



**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, DAVEY STREET, FRANKSTON  
ON 1 MAY 2023 at 7.00PM**

PRESENT	Cr. Nathan Conroy (Mayor) Cr. Liam Hughes (Deputy Mayor) Cr. David Asker Cr. Sue Baker Cr. Kris Bolam Cr. Claire Harvey Cr. Brad Hill (via Zoom) Cr. Steven Hughes Cr. Suzette Tayler
APOLOGIES:	Nil.
ABSENT:	Nil.
OFFICERS:	Mr. Phil Cantillon, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Kim Jaensch, Director Corporate and Commercial Services Ms. Angela Hughes, Director Communities Mr. Cam Arullanantham, Director Infrastructure and Operations Ms. Nathan Upson, Director Customer Innovation and Arts Ms. Brianna Alcock, Manager Governance Mr. Jarred Stevens, Manager Safer Communities (via Zoom) Ms. Danielle Watts, Manager Procurement, Property and Risk (via Zoom) Ms. Tracey Greenaway, Coordinator Economy, Investment and Activation (via Zoom) Ms. Rachna Gupta Singh, Coordinator Governance Ms. Tenille Craig, Team Leader Governance Mr. Connor Rose, Desktop Support and Project Officer Mr. Josh Lacey, Supervising Technician Mr. Jeremy O'Rourke, Technician
EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES:	Nil.

### COUNCILLOR STATEMENT

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liam Hughes made the following statement:

*“All members of this Council pledge to the City of Frankston community to consider every item listed on this evening’s agenda:*

- *Based on the individual merits of each item;*
- *Without bias or prejudice by maintaining an open mind; and*

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- *Disregarding Councillors' personal interests so as to avoid any conflict with our public duty.*

*Any Councillor having a conflict of interest in an item will make proper, prior disclosure to the meeting and will not participate or vote on the issue."*

**PRAYER**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liam Hughes read the Opening Prayer.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

Deputy Mayor, Councillor Liam Hughes acknowledged the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation – the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, and paid respect to Elders past, present and future. Respect was also extended to Elders of other communities who may have been present.

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**1. COUNCILLOR APPRECIATION AWARDS**

Nil

**2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Council Meeting No. CM4 held on 3 April 2023.

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Councillor Asker**

**Seconded: Councillor Harvey**

That the minutes of the Council Meeting No. CM4 held on 3 April 2023 copies of which had previously been circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed, approved and adopted.

**Carried Unanimously**

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Seven (7) people submitted questions with notice to Council. At the request of the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer read the questions and provided the response to the gallery.

There was one (1) person who submitted questions without notice. Those questions were taken on notice. The CEO informed that responses to these questions will be provided in writing within seven business days of the Council Meeting.

Both questions with notice and questions without notice with answers will be provided in the Minutes of the next Council Meeting.

**6. HEARING OF PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

**7. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD**

Nil

**Block Motion****Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That, in accordance with rule 35.2 of Council's Governance Rules, the items listed below be Block Resolved:

- 11.1: Statutory Planning Progress Report - March 2023
- 11.2: Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran - Administrative Amendment
- 12.1: Governance Matters Report for 1 May 2023
- 12.3: Draft Road Discontinuance Policy
- 12.5: 2022-23 Invest Frankston Business Grants

**Carried Unanimously****8. PRESENTATIONS / AWARDS**

Nil

**9. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

Nil

**10. DELEGATES' REPORTS**

Nil

**11. CONSIDERATION OF CITY PLANNING REPORTS****11.1 Statutory Planning Progress Report - March 2023**

*(SC Communities)*

**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Receives the Statutory Planning Progress Report for the month of March 2023;
2. Notes that in March, 66% of applications determined were within the statutory timeframe, below the target of 70%;
3. Notes substantive progress has been made on reducing the outstanding volume of applications and this will support timeframe achievement into the future; and
4. Resolves that Attachment B (Major Development Updates) remain confidential indefinitely on the grounds that it contains land use planning information and private commercial information (*Local Government Act 2023, s.3(1)(c) and (g)*). These grounds apply because it contains private information and would, if prematurely released, impact the reputation of Councillors and Council.

