

# Council Meeting Minutes

26 August 2025

Council Chamber  
Hobsons Bay Civic Centre  
115 Civic Parade, Altona

**HOBSONS**  
**BAY CITY**  
COUNCIL



## OUR MISSION

We will listen, engage and work with our community to plan, deliver and advocate for Hobsons Bay to secure a happy, healthy, fair and sustainable future for all.

## OUR VALUES

Respectful  
Community driven and focused  
Trusted and reliable  
Efficient and responsible  
Bold and innovative  
Accountable and transparent  
Recognised

Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 August 2025 at 7.00pm.**

**Present**

**Chairperson**

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor)	Altona North Ward
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**Councillors**

Cr Diana Grima	Altona Meadows Ward
Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson	Laverton Ward
Cr Kristin Bishop	Spotswood Ward
Cr Lisa Bentley	Williamstown Ward
Cr Michael Disbury	Williamstown North Ward

**Officers**

Ms Kerry Thompson	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Ms Allison Kenwood	Interim Director Corporate Services
Ms Elyse Rider	Interim Director Sustainable Communities
Mr Matthew Irving	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Ms Marlo Emmitt	Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Ms Beti Flaherty	Governance Officer and Timekeeper
Miss Jessica Maunder	Proof Reading Officer and Minute Secretary

**Apologies**

Cr Daria Kellander (Mayor)	Altona Ward
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## **1 Council Welcome and Acknowledgement**

The Chairperson welcomed members of the public and acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways.

## **2 Apologies**

The Chairperson noted an apology had been received from the Mayor, Cr Daria Kellander.

## **3 Disclosure of Interest**

In accordance with sections 127 and 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* Councillors and staff are required to disclose a general or material conflict of interest. A conflict of interest must be disclosed in accordance with rule 15.3 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

## **4 Confirmation of Minutes**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 29 July 2025 (copy previously circulated).

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Disbury, seconded Cr Bentley:**

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 29 July 2025.**

**Carried**

## **5 Councillor Questions**

There were no questions asked.

## **6 Public Question Time**

### **Rowena Joske – Birmingham Street shared path**

**Q The Advisory Committee Report that was completed in 2021 for the Spotswood Yard development says "As part of it's building A submission, Council noted that separate cycle and pedestrian paths were a 'gold standard' approach and that a 2.5 metre shared path would be an acceptable alternative, as widening the carriageway was considered more important".**

**Does Council still consider that widening the road carriageway should be prioritised over providing separated bike and walking infrastructure?**

**A** The design of the shared path has been informed by a range of considerations including safety, available space and the needs of different users. Rather than being a choice between road widening or separated paths, the outcome is a balance of these factors in the context of the site. The officer recommendation on this matter tonight provides a practical and appropriate outcome for all users and the surrounding community.

**Q At the July Council meeting, the Director of Infrastructure and City Services, in response to Councillor questions, says that the separated bike paths would require expensive modification to the kerb, channel and road, and says,"the concept plan clearly outlines some modifications that occur for parking in that space".**

**Please clarify: is it the separated bike and walking infrastructure that would require expensive modification of the kerb, or is it the potential introduction of parking on the southern side of Birmingham Street that would require the expensive modification of the kerb and channel.**

**A** The current Stage 1 proposal for a 3.5m wide shared path along Birmingham Street can be delivered without changes to the existing kerb and channel. More extensive works, such as adding a separated trail or progressing fully to Stage 2 works which includes raised pedestrian crossings, drainage and dedicated parking bays would involve new kerb and channel construction. As the existing kerb and channel is in good condition and not due for renewal, these larger modifications are not required at this stage.

**Q Is it true that Council doesn't want to construct separated bike and walking infrastructure along Birmingham Street because the presence of those paths would prevent Council from, in the future, widening Birmingham Street to include indented parking bays?**

**A** Through the design process it has been identified that providing both a separated trail and parking along Birmingham Street is not feasible within the available space. While this has been a factor in progressing with a shared path, it is only one of several items considered with this project. In developing the design, Council has looked to balance the needs of cyclists, car users and local residents to achieve the most practical outcome for the site.

