

Council Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 25 June 2024 commencing at 7:01pm.

Minutes

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Chief Executive Officer

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Nillumbik Shire Council held Tuesday 25 June 2024.
The meeting commenced at 7.01pm.

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 (Virtually)
Cr Geoff Paine	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Vince Lombardi	Chief Operating Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety
Nichole Johnson	Acting Director Communities
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Tracey Varley	Manager Communications and Engagement
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 read by Cr Geoff Paine.

4. Prayer

A prayer was read 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

Cr Karen Egan declared a material conflict of interest in Item CM.059/24 - Bouchiers Road Special Charge Scheme, Kangaroo Ground - Intention to Declare.

Cr Natalie Duffy declared a material conflict interest in Item 16. NOM.003/24 Notice of Motion - Councillor Expenses - Legal Advice/Support in the confidential section of this meeting.

7. Presentations

CONDOLENCE – Sueann Penrose

We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent passing of long time Nillumbik resident, Sueann Penrose.

Sue was a leader in paediatric nursing and paediatric pain management, an educator and a mentor to many. She retired from the Royal Children's Hospital after more than three decades last August. She was also a very skilled artist.

Sue was a member of the Green Wedge Protection Group and was passionate about preservation of the Green Wedge and all things environmental.

She was a long-standing member of the original Friends of Panton Hill Bushland Reserves, who were fundamental in advocating to Council to purchase the Reserves from Melbourne Water for conservation of their significant biodiversity values. Council took ownership of the Reserves in 1998.

Sue has been a member of Council's Panton Hill Bushland Reserve System User Group Advisory Committee since it was established in 2011.

Sue was also a strong advocate for reconciliation. In 2016, on behalf of the Friends of Panton Hill Bushland Reserves, Sue was successful in obtaining a Catchment Management Authority grant to develop an Indigenous Food, Fibre and Medicine Garden at the entrance to Bunjil Reserve. This project was a partnership between the Friends group, the Wurundjeri Council and Nillumbik Shire Council to rehabilitate 1.8 hectares of land at the entrance to Bunjil Reserve.

The area was reinstated with traditional indigenous food, fibre and medicine plants, and developed for part of an interpretation trail. This project has been ongoing and in 2023 Sue was involved in a Working Group to develop interpretive signage and educational material for the site.

In 2017, the Friends of the Panton Hill Bushland Reserves System, in partnership with Smiths Gully Landcare and Nillumbik Shire Council, received a Biodiversity On-ground Action grant from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning funding biodiversity protection actions over two years. Sue was instrumental in the success of that funding application, which was used to run the 'Cultivating Community Stewardship' project – an initiative that engaged the community in activities to help protect threatened plant and animal species in the Panton Hill Bushland Reserve System and surrounding private land.

Sue also recently began volunteering at Edendale Community Environment Farm in the nursery, following her retirement.

On behalf of Nillumbik Shire Council, we pass on our condolences to Sue's husband Bill, a former Eltham Shire Councillor, former Nillumbik Shire Councillor and Mayor, and also to Sue's family and friends.

King's Birthday 2024 Honours List – 25 June 2024

It was great, yet again, to see a member of our community being recognised for their achievements in the recent King's Birthday Honours List and tonight I would like to acknowledge them and their achievements.

The following Nillumbik resident was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division:

- Tuanh NGUYEN, for service to the community through governance and advocacy roles.

I would like to commend Tuanh for their dedication, service and achievement of excellence in their field. They embody the Nillumbik ethos of service, diligence, commitment and, above all, serving the broader community.

8. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/24 Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting held Tuesday 28 May 2024

Summary

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 May 2024 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Petitions**PT.002/24 Nillumbik Shire - Call for Solidarity with Palestine**

A petition containing 430 signatures (as of 13 June 2024) calls for solidarity with Palestine relating to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

The petition is both electronic (<https://change.org/Nillumbik4Palestine>) containing 367 electronic signatures and hardcopy containing 63 hand written signatures.

