

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Minutes of a
Special Meeting of Council
held in the James Young Room,
Lerderderg Library, Bacchus Marsh on
Wednesday 1 April 2015,
at 2.00p.m.

Members:

Cr. Paul Tatchell (Mayor)	Central Ward
Cr. Allan Comrie	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. David Edwards	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. John Spain	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. Tonia Dudzik	East Moorabool Ward
Cr. Tom Sullivan	West Moorabool Ward
Cr. Pat Toohey	Woodlands Ward

Officers:

Mr. Rob Croxford	Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Phil Jeffrey	General Manager Infrastructure
Mr. Satwinder Sandhu	General Manager Growth and Development
Mr. Danny Colgan	General Manager Community Services

Rob Croxford
Chief Executive Officer

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1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor, Cr. Paul Tatchell, opened the meeting at 2.17pm.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, their spirits and ancestors.

3. PRESENT

<i>Cr. Paul Tatchell</i>	<i>Central Ward</i>
<i>Cr. John Spain</i>	<i>East Moorabool Ward</i>
<i>Cr. Tonia Dudzik</i>	<i>East Moorabool Ward</i>
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<i>Mr. Satwinder Sandhu</i>	<i>General Manager Growth and Development</i>
<i>Ms. Kate Diamond-Keith</i>	<i>Acting General Manager Community Services</i>
<i>Ms. Deb Absolom</i>	<i>Minute Taker</i>

4. APOLOGIES

Nil.

5. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Under the Local Government Act (1989), the classification of the type of interest giving rise to a conflict is; a direct interest; or an indirect interest (section 77A and 77B). The type of indirect interest specified under Section 78, 78A, 78B, 78C or 78D of the Local Government Act 1989 set out the requirements of a Councillor or member of a Special Committee to disclose any conflicts of interest that the Councillor or member of a Special Committee may have in a matter being or likely to be considered at a meeting of the Council or Committee.

Definitions of the class of the interest are:

- a direct interest
 - (section 77A, 77B)
- an indirect interest (see below)
 - indirect interest by close association (section 78)
 - indirect financial interest (section 78A)
 - indirect interest because of conflicting duty (section 78B)
 - indirect interest because of receipt of gift(s) (section 78C)
 - indirect interest through civil proceedings (section 78D)

Time for Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

In addition to the Council protocol relating to disclosure at the beginning of the meeting, section 79 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) requires a Councillor to disclose the details, classification and the nature of the conflict of interest immediately at the beginning of the meeting and/or before consideration or discussion of the Item.

Section 79(6) of the Act states:

While the matter is being considered or any vote is taken in relation to the matter, the Councillor or member of a special committee must:

- (a) leave the room and notify the Mayor or the Chairperson of the special committee that he or she is doing so; and
- (b) remain outside the room and any gallery or other area in view of hearing of the room.

The Councillor is to be notified by the Mayor or Chairperson of the special committee that he or she may return to the room after consideration of the matter and all votes on the matter.

There are important reasons for requiring this disclosure immediately before the relevant matter is considered.

- Firstly, members of the public might only be in attendance for part of a meeting and should be able to see that all matters are considered in an appropriately transparent manner.
- Secondly, if conflicts of interest are not disclosed immediately before an item there is a risk that a Councillor who arrives late to a meeting may fail to disclose their conflict of interest and be in breach of the Act.

Nil.

6. PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

The Council has made provision in the business of the Special Meeting of the Council for the making of presentations or deputations to Council in relation to matters presented on the agenda for Council consideration.

Presentations or deputations are required to be conducted in accordance with the requirements contained within the **Presentation/Deputations Protocols and Procedural Guidelines**.

Persons wishing to make a presentation or deputation to the Council on a matter included in the agenda shall inform Council by 1pm on the Friday prior to the meeting by contacting the Chief Executive Officer's Office and registering their name and agenda item being spoken to.

At the meeting the Mayor will invite the persons wishing to make a presentation or delegation to address the Council on the agenda item.

The person making the presentation or deputation is to stand and address the Council on the item. No debate on the item is permitted between the person making the presentation or delegation and the Council.

A maximum of three minutes per presentation or delegation will be allocated. An extension of time may be granted at the discretion of the Mayor.

Councillors, through the Mayor, may ask the person making the presentation or delegation for clarification of matters presented.

The Mayor may direct that a member of the gallery ceases speaking if the above procedure is not followed.

List of Persons making Presentations/Deputations other than in relation to a planning item listed on the agenda:

Nil.

7. BUSINESS

No Open Business Reports for this meeting.

8. CLOSED SESSION OF THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

8.1 Confidential Report

Resolution:

Crs. Comrie/Edwards

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 1989, the meeting now be closed to members of the public to enable the meeting to discuss matters, which the Council may, pursuant to the provisions of Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) resolve to be considered in Closed Session, being a matter contemplated by Section 89(2) of the Act, as follows:

- (a) personnel matters;*
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;*
- (c) industrial matters;*
- (d) contractual matters;*
- (e) proposed developments;*
- (f) legal advice;*
- (g) matters affecting the security of Council property;*
- (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;*
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.*

CARRIED.

Item 8.1 is a confidential item and therefore is not included as part of these minutes.

9. FURTHER BUSINESS AS ADMITTED BY UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL

9.1 Confidential Report

Item 9.1 is a confidential item and therefore is not included as part of these minutes.

10. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 4.04pm.

Confirmed.....Mayor.