



# Council Meeting Minutes

25 March 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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### Chairperson:

Cr Daria Kellander (Mayor)

Altona Ward

### Councillors:

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor)

Altona North Ward

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

Kerry Thompson  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Hobsons Bay City Council

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**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 March 2025 at 7.00pm.****Present****Chairperson**

Cr Daria Kellander (Mayor)	Altona Ward
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**Councillors**

Cr Rayane Hawli (Deputy Mayor)	Altona North Ward
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	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms Ingrid Bishop	Acting Director Corporate Services
Ms Rachel Lunn	Director Sustainable Communities
Mr Matthew Irving	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Mr Leonard Jenner	Acting Manager Corporate Integrity
Ms Christine Maule	Governance Officer
Miss Jessica Maunder	Proof Reading Officer and Minute Secretary

## 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 called for apologies received from Councillors who are unable to attend this meeting.

**Nil**

## 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.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

**Councillors: Nil**

**Officers: Nil**

## 4 Confirmation of Minutes

Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 25 February 2025 (copy previously circulated).

### **Motion**

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

**That Council confirms the minutes of the Council Meeting of Hobsons Bay City Council held on 25 February 2025.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 5 Councillor Questions

### Reinstatement of Paisley Station

**Cr Michael Disbury asked what steps Council has taken to support Infrastructure Victoria's report advocating for reinstatement of the former Paisley train station, noting that Council's 2024-25 budget included \$150,000 for a Better Places Brooklyn and Altona North project called "Multi-Modal Network" that included running a campaign for the reinstatement of the Paisley train station, and asked whether these funds could be used to run a community-wide campaign to support the reinstatement of the station.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that Infrastructure Victoria was currently seeking submissions on its draft 30-year infrastructure strategy and that Council officers were preparing a submission that would respond to the entire report including the recommendation to reinstate the former Paisley Station.

Regarding the Better Places project, Mr Irving said he recommended that this work be paused until Council had completed its new Council Plan to ensure that this significant investment aligns overall with Council's advocacy strategies and benefit for the community.

### Kororoit Creek Road building site

**Cr Michael Disbury said that he was receiving many complaints from residents regarding a development at 240-258 Kororoit Creek Road relating to parking, access issues and builders blocking roads. He asked how Council proposes to deal with these concerns.**

Rachel Lunn, Director Sustainable Communities, said that this was a planning matter and that Council had received a number of formal concerns from residents regarding the site, which is subject to a range of planning permit conditions including a construction management plan, so work was being done to identify whether that plan was being complied with and what would need to be done differently.

Ms Lunn said that as it was a planning enforcement issue and operational matter, she would not say more about it other than that Council had received the correspondence from residents and staff were dealing with it in accordance with Council policy.

### Flooding at Mason Street apartments

**Cr Michael Disbury asked whether Council was aware of flooding issues and related power outages in the apartments above the Happy Apple supermarket near the intersection of Mason Street and Melbourne Road, which he understood to be linked to the Newport Station underpass flooding in heavy rain.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that he was aware of the regular flooding and that it was caused by multiple factors including physical barriers such as Melbourne Road and the railway line. He said that ongoing maintenance occurs at this location and Council is in discussion with VicTrack to secure improved access arrangements, which will allow for improved maintenance.

Mr Irving said that Council will need to undertake significant review of its strategies and policies in relation to drainage over the coming years and this site along with others will need to be reviewed to determine the most appropriate long-term solutions for mitigation.

### **Burgoyne Reserve public toilets**

**Cr Lisa Bentley asked about plans to redevelop the public toilet block at Burgoyne Reserve on the Strand in Williamstown, which she understood to have been badly damaged by a vehicle driving into it.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, confirmed that the building had been damaged by a vehicle crash and said that funding for renewal works was subject to an insurance claim.

Mr Irving said that a contractor had been engaged and that subject to approval from Council's insurer, the work was expected to be programmed and completed within the next two months.

