

## **Future Melbourne Committee**

**Meeting No 24  
Tuesday 17 March 2026  
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

## 1 Commencement of meeting and apologies

The meeting commenced at 5:30 pm.

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.

Cr Liu arrived at the meeting at 5.31pm.

### **Condolence Statement - Teage Ezard**

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece read out the following statement:

*I begin with sad news from our hospitality and culinary community.*

*We are deeply saddened by the passing of one of Melbourne's most celebrated chefs.*

*Vale Teage Ezard.*

*Teage Ezard was a visionary whose creativity transformed the way this city dined. Through iconic venues such as Guernica, Adelphi, EZARD and Gingerboy, he set new benchmarks for Australian hospitality and inspired a generation of chefs.*

*He stood at the forefront of a remarkable period in Melbourne's history — the 1990s and early 2000s — when our great city began to emerge as a global culinary capital.*

*Teage was instrumental in shaping that transformation, helping to define the spirit of "Cool Melbourne" and cementing our reputation as a world-class cultural and dining destination.*

*In recent years, Teage faced the immense challenge of Multiple System Atrophy. He faced his illness with courage and openness, raising awareness of this rare and debilitating condition.*

*We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Tina, his family, his friends, and the wider hospitality community.*

*Melbourne has lost a great Melburnian. His legacy will endure.*

## 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 Dr Ball

That the minutes of Future Melbourne Committee meeting No 23 held on Tuesday 3 March 2026 be confirmed.

Seconded: Cr Camillo

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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#### **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 4 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-17-march-2026>

##### **Lygon Street**

Joe Rocca (via Zoom) asked if Lygon Street could be made a culturally significant heritage listed precinct.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Joe for the question and referred it to Cr Louey, City Economy and Business Portfolio Lead.

Cr Louey thanked Joe for the question and explained that Council's Heritage Strategy prioritises creating powerful multicultural experiences, including recognising Lygon Street's unique identity. While known as 'Little Italy', it has always hosted diverse businesses. Although the Italian Festa now occurs at the Royal Exhibition Building, any return of the Festa to Lygon Street would need to be externally initiated. Council continues to support local businesses and will consider the Italian flag in upcoming activation work for Lygon Street.

##### **Kensington Village Traffic**

Ben Herbert asked a question relating to an increase in freight traffic through Kensington Village following truck diversions from Moore Street, and noted community concerns and proposed solutions such as no-truck zones or protected bike lanes. Ben also asked if a petition submitted to Council regarding this matter, would be tabled at a Future Melbourne Committee meeting or a Council meeting.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece as Infrastructure Portfolio Lead thanked Ben for the question and advised a motion to formally receive the petition would be raised later in the meeting. The Lord Mayor outlined that truck movements have increased since the West Gate Tunnel changes and inner-west truck bans. Council is working with the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), Freight Victoria and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator to monitor traffic, collect detailed data and explore solutions such as signage, curfews and infrastructure changes to deter heavy vehicles from local streets. The Lord Mayor emphasised that this issue affects multiple inner-city suburbs, provided reassurance that safety and advocacy remain a priority for Council, and encouraged Ben to remain engaged and active regarding this issue.

##### **Public Housing Towers**

Chris Thrum referred to the RMIT University report 'Barkly Street Public Housing Estate – Future Visions', that found renovating, renewing and refurbishing those public towers would be a better option than demolishing them. Chris asked if councillors and the management team could read the report and reject public housing towers being demolished.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Chris for the question and referred it to Cr Griffiths, Environment Portfolio Lead.

Cr Griffiths thanked Chris for the question and advised that the RMIT report will be reviewed. Cr Griffiths noted Council's strong focus on retrofitting buildings, ongoing engagement with public housing residents, and advised Council has not formed a position yet regarding the demolition or refurbishment of public housing towers in the municipality.