**Carried Unanimously**

*Note: refer to page 3 of these Minutes where this item was Block Resolved*

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**11.2 Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran - Administrative Amendment**

*(TB Communities)*

**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Notes the proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran is administrative in nature, such as correcting clerical errors and amending irregularities with overlays, zones and mapping;
2. Seeks the Authorisation of the Minister for Planning under Section 8A(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to prepare and exhibit Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran;
3. Upon receipt of Authorisation from the Minister for Planning, gives notice and exhibits Planning Scheme Amendment C152fran for a period of one (1) month in accordance with Section 19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;
4. Authorises the Director Communities to make editorial and administrative changes to proposed Amendment C152fran documentation in response to any feedback received during the exhibition period; and
5. Notes that a report will be presented back to Council following the exhibition period to recommend the next steps.

**Carried Unanimously**

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## 12. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 12.1 Governance Matters Report for 1 May 2023

(BA Corporate and Commercial Services)

#### Council Decision

**Moved: Councillor Harvey**

**Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

#### Council Resolution Status

1. Receives the Council Resolution Status update, including:
  - a. Notice of Motion Cost Summary and Notice of Motion Report for 1 May 2023;
  - b. Urgent Business Status Update for 1 May 2023;
  - c. Notes there are no Notice of Motion actions reported as complete;
  - d. Notes since the Council Meeting held on 3 April 2023, 4 resolutions have been completed, as listed in the body of the report;
  - e. Endorses that the Council Resolutions Status Update is not required to be presented to the additional or special Council Meetings or to the Council meetings held for hearing of the submissions.

#### Instrument of Delegations

2.
  - a. In the exercise of power conferred by the *Local Government Act 2020* and the other legislation referred to in the S6 Instrument of Delegation from Council to Members of Staff (Instrument), Resolves the powers, duties and functions specified in the Instrument be delegated to staff, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in the Instrument;
  - b. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the S6 Instrument of Delegation;
  - c. Notes:
    - i. the Instrument will come into force immediately upon signing and will remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke the Instrument;
    - ii. when the Instrument comes into force, the previous Instrument, which was adopted by Council on 24 October 2022, will be revoked; and
    - iii. the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument are exercised in accordance with any guidelines or policies that Council may from time to time adopt.
  - d. Notes that in accordance with the recent updates issued by the Maddocks, the S5 Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer is not required to be updated;

#### Audit and Risk Committee

3.
  - a. Receives the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 24 February 2023;
  - b. Receives the Audit & Risk Committee Chairperson's half-yearly report for 2022;
4. Resolves Attachment G and H to remain confidential indefinitely on the grounds that it includes confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a) (*Local Government Act 2020*, s.3(1)(h)).

**Carried Unanimously**

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**12.2 Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly report - January - March 2023 period**

(PC Chief Executive Office)

**Recommendation (Chief Executive Officer)**

That Council:

1. Notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report and updates on an action provided within the report;
2. Notes the 'public' version of the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Report for the period January to March 2023 (attachment A), which will be made available after this meeting through Council's website;
3. Notes the completion of the Accountability and Transparency Reform (ATR) items 1, 2, 12, 20 and 37 and resolves for these to be closed from monitoring and reporting in future CEO quarterly reports and;
4. Resolves for attachment B (Confidential Chief Executive Officer's report for January to March 2023 period) to be retained as confidential indefinitely, on the grounds that it contains information that is confidential pursuant to the Local Government Act 2020, section 3(1) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j) and (h) and would, if prematurely released impact on Council's reputation and ability to properly perform its functions.

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Councillor Bolam**

**Seconded: Councillor Tayler**

That Council:

1. Notes the Chief Executive Officer's Report and updates on an action provided within the report;
2. Notes the 'public' version of the Chief Executive Officer's Quarterly Report for the period January to March 2023 (attachment A), which will be made available after this meeting through Council's website;
3. Notes the completion of the Accountability and Transparency Reform (ATR) items 1, 2, 12, 20 and 37 and resolves for these to be closed from monitoring and reporting in future CEO quarterly reports;
4. Notes its prior resolution at the 1 July 2019 Council Meeting, requiring that a future quarterly Chief Executive Officer report be provided on an indefinite basis, which for all intents and purposes has been a great success for its breadth and commentary of the substantial progress being made by Council, along with the integrity and wider transparency it provides of the Council and its operations; and
5. Resolves for attachment B (Confidential Chief Executive Officer's report for January to March 2023 period) to be retained as confidential indefinitely, on the grounds that it contains information that is confidential pursuant to the Local Government Act 2020, section 3(1) (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j) and (h) and would, if prematurely released impact on Council's reputation and ability to properly perform its functions.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**12.3 Draft Road Discontinuance Policy**

