Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held on the 29 April 2019

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The Meeting opened at 7.03pm.

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owner, the Wurundjeri willam people
The Mayor read an acknowledgement of the traditional land owners, the Wurundjeri willam people.

Present
Mayor Cr Wayne Phillips, Cr Peter Castaldo, Cr Alison Champion, Cr Mark Di Pasquale, Cr Rick Garotti, Cr Craig Langdon, Cr Tom Melican

Apologies
Nil

Leave of Absence
Nil

Confirmation of Minutes
That the following Minutes be confirmed:

Ordinary Meeting of Council held 8 April 2019
Moved:  Cr Alison Champion
Seconded:  Cr Mark Di Pasquale
CARRIED

Disclosure of Interests
Nil

Presentation

1. URGENT BUSINESS
   Nil

2. PETITIONS
   Nil

3. PEOPLE – COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING AND SUPPORT
   Nil
4. PLANET – ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGIC PLAN - FOR ENDORSEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Banyule’s four-year environmental strategic plans are due for review across the key pillars of energy, water, biodiversity and stewardship.

A report on climate action was considered at the Council meeting on 10 December 2018. One of the actions included the public consultation/exhibition of the strategic draft plans for water, biodiversity and stewardship. These draft plans have been exhibited over a four week public consultation period during the month of February 2019.

Based on the feedback received changes include the explanation of the key ways in which Council undertakes its work in this space. These relate to the following:

- Engaging: provision of information and resources to ensure the community is equipped with the knowledge to move towards a more sustainable lifestyle
- Enabling: building capacity within key demographics and remove barriers to the uptake of sustainability practices
- Partnering: establishing community and program partners to deliver integrated and holistic environmental programs
- Leading: undertaking sustainability action within our own operations

The revised, final Stewardship Plan is presented in this report for Council endorsement, with further individual reports to be provided in the coming months for the Water Plan and Biodiversity Plan.

Resolution (CO2019/56)

That Council:

2. Publish the Environmental Stewardship Plan on its website.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED
5. PLACE – SUSTAINABLE AMENITY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

5.1 GREENSBOROUGH PARKING PLAN - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Mr Kevan Hill spoke on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The development of parking management plans for Banyule’s Major Activity Centres is identified in the Banyule Integrated Transport Plan. The Heidelberg and Bell Street Mall Parking Plan and the Ivanhoe Parking Plan have previously been adopted by Council.

The draft Greensborough Parking Plan considers parking trends and growth projections in the Greensborough Activity Centre and surrounds and provides strategies to manage parking in the immediate and long (20 years) terms.

Key stakeholders were invited to provide input to the development of the Plan. Input was provided by the Greensborough Chamber of Commerce, WaterMarc, Greensborough RSL and various local schools and community groups.

Key findings during the development of the Plan are that:

- A sufficient supply of car parking is currently available with over 7000 publically available car parking spaces.
- There is a moderate level of parking overstay currently occurring proximate to Greensborough Plaza.
- There is a potential need for 100 to 500 new car parking spaces in the Activity Centre over the next 20 years associated with increased development.

A set of recommendations have been developed taking into consideration the key findings and stakeholder consultation. They include actions to:

- Promote sustainable transport use.
- Improve safety and accessibility to car parks.
- Improve vehicle turnover.
- Apply parking rates in line with similar activity centres.

It is considered that the continued use of existing car parking requirements causes an increased legislative burden to potential developers and business owners relative to other centres.

Future car parking needs will be accommodated by the increased use of existing underutilised parking as well as a change of travel mode choice. Building of new car parking facilities will also be considered if needed.

Community comment to the public exhibition of the draft will inform the development of the final Greensborough Parking Plan.

Resolution (CO2019/57)

That Council:

1. Invite community feedback on the draft Greensborough Parking Plan during a six week public exhibition period from 29 April to 8 June 2019.
2. Develop a Shaping Banyule consultation page to provide information and collect feedback on the draft Greensborough Parking Plan and advise the community via social media channels and the Banyule Banner.

