



# Council Meeting

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## Minutes

**Tuesday, 27 August 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

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**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

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**Director Built Environment & Infrastructure,**  
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# YARRA RANGES COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE 610<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 AUGUST 2024 COMMENCING AT 7.00 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 Jim Child

Councillor Andrew Fullagar

Councillor Fiona McAllister (via Videoconference)

Councillor Tim Heenan

Councillor Richard Higgins

Councillor Johanna Skelton (via Videoconference)

Councillor Len Cox OAM

#### Officers

Tammi Rose, Chief Executive Officer

Hjalmar Philipp, Director Built Environment & Infrastructure

Andrew Hilson, Director Corporate Services

Kath McClusky, Director Planning & Sustainable Futures

Leanne Hurst, Director Communities

### 4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

An apology for this meeting was received from Councillor David Eastham (Deputy Mayor).

**The Mayor read the following statement:**

With the Olympics wrapped up, I'm sure many of us have started returning to a reasonable sleep schedule. We saw truly incredible performances from athletes representing Australia – a bundle of whom were from the Yarra Ranges. A specific mention goes to Lilydale's Kelland O'Brien, who won gold with his teammates in the Men's Team Pursuit – and set a new world record along the way.

Now, we get to watch the next installment of the Olympic Games – the Paralympics, which begins this week.

In the games, we'll get to see more world-class performances from people at the height of their trainings – we'll see the moments that they've been working towards their whole lives as athletes, cheering them on from 16,000 kilometres away.

I'd like to particularly note para-equestrian rider, Bridget Murphy, who has travelled to Paris from Healesville to compete in the Paralympics.

According to the Paralympics website, Bridget has been a horse lover and rider her whole life, growing up through Pony Club, taking on leadership at her local club, as well as being an active competitor, representing her club at a state level. She also has a Bachelors Degree with Honours in Animal and Veterinary BioSciences, so she lives and breathes her craft.

In 2016, she was identified as a potential para-equestrian athlete and joined the Para-dressage community.

We're so proud of you, Bridget, and all of our Paralympians. I encourage everyone in the community to tune in and cheer her and our other athletes on as the Paralympics begin.

Win, lose, or draw, we couldn't be happier to have you represent our country.

Thank you.

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**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 13 August 2024, as circulated, be confirmed.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

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**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.*

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest made for this meeting.

*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.*

### QUESTION 1

**Ray Lister of Kallista asked;**

*In 2022 the Yarra Ranges Council announced that the Roads for Community funding for unsealed roads had been withdrawn by the Australian Federal Government.*

*Yarra Ranges Council residents and ratepayers are very aware of this outcome. We all know the funding has been revoked. So why does the Council when asked about unsealed roads or any matters pertaining to them feel compelled to again remind us that the Roads for the Community Funding was withdrawn?*

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

*Thank you for your question, Ray.*

*I acknowledge that you are aware of the funding being withdrawn.*

*While residents, such as yourself, who have had direct communication with Council on specific roads would be aware of the funding withdrawal. Not all residents are aware of these changes and the change in federal government position that has impacted their neighbourhoods. In some instances, these community members road will not be sealed without federal grants and support. We have had community feedback that context and background help in explaining the actions and decisions of Council.*

*In many of the Roads for Community Funding project designs, other infrastructure upgrades were incorporated, such as drainage and footpaths.*

*This widens the portion of the community affected by the funding withdrawal and requires explanation as priority work lists for this infrastructure has needed to be reassessed and reprogrammed.*



## QUESTION 2

**Belinda Bernardini of Lilydale asked;**

*Can council advise what legislation or by-law prohibits crossing supervisors from interacting in a friendly and kind manner with pedestrians and giving "high-fives". Furthermore, can council advise why it panders to minorities who complain about such frivolous and farcical issues, wasting rate payers' money and council time.*

**Leanne Hurst, Director Communities.**

*Thank you for your question, Belinda.*

*I understand this query relates to a situation involving a school crossing that gathered media attention earlier in the month. I would point you to our website where statements issued by School Crossings Australia and Council provide further information, but specific to the points you raise I will make several remarks.*

*Council school crossing supervisors are managed under policies set by School Crossings Australia. School Crossings Australia together with School Crossings Victoria does not support any physical contact with children.*

*On the occasion, Council was responding to a safety complaint that a school crossing supervisor was giving high-fives to children where they to extend their arms out of car windows whilst being driven past.*

