

MAROONDAH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood on Monday 19 May 2008 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT	Cr T Dib, JP (Mayor)	Eastfield
	Cr P Gurr	Arrabri
	Cr N Thomas	Clocktower
	Cr A Makin	Loughnan's Hill
	Cr L Willmott, JP	Wyreena
	Cr M Naylor	Yarrunga
	Michael Marasco	Chief Executive Officer
	Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director Corporate Services
	Trevor Welsh	Director Operations & Infrastructure
	Di Childs	Acting Director Community & Leisure Services
	Stephen Onans	Team Leader Governance

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

The prayer was read by Rev Michael Lazarus, St Paul's Anglican Church.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2008

The Mayor advised that 2008 marks the 12th Anniversary of the establishment of National Reconciliation Week, which will be observed from 27 May to 3 June. National Reconciliation Week offers people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation, to hear about the culture and history of Australia's Indigenous people, and to explore new and better ways of meeting challenges in our communities.

In keeping with past practice, the Mayor, on behalf of Council, made the following 'Acknowledgment of Country':

"In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are meeting on land for which the Wurundjeri people have been custodians for many centuries, and on land which the Indigenous Australians have performed age old ceremonies.

We, Maroondah City Council, accept, respect and have shared with the Wurundjeri people in their customs of welcome.

The Wurundjeri people support the coming together of all people, respecting their individuality to focus on a unified and cohesive nation."

The Mayor also acknowledged Mr Ryan Smith, MLA, Member for Warrandyte who was present in the public gallery.

APOLOGIES

Cr J Taylor Mullum

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR GURR, SECONDED CR MAKIN

2950

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21 APRIL 2008 BE CONFIRMED, WITH THE FOLLOWING MINOR ALTERATION:

Director Corporate Services – Item 1 Delegates' Reports

Cr Dib's report to reflect that on 20 April, he attended ANZAC Memorial Services at Croydon.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Terry Ahern, Ringwood: *"What was the minimal cost to Council for the filming of Neighbours at City Council Offices and did the staff on closing credit were paid by Fremantle Media Australia (please answer and read in full)?"*

The Director Corporate Services advised: *"This is the follow up question to the answer provided at the March 2008 Council meeting. Minimal cost referred to the use of the Chamber which was not being used at the time – Wednesday 27 October, from 11am to 8.30pm. No staff were paid by Fremantle Media."*

Mr Terry Ahern, Ringwood: *"Please read this question full also answer in full. When is the Maroondah City Council and Vic Track going to empty the rubbish bins outside the Ringwood Railway Station and Town Centre on a daily basis as the bins were overflowing on the walkway down to Maroondah Highway and across the road to the town centre. Also supermarket trolley left full rubbish. Can this be explain why this has happens."*

The Director Corporate Services advised:

"The overfilled bin belongs to Connex. This bin has been reported to Connex on Ref: 2008/18364 on 16 May 2008. Maroondah City Council bins in Ringwood CBD are cleaned on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. A request for supermarket trolley to be removed was raised on 16 May 2008. (Trolley to be removed by external contractor)."

The following five questions are of a similar nature and were dealt with together:

Mr Tony Holdway, representing the Maroondah Climate Change Action Group: *"Does the Council have any action plan to ensure that it meets its 20% carbon emissions reduction target by the year 2010?"*

Ms Liz Horner, Ringwood East: *"Does Council intend to form partnerships with energy providers to promote large scale renewable energy systems for all residents, local businesses and Council use with time-lines built in?"*

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (cont'd)

Ms Yvonne Rooney, Ringwood East: "Will Council create new full-time positions dedicated to climate change research, policy making, developing an overall implementation of a Climate Change Plan and liaison with the Local Community, as many other Councils are doing who have committed to a Carbon Neutral position?"

Ms Sabine Watkins, Croydon: "Considering the imminent disintegration of the Arctic Ice and therefore the window of opportunity for effective action is rapidly closing, what does Council intend to do to assist the community to dramatically reduce their carbon emissions?"

