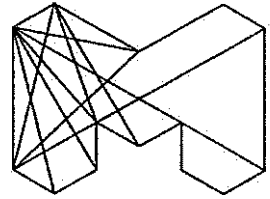


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CITY OF MELBOURNE

Future Melbourne Committee Minutes

**Meeting Number 43
Tuesday 20 September 2022
6.00pm**

**ARRB – NATIONAL TRANSPORT RESEARCH CENTRE
FISHERMANS BEND**

Present

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Jamal Hakim
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Rohan Leppert
Councillor Kevin Louey

Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp
Councillor Jason Chang

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1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 6.00pm.

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, advised that:

- the meeting is being streamed live and that an audio and video recording would be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday
- the agenda comprises of five reports from management
- apologies have been received from Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Councillor Chang

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 6.02pm.

Prior to commencing formal proceedings, the Acting Lord Mayor acknowledged three significant passings on behalf of the City of Melbourne.

Queen Elizabeth II

It is with deep sadness that I take this time to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Second, whose long devotion to duty over a remarkable seven decades has been an enduring presence to all Melburnians and those the world over. As the longest reigning monarch in Commonwealth history, the Queen has been a steadfast, constant presence for the majority of most of our lives, across an incredible period of progress.

On her 21st birthday, she declared that she would dedicate her life to the service of her peoples. She was unwavering in that promise, still undertaking official engagements days before she sadly passed. Her commitment to her role is truly an example to us all.

The Queen first visited our City shortly after her coronation, in 1954, when nearly one million Victorians lined the streets for her parade. At the time, it was described at the time as the 'greatest day in Melbourne's history'. That trip was the first time a reigning British monarch had visited Australia.

Another memorable Melbourne visit was for her silver jubilee in 1977, when crowds lined Swanston Street and the Queen attended the races at Flemington.

She has of course visited us numerous times since, most recently in 2011. Each of us has a memory of the Queen, whether it is of her Majesty on board Melbourne's specially decked-out Royal Tram in 2011, opening our Commonwealth Games in 2006, or simply as the resolute presence during the term of sixteen of our Prime Ministers.

On behalf of the City of Melbourne I convey our sorrow and best wishes to King Charles the Third.

Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece invited Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lead of the Aboriginal Melbourne Portfolio to read the following condolence statements

Uncle Jack Charles

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the passing of Uncle Jack Charles in Melbourne on 13 September 2022. The Council would like to extend the City of Melbourne's condolences to the family, friends and community of Uncle Jack on his passing.

Uncle Jack was a cherished and respected Boon Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Woiwurrung and Yorta Yorta Elder who had a long and distinguished career as an actor and was as one of Melbourne's great story tellers. He has been described as the grandfather of Indigenous theatre, having co-founded Australia's first Indigenous theatre company, Nindethana, in Carlton in 1971.

Uncle Jack was an important advocate for the Stolen Generations. Significantly, this year, he was the first to appear at the Yoorrook Justice Commission's hearing.

Uncle Jack was named NAIDOC Male Elder of the year in 2022, Victorian Senior Australian of the Year in 2015 and in 2009 was honoured with the prestigious Tudawali Award for Contribution to Indigenous Media.

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Aunty Margaret Gardiner

The City of Melbourne acknowledges the passing of Aunty Margaret Gardiner in August. The Council would like to extend the City of Melbourne's condolences to the family, friends and Wurundjeri community of Aunty Margaret on her passing.

Aunty Margaret was a senior Wurundjeri elder who leaves an enormous legacy. She was a fierce fighter for her people, who didn't shy away from holding people to account.

Aunty Margaret was a passionate advocate for cultural heritage who did incredible work capturing the oral histories of Traditional Owners. She was also an important leader who helped Traditional Owners across the state assert their rights over Country.

The City of Melbourne notes her contributions as a member of multiple organisations, including as a board member of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Birrarung Council, a member of the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative Limited, and a member of the Secretariat for the Victorian Land Justice Group.