The hardcopy petition contained the following statement;

“We, the residents of Nillumbik Shire want our Council to reflect our collective voices for humanity and put forward a motion of solidarity with Palestine. This includes:

- An acknowledgement of the horrific loss of Palestinian and Israeli lives, and a condemnation of all attacks targeting civilians.
- An acknowledgement that the conflict did not begin on October 7th, but with the violent Israeli occupation of Palestine in 1948 and prior;
- A minute of silence to acknowledge the grief of Palestinians everywhere, including here in Melbourne’s north-east.
- A minute of silence to mourn the untold number of lives lost in this genocide.
- An acknowledgement of the mental and physical trauma that will be passed on to future generations of Palestinians who survive this genocide.
- An acknowledgement that the International Court of Justice has found that there is a plausible case of genocide against Israel and that we support this court ruling as a community.
- Receiving a report to explore options for council to cancel contracts with companies that support Israel illegal occupation of Palestine or profit from it, especially companies which supply equipment to the Israeli Defence Force.
- A commitment to fly the Palestinian flag outside Nillumbik Shire Council for 6 months, in recognition of the ongoing genocide of Palestinians, without removing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags.

Specifically we request that you write to the Australian Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister with requests to the Government as per the electronic petition.”

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Geoff Paine

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the “Nillumbik Shire - Call for Solidarity with Palestine” petition relating to the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine, in accordance with the Governance Rule - Meeting Procedure.
2. Refers this petition to the Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety for response.
3. Notes that officers will advise the petition organiser of the outcome.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Questions from the gallery

Mel Leahey has submitted the following questions:

Question 1

We are concerned that Nillumbik Council have wasted rate payers funds to cover the cost of hiring security guards to police the Nillumbik4Palestine rally on the 28th of May. Yet the cost of siding with humanity is free. Can Council please explain if the budget utilised for the expense of hiring security guards was directly funded by Nillumbik rate payers?

Response 1

Yes, it was funded by Council. It is Council's responsibility to ensure a safe environment for staff and community. Given that this was the first rally by the group Council was unsure on what to expect and took a precautionary approach to ensure the conduct of our Council meeting was maintained.

Question 2

When will the Nillumbik rate payers will be notified of this expense?

Response 2

The total cost to hire security including GST was \$1,047.00.

11. Reports of Advisory Committees

AC.005/24 Advisory Committee Report - 25 June 2024

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety

Author: Katia Croce, Manager Governance and Property

Summary

Council has a range of Advisory Committees which provide a formal mechanism for Council to consult with key stakeholders, seek specialist advice and enable community participation. Although they do not make any formal decisions, they provide valuable advice to Council.

In accordance with Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the following minutes of Advisory Committee meetings are attached (**Attachment 1**) and presented to Council for noting:

1. Environment & Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held 17 April 2024; and
2. Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting held 16 May 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That Council notes the Minutes of the Advisory Committee meetings reported (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Reports of Advisory Committees

AC.005/24 Advisory Committee Report - 25 June 2024

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CM.056/24 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting May 2024 and Audit and Risk Committee Charter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Operating Officer

Author: Melika Sukunda, Manager Finance, Assets and Procurement

Summary

In accordance with section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and good governance principles, councils must have an Audit and Risk Committee.

As resolved at the 23 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, the minutes of an Audit and Risk Committee meeting are to be reported and presented to a subsequent Council Meeting.

The Audit and Risk Committee met on 6 May 2024. The minutes for the meeting are shown in **Attachment 1**.

Charter review

The Audit and Risk Committee (**the Committee**) Charter was last reviewed in its entirety in June 2020 and is due for renewal. The membership, quorum, purpose and duties of the committee remain unchanged. Changes to the Charter include clearer provisions for online and hybrid meetings.

Independent Member Remuneration

The independent member remuneration is set by Council. The fees set should reflect the time, commitment and responsibility involved by independent member. In addition, fees should also reflect their respective experience and knowledge required to be a member. It is recommended to increase the remuneration by the Victorian Government rate cap set by the Minister for Local Government, annually effective from 1 September 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan

SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That Council:

1. Notes the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 6 May 2024 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Endorses the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (**Attachment 2**).
3. Resolves to increase the independent member's remuneration by the Victorian Government rate cap set by the Minister for Local Government, annually effective from 1 September 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.057/24 Quarterly Risk and Safety Report - March 2024

Distribution: Public

Manager: Jeremy Livingston, Director Culture and Performance

Author: Craig Commane, Risk and Safety Lead

Summary

This report provides a summary of Council's Risk and Safety Report for the quarter ending March 2024.

The report is presented in accordance with the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, which requires the presentation of a report to Council at least every six months, detailing the strategic risks, operational risks, the consequences and likelihood of occurrence, and risk mitigation strategies.

Risk and Safety reporting to Council is tabled each quarter following consideration by Council's Audit and Risk Committee, which in this quarter occurred on 6 May 2024.