3. Provide two drop in information sessions to the community to provide information and obtain feedback on the draft Greensborough Parking Plan.

4. Write to all traders and land owners and occupiers within the study area to invite feedback on the draft Greensborough Parking Plan.

5. Consider a future report on the final Greensborough Parking Plan including community feedback obtained during the consultation period.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican
CARRIED

5.2 NORTH EAST LINK - UPDATE

Katie George, Mariella Di Fabio, Jeremy Richards, David Mulholland and Michelle Giovas spoke to the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council hosted a successful North East Link Environment Effects Statement (NELEES) community forum on the 27 March 2019 at the Ivanhoe Civic Centre which included discussion around the key issues, public inquiry and submissions. In addition to Council representation, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Maddocks Lawyers presented at the forum.

The Environment Effects Statement (EES) was released for public exhibition on 10 April 2019, for a period of 40 business days to 7 June 2019. Over the coming weeks stakeholders will have an opportunity to review the key findings of the NELEES Report and make a submission to the NELEES Panel Hearing. Following the Panel Hearing a report to the Minister for Planning will be developed, this will be utilised to progress North East Link decision making.

Council is preparing a comprehensive submission to the public inquiry. The key issues around transport, business, ecology, landscape and visual, and social impacts will be the focus of Council’s submission. Council is also preparing a submission to the Federal Government’s process, the Public Environment Report (PER). The PER consolidates Flora and Fauna matters of National significance. A future report will be provided to Council seeking endorsement of the submission to the EES and PER at its 20 May meeting.

North East Link Project (NELP) also released an alternative design for the Watsonia Precinct. Major changes include a green bridge for cars, bikes and pedestrians to connect Elder Street to both sides of Greensborough Road and the Watsonia station carpark. There will be a multi-storey car park and quick drop-off zone at the Watsonia Station. The design also includes a central bus stop on Watsonia Road, and signalised crossings at Greensborough Road, Watsonia Road and Elder Street.

Ethos Urban was engaged to complete a Watsonia Precinct Concept Plan, supplementing the Council endorsed structure plan Picture Watsonia, in order to capture opportunities afforded by the proximity of the NEL. Enhancements to Watsonia Village including access, land use and functionality improvements aligned with Picture Watsonia.
BabEng, an international tunnelling expert has completed an analysis of the feasibility of extending the NEL tunnel north of Watsonia Station. The recommended option is a tunnel to just north of Hurstbridge Rail Line. There are a number of benefits to the Banyule municipality due to reduced surface works south of the rail line. However, there are complexities associated with a long tunnel north of the rail line, where the tunnel terminates and interfaces with the Grimshaw Street Interchange. Land at AK Line Reserve, Watsonia Primary School and Trist Reserve and potentially the rail line would be impacted.

The Andrews Government announced that two major construction firms, CPB and Laing O’Rourke have been shortlisted to deliver the first package of works on the North East Link. The $200 million first works package will start next year, once planning approvals are in place, and deliver a range of power, water and other utility works to pave the way for major construction on the $15.8 billion project.

Resolution (CO2019/58)

That

1. Council receive and note the report including the advice on the long tunnel option provided by the international tunnelling expert BabEng.

2. Council officers use the best methods to inform the community of the potential of a longer tunnel option.

3. A further report be presented to council.

Moved: Cr Mark Di Pasquale
Seconded: Cr Tom Melican

CARRIED

Councillor Rick Garotti left the Chamber at 8.12pm.
5.3 DRAFT HEIDELBERG ACTIVITY CENTRE AND MEDICAL PRECINCT PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY

Mr Kevin Biaggini spoke on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct Public Realm Strategy (the Strategy) has been prepared to guide the future direction of public spaces within the Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct.

The Strategy is a priority action within the Banyule Public Open Space Plan (2016 – 2031) and is consistent with the objectives of the Heidelberg Activity Centre Structure Plan (2010), the Banyule Integrated Transport Plan (2015) and the Victorian Planning Authority Latrobe National Employment and Innovation Cluster Framework Plan (2017).