### QUESTION 3

#### **Ray Lister of Kallista asked;**

*At the Yarra Ranges Council Meeting on March 26, 2024 – Karen Kestigian advocate for the Kallista Flood Watch Group – Question No: 5 – asked if Kallista was part of the Storm Water Management Plan. Mr Hjalmar Phillip answered “Yes it will ....definitely include Kallista. In the documentation now available on the Storm Water Management Plan, Figure 7-4 Flood Mapping Catchment – Page 233 – Kallista is not shown or mentioned – can you please explain why?”*

#### **Kathryn Pike of Kallista asked;**

*In reference to agenda item 10.5 Stormwater Management Plan,*

*I wish to ask why the township suburb of Kallista 3791 has been excluded from the Mapping process outlined in the Waterway Catchment Prioritisation and Flood Catchment Prioritisation?*

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

*Thank you, Kathryn and Ray*

*The Stormwater Management Plan covers 49 catchments. These are all displayed in Figure 7.4. Kallista is included in catchment ID 15.*

*Figure 7.5 shows an example of a detailed catchments map. These will be available online for all 49 catchments.*

*Recognising the importance of understanding flood-prone areas across the municipality, Council has entered into an agreement with Melbourne Water to undertake comprehensive flood mapping for all catchments within the Yarra Ranges.*

*Specific to Kallista’s stormwater issues, Council has also worked with Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to complete a catchment analysis to inform the drainage solution for Monbulk Road. Currently, Council Officers are liaising with DTP on the detailed design of the drainage upgrade.*

## QUESTION 4

**Michelle de Lima of Lilydale asked;**

- 1. Please provide the date of the most recent flood modelling for Yarra Ranges and the name of the flood modelling method used that Yarra Ranges Council is relying upon to make decisions in the 2024-2034 Stormwater Management Plan and Policy.*
- 2. Please provide the date of the most recent flood modelling for Yarra Ranges Council that is using to inform planning application decisions?*

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

*Thank you for your question, Michelle.*

*As both questions are similar in nature, I will answer both at once.*

*Modelling undertaken by Melbourne Water developed between 2010-2015 was the basis for developing the flood modelling and is the most up-to-date modelling for the region. However, this is only for the Melbourne Water network.*

*Areas identified as likely to be impacted by flooding from the modelling have been zoned under the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) and Special Building Overlay (SBO) within the Council's planning scheme. Developments proposed within these overlays must be referred to Melbourne Water for development advice and will require approval in accordance with Melbourne Water's Guidelines for Development in Flood Prone Areas.*

*As a key initiative within the Council's Stormwater Management Plan 2024-2034, Council in partnership with Melbourne Water, will be developing comprehensive flood maps for the entire municipality. This will include both Melbourne Water and Council-managed catchments.*

*The new flood maps will provide critical information to prepare communities for flood risks:*

- There will be scenario mapping to understand the flood risks at present. This information will be used by VICSES and Council in emergency planning, including Municipal Flood Emergency Management Plans and Local Flood Guides.*
- There will be flood maps prepared for year 2100 scenario, factoring in climate change projections set out in the Australian Rainfall and Runoff Guidelines. This information will be vital for making informed decisions regarding planning applications and flood mitigation projects.*
- Finally, a key initiative proposed for Council's consideration tonight is the development of a Community Reference Group for stormwater. We anticipate this to be an important way for Council to share and discuss flood modelling as the work with Melbourne Water progresses, given it is such a complex area.*

## **SUBMISSIONS TO COUNCIL**

### **Mooroolbark Umbrella Group (MUG)**

Randall Bouchier, President of the Mooroolbark Umbrella Group, provided Council with an update on the work being undertaken by the Mooroolbark Umbrella Group and other community groups in Mooroolbark..

## **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.*

There were no Petitions received for this meeting.

## 10 BUSINESS PAPER

### 10.1 Plan for Victoria Submission

#### SUMMARY

On 4 July 2024 the State Government opened its formal period for seeking submissions on the following eight “Big Ideas” for its new Plan for Victoria document that will shape the future of Victoria:

- More homes in locations with great public transport access.
- More housing options for all Victorians, including social and affordable homes.
- More jobs and opportunities closer to where you live.
- More options for how we move from place to place.
- More certainty and guidance on how places will change over time.
- More trees and urban greening in our parks and community space.
- More protections from flooding, bushfire and climate hazards.
- Greater protection of our agricultural land.

The State is seeking is seeking submissions on these ideas and the recently released housing targets until 30 August 2024.