## **Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program Funding**

Aaron Moon asked why Council has repeatedly missed out on the TAC Local Government Grant Program funding, noting that despite high numbers of vulnerable road users and complex intersections, Council has not received a grant since 2022 (and before that in 2014), while all neighbouring councils were successful this year. Aaron also asked what steps are being taken to strengthen future applications.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece as Infrastructure Portfolio Lead thanked Aaron for the question and explained that although Council's two applications for the 2025 TAC Local Government Grant Program were unsuccessful, Council did secure other major road-safety funding, including a \$2.37 million Safe System Pedestrians Infrastructure Program (SSPIP) grant from DTP and a \$1.9 million multi-year TAC Safer Local Roads Program grant. The Lord Mayor noted that these grants are delivering projects such as wombat crossings and safety upgrades across several suburbs, and confirmed Council will actively look for further opportunities and reassess potential projects.

The Lord Mayor also updated Aaron on a question previously asked at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 17 February 2026 regarding ghost bike memorials. The Lord Mayor confirmed Will Richter's ghost bike memorial in Kensington had been removed by the City of Melbourne, however Council is working with Will's family on a long term memorial to acknowledge and celebrate Will's life.

## **6 Reports from management**

There were 7 reports from Management.

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

The Deputy Lord Mayor assumed the role of Chair.

### **6.1 Ministerial Planning Referral - ID-2025-3, 99-109 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 referred Planning Scheme Amendment C467 (Application) under Section 20(5) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to the City of Melbourne for advice.
2. The Application seeks to introduce a site-specific planning control via a new schedule to the Specific Controls Overlay (SCO) and Incorporated Document (ID) 'Specific Controls for 99-109 Lorimer Street, Docklands'. Specifically the Amendment seeks to facilitate the demolition of existing buildings, staged use and development of the land for 4 multi-storey mixed-use buildings across 3 podiums, comprising accommodation (dwellings and residential hotel), retail premises (including supermarket), office (including medical centre), place of assembly (arts and cultural hub), and ground level public open space area and create or alter access to a road in a Transport Zone 2 at 99-109 Lorimer Street, Docklands (refer Attachment 1 – Locality Plan and Attachment 2- Plans).
3. The applicant is 99 Lorimer Street Project Pty Ltd c/o Tract, the owner is 99 Lorimer Street Project Pty Ltd, the architects are Architectus, and the estimated cost of the development is \$780 million.
4. The Site is located within the Lorimer Precinct of the Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area.
5. The Site is located within the Capital City Zone, Schedule 4 (Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area), Design and Development Overlay Schedule 67 (Fishermans Bend - Lorimer Precinct), Environmental Audit Overlay, Parking Overlay Schedule 13 (Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area) and Infrastructure Contributions Overlay Schedule 1 (Fishermans Bend Infrastructure Contributions Plan).

6. While the use of a site specific planning control allows the opportunity for the Minister to exempt the Application from Planning Scheme requirements, the key matters for consideration are the appropriateness of the proposed use and built form having regard to Clause 11.03-6L-07 (Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area – Lorimer Precinct), the Capital City Zone Schedule 4 and the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 67. In addition, consideration must be given to the use of a site-specific planning control, the provision of appropriate development contributions and other relevant strategic planning matters associated with the Lorimer Precinct.
7. The built form, including podium and tower heights, setbacks and land use mix generally satisfy relevant requirements of Clause 11.03-6L-07 (Fishermans Bend Urban Renewal Area – Lorimer Precinct), the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 67 and Clause 58 (Apartment development). However, the layout and urban structure of the proposal depart from the outcomes anticipated by the Fishermans Bend Framework (September 2018).
8. The proposal includes various contributions including the provision of social and affordable housing, publicly accessible open space and an arts and cultural hub. Subject to resolution of outstanding key matters and the inclusion of recommended conditions in the draft Incorporated Document, these land and development contributions are acceptable.

The following person provided an item of correspondence and addressed the Committee:

- Joseph Indomenico, Tract Consultants.

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:

- 1.1. Advise the Minister for Planning that the Melbourne City Council supports the proposed planning scheme amendment C467, subject to resolution of the Outstanding Key Matters and to the updated draft incorporated document, which includes altered and additional conditions as outlined in the planning report (refer Attachment 3 of the report from management – Planning Report).