2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arose.

3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Campbell

That the minutes of meeting No 42, held on Tuesday 6 September 2022, be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Presenters from the Fishermans Bend Business Community

The Acting Lord Mayor noted that Council is excited to be meeting tonight in Fishermans Bend – the heart of Australia's largest urban renewal project. By 2050, Fishermans Bend will be home to about 80,000 residents and provide employment for up to 80,000 people, as well as study opportunities for 20,000 students.

The Acting Lord Mayor advised that the University of Melbourne and the Australian Road Research Board were in attendance to present on their activities in Fishermans Bend and sought Council's resolution to temporarily suspend the Governance Rules to allow for the presentations.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Governance Rules be suspended to enable presentations from the Fishermans Bend Business Community.

Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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The Committee received presentations from:

- Professor Julie Willis, University of Melbourne.
- Richard Yeo, Chief Operating Officer, ARRB (Australian Road Research Board), National Transport Research Centre

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

That the Governance Rules be resumed.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

5. Public questions

Common Ground Conversations incident

Dale Park submitted the following written question:

Following the Common Ground Conversations incident, what is Council's stance on trans athletes participating in competitive sport?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Dale for the question and read the following response as provided by Dean Robertson, Director City Safety, Security and Amenity:

Thank you for your question, the participation of trans athletes in competitive sports is a matter for the administration of each code. City of Melbourne is committed to upgrading its sporting facilities to ensure they are inclusive for all people.

Cr Dr Ball noted that the administration of sporting codes is governed federally by the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act and in Victoria by the Equal Opportunity Act.

Lorimer Street traffic congestion

Jennifer Garrison submitted the following written question:

I live at Yarras Edge. I like many others are very concerned about the congestion and number of heavy trucks using Lorimer Street. Residents have always had trouble getting onto Lorimer from their tower driveways, particularly in the mornings.

The level of traffic and congestion will increase as more people move into Fishermans Bend.

Also: Why is consideration not being made to better utilise the river by using water taxis which are used elsewhere in Australia and overseas.

Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Jennifer for the question and read the following response as provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

Council is conscious of the need for adequate infrastructure to be provided as places change and grow. This is particularly true of urban renewal areas such as Docklands and Fishermans Bend. Council has and will continue to advocate to the State for improved public transport in this area which will provide greater transport choice for existing and future residents. However, wherever there is a concentration of residents seeking to move at a similar time, such as the morning peak, there are likely to be some delays, which are not experienced at other times. The future for Fishermans Bend incorporates ongoing business development so there will continue to be a mix of vehicles including, passenger vehicles, bikes, trucks and we are advocating for trams and trains too. Water transport has not been a focus in Melbourne, but with the recent investment in a new ferry terminal in Docklands perhaps this is can be further explored as we continue to plan for the future of Fishermans Bend.

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Notice of Motion – LGBTIQ+ Program

Daisy Brenecki submitted the following written question:

Has management provided a briefing paper to Councillors addressing the questions arising from the notice of motion at agenda item 7.1 of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 15 March 2022, and will that briefing paper be made public?

Cr Dr Ball, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Portfolio Lead thanked Daisy for the question and read out the following response as provided by Alison Leighton, Deputy Chief Executive Officer:

An initial briefing was provided to Councillors in July, outlining Council's key initiatives to facilitate LGBTIQ+ inclusion. Key recent achievements include re-invigorating our Melbourne Pride Network Executive Committee through an organisation – wide nomination process in May, permanent inclusion of the Pride flag in the foyer of our administration building at Melbourne Town Hall, and a commitment to participate in future keystone events including Melbourne Pride March and Carnival. Council is a proud member of Pride in Diversity which has included participation in the Australian Workplace Equality Index, delivery of training to staff and consultancy for workplace inclusion. In August Melbourne Pride met with Justine Dalla Silva, CEO of Victorian Pride Centre to learn about the Pride Centre and the services and community connections that it supports.