Ms Margaret Matters, Croydon: "Will Council arrange a formal carbon emissions audit of their premises, work operations and property within this budgetary year?"

Ms Gwynedd Davies, representing the Maroondah Climate Change Action Group: "When does Council intend to achieve zero carbon emission in this municipality?"

The Director Operations & Infrastructure advised: *"In 2000 Council adopted a target of a 20% reduction in green house gas emissions by 2010 as part of Councils longstanding commitment to the Cities for Climate Protection program. As part of this program Council developed an Action Plan. Measures undertaken as part of the Action Plan include:*

- *Membership of Greenfleet to offset passenger vehicle emissions*
- *Purchase of 3 hybrid vehicles for evaluation*
- *Reduction in the number of 6cyl vehicles*
- *Purchase of 10% green energy for street lights*
- *Fitted sensors to the lighting at the City Offices, Ringwood*

Further measures to be undertaken shortly include:

- *Replacement of lighting at the City Offices Ringwood and Civic Square Croydon with energy efficient T5 lighting:*
- *'Live Green with Less' – resident light bulb replacement program*
- *Repairs to the co-generation electricity plant at the Ringwood Aquatic Centre; and*
- *Increase green power for street lighting to 30% with an additional 10% per annum for following 2 years.*

Council's Planning & Sustainability Team, which includes the equivalent of 2.6 Environment Planners, is currently developing a Sustainability Strategy, a key element of the Strategy will be Council's response to climate change. The Strategy will:

- *Examine Carbon neutrality as part of Council's long term operations;*
- *Promote cultural change and ownership of the climate change issue across all of Council*
- *Promote the education of the community on climate change and responses, and*
- *Assess Council's carbon emissions and recommend actions to reduce those emissions.*

In so far as Council involvement with the development of large scale renewable energy systems is concerned, it is much more appropriate that the development of such technology is left to the energy providers and the State and Federal Governments.

For Council's information, total carbon emissions for the total municipality are approximately 2 million tonnes and Council's emissions are approximately 14,000 tonnes or 0.07% of the total of emissions in Maroondah. In light of this it is important that Council balance capital outlay in reducing Council emissions with the need to educate the community in reducing their individual and business emissions."

OFFICERS' REPORTS***DIRECTOR CITY DEVELOPMENT***

LOGGING IN WATER CATCHMENT AREAS ITEM 1

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR WILLMOTT 2951

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **OPPOSES LOGGING IN WATER CATCHMENT AREAS.**
2. **WRITES TO THE MINISTER FOR WATER EXPRESSING ITS VIEWS IN THIS MATTER.**

CARRIED

PRECINCT PLANS – RINGWOOD TOWN CENTRE ITEM 2

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR NAYLOR 2952

THAT COUNCIL:

1. **ADOPTS THE AMENDED PRECINCT PLANS FOR PRECINCTS 1, 2 AND 3 OF THE RINGWOOD TOWN CENTRE, UNDER SCHEDULE 2 OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY OF THE MAROONDAH PLANNING SCHEME, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:**
 - **NOTATION TO BE MADE ON THE PLANS THAT “THE DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAROONDAH HIGHWAY AND THE TOWN SQUARE IS TO BE SUBJECT TO VIC ROADS APPROVAL”.**
 - **NOTATION TO BE MADE ON THE PLANS THAT “THE DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION OF THE INTERSECTION OF BOND STREET AND RINGWOOD STREET IS TO BE SUBJECT TO COUNCIL APPROVAL”.**
 - **NOTATION TO BE MADE ON THE PLANS THAT “ALL ACCESS IS TO BE DDA COMPLIANT”.**
 - **THE PLANS SHOULD BE CLEAR THAT THE POTENTIAL FUTURE UNDERGROUND CONNECTION ACROSS RINGWOOD STREET COULD BE AT ANY POINT BETWEEN BOND STREET AND SEYMOUR STREET, AND NOT AT THE BOND STREET INTERSECTION.**
 - **THE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION PLANS MUST IDENTIFY AT-GRADE PEDESTRIAN ZONES ALONG MAROONDAH HIGHWAY (ABUTTING TOWN SQUARE VEHICULAR ACCESS POINT) AND ALONG RINGWOOD STREET (OPPOSITE EAST-WEST PEDESTRIAN LINK).**
 - **THE BUS STOP ALONG RINGWOOD STREET IS TO BE RELOCATED, SO AS TO BE COMPLETELY CLEAR OF THE PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING OF RINGWOOD STREET, AND IS TO BE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO MEET DOI REQUIREMENTS AS A ‘SUPER STOP’.**