The full confidential Risk and Safety Report for March 2024 is attached to this report (**Attachment 1**) and provides detailed information for Council's consideration.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That Council:

1. Notes the summary of the confidential Risk and Safety Report (**Attachment 1**) for the quarter ending March 2024.
2. Resolves that the attached Risk and Safety Report (**Attachment 1**) remains confidential in accordance with section 3(1)(a) and (f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.058/24 Birrarung Valley Walk Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**Distribution: Public****Manager: Renae Ahern, Acting Director Planning, Environment and Strategy****Author: Leigh Northwood, Manager Strategic Planning and Environment****Summary**

Nillumbik Shire Council, as one of 15 Responsible Public Entities (RPE's), endorsed the Yarra Strategic Plan (Burndap Birrarung burndap umarkoo) at its ordinary Council meeting in May 2021.

In a significant development for the Yarra Strategic Plan, the Birrarung Valley Walk Inc., an Incorporated Association, is seeking to link existing walking tracks and paths from the mouth of the Birrarung (Yarra River) to the Upper Yarra Reservoir for the purpose of protecting, enhancing and promoting the natural environment and First Nations culture of the Birrarung Valley. This is the first "whole of river" project to be endorsed by the Yarra Collaboration Committee.

Birrarung Valley Walk Inc. seeks to connect existing trails into a continuous path that allows walkers to tread lightly on the land, adopting the below key principles:

- The Birrarung Valley Walk is to be on public land.
- Each section of the trail is to be agreed with the relevant landowners.

The bulk of the proposed trail in proximity to Nillumbik is located on the southern side of the Yarra River (not in Nillumbik's urban areas), however there are some reaches of trail identified/planned for areas along and north of Sugarloaf Reservoir.

Birrarung Valley Walk Inc. is asking each of the Responsible Public Entities to enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to jointly progress and support the Project. No financial commitment is sought or required by entering into the MoU. Birrarung Valley Walk Inc. will be using the signed MoU's to seek philanthropic support for the project.

Council Resolution**MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine****SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy****That Council:**

1. Notes the Guiding Principles for the Birrarung Valley Walk Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which includes formation of a steering committee comprising all signatories to the MoU and that all aspects of the project would be subject to steering committee approval in consultation with Traditional Custodians at **Attachment 1**; and
2. Approves the CEO to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at **Attachment 2**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.058/24 Birrarung Valley Walk Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

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Cr Karen Egan declared a material conflict of interest in the following item and temporarily left the meeting prior to the item being heard at 7:32pm.

CM.059/24 Bouchiers Road Special Charge Scheme, Kangaroo Ground - Intention to Declare

Distribution: Public

Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Operating Officer

Author: Steven Blight, Manager Capital and Infrastructure

Summary

Council received a petition on 25 October 2019 from property owners in Bouchiers Road requesting the road to be sealed.

After conducting a survey and determining that 6 of 10 (60 per cent) property owners support road sealing, Council resolved on 26 October 2021 to proceed with the development process for the Bouchiers Road Special Charge Scheme, Kangaroo Ground (Item CM.157/21). This process has now been completed.

This report commences the statutory process to declare the scheme and levy the special charge. Council must first give notice of its intention to declare a special charge, and subsequently hear any submissions and/or objections to the scheme. Following this, Council may resolve to declare, vary or abandon the scheme.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Richard Stockman

That Council:

1. Gives public notice of its intention to declare a Special Charge Scheme in accordance with Section 163(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the purposes of defraying the expenses to be incurred by Council for the sealing of Bouchiers Road subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The Special Charge Scheme shall apply to the twelve (12) properties at 15, 20, 35, 40, 60, 80, 85, 95, 100, 105, 110 (Crown Land) and 120 (Council's Reserve) Bouchiers Road, Kangaroo Ground (refer Attachment 1).
 - b) The total estimated cost to each property may be paid as a lump sum within 30 days of invoice or by quarterly instalments over a ten (10) year period with interest as provided by section 163(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
 - c) The Special Charge Scheme for Bouchiers Road, Kangaroo Ground shall remain in force for ten (10) years.
 - d) The estimated total project cost is \$430,000 and the amount levied between the ten (10) private properties is \$372,747.85. The estimated Council contribution for the remaining two (2) properties is \$57,252.15 (refer Attachment 2).

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**CM.059/24 Burchiers Road Special Charge Scheme, Kangaroo Ground -
Intention to Declare**

2. Sends a copy of the public notice to each person who will be liable to pay the special charge.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Karen Egan returned to the meeting at the conclusion of the above item at 7:45pm.