In accordance with Council’s resolution on 6 August 2018 the Strategy was placed on public exhibition for 6 weeks in September 2018. The feedback from the public was generally positive and supported the intent to deliver a network of high quality public spaces for an area identified for high population growth and a substantial increase in residential density.

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct Public Realm Strategy.

Cr Rick Garotti returned to the Chamber at 8.17pm.

Resolution (CO2019/59)

That Council adopt the Heidelberg Activity Centre and Medical Precinct Public Realm Strategy.

Moved: Cr Peter Castaldo
Seconded: Cr Craig Langdon

CARRIED
5.4 BRIXTON AVENUE, ELTHAM NORTH - DRAINAGE UPGRADE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Council adopted 2018/19 budget included increased investment to improve our drainage systems performance during intense rainfall events of $1.09M. This included the inclusion of a Drainage Acceleration Program, with an allocated budget of $300,000 to assist in improving the drainage network.

As part of the Stormwater Management Catchment Program, Brixton Avenue drainage upgrade was designed in early 2018/19 and subsequent community consultation was completed in November 2018. The scope of this project is to reduce the risk of flooding to adjacent and downstream properties by upgrading the existing drainage system and constructing a retarding basin in Glendale reserve.

It was identified during the feasibility and detailed design stages, that the project scope to resolve this drainage issue has increased significantly from the original project to minimise major disruption to property owners and the nearby school. Due to the significant benefits of the project, the expanded project is considered a suitable project to utilise the funding in the Drainage Acceleration Program budget.

It is recommended that $271,000 from the Drainage Acceleration Program budget be utilised to complete the Brixton Avenue, Eltham North, drainage upgrade.

Resolution (CO2019/60)

That Council utilise $271,000 from the 2018/19 Drainage Acceleration Program budget for the construction of the Brixton Avenue, Eltham North, drainage upgrade to be completed this financial year.

Moved: Cr Alison Champion
Seconded: Cr Wayne Phillips

CARRIED
5.5 FORD PARK SOUTH - CHANGE ROOM MINOR UPGRADE

Mr Kevin Biaggini spoke on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In September 2018 Council adopted the Ford Park AFL Infrastructure Study. At that meeting Council also requested officers work with the tenant clubs to identify minor works that could be undertaken to improve the amenity and use of the Ford Park change rooms and receive a further report to consider the works identified.

This need was identified by the Ivanhoe Junior Football Club during consultation. Staff have met with representatives from the Ivanhoe Junior Football Club and agreed that a low cost improvement of the facility could facilitate a positive short term outcome where juniors and female players can benefit from until the facilities are redeveloped in the longer term.

These investigations have now concluded and this report presents the costs and options for Council’s consideration.

Resolution (CO2019/61)

That Council allocate $12,000 from the Open Space Reserve to undertake minor improvements at Ford Park South change rooms including internal painting and installing partitions in the existing shower area.

Moved: Cr Craig Langdon
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo

CARRIED
5.6 BANYULE BUSINESS GRANTS PILOT PROGRAM

Mr Kevan Hill spoke on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Banyule Business Grant pilot program aims to deliver Banyule City Council’s first ever small business grants program. Outcome measures and anecdotal evidence demonstrate that business grants are much sought after in Banyule.

Small Business grants have been developed to encourage businesses to lead innovation, invest in their businesses, promote themselves to the market and build a vibrant community. It encourages applicants who have a sound business idea and who can demonstrate the capability to implement it.

Selection criteria for the Grants Program has been scoped based on other like business grants programs across Victoria. The criteria proposed aligns with Economic Development’s ‘Strategic Objectives’ including Investment and Attraction and Vibrant Precincts. In addition, grants will also be offered to businesses who seek to improve or introduce sustainability practices, keeping in line with Council’s climate action policy.

Grants of up to $5,000 will be on offer with a funding pool of $30,000. In addition, five Business Energy Audits, each valued at $1,000 will be offered to encourage positive sustainable change.

