

Future Melbourne Committee

**Meeting No 19
Tuesday 11 November 2025
5:30 pm**

**Town Hall Commons
Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building**

Confirmed Minutes



Present

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece (Chair)
Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell
Councillor Dr Olivia Ball
Councillor Rafael Camillo
Councillor Davydd Griffiths
Councillor Owen Guest
Councillor Philip Le Liu
Councillor Gladys Liu
Councillor Kevin Louey
Councillor Andrew Rowse
Councillor Mark Scott (Zoom)

1 Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5:31pm.

The Chair, Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, welcomed attendees to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land governed by the City of Melbourne, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong / Boon Wurrung peoples of the Kulin, and advised that:

- the meeting was being streamed live and a recording will be made available on the City of Melbourne website.
- Councillor Mark Scott joined the meeting remotely via Zoom.

Remembrance Day Statement

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece acknowledged that it was Remembrance Day, 11 November 2025 and called for a moment of silence to honour those who sacrificed their lives defending the nation. Lest we forget.

2 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

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

3 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Moved: Cr Griffiths

That the minutes of the Future Melbourne Committee meeting No 18 held on Tuesday 21 October 2025 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

4 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

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

5 Public Questions

There were three public questions.

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full question time can be heard in the live stream recording of the meeting on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/meeting/future-melbourne-committee-11-november-2025>

Alignment on public housing tower policy

Chris Thrum asked a question asking whether the City of Melbourne could consider aligning with the City of Yarra in rejecting the demolition of all public housing towers and supporting evidence-based protection of those communities.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Chris for the question and referred it to Cr Liu, Community, Health and City Services Portfolio Lead. Cr Liu thanked Chris for the question and outlined that the City of Melbourne is actively supporting residents affected by public housing tower redevelopment through advocacy, community engagement, and submissions recommending increased social housing, adherence to planning frameworks. Cr Liu highlighted Council's demonstrated retrofitting of existing buildings using the Make Room project as an

example.

Queen Victoria Market Survey – Open Air Carpark

Bob Evans asked a question via Zoom relating to a survey on Queen Victoria Market visitors, seeking to have the results tabled publicly, included in a Council meeting agenda and clarification on costs and penalties associated with the Market Square project and open-air carpark changes.

As the Infrastructure Portfolio Lead, Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Bob for the question and their work with Friends of Queen Victoria Market and advised that the survey results would be reviewed and shared with Councillors. The Lord Mayor explained that the Market Renewal Project will replace the existing at-grade car park with underground parking and create a new public square, improving both parking and public open space.

The Lord Mayor also referred the question to Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity. Rick thanked Bob for the question and advised he would review and analyse the survey to better understand the results.

6 Reports from management

There were four reports from Management.

The Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece called on Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell to assume the role of Chair for consideration of four reports where Council exercises its responsibilities under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the role of Chair at 5.54pm.

6.1 East Melbourne Heritage Review - Amendments C484 (interim) and C485 (permanent)

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commence planning scheme amendments for interim heritage controls (C484) and permanent heritage controls (C485). The amendments implement the East Melbourne Heritage Review and seek to update protection of heritage places within East Melbourne.
2. The Review proposes to improve the protection of heritage places within East Melbourne and recommends changes to be made to the Melbourne Planning Scheme, including:
 - 2.1. Nine new individual heritage places and the accompanying Statements of Significance.
 - 2.2. New Statements of Significance for four existing individual heritage places and a revised Statement of Significance for the East Melbourne and Jolimont Heritage Precinct (HO2).
 - 2.3. Changes to the Melbourne Planning Scheme for 85 sites, including changes to: heritage categories, property addresses, Statements of Significance and applying or removing the Heritage Overlay.
3. The Management Recommendations Table at Attachment 1 lists the sites affected by the proposed amendments.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Chris Thrum
- Sylvia Black, East Melbourne Heritage Society
- Sofia Mercer

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Greg Bisinella, East Melbourne Group
- Chris Thrum

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
 - 1.1. Note the East Melbourne Heritage Review August 2022 (Attachment 2 of report from management).
 - 1.2. Request that the Minister for Planning prepare and approve East Melbourne Heritage Review Interim Controls Planning Scheme Amendment C484 (Attachment 3 of report from management) pursuant to Section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (Act).
 - 1.3. Seek authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit East Melbourne Heritage Review Planning Scheme Amendment C485 (Attachment 4 of report from management) in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).
 - 1.4. Authorise the General Manager Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any required policy neutral changes to the amendment documentation prior to exhibition, should other amendments that affect the same provisions in the Melbourne Planning Scheme be gazetted prior to the public exhibition of these amendments.
 - 1.5. Authorise the General Manager, Strategy, Planning and Climate Change to make any further minor editorial and referencing changes to Planning Scheme Amendments C484 and C485 as required.