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

## **6.2 Planning Permit Application TP-2025-385 - 78-86 Dudley Street, West Melbourne**

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Future Melbourne Committee of planning permit application TP-2025-385 which seeks approval for demolition of the existing building, development and use of a building for office and food and drink premises (excluding Bar and Hotel) at 78-86 Dudley Street, West Melbourne.
2. The proposal seeks to demolish the existing building and construct a four-storey development above 2 basement levels containing 22 car spaces and retail floor area. The proposal includes a rooftop terrace with an open pergola and associated service rooms, and the use of the land for office (1,683 m<sup>2</sup>) and food and drink premises (715 m<sup>2</sup>), excluding bar and hotel on land at 78-86 Dudley Street, West Melbourne and (refer Attachment 1 – Locality Plan and Attachment 2 – Plans).
3. The applicant is JD 78 Dudley Pty Ltd c/- Contour Consultants, the owner is JD 78 Dudley Pty Ltd, and the architect is Carr. The estimated cost of development is \$13.5 million.

4. The site is located within the Mixed Use Zone (MUZ) and is affected by the Heritage Overlay Schedule 3 (HO3), Design and Development Overlay Schedule 32 (DDO32), and Parking Overlay Schedule 12 (PO12).
5. Public notice (advertising) of the application has been undertaken and 2 objections have been received.
6. Key matters for consideration include the suitability of the built form in the context of the policy framework, the heritage character of the precinct and Design and Development Overlay Schedule 32, overshadowing of Flagstaff Gardens, and broader off-site amenity impacts.
7. Subject to permit conditions addressing transitional built form and rooftop setbacks, the proposed use and development respond appropriately to the relevant provisions of the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

The following person addressed the Committee:

- Shem Curry, Contour Consultants

Moved: Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:

- 1.1. Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report (refer to Attachment 3 of the report from management – Planning Report), with the insertion of a new condition 33 requiring that a façade strategy be submitted and approved by the Responsible Authority, as follows and renumbering of any subsequent permit conditions:

33. Concurrent with the endorsement of plans under condition 1 of this permit, a facade strategy prepared by a suitably qualified person must be submitted to and be approved by the Responsible Authority. The facade strategy must be generally in accordance with the development plans and must detail:

- a. Include any changes required by condition 1 of this permit.
- b. A concise description by the architect of the building design concept and how the façade works to achieve this.
- c. Elevation details generally at a scale of 1:50 illustrating typical lower level details, balcony niches, entries and doors, and utilities, typical tower detail, and any special features which are important to the building's presentation.
- d. Cross sections or another method of demonstrating the façade systems, including fixing details indicating junctions between materials and significant changes in form and / or material.
- e. Information about how the façade will be accessed and maintained and cleaned.
- f. A schedule of colours, materials and finishes, including the colour, type and quality of materials showing their application and appearance. Materials and finishes must be of a high quality, contextually appropriate, durable and fit for purpose.

The façade strategy must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and when approved will be endorsed to form part of the permit. The endorsed façade strategy must not be altered without prior consent of the Responsible Authority.

Seconded: Cr Le Liu

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### **6.3 Macaulay Public Acquisition Overlay Investigation**

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. The Lord Mayor received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election from an affected party. The Lord Mayor left the meeting at 6.26pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Louey declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Louey received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election from an affected party. Cr Louey left the meeting at 6.26pm prior to discussion taking place.

Cr Scott declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. Cr Scott received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election from an affected party. Cr Scott left the meeting at 6.26pm prior to discussion taking place.

Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. The Deputy Lord Mayor received a disclosable gift in the form of a campaign donation in the 2024 election from an affected party. The Deputy Lord Mayor left the meeting at 6.26pm prior to discussion taking place.

#### **Procedural Motion – Temporary Chair:**

Moved: Cr Dr Ball

That Cr Le Liu be elected as temporary Chair.

Seconded: Cr Rowse

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Voted for Cr Dr Ball, Cr Dr Guest, Cr Rowse, Cr Griffiths, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu and Cr Camillo

Cr Le Liu assumed the role of temporary Chair.