The program will conclude with a grand networking event in November. A public reveal of grant recipients will provide the formalities, with a drawcard key note speaker providing inspiration to the business audience.

This proposal is in line with ongoing feedback and results received from the Banyule BestBiz Awards program. Participants have indicated that a biennial event would be preferable and more beneficial for businesses across the city. Therefore, it is proposed to redirect the BestBiz Awards program funding and allocate towards the Banyule Business Grants pilot program.

Resolution (CO2019/62)

That the item be deferred to a future meeting.

Moved: Cr Craig Langdon
Seconded: Cr Rick Garotti
CARRIED
6. PARTICIPATION – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY LIFE

6.1 YARRA PLENTY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE MEETING PROCEDURES - LOCAL LAW AMENDMENT 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In August 2018, The Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service Board (Board) was asked to consider an in-principle agreement to a policy change out of session to meet a media opportunity.

At its next meeting, the Board then directed Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (YPRLS) to investigate the Meeting Procedure (Amendment) Local Law 2013 to allow the Board to make resolutions out of session in extraordinary circumstances or to meet major opportunities.

Hunt & Hunt Lawyers were requested to review the amendment for compliance with the YPRLS legislative obligations. The draft of the proposed amendment was published in the Government Gazette on 1 November 2018 and in the Leader Newspaper, Diamond Valley, Heidelberg and Whittlesea editions, in the week beginning 29 November 2018.

The proposed document was also advertised on YPRL’s website and displayed in Branch libraries of each Member Council. Members of the public who wished to make a submission could do so in writing by 6 December 2018.

No submissions were received.

The Regional Library Agreement states that a resolution of the Board to adopt or amend a Local Law must not be passed unless and until the proposed Local Law has been ratified by each Member Council being Whittlesea City Council, Nillumbik Shire and Banyule City Council.

At the YPRLS Board meeting in February 2019, the Board resolved to refer the Meeting procedure (Amendment) Local Law 2018 to Member Councils for ratification.

Resolution (CO2019/63)

That Council ratify the Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service Meeting Procedure (Amendment) Local Law 2018.

Moved: Cr Tom Melican
Seconded: Cr Alison Champion

CARRIED
7. PERFORMANCE - USE OUR RESOURCES WISELY

7.1 BANYULE COUNCIL APP

*Mr David Mulholland spoke on the item.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the 4 February 2019 Council meeting, Council resolved to call for a brief report outlining the costs and benefits of developing a Banyule Council app. This report outlines considerations around the need for a Banyule app along with high level options of how an app could be delivered.

Three app delivery options have been explored:

1. Building a custom Banyule App
2. Populating a generic app with Banyule specific information
3. Utilising the new Banyule website currently being developed and promoting specific web app features that deliver customers an app like experience that is compatible across all mobile devices.

Council’s website Banyule.vic.gov.au is the primary source of information and a place to transact services for residents, businesses and visitors.

A new Banyule website is being developed and is due for launch in July and will be:

- **Mobile first** – responsive to devices and designed to work well with mobiles with the ability for residents to install a “web app” version of the site.
- **User focused** – presenting clear, accurate and easy to understand information
- **Service focused** – understanding that people come to the site to get things done and making service transactions as simple and easy as possible.

Promotion of “web app” features of the new website is recommended as the best way to present customer requests, news and information in a mobile friendly app like way.

**Resolution (CO2019/64)**

That the item be deferred to a future meeting.

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti  
Seconded: Cr Craig Langdon  
CARRIED
7.2 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Under the Local Government Act 1989 an Assembly of Councillors is defined as:

A meeting of an advisory committee of the Council, if at least one Councillor is present or;
A planned or scheduled meeting of at least half of the Councillors and one member of
Council staff which considers matters that are intended or likely to be:

a) the subject of a decision of the Council or;
b) subject to the exercise of a function, duty or power of the Council that has been
delegeted to a person or committee.

In accordance with Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 Council is required to
report as soon as possible to an Ordinary Meeting of Council a record of any assemblies of
Councillors held. Below is the latest listing of notified assemblies of Councillors held at
Banyule City Council.

