



Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood, on Monday 16 March 2009 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

Cr Peter Gurr, Mayor	Arrabri
Cr Ann Fraser	Mullum
Cr Nora Lamont	Mullum
Cr Michael Macdonald	Wyreena
Cr Paul Macdonald	Arrabri
Cr Alex Makin	Mullum
Cr Rob Steane	Wyreena
Cr Natalie Thomas	Arrabri
Cr Les Willmott	Wyreena

Michael Marasco	Chief Executive Officer
Marianne Di Giallonardo	Director Corporate Services
Trevor Welsh	Director Operations & Infrastructure
Phil Turner	Director City Development
Helen Croxford	Director Community & Leisure Services
Stephen Onans	Team Leader Governance

The Mayor opened the meeting.

The prayer was read by Paster Nigel Phillips, Maroondah City Church

APOLOGIES

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR STEANE, SECONDED CR MAKIN

3091

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Andrew Mason, Ringwood, representing the Petition for Restoring Old Hard Waste Collection System: *"How much extra cost is the Council experiencing with the new hard waste collection, which must be the case, if the same amount is collected due to extra administrative costs, mailout, and truck collection expenses, or has the Council managed to discourage enough residents with compliance to the new system, significantly reducing the amount collected in order to save money on hardwaste collection?"*

The Director Corporate Services advised: *"In the 2008/09 Budget, the On-call Hard Waste Collection is budgeted in the order of \$525k which is the same amount as budgeted for in previous budgets for the previous hard waste collection service. The new service provides for greater flexibility by residents who are able to choose when in the year they wish to receive their service. Since its commencement in October, 6000 residents have successfully used the service, the vast majority of which have anecdotally indicated strong support for the new service. 40,000 households are eligible to receive the hard waste collection. It is the largest of any of Council's universal services. Residents are reminded to ring to book their service prior to putting their collections on the nature strip. Pick up will occur within 5 working days of the nominated day of pickup."*

Mr. Anthony Pitt, Ringwood: *"Can the Council please advise if there have been any meetings of either the Ringwood Transit City Advisory Committee or the Community Reference Group, since August 22, 2007 and March 11, 2008 respectively, as these are the last meetings for which notes are currently available on the Council's Website?"*

The Director City Development advised: *"Since August 22, 2007 the RTC Advisory Committee has held 4 meetings and since March 11, 2008 the Community Reference Group has held 3 meetings. The Community Reference Group minutes and the Advisory Committee minutes will be available by the end of this week. There have been some technical difficulties since the change of the platform that Council's website runs on which are currently being resolved. The new Ringwood Going Places website is also now live and currently under construction. Ringwood Going Places will also provide this information."*
Website address is www.ringwoodgoingplaces.com.au

Mr. Anthony Pitt, Ringwood: *"Over the last several years, the City of Whitehorse has held an annual sustainability week, with a focus on transport, lifestyle, environmental and other issues. This year's festival will run from March 26 to April 3. These events have been well attended and well received by the community. Does Maroondah City Council have anything similar planned to take place in the near future?"*

The Director City Development advised: *"Whilst Council has no immediate plans to establish a sustainability week, Council runs or partners a wide range of programs aimed at assisting the community of Maroondah to become more sustainable. These programs are provided throughout the year to assist in allowing a wide cross section of the community the ability to attend. Council is currently running a series of workshops or training events for business and the community including:*

<i>Waterwise gardening</i>	<i>March 17</i>
<i>Yummy yards</i>	<i>March 31 & April 21</i>
<i>Habitat gardening</i>	<i>May 19</i>
<i>Energy efficiency at home</i>	<i>June 2</i>

Council is also running an eco business program with a number of businesses from McAdam Square."

Ms. Di Moroney, Warranwood: *"In relation to Council's main switchboard number. I would like to know why this is a 1300 number which is a charge of 30c to the caller. Numerous times you can never get an answer to your query, or are told to call back, this costing ones ph. account triple the normal local call charge on 2 calls. This is an extra and unnecessary burden for low income & pensioners ph. accounts."*

Director Corporate Services advised: "The answer to this question is in two parts:-

