

Council Meeting

to be held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 25 June 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

Attachments

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Thursday 20 June 2024

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Nillumbik Shire Council held Tuesday 28 May 2024.
The meeting commenced at 7.02pm.**

Councillors present:

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

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Melika Sukunda	Acting Chief Operating Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Corrienne Nichols	Director Communities
Renaeh Ahern	Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Tracey Varley	Manager Communications and Engagement
Daniel Tarquinio	Manager Information Technology
Katia Croce	Manager Governance and Property

1. Welcome

2. Acknowledgement

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

3. Good Governance Pledge

The Good Governance Pledge was ready by Cr Natalie Duffy.

4. Prayer

An apology was noted by Pastor Mel Abrasaldo, Senior Pastor of Joy of Life Christian Ministries, Inc.

5. Apologies\Leave of Absence

Nil.

6. Declarations of conflict of interest

The Mayor, Cr Ben Ramcharan declared a material conflict of interest in item. CM.050/24 Boyd Street, North Warrandyte - Proposed Special Charge Scheme.

7. Presentations

Nil.

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8. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/24 Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting held Tuesday 30 April 2024

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine
SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 30 April 2024 (Attachment 1).

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9. Petitions

10. Questions from the gallery

Mike Englefield has submitted the following question:

Question 1

Will Council provide the Club with rent free occupancy of the Eltham Community & Reception Centre from 2025 onwards to enable to continue conducting the previously successful "Eltham Art Show" ?

Response 1

Council recognises and appreciates the dedication and efforts of the Rotary Club of Eltham. Council makes a significant investment and contribution to the management of community venues. It encourages use of these venues by a broad range of community groups, organisations and individual hirers on the basis that they meet the needs within the community and/or assist Council to achieve its community service, development and objectives. It's important for Council that its hire practices for community managed facilities are managed consistently, fairly, equitably, and transparently. As a community group, the club will be eligible for a discounted rate, similar to that of other community groups.

Nina Gillespie has submitted the following questions:

Question 1:

This question pertains to Compliance and Liability Concerns - The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006, the Public Administration Act 2006 , the Public Administration Act 2004 and the Local Government Act 2020 require public authorities and their agents to act in a manner compatible with human rights. Israel is ignoring the recent ICJ court order to halt its military operations in Rafah, the death toll has surpassed 35,000+ Palestinians, with tens of thousands under the rubble and mass starvation being inflicted upon the population. Council needs to ensure that the current procurement policy adequately protects Council members, the CEO and ratepayers from being complicit in human rights abuses, specifically genocide. Notably, BDS Australia lists companies such as Hewlett Packard and Siemens as being complicit in genocide. Additionally, CISCO, Honeywell and Caterpillar are also tied to human rights abuses in Palestine. It is possible that Council may have contracts with these companies?

Question 2

In light of the concerns highlighted in Question 1, particularly with potential suppliers like Hewlett Packard, Siemens and Caterpillar, would Council consider receiving a report from APAN (Australia Palestine Advocacy Network) to undertake a thorough review of the existing suppliers and procurement policies to ensure that they are in full compliance with international human rights standards and therefore protect all associated parties from potential complicity in crimes as severe as genocide?

Combined Response

Council, has established a collective Procurement Policy that adheres to the principles of fairness, transparency, and value for money. This Policy complies with the requirements relating to procurement under Sections 108 and 109 of the Local Government Act 2020 and includes rigorous criteria for evaluating potential suppliers, encompassing local social and economic factors as well as environmental considerations.

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