

Council Meeting

to be held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 30 July 2024 commencing at 7:00pm.

Attachments

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Thursday 25 July 2024

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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 - Bourchiers 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.

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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:

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- 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.

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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).

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