**Chris Palatsides – proposed works on Knightsbridge Avenue, Altona Meadows****Q Why haven't the residents of Knightsbridge Ave been involved in the process of road improvements prior to this being undertaken?**

- A Residents of Knightsbridge Avenue have had the opportunity to be involved in this process, with a three-week consultation period for this project that concluded last week. The consultation process provided residents along the Avenue and adjoining courts with concept plans for feedback. Council is now reviewing submissions and if there is not majority support, the works will not proceed.

Council remains committed to engaging with the community and ensuring funds are invested where they deliver the greatest benefit.

**Q Who has proposed that these raised platforms are required, when current islands have effectively slowed traffic down?**

- A Council officers have proposed raised intersections in this location for traffic calming purposes. Traffic studies have shown higher speeds in this area and raised intersections are an effective way to slow traffic while providing pedestrians with a safe crossing point.

**Q Can residents please be invited to take part in the decision making process moving forward ?**

- A As outlined in the response to Question 1, Council recently completed its community consultation process on this project, giving residents the opportunity to provide feedback.

If Council decides not to proceed with the works, residents will be notified. Likewise, if the scope of works changes following this review, residents will be offered another opportunity to provide input.

**Rae Kaspiw – Proposed redevelopment of the WSLSC****Q Who will the proposed gym and venue be accessible to?**

- A The proposed active training /gym facilities will support the activities of the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club. Access will be provided to Club members as part of their training and programs, consistent with the Club's lease arrangements.

The facilities are not being developed as a commercial gym and are focused on meeting the needs of the Club and its members.

**Q Has the Council done any expert assessment of traffic implications of the proposed redevelopment, in particular parking and congestion during the summer months?**

- A A Traffic Impact assessment has been submitted, which is one of multiple expert reports related to this planning permit application. This report and other expert reports will be made available to the community during the public notification period of the application.



**Q What are the proposed operating hours for the proposed gym and venue?**

- A The operating hours will align with typical usage patterns of the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club and will be subject to agreement through the lease process. These arrangements will ensure the facilities are available to the Club to support their training, competition and community programs.

**Robert Ferris – Proposed redevelopment of the WSLSC****Q It is proposed that 19 car parking spaces in the public car park (Esplanade/Victoria St) will be given over for this redevelopment. When does Council intend to meet its obligations under Sections 189 and 191 of the Local Government Act 1989 to consent with ratepayers and residents on this intention and give ratepayers and residents an opportunity to have their views heard?**

- A Sections 189 and 191 of the *Local Government Act 1989* relate to the sale or compulsory acquisition of Council land. This project does not involve the sale or acquisition of land. It involves the use of existing public land for the delivery of community infrastructure, and therefore these sections of the Act are not applicable.

**Q Can Council advise on the current state of Planning Application PA 250139 for the redevelopment of the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club.**

- A The Planning Application assessment is progressing, with additional information being provided to inform the assessment – this is termed a Request for Information Review status, and that status of the assessment process is provided to the public on the planning portal on Council's website.

Once all additional information is received through the Request for Information Review, the planning permit application will undergo public notification. It is at that time, residents and the community can make submissions on the proposal, including the car parking being used for the redevelopment.

**Anthony Chandler – Notice of Motion 1277****Q Is it appropriate for Hobson's Bay Council take a position on international politics that will alienate a number of residents within our community who do not agree with this stance. Hobson's Bay Council claims to be inclusive of all residents and acceptance of this motion will alienate some, is this acceptable ?**

- A The notices of motion do not present a Council position on the matter at this point in time. The motions will be debated and considered later in tonight's meeting.

## **Variation of Order of Business**

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council considers agenda item 10, Notices of Motion, as the next item of business.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **10 Notices of Motion**

### **10.1 Notice of Motion No 1276: Community Safety and Crime Prevention**

Cr Lisa Bentley made a public apology to the other Councillors for comments she had made at the previous Council meeting regarding this matter.