### **Blackshaws Road pedestrian safety**

**Cr Rayane Hawli said that many residents have contacted her expressing concern about pedestrian safety on Blackshaws Road, which she believed would get worse due to new developments along the road in Precincts 15 and 16, and she understood that there were requirements for the developers to install new pedestrian crossings and signals.**

**Cr Hawli asked where these pedestrian crossings and signals were to be built and the timeline for their delivery, and also asked for clarification regarding Council's role in implementing these projects.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, confirmed that developer-funded works are required to be implemented along Blackshaws Road, and listed the main expected improvements:

- an upgrade of the intersection of the Broadway and Blackshaws Road with a new signalised intersection and pedestrian crossings
- installation of a new signalised intersection at Fabric Drive (new road for precinct) and Blackshaws Road including pedestrian crossings
- road safety improvements at the intersection of New Street and Blackshaws Road with new dedicated turn lanes
- an upgrade of the intersection of Sutton Street and Blackshaws Road with a new signalised intersection and pedestrian crossings.

Mr Irving said that he could not provide a firm timeline for the delivery of the infrastructure as it was dependent on development timelines.

Regarding Council's role in implementing the projects, Mr Irving said that while Council has a responsibility to ensure that the works are carried out in accordance with the development plans and associated planning permits, Council will not be delivering the projects itself. He said that the Department of Transport and Planning would be involved in providing approval for the works as Blackshaws Road is a state-managed road.



## **Ethical investment**

**Cr Rayane Hawli asked whether Council considers serious human rights violations as part of decision making on investments and procurement of goods and services.**

Kerry Thompson, Acting Chief Executive Officer, said that there was a review of all Council policies including the Procurement Policy and that human rights would be considered as part of this.

Ingrid Bishop, Acting Director Corporate Services, added that Council is committed to building stronger communities and meeting social objectives which benefit the municipality through its procurement processes which promote and achieve improved social outcomes. The review of Council's Procurement Policy would include a thorough understanding of the socio-economic issues affecting the community; promotion of equity, diversity and equal opportunity and respect for human rights, the rule of law and international norms of behaviour which includes preventing, detecting and removing modern slavery from Council supply chains.

## **Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre**

**Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson asked for an update on the status of works to reopen the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre (pool).**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that all construction works were complete, occupancy permits had been issued and final resolution of lease agreement and operations preparation were currently being worked through with the operator. He said it was anticipated that the facility would reopen shortly.

**Cr Keys-Macpherson asked for assurance that planned works for the McCormack Park upgrade would not impact the reopening or operation of the pool.**

Mr Irving said that design work had been carried out to ensure that the pool facility remains in place and able to operate, and that the proposed works will not impact the ongoing operation of the site.

## **Housing targets and Plan for Victoria**

**Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson asked for an overview of the submission that Council officers made to the Department of Transport and Planning's Plan for Victoria and the work that officers undertook through that process.**

Rachel Lunn, Director Sustainable Communities, said that there were two separate submissions: one to Plan for Victoria and one specifically regarding the housing targets. For the housing target submission, officers went through Council's existing housing strategy and other strategic documents – looking at aspects including house affordability, equity, liveable neighbourhoods, sustainability and infrastructure support – and provided a submission to say that Council was unclear how it was meant to accommodate the large amount of homes that were planned for Hobsons Bay.

Ms Lunn said that since the submission was made, the finalised versions of the targets and Plan for Victoria had been released (with a reduced target for Hobsons Bay) and it was now time to develop a new housing strategy to define where and what type of houses would need to be provided, while considering constraints such as heritage and lack of public transport.

**Racecourse Road ford upgrade**

**Cr Daria Kellander asked for an update on works on Racecourse Road in Altona.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that works were progressing well on the new culvert crossing and that major works were complete, including the installation of culverts and the new concrete deck, and that they had recently released the coffer dam to allow the water to flow back in.

Mr Irving said that remaining works included rock beaching, ancillary signage site, clean up and completion of the water main relocation, and that the project was on schedule to be complete by early June 2025.

## 6 Public Question Time

### Dr Anahita Sal Moslehian: Aircraft noise

**Q Given the rise in aircraft noise pollution and the failures of Airservices Australia in considering community impacts, what concrete steps will the Council take to ensure residents' voices are heard and that meaningful action, such as addressing flawed flight path design, is taken to reduce noise impacts?**

**A** Hobsons Bay City Council has been actively advocating for the community on this. In September 2024 a letter was sent to Melbourne Airport requesting representation on the Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG) to seek for Hobsons Bay residents to have a voice in airport planning and decision-making.