Seconded: Cr Dr Guest

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

6.2 Ministerial planning referral – TPM-2025-20 – 43 Mackenzie Street, Melbourne

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), on behalf of the Minister for Planning (Minister), has advised the Melbourne City Council (Council) of planning permit application PA2503770 for a multistorey building to be used for student accommodation at 43 Mackenzie Street, Melbourne (refer Attachment 1 – Locality Plan).
2. The Minister has accepted an application under the state Development Facilitation Program (DFP) due to it meeting requirements as a project which will contribute to the provision of affordable housing to meet existing and future needs of Victoria.
3. The applicant is Centurion Australia Investments Pty Ltd – ATF Centurion Melbourne (Mackenzie) Trust, the owner is Mackenzie Square Developments Pty Ltd, and the architects are Metier3 Pty Limited Architects. The estimate cost of development is \$139 million.
4. The application proposes demolition of the existing building and construction of a 113 m tall building for student accommodation comprising 675 beds in 538 rooms (refer to Attachment 2 – Plans). The proposal also includes a mandatory three percent affordable housing contribution, provided as cash contribution.

5. It is understood that the Minister will decide on the application imminently which limits the ability for officers to provide a comprehensive assessment. Officers have undertaken a high-level assessment within the time available.
6. While there is support for the development of student accommodation, the excessive built form combined with limited communal areas, lack of Green Star accreditation and adverse effects on the Royal Exhibition Building and neighbouring properties are not supported.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Trish O'Loughlin, Carlton Residents Association
- Margaret O'Brien
- Charles Sowerwine, Royal Historical Society of Victoria
- B McNicholas, Walk in St Kilda Rd & Environs
- Dr Stan Capp, EastEnders

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Michael Henderson, Contour Planning & Advisory
- B McNicholas
- Dr Stan Capp (Zoom)

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:

- 1.1. Advise the Minister for Planning that Melbourne City Council does not support the permit application as it is considered to be inconsistent with the objectives and requirements of the Melbourne Planning Scheme, including but not limited to:
 - 1.1.1. Excessive building height and inappropriate built form that fails to respect the established character and strategic vision for the area;
 - 1.1.2. Unacceptable adverse impacts on the heritage significance and visual prominence of the Royal Exhibition Building and detrimental effects on neighbouring properties;
 - 1.1.3. Insufficient provision of shared facilities and communal spaces, resulting in poor internal amenity and diminished liveability outcomes; and
 - 1.1.4. Inadequate Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) measures, contrary to Council's commitment to sustainability and climate resilience;
- 1.2. Note that should the Minister decide to issue a planning permit these issues must be addressed.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

6.3 Ministerial Planning Referral - TPM-2025-1, 141-151 Sturt Street, Southbank

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), on behalf of the Minister for Planning (Minister), has provided notice to Melbourne City Council (Council) of Planning Permit Application PA2503477 for 141-151 Sturt Street, Southbank. The application seeks approval for the demolition of the existing building and construction of a twenty (20) storey residential building containing 180 dwellings, a shop, food and drink premises and creative art spaces (refer Attachment 1 – Locality Plan and Attachment 2 – Plans).
2. The applicant is Woodbrooke Property Pty Ltd c/o Urban Planning Collective, the owner is Woodbrooke Property Pty Ltd and the architect is Rothe Lowman. The estimated cost of development is \$80.37 million.
3. The subject site is located within the Capital City Zone, Schedule 7 (Melbourne Arts Precinct), and is affected by the Design and Development Overlay, Schedules 1, 27 and 60, Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, Schedule 3 and Parking Overlay, Schedule 1. The application also includes works within Sturt Street, which is in the Transport Zone 2.
4. Public notice (advertising) of the application was undertaken by the Minister. It is understood that eight objections have been received. Key concerns raised include building height and scale, insufficient setbacks, amenity impacts (overshadowing, overlooking, noise and wind) and overdevelopment of the area.
5. The key matters for consideration in the assessment of this application include the use of the land for dwellings, the proposed built form response and compliance with Clause 58 (Apartment Developments).
6. The assessment contained in the Planning Report (refer Attachment 3 – Planning Report) outlines that the proposed use of the land for dwellings is consistent with the policy and precinct objectives for the Melbourne Arts Precinct. The proposal includes creative art spaces which have been conditionally supported by Creative Victoria.
7. The proposed building is a contextually responsive and high-quality form which will positively contribute to the broader Melbourne Arts Precinct. It provides good amenity to the public realm and achieves the transition in scale to the lower residential forms to the east sought by DDO60. A through block link is provided between Sturt and Dodds Streets which will improve the local pedestrian experience.
8. The proposal also provides good amenity for future occupants and neighbouring dwellings, demonstrated through a high level of compliance with Clause 58.

