

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 11 March 2025 commencing at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 11 March 2025. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.**

Councillors present:

Cr John Dumaresq	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Naomi Joiner	Bunjil Ward (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Kelly Joy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Kate McKay	Swipers Gully Ward
Cr Kim Cope	Sugarloaf 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
Frank Vassilacos	Director Planning, Environment and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Director Culture and Performance
Emma Christensen	Acting Manager Governance and Property

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Grant Brooker.

3 Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4 Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/25 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 13 August 2024

Summary

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 and confirmation of the Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Peter Perkins

SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council);

1. Confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 13 August 2024 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Confirms the Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2024 (**Attachment 2**).

CARRIED

For: Crs Grant Brooker, Kim Cope, John Dumaresq, Naomi Joiner, Kelly Joy, Kate McKay and Peter Perkins

Against: Nil

6. Officers' reports

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Item: Consultation Matter

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

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Summary

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meets biannually to consider matters of state-wide significance. The deadline for motions to be submitted for consideration is Monday 17 March 2025.

Motions 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.

Council's motions seek support from the MAV to advocate to the State Government to boost investment in youth mental health services, ensuring early intervention and expanded community support. It also calls for dedicated funding to upgrade ageing community facilities and public spaces for accessibility, aligning with disability standards. Additionally, increased funding is needed to improve ageing or inadequate infrastructure, particularly libraries and pools, ensuring equitable access to vital community services.

This report seeks Council endorsement of the proposed motions to be submitted to the MAV State Council.

Recommendation

That Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Resolves to adopt the following four motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 16 May 2025:
 - a) *'That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to significantly enhance investment and increase support for youth mental health services, prioritising early intervention, accessible care, and school and community-based mental health programs. Despite existing initiatives, demand continues to outpace capacity, leaving community-based services under-resourced.'*
 - b) *'That the MAV advocates for the Victorian Government to establish a dedicated funding program aimed at supporting accessibility upgrades to ageing community facilities and open spaces in municipalities like Nillumbik Shire. This program should focus on:*
 - i. *Ensuring compliance with the Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010 and universal design principles, including sensory considerations.*
 - ii. *Increasing the number of designated accessible parking spaces.*
 - iii. *Developing continuous accessible pathways, especially around community facilities, parks, trails, and public transport hubs.*

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- iv. *Enhancing social connection, participation, and mobility for people with disabilities.*
 - v. *Fostering more inclusive communities.'*
 - c) *'That the MAV calls upon the Victorian Government to commit to a review and increased funding for aging or non-existent infrastructure ensuring equitable access to essential community facilities especially libraries and pool across all municipalities.'*
2. Resolves to lodge the motions and rationale (**Attachment 1**) to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 16 May 2025.

Motion

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner

SECONDED: Cr Kate McKay

That Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Resolves to adopt the following **three** motions to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 16 May 2025:
- a) *'That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to significantly enhance investment and increase support for youth mental health services, prioritising early intervention, accessible care, and school and community-based mental health programs. Despite existing initiatives, demand continues to outpace capacity, leaving community-based services under-resourced.'*
 - b) *'That the MAV advocates for the Victorian Government to establish a dedicated funding program aimed at supporting accessibility upgrades to ageing community facilities and open spaces in municipalities like Nillumbik Shire. This program should focus on:*
 - i. *Ensuring compliance with the Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010 and universal design principles, including sensory considerations.*
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 - iv. *Enhancing social connection, participation, and mobility for people with disabilities.*
 - v. *Fostering more inclusive communities.'*
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2. Resolves to lodge the motions and rationale (**Attachment 1**) to the Municipal Association of Victoria's State Council Meeting to be held on 16 May 2025.
3. **Resolves to appoint Cr John Dumaresq as the substitute delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria for the State Council.**

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

Committee Resolution

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SECONDED: Cr Kate McKay

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CARRIED

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For: Crs Grant Brooker, Kim Cope, John Dumaresq, Naomi Joiner, Kelly Joy, Kate McKay and Peter Perkins

Against: Nil

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Grant Brooker, Chairperson Consultation Matters