Further work is underway with Council Officers from across the organisation to prepare a response to the resolution and will be provided to Councillors in the next two weeks.

Uncle Jack Charles

Chris Thrum submitted the following written question:

Uncle Jack Charles, the much loved and well-respected First Nations actor, artist's passing has saddened the community, north and south of the river.

A brilliant Boon Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Woiwurrung and Yorta Yorta senior Elder, Uncle Jack Charles was a genuine mentor, and shining light.

What are the thoughts of the Lord Mayor and Councillors on Uncle Jack Charles?

Cr Dr Ball, Aboriginal Melbourne Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Chris for the question and read the following response:

I refer to the condolence statement I read at the commencement of tonight's meeting, and reiterate the City of Melbourne's respect and admiration of Uncle Jack, and convey my own personal condolences to the family, friends and community of Uncle Jack.

Public transport into Fishermans Bend

Tim Norman asked the following question:

I am the secretary of the Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association (BCNA) with paid membership exceeding 450 residents. We are increasingly affected by the activity in Fishermans Bend and are concerned at what we view as somewhat disjointed development. Fishermans Bend was rezoned for substantial residential growth ten years ago in 2012, with a projected development timeframe of ~40 years. This means 25% of the time has passed. A 2018 Framework called for 2 tram lines into the area and gave a medium term delivery timeframe of 2020 to 2025. BCNA notes that considerable building activity has already occurred in Fishermans Bend, with at least seven residential towers having been completed and occupied. We estimate this has introduced thousands of new residents with their cars to the area resulting in increased road congestion and frustration. More residential towers are underway.

What action is the City of Melbourne taking to support public transport (such as trams) into Fishermans Bend to relieve growing pressure on roads and sustainability?

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Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Tim for the question and read the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

The City of Melbourne is advocating at every opportunity to improve the provision of public transport to Fishermans Bend. Our strategic planning documents, including transport and land use plans, identify extensions of both the tram and train networks to provide for existing and future residents, workers and students, as critical infrastructure for the success of this renewal area. Council works with State agencies such as Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions, the Fishermans Bend Taskforce and Development Victoria to ensure these infrastructure projects are provided for in the decisions made in Fishermans Bend.

Cr Griffiths added his own comments to note that Councillors are keen to see these important public transport works go ahead, and will take into consideration the lived experience of residents as the works progress.

Lorimer Street traffic congestion

Jenny Levya de Loryn asked the following question:

I live on Lorimer Street and find it extremely hard to drive out of my area in the morning due to the ineffective way the lights operate at the large DFO intersection as well as the traffic lights near 70 Lorimer St. With Fishermans Bend being redeveloped, what will be done to allow the existing residents to leave the area to get to work without having to wait three or more sets of traffic lights due to congestion?

I have raised this on numerous occasions (spanning many years) and have not seen a change as yet.

Cr Griffiths, City Transport, Infrastructure and Operations Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Jenny for the question and read the following response as provided by Craig Stevens, Director City Infrastructure:

The Department of Transport (DoT) is responsible for the operation of the traffic signals at the intersection of Lorimer Street and Montague Street, Docklands. They acknowledge there are congestion issues at the intersection.

DoT has reviewed this intersection on numerous occasions and advise that the intersection is programmed to operate at an optimised level to manage congestion. Due to the high volume of traffic at this intersection, there will be some delays and queues during the peak periods.

DoT will continue to monitor the intersection of Lorimer Street and Montague Street for safety and mobility.

The planning for Fishermans Bend and Docklands will continue to take into account transport needs for existing residents and business as well as future populations. Council continues to advocate for improved public transport in the area including an extension to the tram network and a new underground railway line with a station in Fishermans Bend. Structure planning and infrastructure needs assessments are a critical part of preparing for the future and Council is working with the State agencies on these matters.

6. Reports from management

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, advised that the following submissions had been received in accordance with the Council's Governance Rules.