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**Date of Assembly:** 2 April 2019  
**Type of Meeting:** Arts & Culture Advisory Committee Meeting  
**Matters Considered:**  
- Banyule Festival, Journey Through Life Exhibition  
- BACAC Working Groups  
- Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub  
- Public Art Policy Update  
- Homefront Documentary Screening  
- Banyule Website Study  
- Pinpoint Art in Public Spaces

**Councillors Present:** Peter Castaldo  
Craig Langdon

**Staff Present:** Darren Bennet – Manager Leisure, Recreation & Cultural Services  
Hannes Berger Arts & Cultural Team Leader

**Others Present:** Rebecca Armstrong  
Fran Lee  
Anne Bennett  
Les Walkling  
Kevin Ritchie  
Genelle Ryan  
Craig Eloranta  
Sandra Diaz  
June Gassin

**Conflict of Interest:** Nil

### 3
**Date of Assembly:** 8 April 2019  
**Type of Meeting:** Councillor Briefing  
**Matters Considered:**  
Items on the Council Agenda for the Ordinary Meeting 8 April 2019 as listed below:  
 1. **Urgent Business - Car Park Extension Opposite Watsonia RSL**  
 2. **Gambling Policy - Gambling Reduction and Harm Minimisation**  
 3. **Social Enterprise & Local Jobs Progress Update**  
 4. **Shop 48 The Harmony Centre - Progress Update**  
 5. **2019 Environment Grants Framework and Guidelines**  
 6. **Postcode 3081 Urban Design Framework - Planning Scheme Amendment C120**  
 7. **4 Poulter Avenue, Greensborough - Options for public car park to enable redevelopment**  
 8. **State of Assets Report**  
 9. **Preparation of Council Plan 2017-2021 (Year 3)**  
 10. **Banyule City Council Budget 2019/2020 - For Public Exhibition**
7.3 Banyule's Electoral Representation Review
7.4 Proposed Lease - Banyule City Council and Heidelberg Theatre Company Inc - 36 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna
7.5 Award of Contract Number '0976-2018 - Cultural Heritage Consultant Panel'
7.6 Award of Contract No 0974-2018 - Construction of Pedestrian Bridge from Wood Street to Olympic Park, Heidelberg West
7.7 Award of Contract 0973-2018 'Contractor for Major Civil Works Panel'
7.8 Assembly of Councillors
8.1 Sealing of Documents - Yarra Valley Hockey Club Inc - Cyril Cummins Reserve, 67-71 Liberty Parade, Bellfield

General Business

Councillors Present: Alison Champion
Mark Di Pasquale
Rick Garotti
Craig Langdon
Tom Melican
Wayne Phillips

Staff Present: Simon McMillan – Chief Executive Officer
Allison Beckwith – Director Community Programs
Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services
Kathy Hynes – Acting Director Assets & City Services
Scott Walker – Director City Development
Gina Burden – Manager Governance & Communications
Ellen Kavanagh – Governance Officer
Emily Outlaw - Executive Governance Officer
James Stirton – Manager Environment & Planning
Jonathan Risby- Manager Transport
Luca Verduci – Senior Digital Communications Officer
Mohammad Rashid – City Assets Coordinator
Klover Apostola – Acting Principal Strategic Planner
Tania O’Reilly – Manager Finance & Procurement

Others Present: Nil
Conflict of Interest: Nil

Date of Assembly: 15 April 2019
Type of Meeting: Councillor Briefing
Matters Considered:
- Shaping our Fate
- Banyule App
- Councillor Resilience & Training Planning
- Watsonia Concept Plan
- Council’s Emissions Reduction Plan
- NorthEast Link Update

Councillors Present: Peter Castaldo
### MINUTES ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