### **Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Bentley, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.**

**Carried**

### **Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Bentley, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That the meeting be resumed at 7.21pm.**

**Carried**

**Motion****Moved Cr Bentley, seconded Cr Disbury:****That Council:**

- 1. Notes with concern that criminal incidents in Hobsons Bay increased by 35% in the year to March 2025, causing distress among residents and impacting the sense of safety and wellbeing in our community.**
- 2. Urges the Premier and the Victorian Government to urgently address staffing challenges facing Victoria Police, including shortages that affect station accessibility, patrol capacity, targeted issue responses, and community visibility; and calls on the State Government to ensure police services across Hobsons Bay are adequately resourced to meet community needs at all service sites and stations.**
- 3. Calls on the State Government to increase funding for community safety and crime prevention programs, with a focus on early intervention, youth engagement, and neighbourhood outreach.**
- 4. Requests that Mayor Kellander write to the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Minister for Police Community Safety and Victims, and local Members of Parliament, expressing Council's concerns and advocating for immediate action to address rising crime rates and strengthen both enforcement and preventative safety measures in Hobsons Bay.**

Cr Bishop proposed to defer the item to a future Council meeting and asked the Chair's permission to make comment on the procedural motion. With permission granted, Cr Bishop explained that the motion was different to what had gone to briefing and there had not been an opportunity to collaborate on a group view on Council's advocacy stance.

**Motion****Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Grima:****That the matter be deferred to a future Council meeting.****Carried**

## **Councillor Movements**

Cr Hawli stated that she would temporarily vacate the Chair in accordance with clause 7.1.2 of the Governance Rules (2020) in order to move her submitted notices of motion, and called for a motion to elect a temporary Chair.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Bentley:**

**That Council elects Cr Bishop as the temporary Chair of the meeting for agenda items 10.2 to 10.4.**

**Carried unanimously**

Cr Bishop proposed an adjournment while they changed places.

### **Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Bishop:**

**That the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.**

**Carried unanimously**

### **Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Bentley:**

**That the meeting be resumed at 7.33pm.**

**Carried**

## 10.2 Notice of Motion No 1277: Expression of Solidarity with the Hobsons Bay Community Regarding the Situation in the Middle East

### Initial Motion

Moved Cr Hawli, seconded Cr Keys-Macpherson:

That Council

1. Recalls that Council has an obligation under section 8 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to “provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community”.
2. Acknowledges the pain, suffering and trauma of many residents of Hobsons Bay, who have lost loved ones over the last 22 months in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. Celebrating the diversity of our multicultural and multifaith community means standing with those community members, not ignoring them. Further, mourns the horrific and unacceptable loss of civilian life, noting that at least 60,000 Palestinians have been killed and at least 146,269 have been injured by the Israeli Government in Gaza since October 2023, and the 1,162 people killed in Israel on 7 October 2023.
3. Notes that the most authoritative and prestigious international human rights organisations and legal experts, such as Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International and United Nations experts, have concluded that Israeli Government officials have committed and are continuing to commit the crime of genocide and crimes against humanity, including ethnic cleansing and extermination, of Palestinians in Gaza. Notes further that highly esteemed and expert Israeli human rights organisations B’tselem and Physicians for Human Rights Israel have reported that Israel is committing the crime of genocide in Gaza. Notes finally that the International Court of Justice has issued a preliminary ruling that the State of Israel is plausibly committing the crime of genocide against the Palestinian people and that the International Criminal Court has also issued arrest warrants for Israeli Government officials for crimes against humanity and war crimes.
4. Notes that the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) has warned that the “worst-case scenario of Famine is now unfolding in the Gaza Strip”. Notes further that Human Rights Watch has recognised the deliberate killing of civilians seeking aid and the deliberate displacement of Palestinian civilians in Gaza are also war crimes and crimes against humanity.
5. Recognises the suffering of civilian hostages and their families, who suffer daily without knowing whether their loved ones survive, including Israeli hostages. Recognises also the nearly 10,000 detained Palestinians, including hundreds of children.
6. As part of a diverse, multicultural and multifaith community, deplores and actively stands against all forms of racism, including anti-Palestinian, anti-Semitism, and anti-Muslim racism.

**Amendment**

**Moved Cr Bentley, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That part 2 of the motion be amended as below:**

- 2. Acknowledges the pain, suffering and trauma of many residents of Hobsons Bay, who have lost loved ones over the last 22 months in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Israel. Celebrating the diversity of our multicultural and multifaith community means standing with those community members, not ignoring them. Further, mourns the horrific and unacceptable loss of all civilian life.**

**Point of Order**

Cr Hawli called a Point of Order, stating that under clause 8.18.3.1 of the Governance Rules, Cr Bentley's proposed changes should not be accepted as amendments as they fundamentally alter the purpose and intent of the notice of motion, and if carried would have the effect of voting against the motion, making them a direct negative per section 8.5.2 of the Governance Rules.