Submissions/Correspondence

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Fishermans Bend**:

Requests to speak:

- Murray Nichol, Vice President, Fishermans Bend Business Forum
- Meredith Sussex, Chair of the Board of Directors at Fishermans Bend Development

Items of correspondence:

- Bernadene Voss, President, Fishermans Bend Business Forum
- Adam Blandford.

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In relation to Agenda item 6.2, **Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2022-2 150-188 Turner Street, Port Melbourne:**

Requests to speak:

- Guillem Clemente, Acciona
- Patrick Brennan, Contour Town Planning.

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25:**

Request to speak:

- Ariel Valent.

Items of correspondence:

- Ariel Valent
- Karl Hessian, Chair of The Centre: Connecting Communities in North & West Melbourne
- Aditi Rawal.

6.1 Neighbourhood key issues and City of Melbourne Projects for Fishermans Bend

The purpose of this report was to provide an overview of the Fishermans Bend neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Murray Nichol, Vice President, Fishermans Bend Business Forum
- Meredith Sussex, Chair of the Board of Directors at Fishermans Bend Development

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the overview of the Fishermans Bend neighbourhood community and upcoming key initiatives.

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

City Planning Portfolio

There were two reports from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

6.2 Ministerial Planning Referral: ID-2022-2 150-188 Turner Street, Port Melbourne

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C420MELB (the Amendment) which seeks to facilitate the redevelopment of land at 150-160 Turner Street, Port Melbourne and 162-188 Turner Street, Port Melbourne.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 7.25pm and returned at 7.27pm

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Guillem Clemente, Acciona
- Patrick Brennan, Contour Town Planning.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1. Resolves to advise the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) that the Melbourne City Council supports the proposed planning scheme amendment C420MELB, subject to the updated draft incorporated document, which includes altered and additional conditions as outlined in the delegate report (refer Attachment 4 of the report from management), subject to the following further amendments to the updated draft incorporated document:**

- 1.1.1. Amend condition 4.6j to read: 'Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority and in consultation with the City of Melbourne, any**

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previous oversupply of car parking in earlier stages must be considered in the assessment of subsequent stages to ensure no more than the maximum provision of car parking in accordance with Schedule 13 to Clause 45.09 of the Parking Overlay will be achieved for the Master Plan area.'

- 1.1.2. *Add condition 4.9k, reading: 'Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority and in consultation with the City of Melbourne, a car parking schedule which provides the number of car spaces for each stage (including any surplus or reduction in each stage) which ensures no more than the maximum provision of car parking will be achieved within the Master Plan area in accordance with the car parking rates provided at Schedule 13 to Clause 45.09 of the Parking Overlay.'*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.3 Planning Scheme Amendment C407 Arden Structure Plan

The purpose of this report was to respond to the gazettal of Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C407MELB – Implementation of the Arden Structure Plan July 2022 (Amendment) and to identify the next steps for City of Melbourne (CoM) to ensure State Government commitment to achieving the vision for Arden as a new destination in Melbourne that sets a new standard of urban renewal, at the forefront of sustainable development.

Cr Hakim left the meeting at 7.46pm and returned at 7.48pm.

Moved: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1. *requests the Lord Mayor write to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Transport Infrastructure:*
 - 1.1.1. *Advising Council remains committed to the vision for Arden and it will hold the government to account in creating a new destination within Melbourne and a world-class innovation precinct.*
 - 1.1.2. *Expressing concern that the gazetted Amendment puts the achievement of the vision at risk.*
 - 1.1.3. *Requesting the State identify delivery pathways and mechanisms to resolve the following matters to ensure Arden realises its vision as a new destination within Melbourne and a world-class innovation precinct:*
 - 1.1.3.1. *Achieving the delivery of high-quality, accessible, social and affordable housing at scale and the achievement of more than 10 per cent of all housing on government land in Arden as affordable housing, noting the commitment from the Department of Transport in the letter dated 1 October 2021 that "The Department of Transport is currently working closely with Homes Victoria to create opportunities for a greater proportion of affordable housing within Arden Central. While subject to confirmation within government, this will take the form of social, affordable and key worker housing and is expected to exceed 10 per cent of all housing on government land. A preferred delivery model for affordable housing on government land will be progressed with Homes Victoria over the coming months." Council seeks an explicit account of the status of the project to secure social, affordable and key worker housing on government land and how this will exceed 10 per cent of all housing, and an explicit account of how many social housing dwellings will be directly secured by Government.*