*(DW Corporate and Commercial Services)*

**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Notes the Draft Road Discontinuance Policy;
2. Endorses the Draft Road Discontinuance Policy to be publicly exhibited for a period of four weeks;
3. Notes that the Draft Road Discontinuance Policy sets out the administrative framework for officers to consider prior to recommending that a road is discontinued; Council approval will be sought prior to undertaking any formal Discontinuance Process;
4. Directs that any submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Road Discontinuance Policy that are opposed to, or which suggest changes to the Policy be presented to Council for its consideration at a future meeting; and
5. If no submissions are received, or if the only submissions received in response to the public exhibition of the Draft Road Discontinuance Policy support the Policy without qualification, Council authorises the adoption of the Road Discontinuance Policy.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**12.4 Draft Mobile Food Van Procurement Guidelines***(TB Communities)***Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Bolam**

That Council:

1. Notes the work completed to date to review the current Frankston City Council 'Do It Outdoors' guidelines, including extensive consultation with numerous food van operators;
2. Endorses targeted engagement with mobile commercial food van operators and the community consultation on the new draft Mobile Food Van Procurement guidelines for a period of 4 weeks;
3. Considers the site of the Ballam Park Lake, once constructed, as an additional mobile food van location as part of these Guidelines; and
4. Seeks to report back at the 21 August 2023 Council Meeting to consider the adoption of the new Mobile Food Van Procurement Guidelines.

**Carried Unanimously**

**12.5 2022-23 Invest Frankston Business Grants**

*(TB Communities)*

**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Harvey****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Notes the 2022-23 Invest Frankston Business Grants program was completed on 22 March 2023. The assessment panel, including independent members, has recommended the awarding of 16 grants, to a total of \$180,000.00;
2. Notes the Mayor will notify successful applicants and Council Officers will notify unsuccessful applicants of the outcome no later than 5 May 2023;
3. Refers for consideration an additional \$30K to the 24/25 operating budget and subsequent operating budgets; and
4. Resolves that the attachment be retained confidential until 5 May 2023 on the grounds that it includes personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs (*Local Government Act 2020, s.3(1)(f)*) and would if prematurely released might undermine public confidence and make people reluctant to submit nominations in the future, which would compromise Council's ability to run similar grants programs in the future.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**12.6 Foreshore Parking Permits 2023***(JS Communities)***Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Bolam****Seconded: Councillor Baker**

That Council:

1. Notes it endorsed the 'by application' only process for issuance of Foreshore Parking Permits in May 2020;
2. Notes the current Foreshore Parking Permits will expire in September 2023;
3. Endorses to change the process for issuance of permits to the "automatic allocation" process whereby 2 permits are issued to all eligible residential rate payers;
4. Notes that the automatic allocation will occur every three years within their annual rates notices, with effect from 1 July 2023; and
5. Notes the proposed process will significantly reduce costs and improve customer experience.

**Carried Unanimously**

**12.7 Lloyd Group Voluntary Administration**

*(DW Corporate and Commercial Services)*

**Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Bolam****Seconded: Councillor Harvey**

That Council:

1. Notes the current status of the projects impacted by the voluntary administration of the Lloyd Group;
2. Notes that a confidential report is to be considered by Council at this meeting, which will empower the Chief Executive Officer to expeditiously resolve outstanding matters to minimise cost and time delays to projects impacted by the voluntary administration of the Lloyd Group;
3. Notes that due to the current volatility within the construction industry, officers will continue to vigilantly assess and monitor the financial viability of prospective contractors; and
4. Releases the following statement:

“Council officers are continuing to work through all of the many components associated with the Lloyd Group Voluntary Administration process, and our four affected projects; the Healthy Futures Hub, Jubilee Park Pavilion, Lloyd Park Senior Pavilion and Eric Bell Pavilion.

As a further step towards resolution, Council considered a confidential report at tonight’s meeting and has taken substantive steps to empower the organisation to expeditiously resolve outstanding matters.