The Chair called for a Councillor to move a motion to adjourn the meeting while she deliberated on the Point of Order.

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That the meeting be adjourned for five minutes.**

**Carried unanimously**

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That the meeting be resumed at 7.45pm.**

**Carried**

Chair’s ruling on point of order

The Chair, Cr Bishop, ruled that the amendment did not fundamentally change the nature and intent of the motion.

**Vote on Amendment**

The amendment was put to the vote.

Cr Disbury called for a Division.

**Division**

**For:** Cr Bentley, Cr Disbury

**Against:** Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Keys-Macpherson, Cr Bishop

**Lost**

Debate resumed on the motion, being Cr Hawli’s original motion.

Due to a disruption from the public gallery, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.02pm.

The meeting resumed at 8.12pm.

**Vote on Motion**

The initial motion was put to the vote.

Cr Disbury called for a Division.

**Division**

**For:** Cr Grima, Cr Hawli, Cr Keys-Macpherson, Cr Bishop

**Against:** Cr Bentley, Cr Disbury

**Carried**

## **10.3 Notice of Motion No 1278: Council's Human Rights Obligations**

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Hawli, seconded Cr Keys-Macpherson:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Recalls the role of local government in upholding human rights standards in all of its work and that Council has an obligation under section 8 of *the Local Government Act 2020* to “provide good governance in its municipal district for the benefit and wellbeing of the municipal community”.**
- 2. Requests a report to Council by December 2025, detailing all existing contracts and investments through financial institutions between Council and any entity identified in the following United Nations report<sup>\*</sup>:  
<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session31/database-hrc3136/23-06-30-Update-israeli-settlement-opt-database-hrc3136.pdf>  
and having regard to any other such reputable sources or database as relevant.**
- 3. As part of its ongoing review into Council's procurement practices, requests a report to Council by December 2025 on the incorporation of best-practice human rights protections and risk mitigation into procurement, investment and related policies, so as to reduce the use of Council resources to aid, abet, or materially contribute to human rights violations, including but not limited to discrimination, modern slavery, and international crimes including crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide.**
- 4. For the avoidance of doubt, where there is no reasonable alternative to a good or service credibly linked to human rights breaches, such as where the cost of an alternative good or service is considered unreasonable with regard to Council resources, such goods and services would be obtained or used.**

<sup>\*</sup> *“OHCHR update of database of all business enterprises involved in the activities detailed in paragraph 96 of the report of the independent international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of the Palestinian people throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem”.*

**Carried**



## **10.4 Notice of Motion No 1279: Advocacy for the Situation in Palestine to the Federal Government**

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Hawli, seconded Cr Keys-Macpherson:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Condemns the targeting by the Government of Israel of civilians, health care workers, aid workers, journalists and other protected persons under international humanitarian law, which are war crimes.**
- 2. Notes that Council has written, and considered writing, on successive occasions to the State and Federal governments on issues of importance to the Hobsons Bay community, on issues which are the clear and sole responsibility of those other levels of government, including on matters relating to public transport, air pollution, infrastructure funding, and policing. Recognises therefore that advocacy to the State and Federal governments is within the normal work of Council.**
- 3. Writes to the Prime Minister of Australia, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, calling on the Australian Government to:**
  - a. Clearly condemn the international crimes carried out by the Israeli Government against the Palestinian people including the crime of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, noting that the international crimes of Hamas have hitherto repeatedly and clearly been condemned by the Australian Government,**
  - b. Call for the immediate lifting of the siege on Gaza to allow Palestinians in Gaza to have unlimited access to aid, including food, water, fuel, electricity, medical supplies, materials to repair damaged homes and civilian infrastructure, in line with Australia's obligations under international law,**
  - c. Take concrete action such as imposing sanctions in response to these violations if they are not remedied immediately, in line with Australia's clear obligations under international law,**
  - d. Swiftly recognise the inalienable right to self-determination of the Palestinian people as part of a two-state solution, which has been the formal position and bipartisan consensus of every Australian Government since the founding of the State of Israel. Noting further that Australia was the first country to vote in favour of the 1947 UN Partition Plan which led to the creation of Israel as a state and which necessarily requires recognition of a State of Palestine.**

The Chair put the motion to the vote with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Councillors Grima, Hawli and Keys-Macpherson; the following Councillors voting against the motion: Cr Disbury and Bentley; and Cr Bishop abstaining.

