

# Confirmed minutes



**CITY OF MELBOURNE**

## **Future Melbourne Committee Minutes**

**Meeting Number 54  
Tuesday 2 May 2023  
5.30pm**

**Town Hall Commons**

### **Present**

Lord Mayor Sally Capp (Chair)  
Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece  
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball (via Zoom)  
Councillor Roshena Campbell  
Councillor Jason Chang  
Councillor Elizabeth Doidge  
Councillor Davydd Griffiths  
Councillor Jamal Hakim  
Councillor Philip Le Liu  
Councillor Rohan Leppert  
Councillor Kevin Louey

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee  
On Tuesday 16 May 2023

# C o n f i r m e d m i n u t e s

## 1. Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5.30pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, advised that the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website before close of business Wednesday 3 May 2023.

## 2. Disclosures of conflicts of interest

The Lord Mayor advised that conflicts of interest should be disclosed as they arise.

## 3. Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting

Moved: Cr Campbell

*That the minutes of meeting No 53 held on Tuesday 4 April 2023 be confirmed.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

## 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meetings

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

## 5. Public questions

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full version can be heard in the recording of the meeting located on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-2-May-2023.aspx>

### Library at The Dock Makerspace

Jo Bacon expressed appreciation for the City of Melbourne providing the Library at The Dock Makerspace to the community. Jo asked if Council will consider increasing the funding to the Makerspace facility to expand the opening hours and increase the number of trained staff so there are more opportunities for connection through creativity in the community.

Cr Hakim, Creative Melbourne Portfolio Lead thanked Jo for the question and advised that the Makerspace showcases the breadth of activities and resources available at libraries at the City of Melbourne, including the Munro Library Makerspace which will be launching in November. Cr Hakim further advised that Makerspaces contain specialist equipment and are run by a dedicated team, however Council does train library customer service staff to support the Makerspace. Cr Hakim noted the current review of the Libraries Framework which will be made available soon that will consider the potential of increasing library opening hours.

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### **Respecting Navy, Army and Air Force personnel**

Chris Thrum asked Council's thoughts on the speech given by Collingwood Football Club Captain Darcy Moore after the ANZAC Day football match which outlined respect for ANZACs and the importance of respecting all Defence Force personnel. Chris also asked where we would be without Defence Force personnel.

The Lord Mayor thanked Chris for the question and noted that Councillors were impressed with the speech which recognised those who have fallen, those currently serving and those personnel who have now left the Defence Force. The Lord Mayor further noted that Council supports the ANZAC Day March; sends representatives to the Dawn Service parade and wreath laying; and supports the activities of the Defence Force to the extent that Council has a role to play.

### **Docklands Representative Group / community grants**

Sandra Severin asked a number of questions relating to the Docklands Representative Group (DRG), citing the difficulties with being able to join and the lack of information about DRG in the community and online. Sandra also asked about the grants received by DRG from the City of Melbourne.

Cr Hakim, Health, Wellbeing and Belonging Deputy Portfolio Lead thanked Sandra for the question and advised that the DRG received two Connected Communities Impact Grants in 2022 and 2023 for the Docklands Owners Corporation Network initiative, noting that the first year of the grant was used to pilot the running of workshops and information sessions for owners corporations and the second and final year of funding is focused on embedding and sharing more broadly across other parts of the city that have high rise communities.

Cr Hakim further advised that for Connected Communities Grants, Council requires reporting and acquittals, and recipients receive 70 per cent of the applied funding upfront and 30 per cent upon submission of progress reports. Cr Hakim stated that officers will contact Sandra directly to discuss the difficulty in joining the DRG and to provide further information on operational support grants.

At this point in the meeting the time for consideration of questions expired and resumed at the end of the meeting.
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## **6. Reports from management**

The Lord Mayor advised that the following submissions had been received.

### **Submissions/Correspondence**

In relation to Agenda item 6.1, **Hawke Street Linear Park concept design:**

#### **Item of correspondence:**

- Karl Hessian.

In relation to Agenda item 6.4, **Post travel report by Cr Kevin Louey: Manila, The Philippines, March 2023:**

#### **Request to speak and item of correspondence:**

- Chris Thrum.

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### 6.1 Hawke Street Linear Park concept design

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the final concept design for the Hawke Street Linear Park project under Major Initiative 46: Transport and Amenity Program, which is co-funded by Council and the Department of Transport and Planning.