Council understands the community is concerned and looking for information about these projects and we will continue to provide weekly updates to all stakeholders on progress.

In the interim, and to ensure all facilities are secured and protected, Council has placed fencing and security monitoring at the sites to protect key assets.”

**Carried Unanimously**

**12.8 Award of Contract CN10908 - Animal Pound Services**

(JS Communities)

**Recommendation (Director Communities)**

That Council:

1. Awards the contract CN10908 – Animal Pound Services to The Lost Dogs Home ABN: 84004789726 for an initial three (3) year term, with the provision for two (2) further one (1) year extension options at Council’s sole discretion, with a total potential contract value of an estimated \$3,300,000.00 GST exclusive;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute and sign the contract;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve the contract variations;
4. Authorises the Director Communities to approve the extensions of the contract subject to the satisfactory performance of the contract;
5. Notes that officers will continue to investigate options in regard to the future provision of animal services, including a shared service alliance with other Councils;
6. Notes that officers will commence the implementation of a Pet Sanctuary Program at an additional estimated annual cost of \$18,000 GST exclusive; and
7. Resolves Attachments A, B and C to this report be retained confidential on the grounds that it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020 s3(1)(g)*.

**Council Decision**

**Moved: Councillor Bolam**

**Seconded: Councillor Tayler**

That Council:

1. Awards the contract CN10908 – Animal Pound Services to The Lost Dogs Home ABN: 84004789726 for an initial three (3) year term, with the provision for two (2) further one (1) year extension options at Council’s sole discretion, with a total potential contract value of an estimated \$3,300,000.00 GST exclusive;
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute and sign the contract;
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to approve the contract variations;
4. Authorises the Director Communities to approve the extensions of the contract subject to the satisfactory performance of the contract;
5. Notes that officers will continue to investigate options in regard to the future provision of animal services, including a shared service alliance with other Councils;
6. Notes that officers will commence the implementation of a Pet Sanctuary Program at an additional estimated annual cost of \$18,000 GST exclusive;
7. Resolves for the 15 free animal adoption program to increase from 15 animals per year to 30 from 1 July 2023 and thereafter, and for Council to commit \$18,000 per year to its operational budget for this (an increase of an additional \$9,000 per annum);
8. Resolves to make the following amendments to its current practice from 1 July 2023 and thereafter:

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- (a) Animals that are adopted from Council's Animal Pound and reside within the Frankston Municipality are to receive free registration for 2 consecutive animal registration periods (10 April to 9 April the following year), instead of the current program where 1 year of registration is provided. Noting that the state government levy of \$4.23 per animal still applies and is paid for by Council in these instances;
- (b) Animals that reside within Frankston municipality are eligible to receive an increased reimbursement of 75% (from 50%) on the successful completion of dog obedience training from an organisation listed under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*. This is capped at an additional \$2000 per annum from 23/24 and thereafter to the Annual Budget to cover this percentage increase;
9. Resolves to enhance the marketing and advertisement of the following, on an sporadic basis each financial year:
- pet adoption scheme
  - discount for animals adopted from council's allocated pound
  - pet sanctuary scheme
  - returning animals home free-of-charge if first time escapee
  - discount if animals undertake accredited obedience training
  - new council rule relating to animals not being allowed within 10 metres of playgrounds
  - microchipping of animals
  - new council rule allowing animals in Frankston CAD and Keast Park
10. Notes that the aforementioned initiative refinements commit an additional \$52,482.80 to the 2023/24 budget and thereafter, comprising:
- \$18,000 per annum for the Pet Sanctuary, as referenced at point 6 of this resolution;
  - \$9,000 per annum to double the number of animals adopted under Council's free animal adoption program, as reference at point 7 of this resolution;
  - \$21,960 per annum in lost pet registration, as a result of Council's free pet adoption program being doubled, as per Point 7 of this resolution;
  - \$1,522.80 per annum so that Council may pay a levy to the State Government per additional pet adopted under Council's free pet adoption program;
  - \$2,000 per annum in reimbursement to dog owners who undertake dog obedience training, as referenced in point 8b of this resolution; and
11. Resolves Attachments A, B and C to this report be retained confidential on the grounds that it contains private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2020 s3(1)(g)*.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**13. RESPONSE TO NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**14. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**15. LATE REPORTS**