Given the vote was tied, the Chair was required to exercise their casting vote.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.38pm to consider how to cast their casting vote.

The meeting resumed at 8.40pm and the Chair cast their vote against the motion. The motion was **lost**.

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Hawli, seconded Cr Bentley:**

**That the meeting be adjourned at 8.40pm for ten minutes.**

**Carried unanimously**

The meeting resumed at 8.51pm with the Deputy Mayor, Cr Hawli in the Chair.

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Bishop:**

**That the meeting resume at 8.51pm.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7 Petitions and Joint Letters**

### **7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received**

#### **7.1.1 Petition: Hick Street pedestrian and bike crossing**

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Governance Officer  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

### **Purpose**

To receive an electronic petition containing 90 signatories, requesting Council to support the future of the pedestrian rail crossing between Hick Street and Stephenson Street, Spotwood and work to improve the state of the crossing.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and notes the petition in relation to to the Hick Street pedestrian and bike crossing.**
- 2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.2 Responses to Petitions and Joint Letters**

### **7.2.1 Response to Petition: Better West, Birmingham St separated bike and pedestrian paths**

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Manager Capital Works  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

### **Purpose**

To respond to the petition seeking that Council construct separated cycling and pedestrian paths along Birmingham Street between Melbourne Road and Hick Street, Spotswood.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Constructs a 3.5-metre-wide shared path along Birmingham Street between Melbourne Road and Hick Street, Spotswood to facilitate the safe movement of cyclists and pedestrians.**
- 2. Advises the lead petitioner of the outcome.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **7.2.2 Response to Petition: Install Traffic Management Treatments to Osborne Street, Williamstown**

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Manager Capital Works  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

### **Purpose**

To respond to the petition requesting traffic management treatment in Williamstown at the intersection of Osborne Street and Garden Street.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Integrates the proposed traffic treatment into the future traffic capital works project for traffic improvement work along Railway Crescent.**
- 2. Considers funding for this project as part the annual budgeting process.**
- 3. Nominates this project as one of a number of project proposals for consideration under the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program.**
- 4. Writes to the lead petitioner informing them of the outcome of the initial consultation and Council's proposed course of action.**

**Carried unanimously**

7.2.3 Response to Joint Letter: Formal Recognition and Protection of the Message Tree Site

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities  
**Responsible Officer:** Manager Arts Culture Community  
**Reviewer:** Director Sustainable Communities  
**Attachments:** 1. Message Tree 2025 Site Map [7.2.3.1 - 4 pages]  
Draft Letter to New Message Tree Alliance [7.2.3.2 - 2 pages]

Purpose

To note the completion of the Message Tree Interpretation Site Project at the intersection of Thompson Street and Nelson Place, Williamstown and correspondence with the New Message Tree Alliance and its stakeholders who contacted Council during 2024-25 requesting recognition of an additional site.

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That Council:**

1. Receives and notes this report on the completion of the Message Tree Interpretation Site Project at the corner of Thompson Street and Nelson Place, Williamstown.

2. Responds to the joint letter to Council from the New Message Tree Alliance titled “Formal Recognition and Protection of the Message Tree Site” received by Council on 29 August 2024 and considered at the Council Meeting on 10 September 2024.

Carried unanimously

## **8 Business**

### **8.1 Office of the Chief Executive**

Nil reports

8.2 Corporate Services

8.2.1 Draft Governance Rules and Community Feedback

- Directorate:** Corporate Services
- Responsible Officer:** Consultant Governance - Special Projects
- Reviewer:** Interim Director Corporate Services
- Attachments:**
- 1. Governance Rules - summary of submissions [8.2.1.1 - 10 pages]
  - 2. Governance Rules 2025 - FINAL [8.2.1.2 - 53 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council’s endorsement of the Governance Rules 2025 for adoption following the completion of public consultation.

