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# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 21 October 2024

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung people as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



### English

These are the Minutes for the Council Meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

### Arabic

هذه هي محاضر اجتماع المجلس. للحصول على المساعدة في أي من البنود في المحاضر، يرجى الاتصال بالهاتف 8470 8888.

### Chinese

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### Greek

Αυτά είναι τα Πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια με οποιαδήποτε θέματα στα πρακτικά, παρακαλείστε να καλέσετε το 8470 8888.

### Hindi

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का सारांश है। सारांश के किसी भी आइटम में सहायता के लिए, कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

### Italian

Questo è il verbale della riunione del Comune. Per assistenza con qualsiasi punto del verbale, si prega di chiamare il numero 8470 8888.

### Macedonian

Ова е Записникот од состанокот на Општинскиот одбор. За помош во врска со која и да било точка од записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

### Nepali

यी परिषद्को बैठकका माइन्युटहरू हुन्। माइन्युटका कुनै पनि वस्तुसम्बन्धी सहायताका लागि कृपया 8470 8888 मा कल गर्नुहोस्।

### Punjabi

ਇਹ ਕੌਂਸਲ ਦੀ ਮੀਟਿੰਗ ਵਾਸਤੇ ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਹੈ। ਸੰਖੇਪ ਸਾਰਾਂਸ਼ ਵਿਚਲੀਆਂ ਕਿਸੇ ਵੀ ਆਈਟਮਾਂ ਸੰਬੰਧੀ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਵਾਸਤੇ, ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ 8470 8888 ਨੂੰ ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਕਰੋ।

### Somali

Kuwaani waa qodobadii lagaga wada hadlay Fadhiga Golaha. Caawimada mid kasta oo ka mid ah qodobada laga wada hadlay, fadlan la xiriiir 8470 8888.

### Spanish

Estas son las Actas de la Reunión del Concejo. Para recibir ayuda acerca de algún tema de las actas, llame al teléfono 8470 8888.

### Urdu

یہ کاؤنسل کی میٹنگ کی روداد کے نقاط ہیں۔ روداد کے کسی بھی حصے کے بارے میں مدد کے لیے براہ مہربانی 8470 8888 پر فون کریں۔

### Vietnamese

Đây là những Biên bản Họp Hội đồng Thành phố. Muốn có người trợ giúp mình về bất kỳ mục nào trong biên bản họp, xin quý vị gọi điện thoại số 8470 8888.

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## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ON MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2024

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### THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.01PM

The Chairperson, Mayor Susanne Newton advised that the meeting was being streamed live and that audio and video would be made available on Council's website.

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING AND MEMBERSHIP

### **Councillors**

Cr. Susanne Newton (Mayor) (Chairperson)

Cr. Tim Laurence (Deputy Mayor)

Cr. Emily Dimitriadis – 6.05pm

Cr. Tom Hannan

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina

Cr. Susan Rennie – 6.02pm

Cr. Julie Williams – 6.02pm

### **Council Officers**

Michael Tudball – Interim Chief Executive Officer

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager Infrastructure, Operations and Finance

Vanessa Petrie - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Enna Giampiccolo - Acting General Manager Customer and Corporate

Jo Smale - Acting General Manager Community

Felicity Walsh - Interim Manager Governance and Communications

## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, opened the meeting with the following statement:

*I would like to start by acknowledging the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past and present, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.*

## 3. APOLOGIES

Cr. Gaetano Greco

#### 4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

#### 5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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MINUTE NO. 24-154

**MOVED:** Cr. S Rennie  
**SECONDED:** Cr. J Williams

**That** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 16 September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record of business transacted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### 6. COUNCIL'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chairperson, Mayor Newton, made the following statement:

*Council has an occupational health and safety responsibility to ensure anyone attending tonight's meeting, feels safe both physical and emotionally.*

*I would like to remind everyone in attendance to be respectful of each other, and as outlined in our Governance Rules, please note the following:*

- *A Councillor or any other person who addresses a Meeting must do so in a courteous and respectful manner and must take direction from the Chairperson whenever called on to do so.*
- *Any member of the public physically attending a Meeting must not utter any offensive, indecent, insulting, or objectionable item or words, including words that are racist, sexist or homophobic, or interject or gesticulate offensively in the Council Chamber.*
- *Silence must be preserved by the gallery at all times during a Meeting (other than by a person in the gallery who is invited to address the Meeting).*
- *If any member of the public engages in conduct that is improper or disorderly, the Chairperson may direct that person to cease their conduct and the person must comply with that direction*

## 7. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 7.1 DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

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#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (Section 98) requires each Council in Victoria to prepare an Annual Report for the previous financial year which contains a report of operations, the audited financial and performance statements, and a copy of the Auditor's report on the financial statements.

This is the second Annual Report following the full implementation of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). To increase transparency in reporting, Council has aligned the Annual Report 2023/2023 against the six sets of principles incorporated in the Act, whilst ensuring compliance with legislative reporting requirements and best practice.

The Annual Report 2023/2024 contains Darebin City Council's audited Financial and Performance Statements ('Statements') which were subject to an earlier Council report at the September Council meeting. These Statements provide information about Council operations and services delivered to and for the Darebin community for the 2023/2024 financial year. The Statements have been presented to, and considered by, the Audit and Risk Committee. The Financial and Performance Statements and the Auditor-General reports will be included in the Annual Report 2023/2024.

The Annual Report 2023/2024 (**Appendix A**) contains the key highlights and achievements of Darebin Council for the third year of the implementation of the Council Plan 2021-25. Since the commencement of the Act, the previous legislative requirement for Council to submit the annual report to the Minister has been repealed therefore no longer a requirement.

A summary of the Annual Report is currently in development to include as content on the Council website to inform the community Darebin Council's achievements over the past year. The full Annual Report will also be available on the website to view or download.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 24-155**

**MOVED:** Cr. T Hannan  
**SECONDED:** Cr. T McCarthy

**That Council:**

- (1) Notes the Darebin City Council Annual Report 2023/2024, attached at **Appendix A**, in accordance with s98 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
  - (2) Notes that a summary of the Annual Report 2023/2024 will be available in digital format on Council's website, to increase transparency and accessibility, along with a full copy of the Annual Report 2023/2024 for community members to download.
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.13pm – Cr Dimitriadis left the meeting  
6.14pm – Cr Dimitriadis returned to the meeting

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**8. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**9. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

**10. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6.18pm.




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