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Macaulay Urban Renewal Area is growing rapidly, with over 1,300 new dwellings completed, underway or planned, creating urgent demand for essential infrastructure, especially new open space.
2. On 23 December 2025, Council received correspondence from the Minister for Planning, confirming her decision to establish the Macaulay Structure Plan Advisory Committee (MSPAC) to resolve the development and land use controls. The MSPAC will also consider whether any mechanism or additional provisions are required to enable acquisition of land for open space purposes. Hearings are scheduled to commence on 7 April 2026.
3. The Macaulay Structure Plan identifies the required land for new open space. Funding mechanisms are provided via the public open space contributions (via Clause 53.01) provide and the proposed Development Contribution Plan (DCP). However, currently there is no planning tool proposed to secure this land, relying instead on negotiations during the planning permit application process. This approach provides less clarity for property owners, purchasers and developers; and often results in delays to the planning permit process.
4. This report responds to Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) resolutions:
  - 4.1. On 21 October 2025, FMC resolved to seek Ministerial approval of a Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) for the purpose of public open space over part of the private land at 18–76 Robertson Street, Kensington, seeking to facilitate and fast track delivery of an extension to Robertson Street Reserved as envisaged by the Macaulay Structure Plan and Open Space Strategy.
  - 4.2. On 2 December 2025, FMC requested Council officers investigate a separate planning scheme amendment that seeks to apply the PAO to land within the Macaulay Urban Renewal Area that is not owned or managed by Council and is identified as future open space; and provide a report back to the Committee by April 2026.
5. A PAO formally identifies Council's intention to acquire land and reserves the land for a public purpose. It enables the compulsory acquisition of land pursuant to the Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986. The overlay also prevents development that may prejudice Council's future use of the land, providing a level of protection not available under the DCP or Clause 53.01.
6. 17 sites were investigated for PAO that are not owned or managed by Council and are identified as future drainage, open space and active transport corridor in the Macaulay Structure Plan.
7. The investigation has shown there are competing interests and land transfer barriers exist across key VicTrack sites needed for future open space. The Planning and Environment Act 1987 does not prohibit application of the PAO on public land. Applying the PAO on the VicTrack sites formally identifies and protects the land for future drainage and open space purposes. However, the application of PAO does not resolve the land transfer barrier associated with the Registrar Caveat on 11–23 Stubbs Street, Kensington. These issues will be raised through the upcoming Lord Mayor–Ministerial roundtable to resolve the competing interests on VicTrack sites and the land transfer barrier due to the Registrar Caveat.
8. Therefore, the investigation recommends that the PAO applies to all sites investigated (Attachment 1) and they are recommended to be progressed through the MSPAC process. Integrating the PAO with the MSPAC process will support a fast-track pathway for resolution.

Moved: Cr Le Liu

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - 1.1. Note that the Macaulay Structure Plan Advisory Committee (MSPAC) is appointed to advise the Minister for Planning as to whether any mechanism or additional provisions are required to enable acquisition of public or private land for open space purposes.

- 1.2. Request Management to advocate to the MSPAC to appropriately apply a Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO) to the following sites:
  - 1.2.1. 129–139, 141–151, 153–159 and 161–179 Stubbs Street, Kensington.
  - 1.2.2. 11–23 Stubbs Street, Kensington.
  - 1.2.3. Part 324–334 Macaulay Road, Kensington.
  - 1.2.4. Part 18–76 Robertson Street, Kensington.
  - 1.2.5. 10 metres from the following properties along the eastern interface of the CityLink Freeway between Racecourse Road and Macaulay Road:
    - 1.2.5.1. 87–105 Racecourse Road, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.2. 68–102 Alfred Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.3. 59–101 Alfred Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.4. 64–90 Sutton Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.5. 85–105 Sutton Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.6. 74–88 Mark Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.7. 83–87 Mark Street, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.8. 300 Macaulay Road, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.9. 296–304 Macaulay Road, North Melbourne
    - 1.2.5.10. 103 Alfred Street, North Melbourne.
  - 1.2.6. The balance of 296–304 Macaulay Road, North Melbourne due to its development constraints from the active transport corridor and built-form setback.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

The motion was put and CARRIED

Voted for Cr Dr Ball, Cr Rowse, Cr Griffiths, Cr Liu, Cr Le Liu and Cr Camillo

Cr Dr Guest, being present but having abstained from voting, was taken to have voted against the motion.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Cr Louey and Cr Scott returned to the meeting at 6.35pm.