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the summary of public submissions contained in this report and full text of submissions at Attachment 1.
- 2. Notes a number of changes have been made to the proposed rules following public consultation and further discussion with Councillors as outlined in this report.
- 3. Endorses the Governance Rules 2025 for publication and application from the next meeting of Council.
- 4. Authorises officers to make final minor editorial changes including essential formatting and version control prior to publication.



## **Amendment**

**Moved Cr Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That the following text be added to the end of point 3:**

**“, with the addition of a new item on Councillor questions in the agenda following items for decision and that provides Councillor questions must be within the following parameters:**

- **Two questions for each Councillor are allowed**
- **Maximum time limit for each question of two minutes**
- **Questions must not breach any of the provisions related to public questions**
- **Officers may take questions on notice and a response provided separately in writing to the Council**
- **Questions must relate to the responsibilities or functions of local government.”**

**Amendment carried**

## **Substantive Motion**

### **That Council:**

- 1. Notes the summary of public submissions contained in this report and full text of submissions at Attachment 1.**
- 2. Notes a number of changes have been made to the proposed rules following public consultation and further discussion with Councillors as outlined in this report.**
- 3. Endorses the Governance Rules 2025 for publication and application from the next meeting of Council, with the addition of a new item on Councillor questions in the agenda following items for decision and that provides Councillor questions must be within the following parameters:**
  - Two questions for each Councillor are allowed**
  - Maximum time limit for each question of two minutes**
  - Questions must not breach any of the provisions related to public questions**
  - Officers may take questions on notice and a response provided separately in writing to the Council**
  - Questions must relate to the responsibilities or functions of local government.**
- 4. Authorises officers to make final minor editorial changes including essential formatting and version control prior to publication.**

Cr Bentley called for a Division.

### **Division**

**For:** Cr Grima, Cr Keys-Macpherson, Cr Bishop, Cr Bentley, Cr Hawli

**Against:** Cr Disbury

**Carried**

8.2.2 Introduction of Working With Children Checks for Councillors

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Acting Manager Corporate Integrity  
**Reviewer:** Interim Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

Purpose

To recommend that all Councillors obtain a Working With Children Check to better align with the National Child Safe Standards and the Council’s Child Safe Policy.

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Bentley:**

**That Council:**

1. Adopts the new position of requiring all Councillors to obtain a Working With Children Check to better align with the National Child Safe Standards.

2. Authorises officers to amend Council’s Child Safe Policy to include this requirement.

Carried unanimously

**Procedural Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Disbury:**

**That the meeting be extended by 30 minutes to 9.30pm.**

Carried unanimously

## **8.3 Sustainable Communities**

### **8.3.1 Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum**

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities

**Responsible Officer:** Manager Arts, Culture and Community

**Reviewer:** Interim Director Sustainable Communities

**Attachments:**

1. Taskforce Terms of Reference [8.3.1.1 - 3 pages]
2. Taskforce Key achievements [8.3.1.2 - 1 page]

Taskforce reference copy ALGA National Assembly NOM  
[8.3.1.3 - 3 pages]

### **Purpose**

To provide information to Council on the role of the Mayoral and Councillor Taskforce for People Seeking Asylum and for Council to consider nominating a delegate as its representative on the Taskforce Executive Member Council.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the role of the Mayoral and Councillor Taskforce for People Seeking Asylum and its advocacy program for community benefit.**
- 2. Nominates Cr Hawli as its representative on the Taskforce Executive Member Council.**
- 3. Includes the appointing of a Taskforce delegate in future processes for appointment of Councillor delegates and proxies to Council and community committees.**

**Carried**

**8.3.2 Nominate a Council Delegate (non-voting) to the Board of  
The Substation**

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities  
**Responsible Officer:** Manager Arts, Culture and Community  
**Reviewer:** Interim Director Sustainable Communities  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Purpose**

To nominate a Council Delegate (non-voting) to represent Council on the Board of The Substation for the period of the extended Hobsons Bay City Council and The Substation Funding Agreement 2022–2025 (extension 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026).