Cr Dr Guest left the meeting at 6.50pm and returned at 6.57pm.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Sarah Thomas, Urban Planning Collective
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Sarah Thomas, Urban Planning Collective
- Tony Penna, Southbank Residents Association

Cr Dr Guest left the meeting at 7.03pm and return at 7.08pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Minister for Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the application subject to conditions outlined in the planning report (refer to Attachment 3 of report from management – Planning Report).

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

6.4 Ministerial Planning Referral - Part of 184-192 Lorimer Street, Docklands

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), on behalf of the Minister for Planning (Minister), has advised the Melbourne City Council (Council) of planning permit application PA2403396 for a 105.07 metre (excl. roof plant) mixed-use building comprising 303 dwellings, retail tenancies, and the delivery of the final extension to South Wharf Drive on part of the land at 184-192 Lorimer Street, Docklands (refer Attachment 1 – Locality Plan and Attachment 2- Plans).
2. The applicant is Mirvac (Docklands) Pty Ltd, the owner is Development Victoria, the architects are Mirvac Design Pty Ltd, and the estimated cost of the development is \$200.3 million.
3. The Subject Land is the final land parcel without approval in the Yarra's Edge Bolte Precinct Development Plan, June 2013 (approved by the Minister on 8 November 2013) precinct (Development Plan).
4. The Subject Land is entirely within the Docklands Zone, Schedule 1 and is affected by the Design and Development Overlay, Schedules 12 and 49 (DDO49), the Development Plan Overlay, Schedule 2, Parking Overlay, Schedule 11, Special Building Overlay, Schedule 3 (in part), and the City Link Project Overlay (in part).
5. The key matters for consideration are the appropriateness of the proposed uses and built form having regard to the Planning Policy Framework, being 'generally in accordance' with the Development Plan, the design objectives of the DDO49, and compliance with clause 58 (Apartment developments) of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.
6. The provision and diversity of dwellings and retail space aligns with strategic policy and the purpose of the Docklands Zone, the proposed building is 'generally in accordance' with the Development Plan and meets the design objectives of the Development Overlay, Schedule 49 (Yarra's Edge precinct), and the building does not result in overshadowing to protected new public parks within the Lorimer Precinct of Fishermans Bend (refer Attachment 3 – Planning Report).
7. The proposal includes a voluntary art installation on the podium facing Lorimer Street and the future South Wharf Drive extension to the west, and within the private open forecourt to the north-west.

Cr Dr Ball left the meeting at 7.19pm and returned at 7.21pm.

Cr Rowse left the meeting at 7.20pm and returned at 7.22pm.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Jay Hollerich, Hollerich Town Planning

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Jay Hollerich, Hollerich Town Planning

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to advise the Minister for Planning that the Melbourne City Council does not object to the proposal, subject to conditions outlined in the planning report (see Attachment 3 of report from management – Planning Report).

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

The Lord Mayor assumed the Chair at 7.33pm.

6.5 \$2 Pool Splash Initiative & Free-Swimming Lessons for 2025-26

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. At the 18 March 2025 Future Melbourne Committee Meeting, Council resolved to:
 - 1.1. Deliver the free-swimming lessons program in January 2026 at Melbourne City Baths (MCB) and include the newly opened Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre (KCARC) with expanded enrolment up to 600 individuals across the two sites for City of Melbourne residents.
 - 1.2. Deliver the \$2 Pool Splash initiative on weekdays (excluding public holidays) in summer 2025–26 at Carlton Baths (CB) and North Melbourne Pool (NMP), in response to customer feedback as a cost-of-living relief for City of Melbourne residents.
2. Council also requested that management provide a report to FMC before summer 2025–26 on the feasibility of extending the \$2 Pool Splash Initiative to the Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre.
3. KCARC opened to the public on 29 September 2025, and the centre is currently establishing its operating rhythm. In consultation with the centre operator the YMCA, it was determined that more time is needed before launching the \$2 Pool Splash Initiative at KCARC to ensure the centre is well-positioned to deliver a safe and sustainable program.
4. Key operational factors – including staff availability, pool space capacity, compatibility to offer both free swimming lessons and the \$2 Pool Splash initiative concurrently at the same venue, crowd control, cleaning demands, and overall facility capacity – will be monitored over the 2025-26 summer period to inform the feasibility of running the program at KCARC in future years.

Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell left the meeting at 7.36pm and returned at 7.38pm.

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
 - 1.1. Defers consideration of extending the \$2 Pool Splash Initiative to the Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre until summer 2026-27, allowing time for a feasibility assessment to be completed.
 - 1.2. Requests a report from management on the evaluation of the \$2 Pool Splash Initiative and the free-swimming lesson program at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 summer program. The report to outline recommendations for the 2026-27 season including the feasibility of extending the \$2 Pool Splash Initiative to the Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

6.6 Melbourne City Council administration buildings smoke free area proposal

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. City of Melbourne has consulted with the community on the proposal to prescribe the main entrances and footpaths at the front of Melbourne City Council administration buildings as smoke free areas under the *Activities Local Law 2024*.

2. The buildings included in this proposal are Melbourne Town Hall, Council House 1 and Council House 2. The entrance to City Village, 225 Bourke Street Melbourne, is already prescribed as smoke-free under the Bourke Street Mall smoke-free area
3. The definition of 'smoking' in the Activities Local Law 2024 includes use of e-cigarettes (or vaping).
4. The proposal delivers on a commitment made in the Smoke-free Melbourne Policy to increase the number of smoke free areas in the city. There are currently 14 prescribed smoke free areas in the municipality.
5. Community consultation was undertaken between 30 June until 8 August 2025. A total of 962 responses were received (921 individuals and 41 businesses) via intercept and online surveys.
6. Of the respondents, 72 per cent of community members and 71 per cent of businesses were in support of the area becoming smoke-free, 17 per cent of community members and 7 per cent of businesses did not support the proposal. Feedback from these groups centred on concerns about personal freedom and a preference for emphasising positive health messaging. Furthermore, 73 per cent of respondents said they were likely to support further smoke-free area proposals around other council facilities.

Item of correspondence was received from:

- Mark Gray

Moved: Cr Liu

That the Future Melbourne Committee prescribes the main entrances and footpaths out the front of the Melbourne City Council administration buildings as outlined in Attachment 2, 3 and 4 of the report from management, as smoke-free areas under clause 4.3 of the *Activities Local Law 2024*.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

Cr Louey left the meeting at 7.52pm.

6.7 Homelessness Advisory Committee recruitment outcome

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Homelessness Advisory Committee (HAC) was established in 2021 to provide strategic and operational advice on homelessness policy and practice, ensuring Council decisions are informed by community perspectives and aligned with evolving priorities.
2. Three HAC members have recently resigned due to personal and professional circumstances, presenting an opportunity to refresh the Committee's membership to support its ongoing effectiveness and strategic direction.
3. In July 2025, management commenced recruitment to fill these vacant positions. Management is now presenting the outcome and preferred candidates for approval.

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolve to:

- 1.1. Approve the preferred new candidates to the Homelessness Advisory Committee outlined in Attachment 1 of the report from management (confidential).
- 1.2. Request Councillor Gladys Liu write to the endorsed HAC candidates informing them of their successful appointment.
- 1.3. Approve management to advise unsuccessful applicants.
- 1.4. Approve the names of the successful appointees being made public once all applicants have been advised.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

Cr Louey returned to the meeting at 7.55pm.

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

7 General Business

There were two items of general business.

7.1 Notice of Motion, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell: Concern over congestion levy increase and impact on city visitation

Items of correspondence were received from:

- Bill Lang, Small Business Australia
- Daniel Rose
- Luke Harris, Collins Street Precinct Group
- Aaron Moon
- Chris Thrum.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Aaron Moon (Zoom)
- Chris Thrum.

Cr Le Liu left the meeting at 8.28pm and returned at 8.29pm.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee
 - 1.1. Notes the State Government's intention to increase the Congestion Levy in 2026 by approximately 73 per cent in Category 1 and 2 spaces, which would result in a 19 per cent increase to parking fees at City of Melbourne-owned carparks and is expected to increase parking fees in privately owned car parks.
 - 1.2. Notes that the City of Melbourne's retail and visitor economy sector is recovering from the impacts of COVID and changed patterns in city visitation.
 - 1.3. Notes strong opposition by industry bodies, traders and other Local Government representatives, including members of M9, to the
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Congestion Levy increase with concern it will deter city visitation and stall the city's economic recovery.

- 1.4. Requests the Lord Mayor write to Premier Jacinta Allan and Treasurer Jaclyn Symes, asking the State Government to reconsider implementing the proposed changes to the congestion levy.

Seconded: Cr Scott

The motion was put and CARRIED

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

Voted against Cr Dr Ball and Cr Griffiths

7.2 Petition – Safety and Amenity Concerns Due to West Gate Tunnel in North and West Melbourne

Moved: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
 - 1.1. Receive and note the petition.
 - 1.2. Refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration.
 - 1.3. Inform the first name signatory to the petition of the decision.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

9 Public Questions

There were three public questions.

Below is a summary of public questions and responses. The full question time can be heard in the live stream recording of the meeting on Council's website at <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/meeting/future-melbourne-committee-11-november-2025>

Maintenance and drainage issues in Brian Lane, Melbourne

Cr Camillo left the meeting at 8.42pm and returned at 8.44pm.

John O'Brien asked a question relating to ongoing issues in Brian Lane, including a long-term water leak, a broken pipe discharging water, and a stain or discharge from a nearby restaurant, requesting these be fixed before Christmas.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked John for the question and his commitment to the city. The Lord Mayor then referred the question to Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity.

Rick took the question on notice and advised John that Council will follow upon the issues raised.

West Gate Tunnel project documents

Mary Masters from the North and West Melbourne Association asked a question via Zoom relating to the delayed publication of West Gate Tunnel project documents, expressing concern over the lack of transparency, community engagement, and the postponement of the information's release beyond the expected date.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Mary for the question and acknowledged ongoing efforts to manage traffic impacts from the West Gate Tunnel project, highlighting an upcoming community meeting on 20 November 2025 and that the requested information will be presented at the Council meeting on 25 November 2025. The Lord Mayor referred the question to Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity.

Rick thanked Mary for the question and explained that the report was delayed to finalise details, including proposed Hawke Street improvements. The item will go to the 25 November 2025 Council meeting, modelling data will be released by 19 December 2025 and a community meeting will be held on 20 November 2025 to discuss impacts and treatments related to the West Gate Tunnel project.

DDO 60 zoning impacts on Sturt Street businesses

Tony Penna from the Southbank Residents Association asked a question relating to unintended consequences of the DDO 60 arts precinct overlay, noting that non-arts businesses like a supermarket and medical centre on Sturt Street may be forced to close or relocate due to zoning restrictions.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Tony for the question and referred it to Evan Counsel, General Manager Strategy Planning and Climate Change. Evan thanked Tony for the question, clarified that DDO 60 does not apply at ground level and offered support from Invest Melbourne and the business concierge team to help affected businesses find new spaces.

10 Closure of Meeting

Moved: Cr Camillo

That pursuant to section 66(1) and section 66(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (Act), the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee be closed to members of the public for the consideration of the agenda item titled:

- *14.1 Personal Information*

This agenda item is confidential information for the purposes of section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 2020 because Agenda item 14.1 contains personal information, being information which if released would result in unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (section 3(1)(f)).

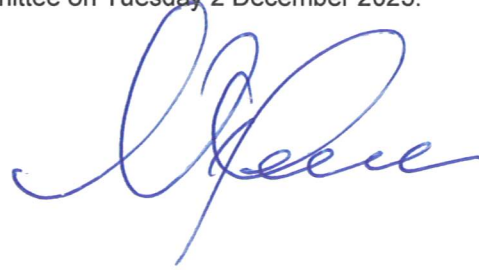
Seconded: Cr Rowse

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Cr Dr Ball, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Griffiths, Cr Rowse, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu, Cr Scott, Cr Louey and Cr Camillo

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 9:02 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 2 December 2025.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. Pease', is written in a cursive style.

Chair
Future Melbourne Committee