The Lord Mayor resumed the role of Chair.

## 6.4 Draft Community Engagement Policy 2025

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), a Council must adopt and maintain a community engagement policy. It must be developed in consultation with the municipal community.
2. The City of Melbourne is reviewing its current Community Engagement Policy. This review will inform updates to the Community Engagement Policy (the Policy) and the development of practice guidelines.
3. As part of this review, community engagement was conducted in two phases, to understand if any further changes are required to the draft Policy.
  - 3.1. In Phase 1 (4 August to 10 September 2025), we sought feedback on how we can make it easier for people to participate and be clear how community feedback is used. Based on this feedback, as well as consultation with Councillors and learnings from an internal review, we developed the draft Community Engagement Policy.
  - 3.2. In Phase 2 (12 January to 27 February 2026), we shared the updated draft Community Engagement Policy for feedback. The community was also invited to share feedback and register to present to Councillors in-person at the Future Melbourne Committee scheduled for 17 March 2026.
4. The final Community Engagement Policy will be presented at the Council Meeting on 28 April 2026 for adoption.

Items of correspondence were received from:

- B McNicholas
- Dr Stan Capp
- David Willis.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- B McNicholas
- Dr Stan Capp.

Moved: Cr Liu

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - 1.1. Consider all community engagement feedback in response to the draft Community Engagement Policy and hears from anyone wishing to be heard in support of their feedback.
  - 1.2. Refer consideration of the draft Community Engagement Plan to the 28 April 2026 Council meeting.

Seconded: Cr Griffiths

Cr Le Liu retired from the meeting at 6.49pm.

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### 6.5 Appetite for a pilot Business Improvement District in Docklands and Collins Street

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. At the 25 March 2025 Council meeting, management presented recommendations from the Business Precinct Program review, delivered by SGS Economics and Planning. The review found that while the program offers good value, it has limited strategic impact and recommended a more transformative, place-based approach.
2. The review proposed testing the appetite for a Business Improvement District via a Special Rate Scheme in Docklands and Collins Street. This approach was endorsed as part of the Council Report, with management being required to report back in 12 months.
3. Engagement with Docklands Chamber of Commerce and Collins Street Precinct Group has begun and is ongoing, with both precincts indicating an appetite to explore a special rate scheme to fund Business Improvement Districts (BID), an internationally proven model for collective investment in local precincts, in their respective locations.
4. Council must take a proactive, structured approach to BID formation, as Melbourne's business community is unlikely to initiate proposals independently and the BID model needs to be specifically configured to operate optimally in Melbourne's particular circumstances. Active engagement is required to scope potential BIDs and gauge broad support.
5. A voluntary co-investment pilot is proposed in both Docklands and Collins Street precincts. These separate pilots will be co-designed with local stakeholders and progressed as an effective, low-risk way of informing future BIDs and testing broad business support.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - 1.1. Note there is appetite in Collins Street Precinct and Docklands for a Special Rate Scheme.
  - 1.2. Request management to undertake voluntary co-investment pilots in both Docklands and Collins Street business precincts as a first step in developing Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) in both precincts.
  - 1.3. Request management report back to Council in May 2027 with findings from both pilots and next steps to establishing a formalised BID.
  - 1.4. Request management engage with other Business Precinct Associations and explore innovative funding mechanisms to undertake specific interventions in their respective locations.

Seconded: Cr Rowse

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### 6.6 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting, May 2026

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) will hold a meeting of State Council on 29 May 2026.
2. Councils from across Victoria have the opportunity to submit motions on matters of state-wide significance to local government for consideration at the meeting.
3. This report proposes lodgement of four motions on behalf of the City of Melbourne (CoM).

Moved: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolves to:
  - 1.1. Approve submission of the motions outlined in Attachment 1 of the report from management for consideration at the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting to be held on 29 May 2026.
  - 1.2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor editorial changes to Attachment 1 of the report from management prior to submitting it to the Municipal Association of Victoria.