**29 APRIL 2019**

These minutes are circulated subject to confirmation by Council at the next Ordinary Meeting to be held on 20 May 2019

| **Staff Present:**          | Alison Champion  
Mark Di Pasquale  
Rick Garotti  
Craig Langdon  
Tom Melican |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
|                             | Simon McMillan – Chief Executive Officer  
Allison Beckwith – Director Community Programs  
Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services  
Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services  
Scott Walker – Director City Development  
Gina Burden – Manager Governance & Communications  
Kerryn Woods – Executive Assistance CEO & Councillors  
James Stirton – Manager Environment & Planning  
Jonathan Risby- Manager Transport  
Luca Verduci – Senior Digital Communications Officer  
Klover Apostola – Acting Principal Strategic Planner  
Sian Gleeson - Acting Coordinator Environmental Sustainability  
Shawn Neilson- Communications Coordinator  
Paul Bellis- Transport Planning & Advocacy Coordinator  
Roberta Colosimo – Manager Youth & Family Services  
Leonie Farrell – Youth Services Coordinator  
Kate James – Youth Engagement Officer  
Erica Hardie – Acting City Futures Coordinator  
John Milkins – Environmental Operations Coordinator  
Ellie Hall – Environmental Sustainability Officer  
David Bailey – Senior Technical Advisor  
Larry Parsons, Nikki Hill – Ethos Urban  
Luke Sarsons, Joan Ko - ARUP  
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| **Resolution (CO2019/65)** | That the Assembly of Councillors report be received.                                  |

Moved: Cr Alison Champion  
Seconded: Cr Mark Di Pasquale  
CARRIED
7.3 ADVISORY COMMITTEES’ REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Advisory Committees are made up of Councillors and community members. They have terms of references and meet to discuss issues and advise Council. Advisory committees provide important linkages between Council, Community and State agencies and interest groups. Following an Advisory Committee meeting, a report will be submitted to Council to note the minutes. Recommendations to Council from Advisory committees will generally be made to the next Council meeting.

Resolution (CO2019/66)

That Council notes the following minutes/reports:
1) Banyule Disability and Inclusion Advisory Committee meeting on 20 February 2019.
2) Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Queer Plus Advisory Committee meeting on 7 March 2019.
3) Multicultural Advisory Committee meeting on 21 March 2019.
4) Age Friendly City Advisory Committee meeting on 25 February 2019
5) Banyule Arts and Culture Advisory Committee meeting on 19 February 2019
6) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee meeting on 28 February 2019
7) Banyule Environment Advisory Committee meeting on 13 March 2019
8) Banyule Environment Advisory Committee meeting on 13 February 2019

Moved: Cr Rick Garotti
Seconded: Cr Peter Castaldo
CARRIED

8. SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

10.1 LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE MAV TO COUNCILLOR TOM MELICAN

Cr Rick Garotti noted that the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) have thanked Councillor Tom Melican for his valuable contribution to the Association and as an MAV Board member.

Councillor Melican served on the board over the last 4 years and served as the Metro East Region representative and Environment and Waste Committee Chair.

The MAV President, Cr Coral Ross in her letter stated:

“It is no understatement to say that you have helped shape the MAV to what it is now, and you have been a highly committed, steadfast and influential supporter of local government.

Your participation and leadership have been valued by your colleagues at the board table and wider local government sector.

We continue to thank you for your on-going contribution to local government.”
10.2 ANZAC DAY

Cr Langdon acknowledged the sacrifice of the many Australians who lost their lives serving our country, and tabled the following list of Australian service personnel deaths from various conflicts and wars which was noted by the President of the Ivanhoe RSL during an Anzac Day event this year.

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Somalia  20 October 1992 to 30 November 1994  1
Border Protection  1997 -  2
Bougainville  1997-2003  1
East Timor  16 September 1999 to 18 August 2003  2
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Afghanistan  11 October 2001 to present  43
Iraq  16 July 2003 to 31 July 2009  3
Solomon Island (RAMSI - Operation Anode)  2003-13  1
Indonesia (Operation Sumatra Assist)  2005  9
Fiji  2006  2
Total  102,872

Cr Langdon paid tribute to one particular soldier who lost his life in Syria on June 26 1941 that was Captain Thomas Thrupp, the father of Rosalie Bray who is a well known resident of Banyule.

