

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough on Tuesday 14 March 2023 commenced at 7:00pm.

Minutes

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Chief Executive Officer

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**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 14 March 2023. The meeting commenced at 7:00pm.**

Councillors present:

Cr Ben Ramcharan	Sugarloaf Ward (Mayor)
Cr Richard Stockman	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Frances Eyre	Swipers Gully Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward (Deputy Mayor)

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
Jeremy Livingston	Executive Manager Business Transformation and Performance
Daniel Tarquinio	Manager Information Technology
Katia Croce	Governance Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Frances Eyre.

3 Apologies

An apology for this meeting has been received from Cr Natalie Duffy.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

That the apology from Cr Natalie Duffy be noted.

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4 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/23 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 February 2023

Confirmation of the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2023.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Richard Stockman

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) the minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 February 2023 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Officers' reports

PCC.002/23 ALGA National General Assembly 2023 - Nillumbik Motions

Item: Consultation Matter**Distribution:** Public**Manager:** Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance and Communications**Author:** Katia Croce, Governance Lead**Summary**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), National General Assembly (NGA) provides the opportunity for councils throughout Australia to contribute to the development of national local government policy and receive updates on the major policy issues facing local government. The 29th NGA to be held in Canberra from 13-15 June 2023, this year's theme being 'Our Communities Our Future'. The ALGA Secretariat has prepared a short discussion paper (**Attachment 1**) to assist councils to identify motions that address the theme of the 2023 NGA. The NGA is a major event and typically attracts more than 600 Mayors, Councillors and Senior Officers from councils across Australia.

The NGA is an opportunity for individual councils to identify matters of national relevance to the sector, influence the future direction of our Council and our community and to submit Motion to seek support at the NGA for these matters to be considered by NGA as national policy.

This report seeks endorsement of the Nillumbik Motions (**Attachment 2**) to be put forward to the ALGA, NGA in June 2023. Motions submitted will be reviewed by a committee of the ALGA Board as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to Local Government.

Motions need to be submitted no later than 24 March 2023. Motions that are carried by the NGA become resolutions. These resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and will also feed into the Australian Council of Local Government processes.

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) resolves to:

1. Reschedule the Planning and Consultation Committee meeting from Tuesday 13 June 2023 to Tuesday 6 June 2023 to be held in the Council Chamber at Civic Drive, Greensborough at 7pm to allow Councillors to attend the Australian Local Government Association, National General Assembly.
2. Requests officers to update the 2022/2023 schedule of meetings and Council website with the revised Council meeting dates accordingly.
3. Adopts and lodged the following motions to the Australian Local Government Association, National General Assembly to be held in Canberra on 13-15 June 2023:
 - i. *"The Australian Local Government Association calls on the Australian Government to provide direct support to local government in our important work to protect and manage unique plants, animals and habitats and to manage the threatening processes that negatively impact our biodiversity by:*

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- a. *Providing adequate and long-term grant funding for on-ground action, monitoring and collaboration to enable landscape-scale biodiversity outcomes across all land tenures.*
- b. *Supporting opportunities to increase and diversify environmental management and restoration employment*
- c. *Supporting local government programs that promote a stronger connection between people and nature, improve the way nature is cared for, and build and share knowledge.*
- ii. *The Australian Local Government Association calls on the Australian Government to:*
 - a. *Ensure the national energy electricity grid can support our ambitious net zero targets which require rapid transition to all-electric homes, transport and industry based on renewable energy.*
 - b. *Legislate ambitious climate targets that align with meeting international Paris Agreement Protocols to keep warming below 2°C global temperature rise. That is, setting net zero emissions for Australia by 2035 in collaboration with local government emissions targets.*
- iii. *The Australian Local Government Association calls on the Australian Government to provide funding for the delivery of flexible and dynamic youth outreach and support services for young people aged 12-25 years.*
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Motion

MOVED: Cr Ben Ramcharan

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

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THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

Committee Resolution

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6. Officers' reports

PCC.003/23 Endorsement of Motions for the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting - 19 May 2023

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance and Communications

Author: Katia Croce, Governance Lead

Summary

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meets to consider matters of state-wide significance. The next State Council meeting is scheduled for Friday 19 May 2023. The deadline for motions to be submitted for consideration at the 2023 MAV State Council Meeting is Monday 20 March 2023.

Motions submitted must have state-wide significance or relevance across the Victorian Local Government sector and be related to issues and initiatives that affect the livelihood and wellbeing of the Nillumbik community.

This report is seeking Council endorsement to lodge the three (3) motions (**Attachment 1**) to the 2023 MAV State Council Meeting prior to the deadline of 20 March 2023.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Resolves to adopt the following three (3) motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 19 May 2023:
 - a) *That the MAV seek funding to improve mental health services by increasing support for the delivery of flexible and dynamic youth outreach and support services with an increased focus on mental health prevention.*
 - b) *That the MAV:*
 - *advocate for expanded capital funding for kindergarten infrastructure to ensure that eligibility:*
 - i. *Recognises individual needs and usage patterns of funded kindergarten programs across different LGAs*
 - ii. *Considers the ability of non-growth areas to expand facilities with limited land availability*
 - iii. *Funding streams and associated agreements offered by the State can work in partnership with each other to enable larger projects to be co-funded*
 - *advocate that the strategy applied for infrastructure planning for funded 3 year old kindergarten planning be reconsidered and a new approach be developed to plan for future infrastructure for expanded 4 year old kindergarten.*

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- c) *That the MAV advocate to the State Government to undertake a review of the Maternal and Child Health Program Model and Funding with the intention to improve key quality components of the program including:*
 - i. *Key Ages and Stages model to address increased scope*
 - ii. *Workforce attraction and retention to address workforce shortages*
 - iii. *Database functionality*
 - iv. *Program and capital funding provided by the State.*
2. Resolves to lodge the motions and rationale (**Attachment 1**) to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 19 May 2023 prior to the deadline of 20 March 2023.

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7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Frances Eyre, Chairperson Consultation Matters

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