A letter was also sent to Airservices Australia in September 2024 to highlight community concerns on this issue and seek clarification on recent flight path changes that may be contributing to increased noise levels. Additionally, a letter was submitted to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to raise concerns about aircraft noise and emphasise the submission made by Dr Anahita Sal Moslehian, ensuring community voices are considered in the Senate Inquiry.

**Q What steps will Hobsons Bay Council take to ensure our community has a voice in critical aviation planning discussions, such as the Community Aviation Consultation Group (CACG), moving forward?**

**A** Council remains committed to advocating for residents affected by aircraft noise and will further engage with Melbourne Airport (including requesting representation on CACG) and Airservices Australia to seek greater transparency on flight path planning and mitigation efforts. Council wishes to get greater currency on flight path planning and mitigation and any future impacts as recently reported by the media.

Council will also monitor the implementation of the Senate Inquiry's recommendations and push for stronger protections, including the establishment of an Aircraft Noise Ombudsman.

Additionally, Council will encourage residents to participate in the Council Plan 2025-29 consultations to ensure that advocacy on aircraft noise remains a key priority.

**Q How does Hobsons Bay Council justify its vision of thriving communities while failing to take action against the third runway's 24/7 noise impacts; in other words, what urgent measures will the Council put in place to protect residents from this crisis?**

**A** Council encourages affected residents to participate in upcoming community engagement opportunities as part of the Council Plan 2025-29, ensuring that aircraft noise remains a priority issue.

**Rebecca Nol: John Liston Lane, Newport**

**Q When will works commence on the fence and to a like for like replacement (height wise)?**

A Council is committed to resolving the fencing issue at this site. The current standard which Council delivers fencing throughout the municipality is at a height of 1.8 metres. This will be the minimum height of the fence that is installed at this location. However, should it be cost effective/within budget to construct a fence that can be higher, then this will be delivered upon.

Due to the compliance requirements, that to date are not known until the approvals are obtained by Metro Trains Melbourne (MTM), costs are not known to Council. When this is known, a decision on the fencing height can occur. Should approvals be obtained in accordance with the timelines provided by MTM, works may be able to be delivered by June 2025. However, these timelines are dependent on receiving approvals from MTM in a timely manner.

**Lyall Johnson: John Liston Lane/Thames Place/Liley Lane, Newport**

**Q In correspondence to residents, Council has mentioned the fence along John Liston Lane/Thames Place/Liley Lane must be “within budget”, “cost effective”, “affordable to council”, and that a \$1.8m fence “is deemed the most cost effective”. What is the budget Council has decided on for the replacement fence?**

A The current allocated budget to this project is \$170,000. Costs will not be fully known until such time as MTM compliance requirements and approvals are obtained.

***Note:** While reviewing the minutes, officers have noted that Council has used “1.8m” to mean 1.8 metres while the submitted question references a cost of \$1.8 million. The correct information is that the fence is planned to be minimum 1.8 metres high and the budget as indicated above is \$170,000.*

**Q In October 2024, Council advised residents that it was working with MTM to get approvals for works to take place on the fence and anticipated works would commence shortly. On 20 March 2025, Council said in a letter to residents that it was working with MTM to get approvals and anticipated works would commence shortly. What can council provide to residents to persuade them that this assurance should be believed this time?**

A Council is committed to replacing the fence even without any financial support from MTM who has accountability for the major risk of allowing persons to freely enter the railway line uninhibited. However, it is noted that to carry out the works, permits must be obtained from MTM and compliance requirements that will come at a significant cost must also be met by Council when undertaking the works. Officers are continuing to obtain approvals in as timely a manner as possible to allow for the works to proceed.

As per the response I've provided previously, we're in that process and if all goes well, we're looking to have the works completed by 25 June. However, this is dependent on a timely response from MTM for the approvals, but I'd be happy to discuss this with you next week.

