Shire Council Reconciliation Week event. The event brought schools, from both Councils together to celebrate reconciliation. Cr Skelton noted the upcoming Yarra Ranges Council National Reconciliation Week event to be held at The Memo, Healesville on 5 June 2024.

Cr Todorov noted how impressed she was with the primary school and kindergarten children who presented on what National Reconciliation Week means to them.

### **12.2 Abby McCarthy**

Cr Child thanked Abby McCarthy, Advocacy & Government Relationship Advisor, for her service and advocacy work conducted over her time at Yarra Ranges Council. Cr Child requested a letter under seal be brought to a future Council Meeting.

### **12.3 Warburton Highway School Crossing, Launching Place**

Cr Child raised his and community concern and frustration that the Warburton Highway School Crossing at Launching Place Primary School at times is not supervised. Cr Child thanked the Director of Communities for the information provided to date. Cr Child requested that the appropriate measures be taken to ensure that the school crossing is always appropriately supervised. Cr Child requested that he receive the appropriate training to fill the school crossing supervisor position, in a voluntary capacity, when required.

### **12.4 Eastern Community Legal Centre - 50 Year Celebration**

Cr Todorov, along with Cr Heenan, attended the 50 Year Celebration of the Eastern Community Legal Centre on 17 May 2024. Cr Todorov noted the service to the local community and thanked the many volunteers who give so willingly of their time.

### **12.5 Yarra Ranges Council - Hearing of Submissions**

Cr Todorov thanked the authors of the 22 formal submissions received and thanked the 8 community members who presented their submissions to the committee.

## 13 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Cr Fullagar

- Attended the Eastern Transport Coalition meeting held on 16 May 2024 via videoconference.
- Attended the Your Library Audit and Risk Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 May 2024 via videoconference.

Cr Skelton

- Attended the Positive Ageing Reference Group meeting held on 23 May 2024 at the Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre.
- Advised that the next Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee meeting will be held on 6 June 2024.

Cr Child

- Attended the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council held on 17 May 2024 at the Melbourne Town Hall, Cr Todorov, Chief Executive Officer, Tammi Rose and Advocacy & Government Relationship Advisor, Abby McCarthy also attended the State Council.

## 14 DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

*In accordance with Clause 87 of the Meeting Procedures and Use of Common Seal Local Law 2015, as prescribed by Section 14(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Documents for Signing and Sealing received for this meeting.

## 15 INFORMAL MEETING OF COUNCILLORS

*In accordance with Governance Rule 29.1, Cr Todorov spoke to the Motion.*

**Moved: Cr Todorov**

**Seconded: Cr Eastham**

*That the records of the Informal Meetings of Councillors, copies of which are attached to the report, be received and noted.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

## **16 URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no Urgent Business listed on the agenda for this meeting.

## **17 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Moved: Cr Heenan**

**Seconded: Cr Todorov**

*That in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under section 3(1), as specified below.*

### *17.1 Land Purchase*

*17.1 is Confidential under the terms section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 as it contains information relating to: (a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Councils position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

### **17.1 Land Purchase**

**Moved: Cr Todorov**

**Seconded: Cr Heenan**

*That Council reopened the meeting to members of the public.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Eastham, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr Fullagar and Cr Cox.*

*Against: Nil*

**18            DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 9.01 pm.

Confirmed this day, Tuesday, 11 June 2024.

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**Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor)**