Moved: Lord Mayor Sally Capp

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Endorses the final concept plan (refer to Attachment 2 of the report from management) for the Hawke Street Linear Park (HSLP) to proceed to finalisation of the detailed design and tender for works, noting the proposed commencement of construction in early 2024.*
  - 1.2. *Authorises the General Manager Property, Infrastructure and Design to make any further minor changes if required to the HSLP final concept plan prior to completion of the tender process.*

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### 6.2 Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event

The purpose of this report was to seek endorsement of the City of Melbourne submission to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Endorses the City of Melbourne submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event (refer Attachment 2 of the report from management) subject to the following changes:*

- 1.1.1 *On page 13 of the City of Melbourne submission, delete the following paragraph:*

*A recently completed raised road section (bund) in Hobsons Road close to the riverbanks has prevented flood water overtopping this section of the road. This bund was constructed by the developer of adjacent land as part of development works. This was a Melbourne Water requirement forming part of the relevant planning permit. This bund performed as intended and prevented river water from flooding Hobsons Road. A bund is proposed by Melbourne Water on Kensington Road, east of the Kensington Road pump station, which may further reduce river water flooding on Hobsons Road; however, Hobsons Road is also affected by flooding from the local catchment.*

*and replace it with the following paragraphs:*

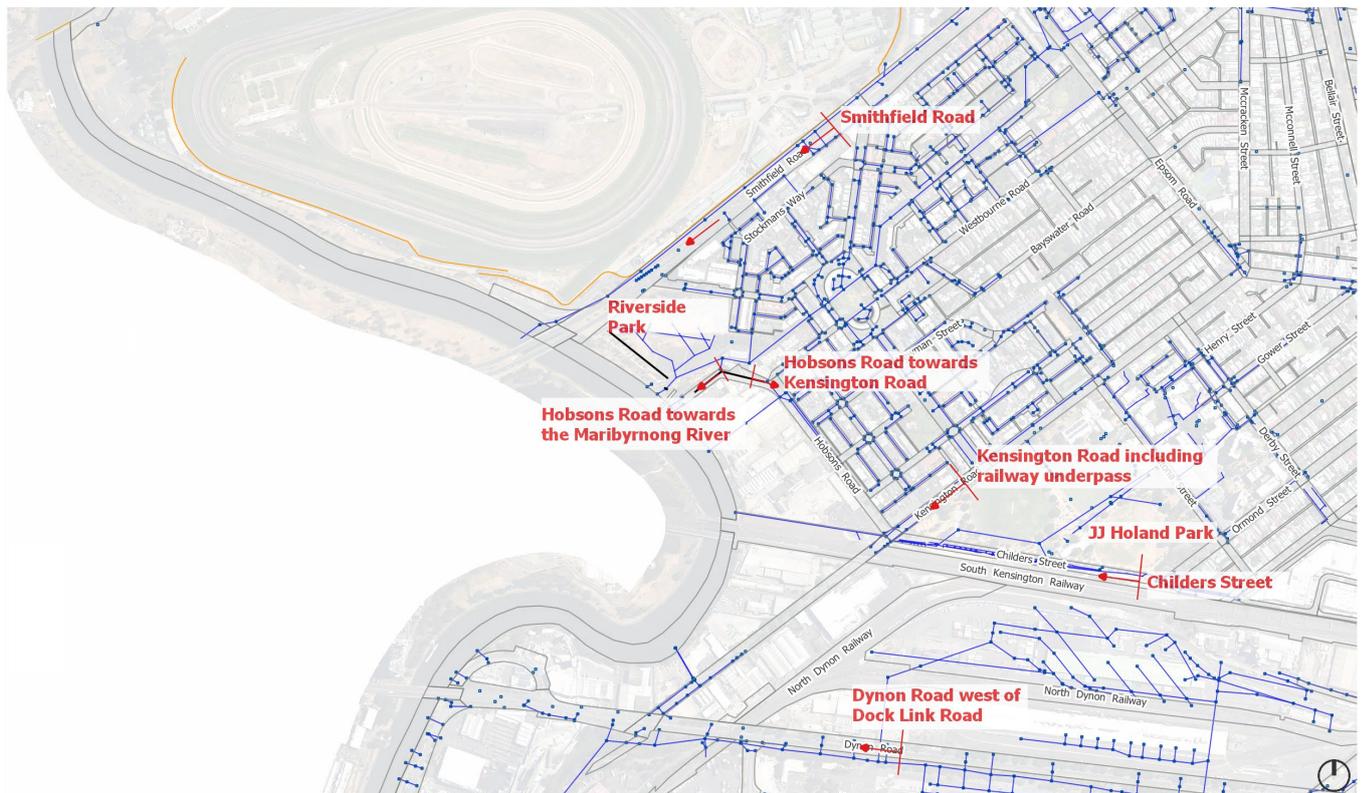
*A recently completed raised road section (bund) in Hobsons Road close to the riverbanks has prevented flood water overtopping this section of the road. This bund was constructed by the developer of adjacent land (71 Hobsons Road) as part of development works. It was a planning permit requirement by Melbourne Water for the developer to provide a safe pedestrian access / egress across Hobsons Road during a flood event (flood events up to 1 per cent AEP) to the existing flood free pathway within the Riverside Park. This bund performed as intended and provided a safe access on to the flood free pathway in the Riverside Park during this flood event. It also prevented flood water from the river overtopping the bund as overland flow. The underground storm water drains connecting Hobsons Road to the river do not have any non-return valves. This caused storm*

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water back flow through the drains into the inland section of the Hobsons Road bund contributing to localised flooding. In addition to that, flood water from the local catchment in Hobson Road contributed to the flooding in Hobsons Road due to reliance of gravity drains and the high water level in the river.