Seconded: Cr Dr Ball

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

### 6.7 Opportunity for International Engagement: DLM Campbell Proposed Participation at G-NETS Leaders Summit, Tokyo

Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell declared a material conflict of interest in this matter pursuant to section 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Governance Rules*. The Deputy Lord Mayor is the beneficiary of this business trip to Japan. The Deputy Lord Mayor left the meeting at 7.30pm prior to discussion taking place.

The report from management included the following executive summary:

1. This report seeks the Future Melbourne Committee's approval for the Deputy Lord Mayor to travel to Tokyo to participate in the 2026 G-NETS Leaders Summit and Tokyo SusHi Tech and Osaka from 26 April to 1 May 2026.
2. City of Melbourne has received a formal invitation to send a representative at Lord mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor level to the G-NETS Leaders Summit with travel accommodation and the majority of meals being paid for by the Summit organisers.
3. The Deputy Lord Mayor's presence will provide an opportunity to reinforce Melbourne's leadership on climate action and resilience, solidify international relationships with leading global cities and draw on international best practices to respond to climate change and city resilience challenges.
4. Meetings with stakeholders and investors in Tokyo and Osaka will strengthen the economic outcomes from the travel and reinforce that Melbourne is open for business.

The following people addressed the Committee:

- Chris Thrum.

Moved: Cr Louey

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

- 1.1. Notes the revised program of engagement opportunities does not include commitments in Osaka due to scheduling challenges; and
- 1.2. Resolves to approve the Deputy Lord Mayor's proposed participation in the 2026 Global City Network for Sustainability (G-NETS) Leaders Summit and SusHi Tech Tokyo, and to undertake other meetings that foster ongoing city-to-city connections and trade and investment opportunities in Tokyo from 26 to 29 April 2026 at an estimated revised cost to Council of \$500.

Seconded: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell returned to the meeting at 7.40pm.

## 7 General Business

### 7.1 Petition – Heavy Truck Traffic in Kensington

Moved: Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee resolve 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 Camillo

The motion was put and CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

## 8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

## 9 Public Questions

There were 7 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-17-march-2026>

### **Lottery-Based Funding**

B McNicholas asked if the City of Melbourne could advocate to the State Government and Federal Government for a lottery-funding model.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked B for the question and took it on notice.

### **Spencer Street Renewal Project**

Aaron Moon asked a question relating to the status of the Spencer Street renewal project.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece as Infrastructure Portfolio Lead, thanked Aaron for the question, advised that the Spencer Street renewal project remains a key part of the vision for West Melbourne, noted progress in new retail offerings and street front activations, and advised several infrastructure projects in West Melbourne will be considered as part of the 2026/2027 budget.

Cr Dr Ball requested an update on the project delivery timeline for the Spencer Street North Master Plan.

Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity took the question from Cr Dr Ball on notice.

### **Community Consultation and Planning Rights**

Dr Stan Capp asked a question about advocacy efforts to the State Government, regarding changes to notice requirements for planning permit applications and amendments introduced by the *Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Act 2026*.

Councillor Camillo left the meeting at 7.54pm.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Stan for the question and referred it to Deputy Lord Mayor Roshena Campbell, Planning Portfolio Lead.

The Deputy Lord Mayor thanked Stan for the question and advised the MAV made a submission to the State Government on the *Planning Amendment (Better Decisions Made Faster) Bill 2025*, as part of their advocacy efforts on behalf of the local government sector. The Deputy Lord Mayor also offered to continue an ongoing dialogue with Stan and other members of EastEnders Inc., about ways in which the City of Melbourne can continue to advocate to the State Government about practical community engagement solutions for planning matters.

### **Property Damage**

Callum referred to smashed windows on private property on Russell and Bourke Streets. Callum asked if Council's Safe City cameras cover these locations, whether preventing such damage is Council's responsibility or the responsibility of Victoria Police, and if the cost of repairs will be paid for by Council.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece thanked Callum for the question and explained the cost of repairs is the responsibility of property owners, and that investigating criminal offences is the responsibility of Victoria Police. The Lord Mayor noted the incident locations raised by Callum and advised officers will assist Victoria Police if relevant footage of the incidents exist.

Councillor Camillo returned to the meeting at 7.57pm.

