

# Council Meeting

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough  
on Tuesday 28 March 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

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**Chief Executive Officer**

Thursday 23 March 2023

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## Minutes

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Friday 3 March 2023

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Nillumbik Shire Council held Tuesday 28 February 2023.  
The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.**

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**Councillors present:**

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward ( <b>Mayor</b> )
Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr Natalie Duffy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward ( <b>Deputy Mayor</b> )

**Officers in attendance:**

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Financial Officer / Acting Director Operations and Infrastructure
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance and Communications
Corrienne Nichols	Director Community Services
Rosa Zouzoulas	Director Planning and Community Safety
Jeremy Livingston	Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance
Natalie Town	Acting Communications and Engagement Lead
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

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**1. Welcome by the Mayor**

**2. Acknowledgement of Country**

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor, Cr Ben Ramcharan.

**3. Good Governance Pledge**

The Good Governance Pledge was read by Cr Natalie Duffy.

**4. Prayer**

A prayer was read by Pastor Sally Agostino from the Southern Cross Community Church in Eltham.

**5. Apologies**

Nil

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**6. Presentations**

**Sporting Presentations February 2023**

**Matilda Johnson (Wingrove Ward)** receives \$150 as a contribution for being selected to represent Victoria at the 2022 School Sports Track and Field Championships in Queensland.

**Zander Botha (Wingrove Ward)** receives \$150 as a contribution for being selected to represent Victoria at the SSV Track and Field championship in Queensland.

**Talise Botha (Wingrove Ward)** receives \$150 as a contribution for being selected to represent Victoria at the SSV Track and Field championship in Queensland.

**Renae Lister (Edendale Ward)** receives \$100 as a contribution for being selected to compete at the Victorian Metro swimming championships.

**Luke Zelif (Blue Lake Ward)** receives \$200 as a contribution for being selected to represent Australia in speed skating at the 2023 Viking Race in the Netherlands.

**Dyani Ananiev (Sugarloaf Ward)** receives \$150 as a contribution for being selected to represent Victoria in basketball in the National Schools tournament in Queensland.

Nillumbik Shire Council wishes all the recipients every success with their future sporting pursuits.

**Australia Day 2023 Honours List**

It was great to see a member of our community recognised for their achievements in the recent Governor-General's Australia Day Honours List.

Tonight I would like to acknowledge Emeritus Professor Robert MANNE, who was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the General Division, for distinguished service to tertiary education, to political and social commentary, to public affairs, and to the Indigenous community.

I would like to commend Emeritus Professor Manne for his dedication, service and achievement of excellence in his field. He embodies the Nillumbik ethos of service, diligence, commitment and above all, serving the broader community.

Thank you.

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**Condolence – Les Clarke AM**

The Mayor Cr Ben Ramcharan spoke.

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Les Clarke AM. Les was a Councillor for the West Riding of the former Shire of Eltham between 1968 and 1974, and became Shire President in October 1973.

Les was a founding partner of ClarkeHopkinsClarke Architects and in 1973, he founded and designed ELTHAM College. He was the College's Founding Chairman, and a past parent, past grandparent and College Life Member.

Les was involved in the design of the Rotex Cinema in Were Street Montmorency, opened in August 1976. He won the 1976 Victorian Architecture Medal (Community Design Award) for this project from the Royal Institute of Architects.

Les was also actively involved in the design/development of other buildings in Nillumbik, including the Coles complex and the healthAbility building, both in Main Road, Eltham.

In January 1992, Les became a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 'in recognition of service to the community through the design of schools that incorporate community facilities'.

On behalf of Nillumbik Shire Council, we pass on our condolences to Les's family, friends and the ELTHAM College Community.

**Condolence – Harry Gilham**

We are also deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of Harry Gilham.

Harry was a former Assistant District Commissioner of the Scouting movement, Secretary and Vice President of the Technical Teachers Union of Victoria (TTAV) and inaugural member of the State Government Teacher Registration Board. In 1977 he became the Deputy Chair (Technical Schools section) until his retirement.

He moved to Eltham with wife, Sue Dyet, in 1976 and actively contributed to various community groups over many years.

Harry was President of the Eltham District Historical Society from 1993 until 2009 and was a driving force behind its success.

He was engaged in many personal historical projects including the history of local schools, the local railway, and the Eltham Justice Precinct. He was instrumental in establishing the Local History Centre in Main Road, Eltham, for the Society. His ongoing commitment to the operation of this centre was a significant contribution to the provision of a permanent home for the Society.

Harry was also instrumental in helping establish the records base, which the Society continues to build, for our future generations.

As Convener of Council's Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Tower Committee, he played a leading role in the ongoing refurbishment of this important site and tower, together with the building of the Moor-rul Viewing Platform.

In 2009, Harry Gilham received a Royal Historical Society of Victoria Award of Merit in recognition of his exceptional service.

Harry and wife Sue, were named joint 2008 Nillumbik Citizens of the Year, in acknowledgement of the decades of community service both have given to their local communities.

On behalf of Nillumbik Shire Council, I thank Harry Gilham for all he contributed to our community and express our sincere condolences to Sue Dyet and their family.

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Cr Geoff Paine also expressed his condolences as follows:

*I got to know Harry toward the end of his life and Sue of course. They were the original powerhouse couple and their commitment to environment, education, history and this community are second to none. They were extraordinary movers and shakers.*

*Harry was an enthusiastic wine maker, who has a wine award named after him. His work with the Eltham Cemetery, the Historical Society and the redevelopment of the Eltham Library live on.*

*Vale Harry, and our thoughts are will Sue and family.*





































































































































































































































































































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