**Glenn Armitstead: John Liston Lane, Newport**

- Q The fence adjoining the rail corridor behind John Liston Lane, Newport, is in a deplorable state of disrepair and has been falling down in large sections for many years.**

**For at least five years the fence in John Liston Lane/Liley Lane/Thames Place has been falling down. Why has it taken years of pressure from residents for the council to finally accept responsibility for the fence and why, after so many years has no positive action been taken?**

- A As advised earlier, Council is committed to replacing the fence, even without financial support coming from MTM. Officers are continuing to pursue those approvals and we are trying to seek those in a timely manner.**

Subject to those approvals being obtained, we are looking to have those works complete by June 2025, but of course, this is dependent on gaining those approvals and Council understands residents' frustration in this, but we must ensure that we are doing this in compliance with MTM or otherwise, we won't be able to conduct the works on a live railway line.

**Mark Holden: John Liston Lane/Thames Place/Liley Lane**

- Q Council claims it has unsuccessfully sought co-contribution for the cost of the replacement fence along John Liston Lane/Thames Place/Liley Lane from MTM, claiming MTM has “accountability for the major risk of allowing persons to freely enter the railway line uninhibited”. Can council please specify what the legislative Act is and what section of that Act specifies this shared responsibility? Our advice from leading planning consultant Urbis is that the fence is council property and the responsibility for it being maintained is council's alone.**

- A Council acknowledges that there is no legislation or guidance material that delineates which authority should be responsible for the fence. However, as the major risk for non-fencing of the railways land at the site sits with MTM, officers had the previous view that half cost contribution should have been pursued, but we note that this has been unsuccessful to date. With these attempts being unsuccessful Council is pursuing the replacement of the fence on its own to mitigate the risk on behalf of MTM and ensure public safety is maintained.**

**Rowena Joske: West Gate Tunnel Project**

**Q** Item 8.4.2 provides an update on the West Gate Tunnel Project. It addresses the Joint Venture's request to keep their powerlines in the easement area behind Precinct 15. The powerlines are in a space that will eventually be part of a large public park and adjacent to a planned high-density housing development. Thank you to officers for disapproving of the Joint Venture's request to keep the powerlines in place. Can officers please clarify if this issue is now resolved and confirm whether the powerlines will definitely be moved underground?

**A** At a meeting between senior officers of Council and WGTP, there was discussion about Transurban's commitment to resolve the temporary relocation of power lines within The Avenue Reserve and undergrounding of powerlines at the rear of Precinct 15.

Officers were told that WGTP has held discussions with Transurban and emphasised they need to fulfil this commitment before the project is completed. WGTP advised that failure to deliver on this commitment was not an option for Transurban and they will coordinate with Transurban and all stakeholders, including the Council, to find a solution.

Council is yet to obtain Transurban and the Joint Venture's formal response on the matter and will continue to pursue for this to be resolved.

**Rosa McKenna: Spotswood Yards**

**Q** In November 2024, Officers were made aware of breaches to the planning conditions to development, 'Spotswood Yards' and triggered an investigation. The gates of apartments on Birmingham Street opened outwards when endorsed plans showed them opening inward. The error impinges on the public realm and the proximity to proposed pedestrian and cycling paths are likely quite dangerous given volume of traffic to station, shopping centres, schools and early childhood.

**Can you update the community present here tonight about the progress of this investigation of this breach of conditions and what options are being considered by officers to remedy this breach?**

**A** At the moment, we've got a significant backlog of planning and development breaches because of the unprecedented level of development sites that have come forward in the past six months. Planning investigations and enforcement are an operational matter, and we won't get into the detail in a public council meeting. Suffice to say that once any action has been finalised, we'll provide notices to everybody, but we are prioritising in highest risk order at the moment so we're dealing with the things that cause the highest safety risk and work downward. So that's the order of priority.

We do hope to get our backlog sort of under control in the next few months, but we have experienced really high volume so we haven't addressed this particular one in detail at the moment. So we'll keep everybody updated on next steps in the normal way, not through the meeting.

## 7 Petitions and Joint Letters

### 7.1 Petitions and Joint Letters Received

#### 7.1.1 Better West petition for Birmingham St separated bike and pedestrian paths

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

### Purpose

To receive an electronic petition containing 62 signatories, requesting that Council construct separated bike and pedestrian paths on Birmingham Street in Spotswood.

### Motion

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

**That Council:**

1. Receives and notes the petition in relation to construction of separated bike and pedestrian paths on Birmingham Street in Spotswood.
2. Receives a further report on this matter at a future Council meeting.

**Carried unanimously**

### 7.2 Responses to Petitions and Joint Letters

No responses to petitions or joint letters were presented at this meeting

## **8 Business**

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

Nil reports



## 8.2 Corporate Services

### 8.2.1 Review of Community Local Law

**Directorate:** Corporate Services

**Responsible Officer:** Service Delivery Officer

**Reviewer:** Acting Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:**

1. Local Law Community Impact Statement 2025  
[8.2.1.1 - 6 pages]
2. Draft Community Local Law 2025 - Engagement version  
[8.2.1.2 - 69 pages]

### Purpose

To seek Council approval to commence a community engagement process in relation to the Draft Hobsons Bay City Council Community Local Law 2025.

### Motion

**Moved Cr Michael Disbury, seconded Cr Rayane Hawli:**

**That Council implements a community engagement process, over a six-week period from 28 March 2025 to 9 May 2025, in relation to the Draft Hobsons Bay City Council Community Local Law 2025, in accordance with section 73(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.**

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.2.2 Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-29 - Initial Consultation

**Directorate:** Corporate Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Service Delivery Officer  
**Reviewer:** Acting Director Corporate Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To advise Council of a period of community engagement regarding the update of Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) for the period 2025-29.

#### Motion

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

**That Council notes the commencement of a four-week community engagement process from 28 March to 25 April 2025, in relation to the Draft Hobsons Bay Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-29, in accordance with the Hobsons Bay City Council Community Engagement Policy 2021.**

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.3 Sustainable Communities

Nil reports

## 8.4 Infrastructure and City Services

### 8.4.1 Contract 2024.29 Specialist Planning and Engineering Review Panel

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

#### Purpose

To seek Council endorsement for the awarding of Contract 2024.29 for Specialist Planning and Engineering Review Panel to the eight suppliers listed in this report.

#### Motion

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Awards Panel Contract 2024.29 for Specialist Planning and Engineering Review Panel to the eight listed suppliers under their schedule of rates, with an estimated collective spend of \$1,500,000 (one million, five hundred thousand dollars) including GST for the contract period of three years, with two 12-month options to extend.**
- 2. Receives a report at a future meeting should the options to extend be sought.**
- 3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the formal agreements for Contract 2024.29.**

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.4.2 West Gate Tunnel Project Update - March 2025

**Directorate:** Infrastructure and City Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Strategic Projects Specialist  
**Reviewer:** Director Infrastructure and City Services  
**Attachments:** Nil

#### Purpose

To provide a quarterly update report on the West Gate Tunnel Project and associated initiatives, projects and advocacy activities.

#### Motion

**Moved Cr Rayane Hawli, seconded Cr Michael Disbury:**

**That Council receives and notes this update on the status of the West Gate Tunnel Project and Council's advocacy on aspects of the Project.**

**Carried unanimously**

### 8.4.3 Contract 2024.34 McCormack Park Stage 2 Construction

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

#### Purpose

To award Contract No 2024.34 McCormack Park Stage 2 Construction to Native Space Pty Ltd.

#### Motion

Moved Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson, seconded Cr Diana Grima:

That Council:

1. Awards Contract 2024.34 for McCormack Park Stage 2 Construction to Native Space Pty Ltd at final lump sum cost for \$2,258,591.81 (two million, two hundred and fifty-eight thousand, five hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-one cents) including GST for the contract period of eight months with one year of defects liability period after practical completion of the project.
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the formal agreement for Contract 2024.34.
3. Delegates authority to officers to approve variations if required under Contract 2024.34 in line with current approved financial delegations.

Carried unanimously

## **9 Committee and Delegate Reports**

### **9.1 Committee Reports**

Nil reports

### **9.2 Delegate Reports**

Nil reports

## 10 Notices of Motion

### 10.1 Notice of Motion No 1270: Transport and Infrastructure Response - Infrastructure Plan for Hobsons Bay

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Rayane Hawli has given notice of the following motion:

#### **Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the recent release of the State Government's request for feedback on updates to Victoria's 30 year Infrastructure Strategy to 2051 across a broad range of public policy areas including housing, energy, transport and social infrastructure to support the State's future as set out in Plan for Victoria.**
- 2. Recognises the right of everyone in Hobsons Bay to have fair access to the infrastructure of our community both now and in the future to thrive and grow over the next 30 years as set out in Plan for Victoria.**
- 3. Notes that Council has a range of infrastructure-related strategies and plans including an Integrated Transport Plan, flood, coastal and drainage strategies and plans, a Waste and Litter Management Policy, a Community Services and Infrastructure Plan and a Response to Climate Change Action Plan, and that these and other strategies now need to be updated to reflect both the future plans set out in Plan for Victoria to the year 2051 and prepare action plans and asset management plans that reflect the current and future projected financial circumstances of Hobsons Bay, including a new Asset Plan as part of the Integrated Performance Reporting Framework.**
- 4. Requests that officers prepare an Officer Response to the State request for feedback on Victoria's draft 30-year Infrastructure Strategy by 28 April 2025 and table the officer's response at the Council Meeting of April 2025.**

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- 5. Requests a report from Council officers at a future Council Meeting in 2025 that outlines but is not limited to:**
- a. The initial Work Plan for the Infrastructure Plan for Hobsons Bay program of multi-year strategic work to plan for the future Infrastructure Strategy and Plan requirements of Hobsons Bay.**
  - b. Information on how the community will be able to have their say on the future of Hobsons Bay through the process.**
  - c. High level information on the replacement of the current Hobsons Bay Integrated Transport Strategy to the year 2051 will which must include information on the high level methodology long-term transport strategy for Hobsons Bay. This should include, but not be limited to:**
    - context and background on any existing strategic work or policies undertaken in relation to Transport in Hobsons Bay**
    - the expected timeframe for preparing, consulting and assessing a new Integrated Transport Strategy**
    - the costs associated with it.**
  - d. the potential knock-on impacts and opportunities of the housing growth planned for Hobsons Bay on infrastructure demands our municipality.**

**Lost**



## **10.2 Notice of Motion No 1271: Kororoit Creek Shared Trail Stages 4 and 5**

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Rayane Hawli has given notice of the following motion:

### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Rayane Hawli, seconded Cr Diana Grima:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes that Council has received \$5 million in funding through the Federal Government's Active Transport Fund.**
- 2. Acknowledges that completion of the Kororoit Creek Shared Trail Stages 4 and 5 is included within Council's long term capital works budget and is intended to be delivered over the coming three years.**
- 3. Recognises the importance to the Hobsons Bay community of this project being completed as near to the completion of the West Gate Tunnel Project as possible, to ensure the highest utility and amenity to the community.**
- 4. Will take any identified opportunities to reduce the current three-year timeframe for delivery so the community can benefit sooner.**
- 5. Recognises the invaluable contribution and tireless work of Geoffrey W. Mitchelmore OAM and Friends of Lower Kororoit Creek in securing this funding and for advocating for the Kororoit Creek Shared Trail.**
- 6. To report back to councillors on a quarterly basis on the progress of this project.**

**Lost**

## **Councillor Questions Taken on Notice**

**Cr Michael Disbury asked how much Council had contributed to the entire Kororoit Creek Shared Trail project and over how many years.**

Matthew Irving, Director Infrastructure and City Services, said that he was only immediately able to provide information about stages 4 and 5 and would have to take the question on notice.

## **10.3 Notice of Motion No 1272: Plan for Victoria Response - Plan for Hobsons Bay**

Section 8.15.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules requires the Chief Executive Officer to inform Councillors about the legal and cost implications of any proposed notice of motion. Accordingly, the costs of implementing this notice of motion will be accommodated within the existing operational budget.

At the time of receiving this notice of motion, there are no apparent legal implications to be considered.

Cr Paddy Keys-Macpherson has given notice of the following motion:

### **Motion**

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

**That Council:**

- 1. Notes the recent release of the State Government's Plan for Victoria, including Housing Targets for 22,500 new homes in Hobsons Bay City Council by 2051.**
- 1. Thanks Council officers for their work on the Plan for Victoria and in advocating to reduce that figure from an earlier set of draft targets released in mid-2024, and for the State Government's responsiveness in working with Council to amend that figure.**
- 2. Recognises the right of all people to have access to suitable housing, the need for millions of new homes across Victoria over the next 30 years and the need for our Council and Community to facilitate housing growth in our wonderful part of the world.**
- 3. Notes that Hobsons Bay City Council has previously developed a range of land, development, environmental, economic and other strategies and policies that will now require updating to respond to Plan for Victoria, including a Housing Strategy to the year 2036 which is reflected in the current Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme controls, and that this Strategy now needs to be updated to consider the additional homes to the year 2051 and further changes to the future development intensity of our City.**

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- 4. Requests a report from Council officers at a future Council Meeting in 2025 that sets out but is not limited to the following:**
- a. The initial Work Plan for Hobsons Bay program of multi-year strategic work to respond to the State Government's Plan for Victoria, across land use planning, transport, housing, jobs, heritage, social, environmental and economic and other relevant areas.**
  - b. Information on how the community will be able to have their say on the future of Hobsons Bay through the process.**
  - c. High level information on how the new Housing Strategy for 2051 methodology will assess the implementation of Housing Targets in Hobsons Bay including where, what type and what balance of housing growth might be suitable and the potential knock on impacts and opportunities of the housing growth on our municipality.**

**Lost**

## 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.

### Recommendation

**That Council receive the record of assembly of councillors for the Councillor Briefing meetings held on:**

- 1. 4 March 2025 Councillor Briefing**
- 2. 11 March 2025 Councillor Briefing**
- 3. 15 March 2025 Councillor Briefing**
- 4. 18 March 2025 Councillor Briefing**

### Difference between recommendation and motion

The Chairperson noted that there would need to be a change in the wording to record the closing time of the 18 March 2025 Councillor Briefing.

#### **Motion**

**Moved Cr Grima, seconded by Cr Bishop**

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**and notes the edit to the closing time of the 18 March 2025 Councillor Briefing at 10.02pm.**

**Carried unanimously**

## 12 Supplementary Public Question Time

**Sandra Wilson**

**Q In the community engagement process, what version of the DAMP should the community be responding to given it / the current plan is not available as an appendix?**

A People can read in the Council report that the community consultation process commences on 28 March. We have a range of promotion of the Draft DAMP ready to go, including people being able to access the Draft DAMP on the website, and there will be lots of promotion through local media etc.

**Q Will the objectives of the Biodiversity Strategy inform responsible pet ownership, particularly the numbers of free ranging cats and how they impact local birds and fauna?**

A Page 15 of the Council report makes reference to consultation seeking feedback from both pet owners and non-owners throughout Hobsons Bay to capture community concerns and priorities surrounding pet ownership, animal and community welfare, and the environmental impact caused by domestic pets. So I would be encouraging anybody that has an interest in this particular matter and the reference point regarding the Biodiversity Act is highly relevant in terms of the impact of cats on native fauna.

### 13 Urgent Business

Section 11.4 of Council's Governance Rules defines the circumstances for urgent business to be included in Council meeting agenda.

Clauses 11.4.1 and 11.4.1.3 together state: If the agenda for a meeting makes provision for urgent business, business cannot be admitted as urgent business other than by resolution of Council and only then if the item involves a matter of urgency as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer has determined this item to be a matter of urgency.

#### **Motion**

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

**That Council considers an item of urgent business relating to confidential contractual matters.**

**Carried unanimously**

### 14 In Camera Business

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 3(1)(f) of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

#### **Motion**

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

**That Council considers the confidential report listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* as it relates to confidential contractual matters that include personal information.**

**14.1 Confidential Contractual Matter**

**Carried unanimously**

The meeting was closed to the public at 8.39pm and Council officers other than the Acting Chief Executive Officer and Acting Manager Corporate Integrity left the chamber.

The Council meeting continued in closed session.

## 15 Reopening of Meeting to the Public

### **Motion**

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

**That Council reopens the meeting to the public.**

**Carried unanimously**

The meeting was reopened to the public at 8.53pm.

## 16 Close of Meeting

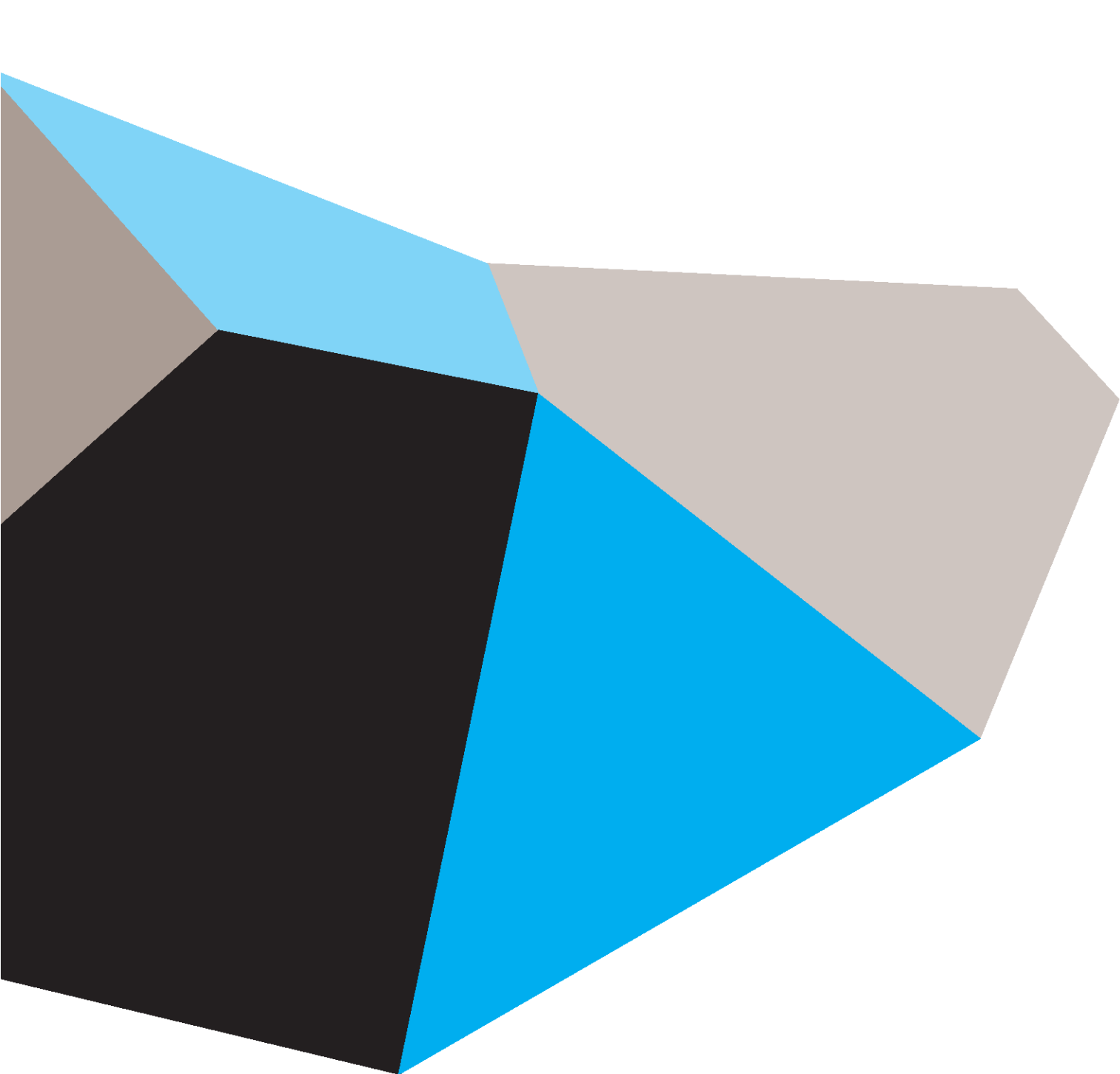
There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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Chairperson – Cr Daria Kellander

Signed and certified as having been confirmed

29 April 2025



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