PRECINCT PLANS – RINGWOOD TOWN CENTRE (cont'd)

- **THE LOADING BAY ACCESS POINT ALONG RINGWOOD STREET IS TO BE REVIEWED IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE RELOCATED BUS STOP. THE LOADING BAY ACCESS MUST NOT CONNECT DIRECTLY WITH ANY CAR PARKING AREA.**
2. **ENSURES THAT CONDITIONS ON DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL ADDRESSES, AMONGST OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**
 - **CONNECTIONS AND INTERFACES WITH ADJOINING PRECINCTS;**
 - **THE PEDESTRIAN EAST-WEST LINK;**
 - **THE ACTIVATION OF THE EDGES OF THE TOWN SQUARE.**
 3. **WRITES TO THE PREMIER, TREASURER, MINISTER FOR PLANNING, MINISTER FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND LOCAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT STATING ITS DISAPPOINTMENT IN REGARD TO THE LACK OF FUNDING FOR RINGWOOD STATION.**
 4. **WRITES TO THE MINISTER FOR ROADS & PORTS AND VICROADS TO REQUEST THAT PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ACROSS MAROONDAH HIGHWAY BE IMPROVED, REGARDLESS OF THE STATE OF THE RINGWOOD STATION REDEVELOPMENT.**
 5. **OFFICERS PRESENT A FURTHER REPORT ADDRESSING STATE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO FUNDING FOR RINGWOOD STATION IN THREE MONTHS' TIME.**

CARRIED

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

DELEGATES' REPORTS

ITEM 1

Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors as an appointed Delegate of Council

Cr Dib

23-Apr	Maroondah Business Breakfast
23-Apr	Presentation of Letter under Seal to Ms Gladys McLachlan, HE Parker
Special	Committee of Management
24-Apr	Presided over the Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Karralyka Centre at which 81 candidates received their Australian Citizenship
25-Apr	Croydon RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
27-Apr	Opening of the 11th Mullum Mullum Festival
29-Apr	Electoral Representation Panel Review
30-Apr	HE Parker Netball Committee – Presentation of Letters under Seal and Thank You Function
1-May	Meeting with the Minister for Planning, The Hon Justin Madden, MLC re Ringwood Transit City
2-May	Bayswater North Primary School 'Active Travel Plan' Launch

DELEGATES' REPORTS (cont'd)

Cr Dib (cont'd)

6-May	Roadsafe-Melbourne Eastern Ranges Inc – 'GreenMan Promotion'
7-May	Maroondah Community Grants & Arts / Cultural Grants Launch at Federation Estate
7-May	Meeting with Eastern Regional Mayors re the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Motions
8-May	MAV State Council Meeting
12-May	Interview with Ms Sarah Mills, university student re research on cost shifting & libraries
13-May	Presentation of Vision Australia's 'Making a Difference Awards' & celebration for Volunteer Recognition Week
14-May	Budget Breakfast with Mr John Lenders MP, Treasurer of Victoria
14-May	Audit Advisory Committee Meeting
14-May	Ministerial Pre-Forum Dinner hosted by Minister for Local Government
15-May	Official launch of PHOENX (Primary Health Outer East Network)
16-May	Eastern Regional CEOs & Mayors Meeting
19-May	War Widows 49th Birthday Celebration