- 1) Council's 1300# and
- 2) Acceptable call answer and drop out rates

Regarding the 1st part of the answer: Council's costs associated with the 1300 number was introduced about 8 years ago as it provided the opportunity for Maroondah residents and ratepayers anywhere in Australia to call Council for the cost of a local call. Our understanding is that local calls at this time were 30c. Council does use either 9298 or 9294 prefix calls for specific services such as libraries, maternal and child health centres etc. This 1300# is a service provided by one of Australia's telecommunications carriers who also provide the backend infrastructure hardware, software and maintenance at a cheaper cost than it would be if Council owned the hardware and software. Since the early 2000's, as we are all aware, Australia's Telecommunications Industry has been progressively deregulated by the Federal Government. Depending on residents and ratepayers personal telecommunications carrier and plan, residents can pay anywhere from 10c to 50c per landline call. Council's 1300# is now not considered by Telstra as a local call for the purposes of any phone plans from any carrier. It attracts fixed charges of 30c per landline call; 50c per pay phone and 25c per mobile phone whether paid or prepaid. Regarding the 2nd part of the answer: According to the State Government Department of Planning and Community Development Independent research, Council has an 89% overall Council Community Satisfaction score across all its operations. This score, when translated specifically into Council's phone answered call and dropout rates statistics, sits within an acceptable range between 84-92%, the majority typically at the higher end. Over the past number of months since the introduction of the On Call Hard Waste service and relatively high initial uptake of the service, there have been occasions, particularly on a Monday or Tuesday, where this range has been unacceptable falling between the 70%-80% range. Management have identified this issue and has reallocated existing resources to bring these %'s into the acceptable range. Management continue to monitor the answered call and drop out rates and will ensure current resources are allocated appropriately to meet the peaks and troughs of the service requirements for Maroondah residents."

Ms. Di Moroney, Warranwood: "With regard to the newly introduced on call Hard-Rubbish collection. The streets throughout Maroondah are now being degraded with unwanted goods wether legitimately booked or irresponsibly discarded. Why are these piles of rubbish on Council property being ignored for weeks until neighbours eventually lodge a complaint. Why would Council scrap the previous system to implement one that creates such chaos."

Director Corporate Services advised: "There were many serious issues with the old hard waste collection system, some of them being of an environmental nature, eg illegally dumped rubbish without efficient means of removal, hard waste out up to 3-4 months before the scheduled dates, dumping on other's piles and organised scavenging (which has the potential to drive collection costs up) and some of them relating to OH&S, Risk Management/Public Safety concerns and convenience for our residents. Over the years Council has received many requests from the community for a more user-friendly service when they need it rather than only twice a year. The On Call system of collection is also now nominated as 'best practice' under WorkSafe Victoria's New Hard Waste Collection Guidelines, hence there was a requirement to implement this type of system when our old hard waste contract expired. The new On Call Hard Waste Collection commenced in October 2008. We anticipate that usage of the service will stabilize as residents become accustomed to the new booking system, which will in turn decrease the number of booked hard waste piles awaiting collection from Council nature strips. As with any new service, it may take a little while for our residents to become used to the change, in the longer term."

Council officers, in the course of their duties, do ring through information to Council's Waste Services area to check on the status of hard waste, if sighted without a "booked" sticker. Certainly, Council appreciates any assistance members of the community provide regarding alerting staff to any dumped rubbish – hard or any other garbage and waste."

DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES

DELEGATE'S REPORTS

ITEM 1

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

Cr Gurr (Mayor)

- 19-Feb Community Jobs Forum hosted by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
- 21-Feb Lyrebird Award Presentation
- 22-Feb National Day of Mourning - Together for Victoria
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 26-Feb Home from Home Respite Program Afternoon Tea
- 26-Feb Art Exhibition Opening Night - Mr Barry Clarris 'Expressions of Interests'
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function
- 1-Mar Summer BLISS (Bayswater North Living In Safety - Safety Action Group Community Event)
- 4-Mar Media Conference with local papers
- 4-Mar Visit to Croydon Hills Primary School for talk on Local Government
- 5-Mar Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Karralyka
- 6-Mar Eastern FM Radio Segment re History of Maroondah Festival/Bushfires/Photo competition/general topics
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast at Karralyka
- 11-Mar Media Conference with local papers
- 11-Mar Audit Advisory Committee Interview
- 12-Mar Audit Advisory Committee Interviews
- 13-Mar Ringwood Eisteddfod Meeting
- 16-Mar Opening of the Disability Carers Forum

Cr Fraser

- 17-Feb Planning Consultative Meeting re 29-31 Nelson Street, Ringwood
- 19-Feb Department of Transport Review of Bus Services Local Area Community Workshop
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function
- 2-Mar Ward meeting with Cr Nora Lamont & Cr Alex Makin
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast at Karralyka

Cr Lamont

- 17-Feb Maroondah Partners in Health Safety & Wellbeing Committee meeting
- 17-Feb Planning Consultative Meeting re 29-31 Nelson Street, Ringwood
- 19-Feb Community Jobs Forum hosted by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
- 19-Feb Department of Transport Review of Bus Services Local Area Community Workshop
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function
- 1-Mar Finance Workshop (Municipal Association of Victoria Councillor Fundamentals)
- 2-Mar Meeting re Planning issue - Nelson Street
- 2-Mar Ward meeting with Cr Ann Fraser & Cr Alex Makin
- 5-Mar Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Karralyka
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast at Karralyka
- 16-Mar Tour of the Ringwood Aquatic Centre
- 16-Mar Ward meeting with Cr Alex Makin

Cr M. Macdonald

- 19-Feb Department of Transport Review of Bus Services Local Area Community Workshop
- 03-Mar Wyreena Committee of Management Meeting.

Cr P. Macdonald

- 19-Feb Eastern Regional Libraries Board Meeting
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 26-Feb Home from Home Respite Program Afternoon Tea
- 26-Feb Art Exhibition Opening Night - Mr Barry Clarris 'Expressions of Interests'
- 1-Mar Summer BLISS (Bayswater North Living In Safety - Safety Action Group Community Event)
- 5-Mar Australian Citizenship Ceremony at Karralyka
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast at Karralyka

Cr Makin

- 17-Feb Maroondah Partners in Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee
- 17-Feb Planning Consultative Meeting
- 18-Feb Meeting with Mr. Mike Symon, Member for Deakin
- 18-Feb Meeting with residents regarding community facilities
- 18-Feb Ringwood Rotary meeting
- 19-Feb Community Jobs Forum hosted by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
- 19-Feb Department of Transport Bus Services Review
- 20-Feb Ringwood Rotary bushfire appeal
- 23-Feb Eastern Volunteers Board of Management meeting
- 23-Feb Meeting with the Mayor, Cr Peter Gurr
- 23-Feb Maroondah Citizens Advice Bureau meeting
- 24-Feb Ringwood Rotary meeting

Cr Makin (cont'd)

- 25-Feb Ringwood Rotary meeting
- 26-Feb Meeting with Eastern Ranges Retirees Inc
- 26-Feb Art Exhibition Opening Night - Mr Barry Clarris 'Expressions of Interests'
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight function
- 02-Mar Meeting re: Planning issues
- 02-Mar Ward Meeting with Cr Ann Fraser & Cr Nora Lamont
- 03-mar Ringwood Rotary meeting
- 03-Mar Maroondah Homebiz meeting
- 10-Mar Ringwood Rotary meeting
- 11-Mar Heatherdale Communtiy Action Group
- 12-Mar Sustainable Living Space Meeting
- 12-Mar Croydon Conservation Society AGM
- 16-Mar Meeting with residents regarding accessibility
- 16-Mar Ward meeting with Cr Ann Fraser & Cr Nora Lamont

Cr Steane

- 17-Feb Maroondah Partners in Health Safety & Wellbeing Committee meeting
- 19-Feb Community Jobs Forum hosted by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
- 19-Feb Performance of Mr Ian Stenlake and Ms Rachael Beck at Karralyka
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 25-Feb Photo with Mr Gordon Wearing-Smith from Homebiz for Maroondah Focus
- 26-Feb Art Exhibition Opening Night - Mr Barry Clarris 'Expressions of Interests'
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast at Karralyka

Cr Thomas

- 17-Feb Meeting with resident re property issues
- 18-Feb Ringwood Rotary Club Dinner
- 19-Feb Community Jobs Forum hosted by the Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MP
- 19-Feb Eastern Regional Libraries Board Meeting
- 25-Feb Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 26-Feb Home from Home Respite Program Afternoon Tea
- 26-Feb Opening of Exhibition by Barry Clarris 'Expressions of Interest'
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function
- 28-Feb Dromkeen Dinner
- 1-Mar Finance Workshop (MAV Councillor Fundamentals)
- 5-Mar Maroondah Hospital Charity Golf Day
- 11-Mar International Women's Day Breakfast
- 14-Mar Sunday Afternoon Music - Heathmont Uniting Church

Cr Willmott

- 25-Feb Metropolitan Waste Management Board Meeting
- 26-Feb Carols by Candlelight Thankyou Function

DELEGATE'S REPORTS (cont'd)

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR P. MACDONALD 3092

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

CARRIED

DISCONTINUED RIGHT OF WAY ABUTTING 4 LOWE COURT, BAYSWATER NORTH ITEM 2

MOVED CR LAMONT, SECONDED CR FRASER 3093

THAT COUNCIL OFFERS TO SELL THE OCCUPIED PART OF THE DISCONTINUED RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN LOWE COURT AND GREENHILL ROAD TO MR M AND MRS J DEKLIJN OF 4 LOWE COURT, BAYSWATER NORTH FOR CURRENT MARKET VALUE PLUS COUNCIL'S COSTS.

CARRIED

NEW STREET, RINGWOOD ITEM 3

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR STEANE 3094

THAT COUNCIL ACTING UNDER CLAUSE 3 OF SCHEDULE 10 TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989 ("THE ACT):

- 1. RESOLVES THAT THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES BE COMMENCED TO DISCONTINUE THE ROAD WHICH IS SHOWN IN BOLD OUTLINE ON THE PLANS CONTAINED IN ANNEXURES "A" AND "B".**
- 2. NOW DIRECTS THAT UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DISCONTINUANCE BE GIVEN IN "THE AGE" AND LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.**
- 3. RESOLVES THAT THE PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT SHOULD STATE THAT IF THE ROAD IS DISCONTINUED COUNCIL PROPOSES TO TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF.**
- 4. IF NO SUBMISSIONS ARE RECEIVED, A NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ROAD WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND COUNCIL WILL THEN TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF.**
- 5. SIGNS AND SEALS ALL DOCUMENTATION IN RELATION TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ROAD.**

CARRIED

DIRECTOR CITY DEVELOPMENTEASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION ITEM 1MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR M. MACDONALD 3095**THAT COUNCIL CONFIRMS THE MAJOR MAROONDAH PRIORITIES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT ADVOCACY FOR THE EASTERN TRANSPORT COALITION FOR 2009 AS:**

- 1. THE TRIPLICATION OF THE RAIL LINE FROM BOX HILL TO RINGWOOD.**
- 2. THE UPGRADE OF RINGWOOD RAILWAY STATION AND THE BUS INTERCHANGE.**
- 3. THE CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS TO COVERAGE AND SERVICE FREQUENCY FOR THE BUS NETWORK THAT OPERATES IN MAROONDAH.**

CARRIEDMAROONDAH PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C60 – GAMING PREMISES POLICY ITEM 2MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR P. MACDONALD 3096**THAT COUNCIL:**

- 1. ADOPTS AMENDMENT C60 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PANEL RECOMMENDATION AND SUBMIT THE AMENDMENT TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING FOR APPROVAL.**
- 2. NOTIFIES THE SUBMITTERS OF THE OUTCOMES OF THIS REPORT.**

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**MAROONDAH PRINCIPAL PEDESTRIAN NETWORK ITEM 3MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR LAMONT 3097**THAT COUNCIL**

- 1. AMENDS THE PRINCIPAL PEDESTRIAN NETWORK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS REPORT.**
- 2. RESOLVES TO ADOPT THE PRINCIPAL PEDESTRIAN NETWORK.**
- 3. NOTIFIES SUBMITTERS ON THE OUTCOME OF THIS REPORT.**

CARRIED

DRAFT CROYDON TOWN CENTRE PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY PLAN PURPOSE ITEM 4

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR STEANE 3098

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. ADOPTS THE DRAFT CROYDON TOWN CENTRE PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY PLAN FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION.**
- 2. PLACES THE DRAFT CROYDON TOWN CENTRE PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY PLAN ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) MONTH.**

CARRIED

AMENDMENT C63 AND PLANNING APPLICATION M/2007/828 AT 58-60 AND 62- 64 MARLBOROUGH ROAD, HEATHMONT ITEM 5

MOVED CR THOMAS, SECONDED CR P. MACDONALD 3099

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. ABANDONS AMENDMENT C63.**
- 2. NOTIFIES ALL SUBMITORS OF THE ABANDONMENT OF THE AMENDMENT.**

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

PETITION – LOUGHIES BUSHLAND RESERVE AND BARNSDALE FOREST RESERVE – FIRE RISK ITEM 1

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR FRASER 3100

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PETITION CONTAINING 127 SIGNATURES;**
- 2. PREPARES A FURTHER REPORT OF FINDINGS TO COUNCIL; AND**
- 3. ADVISES THE LEAD PETITIONER ACCORDINGLY.**

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR P. MACDONALD

3101

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS:

1. LETTERS TO MR DOUGLAS THOMAS, MRS ELLA THOMAS, MRS MARJORIE ORD AND MR ANTHONY SULLIVAN IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MAROONDAH COMMUNITY AS VOLUNTEERS WITH THE MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE.
2. THE SECTION 173 AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY NEIL TREVOR COUCH AND NARELLE ANN COUCH IN RELATION TO LAND AT 12 CENTRAL AVENUE, BAYSWATER NORTH.
3. THE AGREEMENT WITH CROYDON MAIN ST. TRADERS ASSOCIATION INC., IN RELATION TO THE CROYDON MAIN ST. SHOPPING CENTRE SPECIAL RATE AND CHARGE SCHEME.

CARRIED**MOTIONS TO REVIEW**

Nil

LATE ITEM

Nil

REQUESTS / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

IN CAMERA

MOVED CR STEANE, SECONDED CR P. MACDONALD

3102

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 CORPORATE SERVICES**RIGHT OF WAY ABUTTING 6 LINDEN COURT,
CROYDON NORTH

ITEM 1

THIS REPORT AND ALL DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO IT ARE TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL INDEFINITELY. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE ROAD IS VESTED IN COUNCIL.

The open forum closed at 8:12 pm.

Confirmed

Date