A submission responding to the eight ideas and housing targets is at Attachment 1.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Michelle de Lima spoke in support of the recommendation included in the officer report.*

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

**Moved: Cr Fullagar**  
**Seconded: Cr Child**

*That Council endorse the submission to Plan for Victoria generally in accordance with Attachment 1.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## 10.2 150 Cambridge Road Kilsyth Masterplan - Consideration for Adoption

### SUMMARY

Following Council's purchase of 150 Cambridge Road Kilsyth and initial community engagement, a concept plan was prepared and presented to community for feedback from May to June 2024.

In tandem with the community engagement process, a draft Master Plan has been prepared that provides the history, context and background information underpinning the concept plan.

The Master Plan responds to the initial engagement through provision of an urban woodland and grasslands, complemented by meandering paths connecting to Elizabeth Bridge Reserve, with shelter, picnic tables and seats, and a bike jump park. The feature Manna Gum tree offers a focal point for Indigenous cultural elements such as gathering, planting, education and views to the Dandenongs. The community also identified a need for a 'quiet activity area' to take a break from the more active pursuits.

This report informs Council of the findings of the community engagement for the draft Concept Plan and seeks Council adoption of the proposed final 150 Cambridge Road Kilsyth Master Plan that incorporates the Concept Plan.

*Cr McAllister left the meeting at 7.58pm and returned to the meeting at 8.01pm prior to a vote being taken.*

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

**Moved: Cr Cox**

**Seconded: Cr Higgins**

*That Council*

- 1. Notes the findings of community consultation undertaken.*
- 2. Adopts the 150 Cambridge Road Kilsyth Master Plan including Concept Plan generally in accordance with Attachment 2.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## 10.3 Review of Planning Delegations

### SUMMARY

The report outlines proposed amendments to the conditions in the current planning delegations from the Council to officers in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. These amendments are informed by recommendations from Operation Sandon and align with the best practices of routinely updating delegations to support effective governance.

The current planning delegations have been in operation since 2016, and since then there have been notable changes in the political, economic, and planning landscape, including increased planning application volumes, population growth, housing challenges, and a more complex planning framework. In addition, there has been a significant rise in construction costs which has resulted in the current planning delegations capturing low scale planning applications and are considered to be outdated.

The proposed changes to the planning delegations will ensure Council will still oversee major applications that influence long-term strategic planning and applications which generate community interest, while granting delegation to officers for applications with less economic significance, low community interest or where applications are consistent with approved plans.

The proposed changes relate to the Instrument of Delegation for the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. There are no other changes to the Instrument of Delegation associated with this report. The proposed changes, shown by way of “track changes” in Attachment 1 to the report update planning delegations following recommendations from Operation Sandon and align with best practice.

Council is asked to approve the updated Instrument.

*Cr Higgins moved a motion alternate to that printed in the agenda.*

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

**Moved: Cr Higgins**  
**Seconded: Cr Heenan**

*That Council in the exercise of the powers conferred by the legislation referred to in the Instrument of Delegation included at Attachment 1, Council resolves that:*

- 1. The delegations made to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff be approved, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that Instrument.*
- 2. That the delegations are modified to reflect the following changes:*
  - a) Increase the automatic call-in triggers for the cost of development from \$3 million to \$5 million for a planning application and for an amendment to an existing planning application, where the value of additional works is greater than \$5 million.*
  - b) Delegate decisions to Council officers where the application is generally consistent with the approved Former Lilydale Quarry Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP).*
  - c) Delegate any applications for Certificates of Compliance under Section 97N of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to officers.*
  - d) Delegate all applications for covenant variations or removal to officers.*
  - e) Minor changes are also proposed for the call in/call out process to align both processes to require the mayor and two other councillor signatures including the ward councillor.*
  - f) Consider multi-signatory objections and/or petitions to be counted as multiple objections.*
- 3. The Instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the Instrument.*
- 4. On the coming into force of the Instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than to the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.*
- 5. The duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.*
- 6. Amend page 163 of Council Agenda - Attachment 1 Proposed Changes to S6 Instrument of Delegation Council to Staff August 2024, section D to delete an error in reference to the Deputy Mayor. The sentence should read - The power to determine any application or other matter normally determined by Council under Conditions A and B may be delegated to the Manager Planning and Building by written notice.*

**The motion was Carried.**



Cr Higgins called for a division.

In Favour: Cr Higgins, Cr Heenan, Cr Cox, Cr Fullagar and Cr McAllister.

Against: Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov and Cr Child

Absent: Cr Eastham

## 10.4 Plaques and Memorials Policy

### SUMMARY

Public infrastructure and open space play a significant role in the social and cultural heritage of the Yarra Ranges. The significance these hold for residents and visitors results in many requests for the placement of commemorative plaques and memorials every year.

While Council understands the desire to commemorate individuals in a tangible way in spaces that connect people to their memory, too many plaques and memorials in our open space risks diluting the very essence that draws us to these natural landscapes.

Therefore, as we consider new applications for memorials, we must carefully consider the balance between the desire to commemorate events or individuals and the intended purpose and on-going enjoyment of the unique natural environment of the Yarra Ranges and uncluttered public space.

As a result, the draft Plaques and Memorials Policy has been developed to help guide decision making where requests for plaques and memorials are received by Council.

Council officers are now seeking consideration by Council to approve and adopt the Plaques and Memorials Policy.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Jean Edwards spoke in support of the recommendation included in the officer report.*

*Cr Todorov moved a motion alternate to that printed in the agenda.*

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

**Moved: Cr Todorov**

**Seconded: Cr Heenan**

*That the debate on this matter be deferred until the 10 September Council Meeting to allow for further consideration on the matter.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## 10.5 Stormwater Management Plan - Post Consultation

### SUMMARY

The Stormwater Policy and Stormwater Management Plan 2024-2034 are designed to strategically manage flood risks while protecting and maintaining the natural water cycle and the health of waterways. These documents establish a framework and action plan to guide the Council in planning for future growth and implementing sustainable stormwater management practices within the municipality.

On 11 June 2024, Council resolved to release the draft documents for a six-week community engagement period, which took place from 12 June 2024 to 24 July 2024.

The engagement process generated extensive community feedback, which has been assessed and incorporated into the final versions of the Stormwater Policy (Attachment 1) and the Stormwater Management Plan 2024-2034 (Attachment 2). These documents are now presented for Council consideration to adopt as final.

*In accordance with Governance Rule 58, Michelle de Lima spoke in Objection of the recommendation included in the officer report.*

*Cr Heenan left the meeting at 8.51pm and returned to the meeting at 8.58pm prior to a vote being taken.*

*Cr Child moved a motion alternate to that printed in the agenda.*

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

**Moved: Cr Child**

**Seconded: Cr Heenan**

*That the debate on this matter be deferred until the 10 September 2024 Council Meeting to allow for further consideration and additional information to be supplied by Officers on the matter.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## 10.6 Capital Development Grants

### SUMMARY

This report outlines the outcome of the 2024-2025 Recreation and Sport Capital Development Grant Program.

Twelve projects are recommended to be funded through this round of the grant program.

Funding agreements will be established with each recipient for the delivery of their initiative following formal approval by Council.

One project is not recommended for approval in this round. Where eligible, the Recreation & Sport team will continue to work with the community group on the development of their grant application for future rounds or to have the project delivered in another way.

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

**Moved: Cr McAllister**

**Seconded: Cr Cox**

That Council endorse the proposed successful funding applications of the 2024/2025 Capital Development Grant Program to provide the following grant amounts:

1. \$30,000.00 to the Monbulk Recreation Reserve Development Group
2. \$30,000.00 to the Lilydale BMX Club Inc
3. \$30,000.00 to the Scout Association of Australia – Montrose Scout Group
4. \$30,000.00 to the Eastern Ranges Football Club
5. \$27,243.00 to the Melbourne Gun Club
6. \$25,000.00 to the Yarra Ranges Athletics
7. \$15,000.00 to the Hoddles Creek Cricket Club
8. \$10,975.00 to the Montrose Football Club
9. \$10,164.00 to the Yarra Glen Cricket Club
10. \$8,085.00 to the Wandin Football Netball Club
11. \$5,500.00 to the Seville Pony Club
12. \$4,524.00 to the Steels Creek Tennis and Social Club

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## 10.7 Campbell Road, Crosley Street and Pilmer Road, Healesville Discussion of Special Charge Scheme

### SUMMARY

Council at its meeting on 14 June 2022 considered a report relating to the proposed construction of Campbell Road, Crosley Street and Pilmer Road, Healesville and resolved to declare a special charge in accordance with the provisions of Section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

The construction of Crosley Street will help address road maintenance, dust and stormwater runoff issues which otherwise Council will be asked to consider at its cost, if the project does not proceed.

In March 2021, 81% of landowners responded in support of the scheme.