Cr Gurr

23-Apr	Maroondah Business Breakfast
23-Apr	Arrabri Community House Committee Annual General Meeting
25-Apr	Ringwood RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
28-Apr	Eastern Palliative Care Fundraising Committee Meeting
28-Apr	Maroondah Tourism Board Meeting
30-Apr	HE Parker Netball Committee – Presentation of Letter under Seal and Thank You Function
5-May	Eastern Palliative Care Committee of Management Meeting
8-May	Footmen Club Lunch Meeting
12-May	Interview with Ms Sarah Mills, university student re research on cost shifting & libraries
13-May	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry May Dinner Meeting
14-May	Budget Breakfast with Mr John Lenders MP, Treasurer of Victoria
14-May	Audit Advisory Committee Meeting
15-May	Eastern Regional Libraries Board Meeting

Cr Thomas

23-Apr	Maroondah Business Breakfast
25-Apr	Ringwood RSL ANZAC Dawn Service
1-May	Opening of Ringwood Art Society Exhibition
8-May	Footmen Club Lunch Meeting
10-May	Visit to the Heathmont Baseball Club
13-May	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry May Dinner Meeting
14-May	Youth Recognition Awards Evening

DELEGATES' REPORTS (cont'd)

Cr Makin

27-Apr	Opening of the 11th Mullum Mullum Festival
28-Apr	Workshop for the Maroondah Forum for People with Disabilities & Carers
28-Apr	Maroondah Tourism Board Meeting
29-Apr	Electoral Representation Panel Review
2-May	Interview with Eastern FM
5-May	Meeting re Lockhart Road Park
5-May	Interview with Monash students re Public Transport Issues
5-May	Meeting with Interact employment re Economic Development in Maroondah
5-May	Maroondah Business Expansion & Retention Program
7-May	Croydon Conservation Society Meeting
12-May	Ringwood Rotary & Beyond Blue Forum
13-May	Ringwood North Community House Meeting re Sustainable Living Space
13-May	Meeting with Eastern Volunteers
13-May	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry May Dinner Meeting
14-May	Heatherdale Community Action Group Meeting
14-May	Youth Volunteers Recognition Awards Evening
16-May	Meeting with QIC (Queensland Insurance Company)
16-May	Meeting with accessibility advocates
19-May	Meeting with Ringwood Bowls Club

Cr Willmott

23-Apr	Metropolitan Waste Management Board Budget Meeting
30-Apr	Metropolitan Waste Management Board Meeting
12-May	Meeting re Mingara
14-May	Meeting with residents re Traffic Issues – Toorak Avenue, Croydon

Cr Naylor

2-May	Opening of art show at Rudolph Steiner School
6-May	Visited businesses re Maroondah Business Expansion & Retention Program
7-May	Photos for Focus Magazine
8-May	Footmen Club Lunch Meeting
10-11 May	Professional Development – Counselling Course
13-May	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry May Dinner Meeting
15-May	Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon Tea at Yarrunga Community Centre

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR THOMAS

2953

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE DELEGATES' REPORTS AS PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS.

CARRIED

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S STATE COUNCIL MEETING – MAROONDAH MOTIONS – OUTCOMES ITEM 2

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR NAYLOR 2954

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE OUTCOMES OF THREE MOTIONS LODGED FOR CONSIDERATION AND DEBATE AT THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA'S STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2008.

CARRIED

PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2008-2012 & BUDGET 2008/09 ITEM 3

MOVED CR GURR, SECONDED CR WILLMOTT 2955

THAT COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO:

1. **THE PROPOSED COUNCIL PLAN 2008-2012 AND PROPOSED BUDGET 2008/09**
 - A. **AUTHORISES THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE PREPARATION OF THE PROPOSED PLAN AND BUDGET.**
 - B. **APPOINTS A COMMITTEE OF COUNCILLORS COMPRISING COUNCILLORS DIB, GURR AND WILLMOTT TO CONSIDER ANY SUBMISSIONS AND HEAR FROM ANY PERSON/S WHO HAS/HAVE REQUESTED TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 223 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989.**
 - C. **DETERMINES THAT SUCH COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER ALL SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2008 AT 7PM.**
 - D. **NOTES THAT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT THE COUNCIL PLAN AND/OR BUDGET BE CONSIDERED AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY 16 JUNE 2008 AT 7.30PM.**