10.3 RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Cr Rick Garotti acknowledged answers to questions he asked of the Director of Corporate Services at the last Council meeting on 8 April 2019 and commented today had been satisfactorily addressed by the Director, Marc Giglio.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING
Resolution  (CO2019/67)
That the Meeting be adjourned for Public Question Time.

Moved:  Cr Craig Langdon
Seconded:  Cr Mark Di Pasquale  CARRIED
The Meeting adjourned for the Public Question Time at 8.57pm.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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<td>Heidelberg Heights –</td>
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<td>Question:</td>
<td>CPI year on year to end March 2019 quarter has come in at 1.3 percent. Council rate increase is at 2.5 percent. Given most ratepayers and particularly pensioners have little choice but to live within their means, how can Banyule Council continue to increase annually the rates and the former Municipal charge significantly above the CPI year in year out?</td>
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<td>Response:</td>
<td>Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services</td>
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<td>Council’s budget is set in line with Local Government Act and is compliant with the Fair Go rate System cap. The cap is set by the Minister for Local Government for the forthcoming financial year based on Treasury forecasted State Wide CPI. For example the 2017/18 the cap was set at 2.00%. The actual CPI (Melbourne) for that year was 2.52%. Council balances the need to renew and maintain infrastructure and deliver services as expected by residents and affordable for ratepayers. In many cases, the costs of infrastructure renewal and other services have increased in excess of CPI. Council are committed to keeping costs down, spending responsibly while balancing the need to maintain the amenities and delivering services people need. Pensioners are able to apply for a State Government rebate, which is currently 50% of Council Rates and the Fire Services Property Levy, capped at $279.40 combined. Council is able to provide assistance with ratepayers who may find themselves in financial hardship</td>
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<td>Question:</td>
<td>The 60 minutes program April14th 2019 on recycling exposed that Australia was dumping its waste on poorer unregulated neighbouring countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia and was not being recycled. Can Banyule absolutely confirm that no waste material originating from Banyule is being dumped on our poorer South East Asia neighbours by Visy Recycling?</td>
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Response:

Geoff Glynn – Director Assets & City Services

Visy has advised Council that it is committed to recycling in Australia. It has built a network of re-manufacturing facilities around Australia, including 8 recycled paper mills, 2 glass plants and Australia’s only food-grade recycled plastics plant in Sydney.

Any recyclable material not destined for recycling domestically are sold to a range of countries (including countries in Asia) whose economies are based on manufacturing and want the material. The purchased product is then reprocessed and either used to produce new goods or exported to other countries as a raw material for remanufacturing. This activity is consistent with the goal of creating a circular economy and zero waste.

A key issue in the recent 60 Minutes report, highlighted that non-recyclable rubbish is regularly placed in recycling bins which must be removed during the sorting process. Council strongly encourages people to continue recycling and only put recyclable materials in their kerbside recycling bins.

3 Name & Suburb

Kevan Hill – Ivanhoe

Question:

Over the ten-year period FY2008 – FY2018 what was the year-on-year percentage change in the ratio (Annual Rate Increase) / (CPI) for each year of the ten years nominated.

Definitions: Annual Rate Increase is the percentage change in the Annual Rate levied by Banyule Council on Ratepayers. CPI: is the Q2 (Jan-Mar) ‘core’ inflation weighted median quarterly percentage change (All Groups, Seasonally Adjusted) for Melbourne, as calculated and reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Response:

Marc Giglio – Director Corporate Services

Detailed Rating information is contained in the Council’s budget as required under Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1989.

The calculations requested are not undertaken as part of the preparation of the Annual Budget, however, residents can at any time undertake specific calculations on the annual rates levied using data publically available (e.g. the Annual Report and/or the Annual Budget).

Council will be happy to provide Mr Hill with the declared general rate increases for that period.
The Public Question Time concluded at 8.57pm.

Closure of Meeting

The Meeting was closed at 8.57pm.

DATED: ........................... DAY OF ........................... 2019

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MAYOR

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Monday, 20 May 2019.