Construction of this bund is a part of the wider flood management strategy proposed by Melbourne Water for Hobsons Road and Kensington Road. There is another similar road bund and a new Pump Station/drain and some levee banks along the river proposed to be constructed in Kensington Road as part of the Melbourne West Waterfront development works. As per the Melbourne Water flood management strategy, implementation of the full flood management strategy will reduce flooding in Hobsons Road and Kensington Road.

### 1.1.2 Replace Figure 6 with the following:



### 1.1.3 Add the following text to the end of the final recommendation in Part 10: “and the role of racecourse land in floodwater retardation”

### 1.2 Authorises the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial changes to the submission prior to submission.

Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

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### **6.3 Update on the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Action Plan and proposed revised climate advocacy priorities**

The purpose of this report was to seek Future Melbourne Committee endorsement of revised climate advocacy priorities and provide an update on implementation of the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Action Plan.

Moved: Cr Leppert

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Notes the detailed progress report on the ten priorities in the Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Action Plan (the Action Plan) at Attachment 2 of the report from management.*
  - 1.2. *Endorses the revised climate advocacy priorities set out in paragraph 7 of the report from management.*
  - 1.3. *Endorses management to undertake actions to continue implementation of the Action Plan.*

Seconded: Cr Doidge

The motion was put and carried with the following Councillors voting for the motion: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey and the following Councillors voting against the motion: Cr Campbell.

### **6.4 Post travel report by Cr Kevin Louey: Manila, The Philippines, March 2023**

The purpose of this report was to provide the Future Melbourne Committee with information on the travel undertaken by Cr Kevin Louey to Manila, The Philippines associated with 2023 Business Partner City Roundtable for the period 15 to 18 March 2023.

Chris Thrum addressed the Committee.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. *That the Future Melbourne Committee:*
  - 1.1. *Notes this report, along with attached outcomes and benefits, itinerary and images.*
  - 1.2. *Requests that management follow up on business leads created during the Manila visit.*
  - 1.3. *Endorses the hosting by the City of Melbourne of the next Business Partner Cities Roundtable meeting.*

Seconded: Cr Chang

The motion was put and carried unanimously with the following Councillors present: Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece and Councillors Dr Ball, Campbell, Chang, Doidge, Griffiths, Hakim, Le Liu, Leppert and Louey.

### **7. General business**

There were no items of general business.

### **8. Urgent business**

There were no items of urgent business.

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### **9. Public questions**

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#### **Facilities for Dogs in Open Space**

Helen Burdett submitted a written question asking if the provision of facilities for dogs such as dog waste bag stations and bins can be considered around heavy traffic areas such as New Quay, Victoria Harbour and Yarra's Edge. Helen also asked if Council can consider implementing shared dog/human drinking fountain combinations in areas that are not currently within designated dog parks.

Cr Leppert, Environment Portfolio Lead advised that Council's current practice is to provide dog waste bag dispensers and dog water bowls in designated dog off-leash areas in parks, and this approach was supported by the community through the recent engagement regarding new off-leash areas.

Cr Leppert further advised that providing waste bag dispenser bins and dog drinking bowls along New Quay, Victoria Harbour and Yarra's Edge promenade would be a new approach to the provision of these facilities within the City of Melbourne and would require expenditure for new assets and ongoing costs to service. Cr Leppert noted that if there is consistent demand for these facilities outside the existing off-leash areas, Council will consider providing these facilities in the future.

Cr Leppert extended an invitation to Helen to continue the conversation further.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 6.36pm, and returned at 6.38pm.

#### **ATET Docklands**

Aleysha Thyssen submitted a written question asking what City of Melbourne is actively doing to support residents in relation to the ongoing ATET issue in Docklands. Aleysha stated that the answers supplied to the questions raised at the community information session on 14 March were not sufficient, and noted that the noise coming from ATET has become worse since the community meeting.

Gene Servadei submitted a written question noting that neighbours have left Docklands due to noise generated from ATET. Gene also asked if this is what Council meant by planning application TP-2021-620 as "having met the vision for Docklands"?

The Deputy Lord Mayor, City Planning Portfolio Lead expressed frustration with the ongoing situation with ATET in Docklands, noting that what is occurring there is unacceptable and it should not continue. The Deputy Lord Mayor noted that Council has heard the concerns of residents and has not stopped in the background since the information session in working to address the issues raised.

It was noted that the City of Melbourne operates in a legal framework of planning permits and business licences, and that Council officers in conjunction with the EPA, Liquor Control Victoria and Victoria Police are continuing to explore options with the venue operator to reduce noise from the venue.

Further there remain ongoing investigations by Council under the Health and Wellbeing provisions and a separate investigation by the Environment Protection Authority. These investigations have progressed including extensive testing and analysis of data which is very close to completion. Council will provide further updates in the very near future.

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### 10. Closure of meeting

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed at 6.41pm.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Capp', with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee