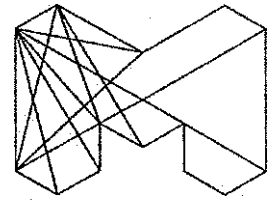


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**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Future Melbourne Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Number 42  
Tuesday 6 September 2022  
5.30pm**

**Town Hall Commons**

### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball  
Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Jason Chang  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge  
Councillor Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Jamal Hakim  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert (on-line)  
Councillor Kevin Louey

### **Apology**

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

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### 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, 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 six reports from management
- an apology was received from Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

### 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

### 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Griffiths

*That the minutes of meeting No 41, held on Tuesday 16 August 2022, be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, 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.

### 5. Public questions

Three written public questions were received, one of which was also asked verbally.

#### Lighting and Safety around Haymarket/Elizabeth Street

Abi Van Der Zwan submitted the following written question:

*My name is Abi Van Der Zwan and I am the elected Women's Officer at Melbourne University's Graduate Student Association (GSA). GSA represents 37,000 graduate students. Recently, we were approached by the Peter Mac Research Students Society who cited unsafe behaviours at the Haymarket/Elizabeth St Tram Stop and students feel unsafe in the area. From Elizabeth St from the Hospital Precinct down towards the intersection with Queensberry St, and also Pelham St from the Haymarket Tram Stop to the intersection with Barry St.*

*There have been multiple assaults in the area and students have raised with me a request for additional lighting and safety precautions.*

*Are there any plans to increase lighting, CCTV or security infrastructure in the area?*

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Operations and Infrastructure Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Craig Stevens, Director City Infrastructure:

*We are sorry to hear that there have been assaults happening in the area around Haymarket roundabout. All assaults should be reported to 000 at the time or to the Police Assistance Line on 131444 or online at Police.vic.gov.au. We have raised this area with Victoria Police to ensure they are aware of the safety issues.*

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*At this stage there are no plans to upgrade the street lighting in this area. We do note however that the majority of the streetlights in this area are located on the median strips of Elizabeth St and Pelham St, which may result in some darker areas on the footpath in certain places. We will undertake a lux level survey during the night time to ascertain the adequacy of existing lighting. Any areas that are below normal lighting standards will be included in our future programmed upgrade works.*

*Our Safe City CCTV camera network operates primarily in the CBD area. At this stage there are no plans to expand the network.*

### **E-Scooter Safety**

Natalie Wallis submitted the following written question:

*As I notified the council last week, my son was uninjured but was hit by an e-scooter on the footpath of the corner of Collins and Elizabeth Street. We see people riding on these paths daily despite (according to the police that I spoke with) it not being a permitted space. Given that an 11-year-old boy was injured in February, current steps have not worked. As I mentioned in my letter, I feel the council must take some responsibility for allowing the actual program to go ahead.*

*What steps has the Melbourne City Council taken or is going to take to help our youngest visitors and residents both be and feel safe and secure in the city? When I was young I participated in neighbourhood watch and bike-ed that helped me understand how to navigate the roads and safety. At the very least we need clear signage and a proper education program directed at children and families. What actions are the council taking to ensure the safety of its youngest residents and visitors?*

Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City Transport, Operations and Infrastructure Portfolio Lead read out the following response provided by Sophie Handley, Director City Strategy:

*We are glad to hear that your son was uninjured in this incident, and I understand that our staff have written to you about this matter.*

*Council has joined the Cities of Port Phillip, Yarra and now Ballarat in the Victorian Government's E-Scooter Trial which is supported by our Transport Strategy. Your account of the incident and all other feedback will form part of the evaluation of the trial. Compliance with the trial rules is being monitored and riders behaving inappropriately are restricted from accessing the scooters. Later this month Victoria Police and the scooter operators are running an education program to promote safe and legal riding. More generally, Council has clear targets to reduce road trauma through reduced speed limits, new pedestrian crossings, wider footpaths, separated bike lanes all of which assist children and all citizens to move around the city safely.*

Cr Le Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.40pm.