12. Officers' reports**CM.060/24 Eltham Bowling Club - Bank Loan Guarantor****Distribution: Public****Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Operating Officer****Author: Rebecca Burton, Manager Recreation and Leisure****Summary**

This report considers a request from the Eltham Bowling Club (EBC), operating from a Council-owned facility at 20-50 Susan Street, Eltham.

The Club has approached Council requesting that Council act as bank loan guarantor for a \$100,000 loan. The loan in addition to EBC's savings will cover the costs to replace the grass green surface with a synthetic playing surface.

Council have estimated the total costs for replacing the grass green with a synthetic playing surface will be \$190,000 exc GST. EBC currently have \$254,469 in savings as of 31 March 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine**SECONDED: Cr Frances Eyre****That Council:**

1. Act as bank loan guarantor for the Eltham Bowling Club (EBC) to enable the club to replace the grass green surface with a synthetic playing surface.
2. Provide a letter confirming Council's intention to guarantee a loan to EBC for \$100,000 over a five year term.
3. Affixes the common seal of Nillumbik Shire Council to the necessary loan guarantee documentation.
4. Notes that any potential future redraw request must be endorsed through a Council resolution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.060/24 Eltham Bowling Club - Bank Loan Guarantor

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CM.061/24 Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy

Distribution: Public**Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Operating Officer****Author: Steven Blight, Manager Capital and Infrastructure****Summary**

This report presents the new Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy for consideration and adoption by Council. This is a new internal policy that outlines the process as to how an unsealed road will be assessed and prioritised for consideration to be sealed as part of Council's road sealing program. There is currently no policy covering this process.

The policy details set criteria under which each unsealed road will be assessed to develop a priority listing to be used to determine which unsealed roads may be the next sealed.

The policy aims to provide a fair, reasonable and consistent methodology in developing the priority list.

Recommendation**That Council:**

1. Adopts the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy (**Attachment 1**).
2. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to make any minor changes to the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy that may be necessary and are inconsequential in nature.
3. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to review and approve any changes required to Appendix 1 – Road Prioritisation Criteria as may be required.
4. Maintains a Unsealed Road Improvement Priority List, in line with the policy and that the full list is made available and published on the Council website by 1 January 2025.

Motion**MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy****SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan****That Council:**

1. Adopts the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy (**Attachment 1**).
2. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to make any minor changes to the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy that may be necessary and are inconsequential in nature.
3. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to review and approve any changes required to Appendix 1 – Road Prioritisation Criteria as may be required.
4. Maintains a Unsealed Road Improvement Priority List, in line with the policy and that the full list is made available and published on the Council website by 1 January 2025.

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5. Includes a reference in the policy to consideration of Neighbourhood Character when sealing roads.

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

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Natalie Duffy

SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan

That Council:

1. Adopts the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy (**Attachment 1**).
2. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to make any minor changes to the Unsealed Roads Improvement Prioritisation Policy that may be necessary and are inconsequential in nature.
3. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to review and approve any changes required to Appendix 1 – Road Prioritisation Criteria as may be required.
4. Maintains a Unsealed Road Improvement Priority List, in line with the policy and that the full list is made available and published on the Council website by 1 January 2025.
5. Includes a reference in the policy to consideration of Neighbourhood Character when sealing roads.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.062/24 Special Rate and Special Charge Policy and Guidelines

Distribution: Public**Manager: Vince Lombardi, Chief Operating Officer****Author: Steven Blight, Manager Capital and Infrastructure****Summary**

This report presents the revised Special Rate and Special Charge Policy and Guidelines. The existing policy has been reviewed, with the assistance of experienced Local Government consultants and in line with the relevant sections of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

This policy sets the process and guidelines applied when Council is considering and implementing a Special Charge Scheme.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine**SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan****That Council:**

1. Adopts the revised Special Rate and Special Charge Policy and Guidelines **(Attachment 1)**.
2. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to make any minor changes to the Special Rate and Special Charge Policy and Guidelines that may be necessary and are inconsequential in nature.
3. Authorises the Chief Operating Officer to review and approve any changes required to Appendix 3 – Infrastructure Design Standards and Appendix 4 – Scheme Task Group Terms of Reference as may be required.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.062/24 Special Rate and Special Charge Policy and Guidelines

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12. Officers' reports**CM.063/24 Endorsement of Motions for Municipal Association Victoria State Council 23 August 2024.****Distribution: Public****Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety****Author: Tracey Varley, Manager Communications and Engagement****Summary**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meets bi-annually to consider matters of state-wide significance. The next State Council meeting has been brought forward from its original date of 13 September to Friday, 23 August 2024, in response to changes to the Victorian Electoral Commission's candidate nomination dates for the upcoming Victorian Council elections.