### **Safe City Camera Program**

Councillor Camillo, Safety and Cleaning Portfolio Lead read out the following written questions from Anastasia Beasley:

*"Why have resources been removed from Council's website about the way camera surveillance is used in Melbourne?"*

*The Privacy Impact Assessment for the new SCCP Policy is missing from the December 2 meeting record, and the interactive map of camera locations has been replaced by an outdated screenshot of the map. The SCCP Policy asserts that the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference are published on the website, which they aren't. At the December 2 FMC meeting Rick Kwasek said the corporate CCTV procedure governing body-worn camera footage was available on the website, which it isn't. The \$2.3 million spend on SSCP infrastructure was broken into arbitrary chunks (maintenance, renewal, expansion and upgrade) so the spend is small enough that procurement decisions can be approved through the CEO rather than Council and there's no public record of what those four distinct budget lines really mean. For example, is upgrade more expensive than renewal because it includes software? Which of the budgets covers public consultation? I have been asking for a bare minimum of transparency for over a year, through privacy, governance, FOI, and complaints channels, and these documents are still inaccessible."*

Councillor Camillo thanked Anastasia for the questions and referred them to Rick Kwasek, General Manager Infrastructure and Amenity.

Rick thanked Anastasia for the questions and explained:

- the Privacy Impact Assessment is available on Council's website as an attachment to the report presented to Council on 7 October 2025.
- the Privacy Impact Assessment outcome was incorporated into the policy that was presented to Council on 2 December 2025.
- the interactive Safe City camera location map has been replaced by a static map that is up to date and provides the most recent information on camera locations.
- The SCCP Terms of Reference is currently under review and when it is completed it will be made available on Council's website.
- the corporate CCTV procedure governing body-worn cameras is not on the Safe City Camera section of Council's website. The Community Safety Officers wear body-worn cameras and the procedures can be referenced on the Community Safety Officer website page.
- the proposed spend on Safe City cameras was included in the proposed operational and capital budgets. On 13 May 2025 Council noted this would be presented for public consultation, feedback received on the proposed budget was heard at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on 17 June 2025, and Council endorsed the budget at the Special Council Meeting on the 30 June 2025.
- The budget for Safe City cameras was allocated as follows:
  - \$1.53 million associated with the upgrade of the Safe City system, which includes the servers, switches and wireless communication links across the whole network.
  - \$540,000 enabled the replacement of 25 cameras at end of life in 25 locations.
  - \$120,000 annual renewal budget to replace equipment which is at end of life.
  - \$163,000 annual maintenance budget associated with the maintenance of the network, such as cleaning of cameras and other ad hoc maintenance issues.
- All of Anastasia's correspondence has been responded to, except for the most recent correspondence received which will also be responded to by management in due course.

Following Rick's response, Cr Dr Ball asked why the interactive map had been replaced with a static map on Council's website. Rick advised that the interactive map was replaced because it wasn't accurately showing camera locations, and the new static version is more precise and easier to update, as new cameras are added to the network.

Cr Dr Ball also asked again why the publication of a body worn camera policy is not on Council's website. Rick clarified that the City Safety Officers website page is where the documented procedures for the use of body-worn cameras are made publicly available.

### **Queen Victoria Market (QVM) – Night Market Operating Costs**

Cr Dr Guest as Finance, Governance and Risk Portfolio Lead, advised Fahna Ahmett submitted written questions regarding the costs to operate the Wednesday night market at QVM.

Cr Dr Guest thanked Fahna for the questions and advised Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd does not separate night-market and day-market reporting. Cr Dr Guest undertook to raise the questions with Mans Bassi, Chief Operating Officer, who is also a member of the Queen Victoria Market Pty Ltd Board of Directors.

**QVM Trader Shed**

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece advised Fahna Ahmett submitted written questions relating to water issues in the Trader Shed basement at QVM.

The Lord Mayor advised the questions would be taken on notice and a written response would be provided to Fahna in due course.

**10 Closure of Meeting**

The Lord Mayor declared the meeting closed to the public at 08:03pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee on Tuesday 14 April 2026.



Chair  
Future Melbourne Committee