2. **THE PROPOSED BUDGET 2008/09**

SUBJECT TO INCLUSION OF ANY AMENDMENTS WHICH, IF APPLICABLE, ARE TO BE DETAILED IN A SCHEDULE TO THIS RESOLUTION, THE BUDGET SEPARATELY CIRCULATED TO THIS RESOLUTION AND INITIALLED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING FOR IDENTIFICATION BE THE BUDGET PREPARED BY COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 127 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989.

DIVISION ON MOTION

FOR: Crs Dib, Gurr, Thomas, Willmott and Naylor
AGAINST: Cr Makin

CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31 MARCH 2008 ITEM 4

MOVED CR GURR, SECONDED CR THOMAS 2956

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THE REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AGAINST BUDGET FOR THE NINE MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2008.

CARRIED

DRAFT METROPOLITAN WASTE & RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGIC PLAN – MAROONDAH SUBMISSION ITEM 5

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR MAKIN 2957

THAT COUNCIL RATIFY ITS SUBMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT AS OUTLINED IN AND THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REPORT.

CARRIED

MAROONDAH DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (DOGS & CATS) 2008-2011 ITEM 6

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR NAYLOR 2958

THAT:

- 1. COUNCIL ADOPTS THE MAROONDAH DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (DOGS & CATS) 2008 – 2011.**
- 2. THE SUBMITTORS BE NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.**
- 3. THE PLAN BE REVIEWED BY COUNCIL IN 12 MONTHS.**

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR THOMAS 2959

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS THE SECTION 173 AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED BY:

- 1. MICHAEL ADRIAN HUBBARD AND REBECCA ELIZABETH CARRIER-HUBBARD IN RELATION TO LAND AT 6 PATERSON STREET, CROYDON HILLS.**
- 2. WIJTZE JOHN VAN DER ZWEEP AND JANET ELIZABETH VAN DER ZWEEP IN RELATION TO LAND AT 11 ALLENDALE ROAD AND 32 LINDISFARNE AVENUE CROYDON.**
- 3. CHRISTOPHER WAYNE LAMBERT AND JENNIFER MAREE LAMBERT IN RELATION TO LAND AT 37 ROYAL AVENUE HEATHMONT.**

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING (cont'd)

4. **MAXIVEST PTY LTD IN RELATION TO LAND AT 7 PLUMER STREET, CROYDON.**
5. **DIAMANTIS TEKTONOPOULOS IN RELATION TO LAND AT 36 COLCHESTER ROAD, KILSYTH.**

CARRIED**MOTIONS TO REVIEW**

Nil

LATE ITEMS

Nil

REQUESTS / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR GURR, SECONDED CR MAKIN

2960

THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989, COUNCIL RESOLVES TO MEET IN CAMERA, AS THE MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED MAY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL OR SOME OTHER PERSON.

CARRIED***DIRECTOR OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE***

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO METERED SITES –
VICTORIA CONTRACT 1106/0607
(THROUGH MAPS GROUP LTD TRADING AS STRATEGIC PURCHASING)

ITEM 1

COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED THAT THIS REPORT AND ALL DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THE RESOLUTION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL THE EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT AT WHICH TIME THE RESOLUTION BE MADE PUBLIC; AND THAT THIS DECISION OF CONFIDENTIALITY BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM OF THIS MEETING.

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

RESERVE AT 68-70 KUBIS DRIVE, RINGWOOD NORTH

ITEM 1

COUNCIL HAS RESOLVED THAT THIS REPORT AND ALL DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY AND THE RESOLUTION REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE RIGHT OF WAY IS VESTED IN COUNCIL; AND THAT THIS DECISION OF CONFIDENTIALITY BE REFLECTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE OPEN FORUM OF THIS MEETING.

The open forum closed at 8.30pm.

Confirmed

Date