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council nominates Cr Bishop to be the Council Delegate (non-voting) to The Substation Board as part of the funding conditions of the Hobsons Bay City Council and The Substation Funding Agreement 2022–2025 (extension 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026).**

**Carried**

8.3.3 Use of Electronic Devices and Images Policy

**Directorate:** Sustainable Communities  
**Responsible Officer:** Acting Manager Community Life  
**Reviewer:** Interim Director Sustainable Communities  
**Attachments:** Use of Electronic Devices and Images [8.3.3.1 - 9 pages]

Purpose

To seek Council’s endorsement of the Council’s Occasional Care’s Use of Electronic Devices and Images in Early Years Services Policy, which outlines requirements to protect children’s safety, privacy and wellbeing when capturing, storing and sharing images or recordings.

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council:**

1. Adopts the Use of Electronic Devices and Images in Early Years Services Policy as attached to this report.

2. Notes that the policy will be reviewed three years from the date of endorsement, or earlier if required.

Carried unanimously

8.4 Infrastructure and City Services

8.4.1 Sunshine Superhub Council Submission

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Strategic Project Specialist  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Planning Submission Sunshine Superhub.v2  
[8.4.1.1 - 26 pages]

Purpose

To consider a planning submission to the Level Crossing Removal Project (LXRP) engagement process on the Sunshine Superhub Project (SSP).

Recommendation

That Council endorses the attached planning submission (Attachment 1) on the Sunshine Superhub Project.

**Motion**

Moved Cr Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Grima:

That Council:

1. Endorses the attached planning submission (Attachment 1) on the Sunshine Superhub Project.

2. Authorises officers to make final editorial changes.

Carried unanimously

8.4.2 Association of Bayside Municipalities - Fees and Membership

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Acting Manager Active Communities & Assets  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

Purpose

To seek Council’s endorsement of the proposed 2025-26 Association of Bayside Municipalities membership fee increase for Hobsons Bay City Council.

**Motion**

**Moved Cr Bishop, seconded Cr Keys-Macpherson:**

**That Council supports the proposed 2025-26 membership fee for Hobsons Bay City Council of \$12,374.31, representing an increase of \$1,334.56 from the current year’s fee.**

**Carried**



## **9 Delegate Reports**

### **Purpose**

To consider reports by Councillors who have been appointed as delegates to Council and community committees.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Bentley, seconded Cr Grima:**

**That Council receives and notes the recent Delegate Reports:**

- **Western Melbourne Tourism Board – 11 July 2025.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **11 Record of Assembly of Councillors**

An internal process has been carried out and Council is required to table the record of assembly of councillors.

The record of assembly of councillors is provided as a final attachment in any agenda.

Council officers recommend that Council formally receive the relevant assembly records, as this is regarded as good governance practice.

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded Cr Bishop:**

**That Council receives the record of assembly of councillors for:**

- **Pre Council Meeting 29 July 2025**
- **Councillor Briefing 05 August 2025**
- **Councillor Briefing 12 August 2025**
- **Councillor Briefing 19 August 2025.**

**Carried unanimously**

## **12 Supplementary Public Question Time**

**Rae Kaspiew**

**Q Council's response to my first question only addressed one aspect of the question.**

**In addition to access to the gym, the question requested information about the proposed venue and who this would be accessible to.**

**Could Council please provide a response that explains who would use the proposed 80-seat social and community room on the upper level of the proposed development.**

**A** The upstairs multipurpose space will be utilised for club-related activities including education programs, meetings, club functions and for training purposes, aligned with the occupancy agreement between Council and the club.

**Q How many public carpark spaces will be lost to make way for the electrical substation proposed to be built on prominent public land near the corner of the Esplanade and Victoria Street as part of the WSLSC redevelopment?**

**A** Three car parking spaces will be lost to make way for the electrical substation, in addition to the 19 spaces previously referenced.

**Q Has Council sought advice on whether the electrical substation proposed to be built on busy public land near the corner of the Esplanade and Victoria Street could instead be built within the grounds of the WSLSC – and if not, will it commit to seeking such advice?**

**A** Yes, multiple alternative locations were looked at and proposed by the project team through the power authority; however, these were rejected based on the authority's location requirements.

**Chris Palatsides**

**Q Can Council please release the study findings that were undertaken that showed there is a traffic/speed issue on Knightsbridge Avenue?**

**A** As per your request, Council officers will respond to your question in writing following this meeting.

**Robert Ferris**

**Q 19 car parking spaces – sections 189 and 191 also relate to the exchange/transfer of land.**

**A** The project does not involve any exchange or transfer of land as works are contained within one parcel, therefore it is the officer's view that these sections are not applicable.