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- 1.1.3.2. *Achieving the sustainability targets established in the Arden Vision, including securing a mechanism for achieving the zero net emissions by 2040 target.*
- 1.1.3.3. *Delivering a thriving innovation district through the curation of employment generating uses.*
- 1.1.3.4. *Resolving key issues in relation to the integrated storm-water management open space in Arden North, including its delivery and its realisation as an active open space for our community with an established co-design process and governance agreement(s) for the delivery, management and control of the recreation and open space.*
- 1.1.3.5. *Mechanisms to ensure its buildings and urban design contribute to high quality streets and open spaces.*
- 1.1.3.6. *Mechanisms to ensure transparency in development, including the delivery of community infrastructure and development staging.*
- 1.1.4. *Expressing Council's concern that a primary implementation pathway for the Arden Vision and Arden Structure Plan – July 2022, Amendment C407 fails to adopt many of the recommendations of the VPA Projects Standing Advisory Committee (SAC), following extensive consideration of submissions from 109 parties and independent analysis and testing of expert evidence.*
- 1.1.5. *Requesting, in the interest of transparency for the community, that the Minister for Planning publicly release the reasons why the recommendations of the SAC were not adopted and provide a description of, and the reasons for, any changes made to the Amendment.*
- 1.2. *Endorses Managements ongoing work with the State Government to prepare robust agreements including a Memorandum of Understanding to secure the delivery and funding of key infrastructure projects which will unlock the development potential of the precinct and act as a catalyst for development.*
- 1.3. *Directs that the letter referred to in 1.1.3.1 be appended to the minutes. (Refer to Appendix 1)*

Seconded: Cr Leppert

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

6.4 Docklands Summit Update

The purpose of this report was to advise on the Docklands Summit, and seek endorsement to incorporate the findings into the Neighbourhood Planning Framework.

Moved: Cr Hakim

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
 - 1.1. *Notes the findings of the community engagement from Phase 1 pre-summit small focus group discussions.*
 - 1.2. *Requests management publish a further report in October that provides a comprehensive overview of the Docklands Summit.*
 - 1.3. *Endorses the incorporation of the findings from the Docklands Summit into the neighbourhood planning program including clear actions once agreed, and maintain engagement and the involvement of the Docklands community regarding the summit outcomes through the Neighbourhood Portal due to launch in October 2022.*

Seconded: Cr Campbell

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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6.5 Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25

The purpose of this report was to seek Council endorsement of the Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Ariel Valent.

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Endorses the Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25 to enable it to take effect ahead of the next round of Social Investment Partnerships at the end of 2022 and all other funding streams at the start of the 2023-24 financial year, subject to a new statement being included in the Framework to give effect to a commitment to publish the names of all successful applicants under all grant streams on the City of Melbourne website within one week of approval.*
- 1.2. *Notes the undertaking in the report from management that "Management will seek to include a CPI increase for community grants and neighbourhood house agreements as part of the next budget cycle".*
- 1.3. *Notes the potential additional need to reconsider the total quantum of funds allocated to Neighbourhood Houses if it is found during assessment processes that there is an increase in the number of eligible recipients worthy of funding.*
- 1.4. *Authorises the General Manager Community and City Services to make any further minor editorial changes to the Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

7. General business

There were no items of general business for consideration.

8. Urgent business

There were no items of proposed urgent business for consideration.

9. Public questions

There were no further public questions.

10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Acting Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, declared the meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 4 October 2022.


Chair
Future Melbourne Committee