

Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting

held at the Council Chamber, 32 Civic Drive, Greensborough
on Tuesday 12 May 2026 commencing at 7:00 PM.

Minutes

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Chief Executive Officer

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Nillumbik Shire Council

**Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 12 May 2026. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM.**

Councillors present:

Cr Naomi Joiner	Bunjil Ward (Mayor)
Cr Kate McKay	Swipers Gully Ward (Deputy Mayor) (Chairperson Consultation Matters)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward (Chairperson Planning Matters)
Cr Kelly Joy	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Kim Cope	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Wingrove Ward

Officers in attendance:

Carl Cowie	Chief Executive Officer
Blaga Naumoski	Chief Community and Integrity Officer
Bulent Oz	Chief Financial Officer
Derek Rotter	Chief Operating Officer
Katia Croce	Manager Governance
Kerryn Woods	Coordinator Corporate Information
Robert Malignaggi	Business Services Lead

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Chairperson Consultation Matters
Cr Kate McKay.

3. Apologies/Leave of Absence

Nil

4. Declarations of conflict of interest

Nil

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5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/26 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 April 2026

Confirmation of the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026.

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Kim Cope

SECONDED: Cr Grant Brooker

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) confirms the Minutes of the Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2026 (**Attachment 1**).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Confirmation of Minutes

COM.001/26 Confirmation of Minutes Planning and Consultation Committee Meeting held Tuesday 14 April 2026

6. Officers' reports

PCC.004/26 Naming proposal for Reserve in John Street, Eltham

Item: Consultation Matter

Distribution: Public

Manager: Blaga Naumoski Chief Community and Integrity Officer

Author: Katia Croce Manager Governance

Natalie Campion, Coordinator Property

Summary

At its Council Meeting on 24 February 2026, Council endorsed:

- a) the commencement of the public consultation process on the proposed naming of the Reserve, located at the eastern end of John Street in Eltham to 'Gordon Ford Reserve' as shown on the plan in **Attachment 1** as required under Section 7 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – 2022 (Naming Rules) and Council's Community Engagement Policy;
- b) that all residents and businesses abutting the Reserve be formally advised of the proposal to name the Reserve 'Gordon Ford Reserve'; and
- c) invites public submissions on the naming proposal for the Reserve in John Street, Eltham between Friday 27 February to Sunday 29 March 2026.

In response to the community engagement process, Council received 81 submissions, of which 79 supported the proposed name 'Gordon Ford Reserve'.

All submissions are included in **Attachment 2 (redacted)** and **Attachment 3 (unredacted)**.

This report provides a summary of the feedback received from the community consultation process in response to the proposed naming of the Reserve in John Street, Eltham.

Submitters have been invited to attend this meeting of the Planning and Consultation Committee to speak to their submission.

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

- 1. *Jim Connor on behalf of Eltham District Historical Society.*

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.004/26 Naming proposal for Reserve in John Street, Eltham

Recommendation

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Considers and notes the written submissions in **Attachment 2 (redacted)** and **Attachment 3 (unredacted)** in response to the naming proposal of the Reserve in John Street, Eltham as shown in **Attachment 1**, as required under Section 7 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – 2022 (Naming Rules) and Council’s Community Engagement Policy.
2. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from the community in **Attachment 2** and **Attachment 3** and any verbal presentations made to the Committee on the naming proposal.
3. Requests a further report be presented to Council on 23 June 2026 to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the naming proposal.
4. Thanks submitters, for providing Council with feedback on the naming proposal.
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the naming proposal (**Attachment 4**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Motion

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Kelly Joy

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

1. Considers and notes the written submissions in **Attachment 2 (redacted)** and **Attachment 3 (unredacted)** in response to the naming proposal of the Reserve in John Street, Eltham as shown in **Attachment 1**, as required under Section 7 of the Naming Rules for Places in Victoria – 2022 (Naming Rules) and Council’s Community Engagement Policy.
2. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from the community in **Attachment 2** and **Attachment 3** and any verbal presentations made to the Committee on the naming proposal.
3. Requests a further report be presented to Council on 23 June 2026 to make a final decision on whether to proceed with the naming proposal.
4. Thanks submitters, for providing Council with feedback on the naming proposal.
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the naming proposal (~~**Attachment 4**~~) (**Attachment 3**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

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

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.004/26 Naming proposal for Reserve in John Street, Eltham

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr John Dumaresq

SECONDED: Cr Kelly Joy

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council)

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2. Acknowledges and notes the submissions received from the community in **Attachment 2** and **Attachment 3** and any verbal presentations made to the Committee on the naming proposal.
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4. Thanks submitters, for providing Council with feedback on the naming proposal.
5. Resolves the confidential un-redacted copy of the written submissions to the naming proposal (**Attachment 3**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.004/26 Naming proposal for Reserve in John Street, Eltham

6. Officers' reports

PCC.005/26 Draft Budget 2026-2027 and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2029 submissions

Item: Consultation Matter
Distribution: Public
Manager: Bulent Oz, Chief Financial Officer
Author: Robert Malignaggi, Business Services Lead

Summary

This report considers submissions received from the public in relation to the Draft Budget 2026-2027 (**Attachment 1**) and the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2029 (**Attachment 2**).

Council adopted the Draft Budget 2026-2027 and the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2029 at the Council Meeting on 24 March 2026 for the purpose of community consultation. The Draft Budget Draft Revenue and Rating Plan were exhibited for 33 days with 15 submissions received for the Draft Budget and 8 submissions for the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan. These submissions are attached to this report (**Attachment 1 and 2**).

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

- 1 *Natalie Duffy*
- 2 *Don Vincent, President, Friends of Nillumbik Inc.*
- 3 *Wayne Kinrade on behalf of Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly*

Committee Resolution

MOVED: Cr Naomi Joiner
SECONDED: Cr Kim Cope

That the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Receives and notes the submissions received in respect of the Draft Budget 2026-2027, (**Attachment 1**) and the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2029 (**Attachment 2**) in accordance with the section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
2. Acknowledges the matters raised through the submissions and requests that they be considered as part of the ongoing development and finalisation of the Budget.
3. Acknowledges presentations made to the Committee.
4. Resolves to re-exhibit the Draft Budget 2026–2027 for a further three-week consultation period from 13 May 2026 to 3 June 2026.
5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice, in accordance with section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, of Council’s intention to consider adoption of the Budget 2026–2027 at a Council Meeting to be held at 7.00 pm on 30 June 2026.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake all administrative actions necessary to support the re-exhibition process and to enable Council to meet its obligations under sections 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

6. Consultation Matters

PCC.005/26 Draft Budget 2026-2027 and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2026-2029 submissions

7. Resolves that the confidential un-redacted submissions contained in (**Attachment 3 and 4**) remain confidential on the grounds specified in the definition of confidential information in Section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Supplementary and urgent business

Nil

8. Confidential reports

Nil

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Confirmed:

Cr Chairperson Planning Matters

Cr Chairperson Consultation Matters