However, after the Declaration of the Special Charge and the VCAT appeals period had lapsed, a joint letter signed by various landowners in Crosley Street was received, raising objection to the inclusion of Crosley Street in the Special Charge Scheme.

In response (and outside of the legislated process), an additional survey of residents' support was undertaken to determine the extent of shift in support.

Landowners in Crosley Street only, were surveyed in October/November 2022 to gauge support for the Special Charge Scheme. The result was a slight majority of landowners did not support construction of the road (6 of 11).

It is recommended the scheme continues as declared in June 2022 and that Crosley Street remains as part of the Special Charge Scheme, on the basis that:

- The significant majority of landowners across the group of roads were in support of the Special Charge Scheme,
- The additional survey being conducted outside the SCS process, post declaration under section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and post VCAT appeals period, and
- Rescinding a Scheme declared by Council under section 163 of the *Local Government Act 1989* would undermine the robustness/legitimacy of future SCS decisions by Council,

*Cr McAllister moved a motion alternate to that printed in the agenda.*

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

**Moved: Cr McAllister**

**Seconded: Cr Child**

*That the debate on this matter be deferred until the 10 September Council Meeting to allow for further consideration on the matter.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

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

*Against: Nil*

## **10.8 Thriving Suburbs Program Submission**

### **SUMMARY**

There are three Federal Government grants recently made available for Local Government:

1. Housing Support Program,
2. Urban Precincts program, and
3. Thriving Suburbs Program.

A submission has already been made to the Federal Housing Support program to upgrade roads in areas aligned with the Yarra Ranges Housing Strategy 2024.

Further work is required to determine a suitable application/s under the Urban Precincts Program and will be presented to Council once ready.

Two submissions are proposed under the Thriving Suburbs Program:

1. Don Road, Healesville Community Pavilion and Reserve Upgrade.
2. Lillydale Lake Masterplan Delivery.

Both submissions are aligned with the grant criteria and Council's contribution can be met through a combination of Asset Renewal Fund, Asset Investment Fund and Public Open Space Funds over the delivery timeframe of the projects.

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

**Moved: Cr Fullagar**

**Seconded: Cr McAllister**

*That*

- 1. Note the submission made to the Federal Government's Housing Support Program (Community Enabling Infrastructure Theme) to fully fund road upgrades in areas aligned with the Yarra Ranges Housing Strategy 2024.*
- 2. Endorse investigating a suitable application to the Federal Urban Precincts and Partnerships Program.*
- 3. Endorse two submissions to the Thriving Suburbs Program, with a 30% Council funding contribution:*
  - (a) Don Road Pavilion and Reserve Upgrades.*
  - (b) Lillydale Lake Masterplan Delivery.*
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to modify submissions in response to any requests from the funding body, provided any changes do not materially increase the Council contribution.*

**The motion was Carried unanimously.**

*In Favour: Cr Heenan, Cr Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr McAllister, 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 Victorian Government's Short Stay Levy Bill

Cr Skelton raised community concern regarding the Victorian government's short stay levy bill and requested a response from Officers be brought to a future briefing regarding the bill.

### 12.2 Yarra Ranges Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan

Cr Todorov attended the Yarra Ranges Council Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. Cr Todorov noted the beautiful welcome to country from Uncle Dave Wandin and the words of Auntie Janet, regarding the connection to our country and indigenous history.

## 13 REPORTS FROM DELEGATES

Cr Child

- Attended the MAV State Council held on 23 August 2024 at Rydges Melbourne. The MAV State Council was also attended by Cr Todorov.

Cr Todorov

- Attended the Eastern Regional Group Forum held on 16 August 2024 at the Karralyka Centre, Ringwood.

Cr Skelton

- Attended the Indigenous Advisory Committee held on 20 August 2024 at the Yarra Ranges Council Civic Centre. The meeting was also attended by Cr McAllister.
- Attended the Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action held on 22 August 2024 via videoconference.

Cr Fullagar

- Attended the Burrinja Cultural Centre Board Meeting held on 19 August 2024 at the Burrinja Cultural Centre.

**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**

**Moved: Cr Todorov**  
**Seconded: Cr Child**

*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 Higgins, Cr Skelton, Cr Todorov, Cr Child, Cr McAllister, 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**

*In accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020.*

There were no Confidential Items listed on the agenda for this meeting.

**18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at: 9.46 pm.

Confirmed this day, Tuesday, 10 September 2024.

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**Councillor Sophie Todorov (Mayor)**