### **Safe injecting room**

Susanna Louie submitted a written question and asked the following verbally:

*Wayne Gatt from the Police Association warns that the persistent problems that have plagued the Richmond safe injecting room shouldn't be ignored and should certainly not be replicated.'*

*He says that 'You only have to speak to the residents of North Richmond and the Yarra police, to hear about the damage to the amenity of the area as well as the altered perception of safety and the impact of crime on the surrounding streets, to know that creating a similar facility in the CBD will create more problems for the community than solutions for the users.' More harm than good.*

*This is a scathing review of the North Richmond facility by the police and is in direct conflict with the Councillors in this room's assessment that the program is a resounding success.*

*So much evidence has come to light since this council voted in support of a second SIR in the CBD. In addition to strong opposition from the Police Association, we learn that funding for drug and alcohol addiction treatment has been cut by \$25 million when more funding is actually needed. We also see that although heroin deaths may have dropped moderately, it can be attributed to heroin being in shorter supply, as evidenced by regional heroin deaths decreasing at a greater rate during the same period of time. Meth related deaths however have skyrocketed from 34 deaths in 2012 to 137 last year. That is horrifying. It was also disclosed that there were 90 thousand needles strewn across public areas in North*

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*Richmond last year, this is something that many of you ardently denied, as you claimed there was no impact to amenity in the area. All of this points to a program that has failed the core group that it was trying to help while annihilating the community surrounding it. Wayne Gatt knows this, Yarra police know this and the residents of North Richmond definitely know it. The existing SIR is doing more harm than good.*

*With so much of this Council's evidence supporting the SIR now negated directly by the Police as well as the evidence presented here tonight, can this Council tell us if they plan on heeding the Association's advice and reconsider the installation of the second SIR in the CBD?*

*Can Councillors also please tell us by what criteria they consider the current SIR to be a success, and what would it take beyond the independent reports I have just mentioned to admit that there are problems? Because, if you can't admit to the problems, you can't learn from them. And finally, what criteria will be set to measure the success or failure of any such facility put into the CBD? How will you ensure transparency for the people of Melbourne?*

Cr Dr Ball, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Lead provided the following response prepared with support from Linda Weatherson, General Manager Community and City Services.

*We share many of your concerns and we are not suggesting there are no needles discarded in the public space in North Richmond. We can agree on the need for greater treatment of alcohol and other drug dependency and your concern about overdose deaths in our city.*

*The proposal for a second safe injecting service to be located within the City of Melbourne is that of Victorian Government. The decision to proceed and the location of the service is therefore also that of the Victorian Government.*

*An amended Notice of Motion in regards to an injecting room in the City of Melbourne was put and passed by a majority of Councillors at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 16 August. The resolution included that:*

- 1. Council continued support for a medically supervised injecting service (MSIS) in the City of Melbourne, conditional on it being located within a comprehensive health service noting that the model proposed for the CBD, is to be significantly different from the stand-alone facility trialled in North Richmond. It is intended to be integrated with multidisciplinary health and social services, such as GPs, allied health, mental health and sexual healthcare and treatment options for addiction.*
- 2. Council reiterated to the Victorian Government that Melbourne's economic recovery from COVID-19 is critical and that the location and timing of an MSIS will be significant and*
- 3. that the Lord Mayor write to the Health Minister seeking an ongoing and formal commitment from the Victorian Government in relation to amenity, consultation and a framework to resolve issues. That letter was sent from the Lord Mayor to Minister Thomas on Thursday 18 August.*

*Council is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of everyone who lives, works or visits the City.*

### **6. Reports from management**

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

#### **Submissions/Correspondence**

In relation to Agenda item 6.5, **Options – 26 January**:

#### **Items of correspondence:**

- Wayne Fitzgerald
- Danielle Roche OAM, National Australia Day Council
- Chris Thrum.

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## City Planning Portfolio

Cr Rohan Leppert assumed the role of Chair for the Committee to consider one report from management in relation to the City Planning Portfolio.

### 6.1 Planning Permit Application: TP-2022-170 Princes Park Bowls Club, 109 Bowen Crescent, Carlton North

The purpose of this report was to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of planning permit application TP-2022-170 for Princes Park Bowls Club located at 109 Bowen Crescent, Carlton North.