**13 Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

**14 Close of Meeting**

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 9.43pm.



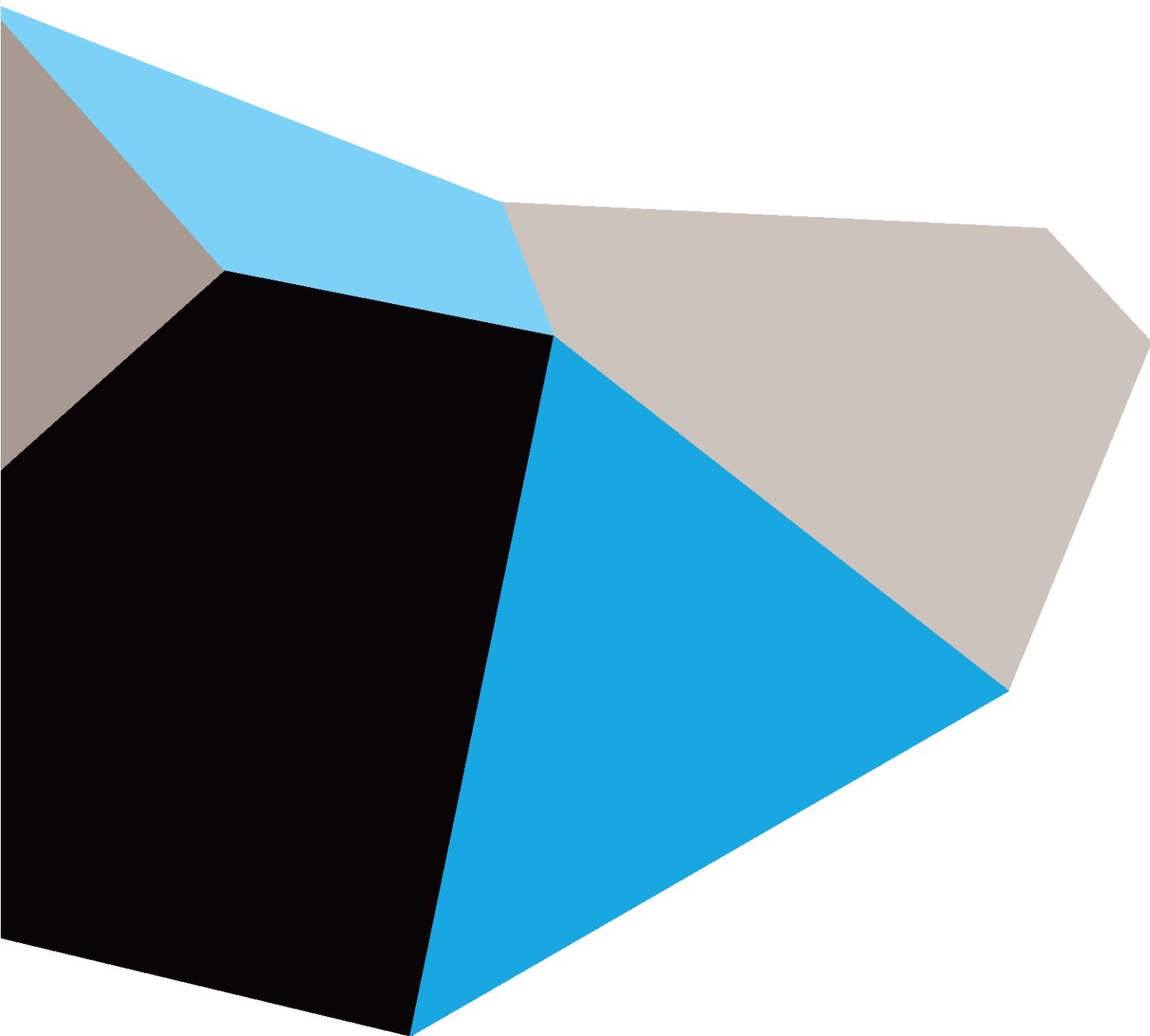
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Chair: Rayane Hawli

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

04 November 2025  
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