As a result, the deadline for submission of motions to MAV was brought forward to 24 June, the day before Council was due to consider proposed motions. Given the change in deadlines and tight timeframes, MAV has advised Council that proposed motions can be submitted through the MAV portal in draft form as an interim measure prior to being considered for endorsement at a Council meeting. If endorsed, the draft motions can be confirmed with MAV by 1 July.

In order to meet tight timelines for the amended MAV State Council dates, motions contained in this report have been submitted to MAV in draft form. Should Council decide to endorse these motions, the motions will then be confirmed with MAV by no later than 1 July. This process will ensure Nillumbik Shire Council's motions can be considered with the MAV State Council papers, and will also allow for any changes that Council may decide to make when considering this item at its 25 June Council meeting.

Council Resolution**MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins****SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan**

That Council resolves to adopt the following three (3) motions for formal submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 23 August 2024:

1. That the State Government provides a dedicated and ongoing funding commitment to better support Green Wedge councils in their management and enforcement responsibilities.
2. That the State Government implements measures that will enhance road safety on rural road networks by empowering local governments with the ability to reduce the default speed limit on rural roads.
3. That the State Government provides funding to increase bus infrastructure and provide better connectivity to townships and existing rail infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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CM.063/24 Endorsement of Motions for Municipal Association Victoria State Council 23 August 2024.

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CM.064/24 Informal Meetings of Councillors Records - 25 June 2024

Distribution: Public**Manager: Blaga Naumoski, Director Governance, Communications and Community Safety****Author: Katia Croce, Manager Governance and Property****Summary**

In accordance with *Item 20 of Council's Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures*, adopted on 25 July 2023, Council is required to report as soon as practicable to a Council Meeting a record of each Informal Meeting of Councillors held.

This report lists Informal Meetings of Councillors Records submitted since the matter was last reported to Council on 28 May 2024.

An Informal Meeting of Councillors Record was kept for the following meetings (**Attachment 1**):

1. Councillor Briefing held 21 May 2024;
2. Council Meeting Pre-Meet held 28 May 2024;
3. Health and Wellbeing Partnership Forum held 28 May 2024;
4. Councillor Briefing held 4 June 2024;
5. Positive Ageing Advisory Committee held 7 June 2024;and
6. Planning and Consultation Committee Pre-Meet held 11 June 2024.

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Frances Eyre**SECONDED: Cr Natalie Duffy**

That Council, in accordance with *Item 20 of Council's Governance Rule – Meeting Procedures*, receives the Informal Meetings of Councillors Records (**Attachment 1**) for the meetings held.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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13. Notices of Motion

Cr Natalie Duffy declared a material conflict of interest in the following item and left the meeting prior to the item being heard at 8:15pm.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Geoff Paine
SECONDED: Cr Richard Stockman

That Council resolves to move the Notice of Motion - Councillor Expenses – Legal Advice/Support listed in item 16. Confidential reports to item 13. Notices of Motion to be discussed and dealt with in the open meeting.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED AND THE MAYOR USED HIS CASTING VOTE AGAINST THE MOTION

For: Crs Geoff Paine, Ben Ramcharan and Richard Stockman

Against: Crs Karen Egan, Frances Eyre and Peter Perkins

The Mayor, Cr Ben Ramcharan declared the Motion Lost

14. Delegates' Reports

Nil

15. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

16. Confidential reports

Pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), the meeting of the Council be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the following confidential items:

NOM.003/24 Notice of Motion - Councillor Expenses - Legal Advice/Support

This item is confidential because it is internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145 pursuant to paragraph (i) of the definition of confidential information under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. This ground is applied because it is information that, if publicly released at the time, is likely to be inappropriately detrimental to the Council or any person (natural or corporate).

Motion

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan
SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider confidential items.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND TIED AND THE MAYOR USED HIS CASTING VOTE FOR THE MOTION

Council Resolution

MOVED: Cr Karen Egan
SECONDED: Cr Peter Perkins

That in accordance with section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council resolves to close the meeting to members of the public to consider confidential items.

CARRIED

For: Crs Karen Egan, Frances Eyre and Peter Perkins

Against: Crs Geoff Paine, Ben Ramcharan and Richard Stockman

The Mayor, Cr Ben Ramcharan declared the Motion Carried

The meeting closed to the public at 8:25pm.

17. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 8:49pm.

Confirmed: _____
Cr Ben Ramcharan, Mayor