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To: [CoM Meetings](#)
Subject: Future Melbourne Committee submission form [#3022]
Date: Tuesday, 5 March 2024 5:07 AM

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 5 March 2024

Agenda item title: * 6.1 Establishment of First Nations Committee

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.

Dear City of Melbourne,

This is a written response in regards to the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday the 5th of March, the 6:30pm edition, the second FMC meeting of the day.

And in particular, this is a written response that concerns itself with Agenda Item 6.1 – Establishment of First Nations Committee.

I support the establishment of the First Nations Committee (FNC), as an advisory committee of Council. I have concerns about the shape of the committee. I am concerned that there is no guarantee of a minimum local representation on the committee of at least two members of the Wurundjeri tribe, and two members of the Boonorong tribe. There has to be a guarantee of true local representation here. This is the FNC to the City of Melbourne, not Victoria or Australia. There has got to be a strong concentration of the local Kulin Nation tribes.

This is Victoria, surely we can draw upon plenty of talented individuals who have their origins in Victoria.

This is about true representation of Melbourne, Victoria. It would be inappropriate for an academic from Gadigal Country, who teaches at Melbourne University to be on the committee. Call me old-fashioned.

I feel that this committee could be hijacked by academics from interstate, who, though they may be truly well credentialed, they lack the necessary, fundamental connection to Country. Because that is so important.

There should be plenty of citizens from across Victoria, with a deep, real connection to Country to make it reasonable for City of Melbourne to focus on candidates from Victoria who live and work on Country.

This is a local government First Nations Committee, it is a fair and reasonable request to ask the City of Melbourne to totally focus on and prioritise Wurundjeri people, Boonorong people, and First Nations people from Victoria who have deep connection with Country.

Stakeholders have had five days to express their opinion on the establishment of the FNC. That gives citizens scope to participate in the process of establishing a First Nations Committee.

You're striving for reconciliation, recognition, respect and truth telling.

City of Melbourne has a long established history with First Nations people on Wurundjeri Country. The first interim/ acting Mayor of Melbourne, the man who helped establish the first Local Government here was Captain William Lonsdale.

Captain Lonsdale was here at the start of the official British settlement. He arrived on board the British Warship, the HMS Rattlesnake. On the 29th September, 1836 the HMS Rattlesnake dropped anchor at the mouth of the Yarra River. Captain Lonsdale was rowed ashore by a group of Marines from HMS Rattlesnake, and upon landing, read out the Proclamation declaring that a British settlement would be established in the Port Phillip District.

Prior to the arrival of Captain Lonsdale, there had been unofficial and illegal settlers and squatters travelling from Van Diemen's Land up to Narm, Wurundjeri Country and to Boonorong Country.

Atrocities were being committed against First Nations people.

At the initial meetings with the illegal and unofficial settlers, Captain Lonsdale explained that they were living on the Port Phillip District, part of the jurisdiction of NSW and that Governor Richard Bourke considered these unofficial and illegal settlers to be British subjects, and that they were subject to English law.

After the issuing of the Terra Nullius proclamation in August, 1835 it was the legal position of the British that any land deals that the settlers believed they had made with Aboriginals were null and void.

The unofficial settlers were reminded that they were on Crown land.

The First Nations people went through an immense amount of hardship and trauma with these illegal settlers. That should be recognised. That's the truth.

An adjustment had to be made for the First Nations people here.

Soon , on Wurundjeri Country Captain Lonsdale was joined by 30 British soldiers from the King's 4th Regiment, and 30 Convicts, plus an administrative team, including three surveyors, to mark out and design the new roads of the British settlement.

For the First Nations people, it was like being caught between a rock and a hard place.

Governor Richard Bourke had instructed Captain Lonsdale, in his role as the First Supervisor , to protect the First Nations people!

So, the First Supervisor who had the role of protector of Aboriginal people, became later on the first acting/ interim Mayor of Melbourne.

The people of the Kulin Nation had to endure the arrival of the unofficial and illegal settlers and squatters, who committed atrocities against First Nations people to such a disturbing extent, that Governor Richard Bourke, the eighth Governor of NSW gave specific instructions to Captain Lonsdale that he had to protect the Aboriginals. This is part of the story that City of Melbourne Councillors need to understand.

Melbourne Town Hall sits on the Unceded Lands of the Wurundjeri people.

Thank you to Alison Leighton, CEO of City of Melbourne and Jason Eades, Director Aboriginal Melbourne for the immense amount of work that has gone into this.

With adjustments to ensure proper local and Victorian representation, I support the establishment of the FNC.

Best regards,
Chris Thrum

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Yes

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Name: * Denis Ryan

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Phone number * 

Date of meeting: * Tuesday 5 March 2024

Agenda item title: * Twilight Trade

Please write your submission in the space provided below and submit by no later than 10am on the day of the scheduled meeting. Submissions will not be accepted after 10am.


Melbourne Central adopted twilight trading hours over 10 years ago to align with the changing lifestyle patterns and evolving needs of our shoppers and retailers. Melbourne boasts a dynamic and vibrant nightlife, and with Melbourne Central at the heart of the city, our retailers play a critical role in activating a hero core retail offering at times that are most convenient for shoppers, resident, office workers, students and tourists. We endorse a collaborative approach that supports the local business community and amplifies the city's ability to provide a thriving retail and experiential precinct where people can come together for longer periods, which ultimately leads to economic benefit and community development


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Name: * Sylvia Hungria

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 5 March 2024

Agenda item title: * Live @ Errol – Mainstreaming Twilight Trade Activation

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As part of the Mainstreaming Twilight Trade project, North & West Melbourne Precinct Association was extremely lucky to host the first activation initiative, “Live at Errol Street”. The goal of the project was to gauge what motivates retailers to extend their trading hours, and whether increased foot traffic and extended hours will have positive economic outcomes for the business precinct. The activation ran for four Thursday nights in November and December 2023, with retailers in the precinct extending their trading hours, supported by Sofar Sounds shows in unique North Melbourne venues and local buskers around Errol Street.

The activation was great in attracting visitors to the precinct and discovering what North and West Melbourne has to offer during twilight hours. Many retailers took part in the initiative, presenting offers and having musicians activating their premises. Our precinct is keen to participate and try new initiatives to support businesses in the area and was glad to support the City of Melbourne in this program of work.


This activation resulted in higher visitation to our precinct during those weeks coming up to the Christmas period, and the musicians on the street provided a great atmosphere. The general sentiment from the businesses who took part in the activation was positive, with many wanting the opportunity to participate in other initiatives by the City of Melbourne in the future. We hope that this pilot is just the beginning and that this initiative can benefit many other business precincts in the future.


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Name: * Chris Thrum

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Date of meeting: * Tuesday 5 March 2024

Agenda item title: * 7.1 Participation at Preventive Health Conference, Darwin, April– May 2024

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Dear City of Melbourne,

This is a written response in regards to the Future Melbourne Committee meeting of Tuesday the 5th of March, 2024, the 6:30pm section, the second FMC meeting of this day.

And in particular, this written response concerns the Agenda Items 7.1 – Participation at Preventive Health Conference, Darwin, April – May 2024.

I support Cr Dr Olivia Ball and her ambition to attend this important conference. The conference themes and issues that will be discussed align in harmony with Councillor Doctor Olivia Ball's portfolios at the City of Melbourne.

It is appropriate that Councillor Doctor Olivia Ball attends this meeting. Key Issue 5 is vital, there are many issues that will be discussed and the knowledge gained by attending this conference will be of immense benefit to the City of Melbourne.

Thanks go to Councillor Doctor Olivia Ball for the time she will dedicate in preparing for and attending this conference.

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Best regards,

Chris Thrum

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