Moved: Cr Leppert

*That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the delegate report (refer to Attachment 4 of the report from management).*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp resumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### 6.2 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.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp noted a Councillor request to move a procedural motion to defer item 6.2.

#### Motion:

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

*That Report 6.2 Community Grants and Partnerships Framework 2022-25 be deferred to a later date.*

Seconded: Cr Hakim

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.3 M12 - Greenline - Endorsement of The Greenline Project Business Case Summary

The purpose of this report was to request the Future Melbourne Committee endorse the Greenline Project Business Case Summary dated August 2022 and note the proposed approach to develop a Greenline Partnership and Funding Plan.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 5.51pm returned at 5.53pm.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

#### 1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Endorses the Greenline Project Business Case Summary which includes preferred Option 3 Birrarung Marr to Salt Water Wharf: The Greenline Project (Refer attachment 2 of the report from management)*

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- 1.2. *Notes that delivery of the Greenline Project, will generate an estimated \$1.7 billion in economic, social and environmental benefits to the city, over a twenty year period with a positive Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) of 3.29.*
- 1.3. *Authorises the General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor editorial changes to the Greenline Project Business Case Summary prior to publication.*
- 1.4. *Requests the Lord Mayor write to the Premier of Victoria and Prime Minister of Australia, sharing the Greenline Project Business Case Summary and continue to explore opportunities for a tri-government partnership to deliver the project.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.4 Municipal Association of Victoria, State Council meeting October 2022

The purpose of this report was to propose motions for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 14 October 2022.

Moved: Cr Leppert

*That the Future Melbourne Committee approves the motions outlined in Attachment 2 of the report from management for consideration at the October 2022 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.5 Options – 26 January

The purpose of this report was to respond to the Council resolution of 26 July 2022 titled '26 January'.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Requests management prepare a program that supports the Truth Telling major initiative to assist a broader understanding of Aboriginal experiences and sentiments relating to 26 January.*
  - 1.2. *Requests that management continue to hold, on behalf of the Federal Government, a citizenship ceremony on Australia Day that will incorporate First Nations elements*
  - 1.3. *Endorses management continuing to issue permits for events delivered by the Victorian Government held on Australia Day*
  - 1.4. *Endorses continued support for events that acknowledge First Nations perspectives of Australia Day*
  - 1.5. *Notes that all Traditional Owner organisations and the majority of surveyed residents and businesses within the municipality support changing the date of Australia Day*
  - 1.6. *Adopts the position that the date of Australia Day should be changed and requests the Lord Mayor write to the Victorian and Australian Governments communicating the positions set out in this resolution*

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- 1.7. *Requests management provide a further report to Council in the event of either the Victorian or Australian Government changing their position towards Australia Day.*

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Leppert and Louey; the following Councillors voting against the motion: Councillors Campbell and Chang; and Cr Le Liu being present but not having cast a vote (abstaining), was taken to have voted against the motion.

### 6.6 Strengthening Melbourne's global reputation as the best city for student experience

The purpose of this report was to seek Council's endorsement for further advocacy aimed at facilitating international students' return and strengthening Melbourne's global reputation as the best city for student experience, as measured by the student voice indicator.

Moved: Cr Griffiths

#### 1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*

- 1.1. *Endorses the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) advocacy partnership with the Group of Eight (Go8) for the introduction of a High Potential Visa program, and incentives to partner with tertiary education providers to offer international students work experience.*
- 1.2. *Notes the CCCLM provided an advocacy priority paper regarding the international students to the Albanese Government's Jobs and Skills Summit.*
- 1.3. *Notes the CCCLM and Go8 will meet representatives from all available parties and independents regarding international education as part of a delegation on 7 and 8 September 2022.*
- 1.4. *Notes the successful advocacy the CCCLM provided to the Federal Government's Jobs and Skills Summit regarding extended post-study work visas for international students, and that the Federal Government will convene a working group which will provide advice on changes to post-study work rights.*
- 1.5. *Requests that the Lord Mayor ask that the CCCLM advocate to be a member of the Federal Government's post-study work rights working group.*

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, 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.

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### 10. Closure of meeting

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, declared the meeting closed at 6.48pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 20 September 2022.



Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee