



Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Braeside Avenue, Ringwood, on Monday 20 July 2009 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT

Cr Peter Gurr, Mayor	Arrabri
Cr Ann Fraser	Mullum
Cr Nora Lamont	Mullum
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
Phil Turner	Director City Development
Helen Croxford	Director Community & Leisure Services
Trevor Welsh	Director Operations & Infrastructure
Stephen Onans	Team Leader Governance

APOLOGIES

Cr Michael Macdonald	Wyreena
Cr Paul Macdonald	Arrabri

The prayer was read by Cr Nora Lamont.

The Mayor welcomed all present and acknowledged the following attendees in the Public Gallery:-

Cr Joe Cossari – City of Knox and former Councillor and Mayor of Maroondah.
Members of 1st Croydon Hills Scout Group.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED CR FRASER, SECONDED CR STEANE

3142

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009 BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr Malcolm John Ashworth, Ringwood, re discontinued right of way. *“Why after this area has been maintained by others for in excess of forty years, does Council now attempt to reclaim disused and neglected land in which it has never shown interest, to attempt to resell to the very people who have maintained it?”*

The Director of Corporate Services advised: *“Council, at this stage, is not reclaiming the land, it is merely responding to a request initiated by a local resident who owns land that abuts the right of way. The owner is seeking to legally formalise their occupation of Council’s land and in so doing Council is obligated to make the same offer to all abutting residents. Rather than enact a process that may only deal with one portion of the ROW, Council always adopts a total solution approach to matters such as these.”*

Mr Malcolm John Ashworth, Ringwood, re discontinued right of way. *“Is this reclamation attempt by Council a singular event to this right of way, or is it now taking place throughout the Maroondah area on all former community land right of ways that have been discontinued for in excess of forty years?”*

The Director of Corporate Services advised: *“I understand that this question was addressed in a letter to Mr Ashworth from the Manager Revenue, Property & Customer Service on 29 June 2009, in which it states:*

“There is a large amount of community land vested in Council and officers expect the process of protecting community land will be ongoing for many years, as resources and other priorities allow. Council has focused on the protection of high priority parcels of community land like open space reserves. Council deals with rights of way as issues arise, which are reported to Council as detected by officers.

Council recognises that, for a variety of reasons, it may be appropriate that community land in the forms of rights of ways be available for purchase by abutting owners. Usually an abutting owner initiates such transactions, although sometimes Council can initiate the process with obutting owners itself. Where that involves an occupied right of way its potential sale is not to accord those who have illegally occupied community land greater rights than the community. Council’s approach recognises that there is a real benefit to the community in selling the land. In all cases of land sales Council has to follow a statutory process.”

DIRECTOR COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES

GRANTS POLICY

ITEM 1

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR THOMAS

3143

THAT COUNCIL ENDORSES THE GRANTS POLICY**CARRIED**

NAMING OF RESERVE - DRESDEN AVENUE, HEATHMONT ITEM 2

MOVED CR THOMAS, SECONDED CR WILLMOTT 3144

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. ACCEPTS THIS REPORT PROPOSING THE RESERVE ON THE CORNER OF DRESDEN AVE AND LEONI AVE HEATHMONT IS NAMED WIELAND RESERVE AND APPLIES TO THE REGISTRAR OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES FOR FINAL APPROVAL**
- 2. INFORMS THE WIELAND FAMILY OF THE STATUS OF THEIR REQUEST**

CARRIED

DRAFT LEISURE SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN ITEM 3

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR STEANE 3145

THAT:

- 1. COUNCIL ENDORSES THE PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT LEISURE SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN THROUGH ADVERTISING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AND DISPLAYS OF THE DOCUMENT AT ALL CUSTOMER SERVICE OUTLETS, LOCAL LIBRARIES AND THE MAROONDAH WEBSITE.**
- 2. ALL KEY STAKEHOLDERS BE NOTIFIED OF THE EXHIBITION OF THE DRAFT PLAN.**

CARRIED

DIRECTOR OPERATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE

ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN ITEM 1

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR MAKIN 3146

THAT COUNCIL:

- 1. NOTES THE CONTENT OF THIS REPORT; AND**
- 2. ADOPTS THE AMENDED ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ASSOCIATED SCHEDULES.**

CARRIED

PETITION – LEONARD STREET , RINGWOOD
– NO STOPPING SIGNAGE REVIEW – 09/12085

ITEM 2

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR FRASER

3147

THAT COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PETITION CONTAINING 36 SIGNATURES.
2. CONSIDERS A FUTURE REPORT ON THE FINDING OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE PRAYER OF THE PETITION AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.
3. ADVISES THE LEAD PETITIONER ACCORDINGLY.

CARRIED

PETITION – BURNT BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTRE –
BOLLARD INSTALLATION – 09/11965

ITEM 3

MOVED CR LAMONT, SECONDED CR MAKIN

3148

THAT COUNCIL:

1. RECEIVES AND NOTES THE PETITION CONTAINING 326 SIGNATURES.
2. CONSIDERS A FUTURE REPORT ON THE FINDING OF THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE PRAYER OF THE PETITION AT A FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING.
3. ADVISES THE LEAD PETITIONER ACCORDINGLY.

CARRIED

OFFICERS' REPORTS***DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES*****DELEGATE'S REPORTS**

ITEM 1

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

Cr Gurr

- 16-Jun Book Launch "A Quiet Painter" – Shirley Jones (a collection of JA Turner works)
- 17-Jun Melbourne Valley of the Arts Board
- 21-Jun) National General Assembly of Local Government Conference
- 22-Jun)
- 24-Jun)
- 22-Jun International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI Oceania) Recognition & Briefing Breakfast
- 30-Jun Staff Milestone Recognition Function – Karralyka Centre
- 3-Jul Eastern FM Radio Segment
- 3-Jul Ringwood RSL Pipe Band Tartan Dinner 2009

Cr Gurr (cont'd)

- 4-Jul Opening of Kristar Calisthenics dance studio
- 4-Jul Christmas in July with John Michael Howson at Bayswater Football Club
- 9-Jul Footmen Club Lunch
- 14-Jul Maroondah Leisure Facilities Review Project Steering Group Meeting
- 14-Jul Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
- 15-Jul Visit by The Hon Justin Madden, Minister for Planning re funding announcement for Lake to Creek Project
- 18-Jul Maroondah Secondary College Debutante Ball
- 20-Jul 50th Birthday Celebration Dinner - War Widows' & Widowed Mother's Association

Cr Fraser

- 16-Jun Ringwood Chamber of Commerce July Dinner Meeting
- 18-Jun Municipal Association Victoria Panel & Discussion Forum "Women Councillors' involvement in planning decisions"
- 22-Jun Knox/Maroondah/Yarra Ranges Bus Service Review (Department of Transport)
- 24-Jun Maroondah Business Breakfast
- 30-Jun Staff Milestone Recognition Function – Karralyka Centre
- 1-Jul Meeting re Town Planning issues
- 7-Jul Committee Meeting – Metec Driver Training Centre (METEC)
- 7-Jul Maroondah Homebiz July Meeting 'Find Your Desk under the Mess'
- 9-Jul Footmen Club Lunch
- 11-Jul Norwood Football Club Luncheon
- 14-Jul Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
- 15-Jul Visit by The Hon Justin Madden, Minister for Planning re funding announcement for Lake to Creek Project
- 18-Jul Ringwood Eisteddfod Grand Final Aria & Winners Concert
- 20-Jul Mullum Ward Councillors Meeting

Cr Lamont

- 24-Jun Maroondah Business Breakfast Meeting
- 14-Jul Maroondah Leisure Facilities Review Project Steering Group Meeting
- 15-Jul Visit by The Hon Justin Madden, Minister for Planning re funding announcement for Lake to Creek Project
- 18-Jul Ringwood Eisteddfod Grand Final Aria & Winners Concert

Cr Makin

- 16-Jun Book Launch "A Quiet Painter" – Shirley Jones (a collection of JA Turner works)
- 17-Jun North Ringwood Community House
- 18-Jun Eastern Transport Coalition
- 22-Jun Monkami
- 22-Jun Maroondah Citizens Advice Bureau
- 22-Jun Maroondah Bus Services Review
- 23-Jun Residents Meeting at Easland
- 23-Jun Ringwood Historical Society
- 24-Jun Eastern Volunteers Meeting

Cr Makin (Cont'd)

26-Jun	Maroondah Bush Reserves Meeting
26-Jun	Rotary Club of Ringwood Changeover Dinner
28-Jun	Literature Lakeside
28-Jun	Ringwood Spiders Football Match
29-Jun	Eastern Volunteers Board meeting
29-Jun	Primary Care Partnerships Meeting
30-Jun	Mullum Ward Councillors Meeting
30-Jun	Staff Milestone Recognition Function – Karralyka Centre
1-Jul	Community Wellbeing Plan Meeting
1-Jul	Rotary Club of Ringwood
2-Jul	Indigenous Cultural Awareness training
6-Jul	Maroondah Partners in Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee
6-Jul	Mullum Ward Councillors Meeting
7-Jul	Meeting with Leonard Street Residents
8-Jul	Eastern Volunteers Board
8-Jul	Maroondah Citizens Advice Bureau
8-Jul	Heatherdale Community Action Group
9-Jul	Footmen Club Lunch
11-Jul	Ringwood Football Club 50th Anniversary at Jubilee Park
12-Jul	Launch of the Climate Project
14-Jul	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
15-Jul	Visit by The Hon Justin Madden, Minister for Planning re funding announcement for Lake to Creek Project
16-Jul	Sustainable Living Space meeting
16-Jul	North Ringwood Community House
16-Jul	Eastern Transport Coalition
17-Jul	Maroondah Citizens Advice Bureau workshop
17-Jul	Knox Mayoral Ball
20-Jul	Learning and Reconciliation Maroondah function
20-Jul	Mullum Ward Councillors Meeting

Cr Steane

18-Jun	Met with Mr David Hodgett MP at Croydon Memorial Pool
25-Jun	Croydon Junior Football Club re lighting
25-Jun	Met with Mr David Hodgett MP in relation to Croydon Junior Football Club
30-Jun	Staff Milestones Recognition Function – Karralyka Centre
2-Jul	Indigenous Cultural Respect Training convened by The Local Government Indigenous Planners Network
6-Jul	Maroondah Partners in Health, Safety and Wellbeing Committee
14-Jul	Maroondah Leisure Facilities Review Project Steering Group
18-Jul	Ringwood Eisteddfod Grand Final Aria & Winners Concert

Cr Thomas

16-Jun	Ringwood Chamber of Commerce July Dinner
23-Jun	Met with Bedford Road traders to discuss various issues
24-Jun	Maroondah Business Breakfast
24-Jun	Opening of White Lady Funerals

Cr Thomas (Cont'd)

26-Jun Hope City Mission Annual Charity Auction
27-Jun Heathmont Jets Football Club President's Luncheon
14-Jul Maroondah Leisure Facilities Review Project Steering Group
14-Jul Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
15-Jul Visit by The Hon Justin Madden, Minister for Planning re funding announcement for Lake to Creek Project
17-Jul Knox Mayoral Ball

Cr Wilmott

16-Jun Ringwood Chamber of Commerce
22-Jun) National General Assembly of Local Government Conference
24-Jun)
30-Jun Staff Milestone Recognition Function – Karralyka Centre
14-Jul Ringwood Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting
17-Jul Metropolitan Waste Management Group Board Meeting
18-Jul Ringwood Eisteddfod Grand Final Aria & Winners Concert

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR MAKIN

3149

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

CARRIED

ROAD BETWEEN 87 & 89 EASTFIELD ROAD, CROYDON

ITEM 2

MOVED CR LAMONT, SECONDED CR STEANE

3150

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

- 1. THE STATUTORY PROCEDURES BE COMMENCED TO DISCONTINUE THE ROAD WHICH IS SHOWN IN OUTLINE ON THE PLANS CONTAINED IN ANNEXURES "A" AND "B";**
- 2. UNDER SECTIONS 207A AND 223 OF THE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE DISCONTINUANCE BE GIVEN IN "THE AGE" AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S POLICY;**
- 3. 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 SELL THE LAND FROM THE ROAD OR TRANSFER THE LAND TO ITSELF;**

ROAD BETWEEN 87 & 89 EASTFIELD ROAD, CROYDON (Cont'd)

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; AND**
5. **ALL DOCUMENTATION IN RELATION TO THE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE ROAD BE SIGNED AND SEALED.**

CARRIED

OUTCOMES OF MAROONDAH MOTIONS AUSTRALIAN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ITEM 3

MOVED CR GURR, SECONDED CR WILLMOTT

3151

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THAT THE SIX MOTIONS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION AND DEBATE AT THE AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 21 TO 24 JUNE 2009 WERE PASSED.

CARRIED

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

ITEM 4

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR STEANE

3152

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVES AND NOTES THIS REPORT.

CARRIED

COUNCILLORS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
QUARTERLY REPORT – JUNE 2009

ITEM 5

MOVED CR MAKIN, SECONDED CR THOMAS

3153

THAT COUNCIL NOTES THE COUNCILLORS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY REPORT FOR APRIL 2009 – JUNE 2009.

CARRIED

DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

MOVED CR WILLMOTT, SECONDED CR FRASER 3154

THAT COUNCIL SIGNS AND SEALS

1. THE SECTION 173 AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY DAVID LINDSEY HARPER AND MARGARET DORA HARPER IN RELATION TO LAND AT 26-36 ALLENS ROAD, HEATHMONT.
2. THE SECTION 173 AGREEMENT SUBMITTED BY BRETT ALAN WITHERS AND EMMA LOUISE WITHERS IN RELATION TO LAND AT 18 BRAMPTON COURT, VERMONT.
3. A LETTER TO MRS ANN LONGRIDGE IN RECOGNITION OF HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND AWARENESS OF ABORIGINAL CULTURE WITHIN THE MAROONDAH COMMUNITY.

CARRIED

MOTIONS TO REVIEW

Nil

LATE ITEM

PETITION – TRAFFIC ISSUES – BEMBOKA DRIVE, CROYDON HILLS

Cr Willmot requested that this matter be dealt with as a late item.

MOVED CR WILLMOT, SECONDED CR STEANE 3155

THAT THIS MATTER BE DEALT WITH AS A LATE ITEM.

CARRIED

MOVED CR WILLMOT, SECONDED CR STEANE 3156

THAT:

1. THE PETITION BE RECEIVED AND A REPORT BE PREPARED FOR CONSIDERATION AT A FUTURE MEETING OF COUNCIL.
2. THE LEAD PETITIONER BE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

CARRIED

REQUESTS / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

IN CAMERA

Nil

The open forum closed at 8.13 pm

Confirmed

Date