Nil

**16. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****Council Decision****Moved: Councillor Baker****Seconded: Councillor Asker**

That the Council Meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following Agenda items and all documents associated with the consideration and discussion of it, that are designated confidential information by me, pursuant to Section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) on the following grounds:

**C.1 Lloyd Group Voluntary Administration - Confidential Matters**

Agenda Item C.1 Lloyd Group Voluntary Administration - Confidential Matters is designated confidential as it relates to Council business information (s 3(1)(a))

**Carried Unanimously**

**QUESTION TIME**

*The following questions with notice were presented at the Council Meeting 2023/CM04 – 3 April 2023. The questions and answers were read out publicly. In accordance with the Public Submissions and Question Time Policy, the questions and response(s) are published below:*

**Question received with Notice Questions****Bill Gardeniers****Question 1**

Considering Save Long Street Reserve Community has submitted a hand collected 1751 signature strong petition, supporting saving our park, and Council also receiving a substantial number of objections from people of all ages and backgrounds highlighting a myriad of different reasons to save our park, can council please advise community what else it needs to provide them with, to convince them Long Reserve is the wrong place for this proposed development?

**Response**

Council have received feedback on the project via a range of platforms. This data is currently being reviewed and findings will be presented to Council at June meeting. Council will review the findings of the engagement when considering the need for kindergarten in Langwarrin, any outcome will be determined at this meeting.

**Kerry Gardeniers****Question 1**

Now that the consultation period has ended, can Council please advise exactly how many objections have been received via the following portals.

1. Collected at the meeting in the park on 7th February?
2. Via children's services and info at Frankston emails and including hard copy or other sources?

**Response**

All engagement data is currently being reviewed and the findings will be presented at the June Council meeting.

**Dann Krause****Question 1**

Why are the desexed cat registration fees of \$61 in Frankston City more than ANY other council area eg Melbourne \$40, Monash \$43.30, Bayside \$48, Mornington \$54, Dandenong \$40.20, Geelong \$34, Whittlesea \$26.90, Whitehorse \$43, Boroondara \$40.50 Casey \$50, Kingston \$45?

**Response**

Councils fees and charges are reviewed annually as part of the Council budget process, opportunity for community feedback on the 23/24 budget will be available when the budget is released for consultation . Noting animal registrations have not increased for 2 consecutive years now and there is no proposed fee increase for next year.

**Question 2**

Why is cat and dog registration fee the same price of \$61 a year when dogs have dog parks, including off leash parks and fenced dog parks, dog poo bins, management of barking

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complaints, dog attack/bite/rushing incidents and other council costs but cats require no such council infrastructure or management?

**Response**

Council receive many complaints in relation to stray cats and also provide a stray cat collection program. There are also costs associated with managing the feral cat population.

**Question 3**

Why is there not substantial discounts for desexed cats like other councils as a desexed cat that is indoors 12 hours a day from dusk till dawn does not pose the same risks and costs as other pets?

**Response**

Council continue to receive many complaints in relation to stray cats and also provide a stray cat collection program. There are also costs associated with managing the feral cat population. Additionally, a portion of the registration fee is provided to the State Government.

**Sean Mulcahy****Question 1**

Given the recent attacks on Peninsula Pride, will Council work with the LGBTIQ+ Collaborative to develop an LGBTIQ+ Action Plan for the municipality?

**Response**

Council is welcoming of all people and its 2040 Vision highlights Council's commitment to a 'vibrant and inclusive community'. Council currently co-convenes the LGBTQIA Collaborative with Mornington Peninsula Shire delivering actions to enhance and protect the health and wellbeing of that community.

**Question 2**

Given the disturbing events on March 18 in the City of Melbourne, what can Council do under its Local Laws (particularly clause 2.1(e)) if neo-Nazi anti-trans events were to occur in the municipality?

**Response**

Local Victoria Police members are authorised under the Community Local Law 2020 and have a range of legislative powers to address this behaviour.

**Question 3**

Will Council fly the trans flag to mark Trans Day of Remembrance on 20 November?

**Response**

The rainbow flag is also flown outside the Council Civic Centre continually throughout the year. we are proud of the diversity within the City of Frankston. Council has not previously flown the Trans Gender Flag

**Question received without Notice****Sandy Riley****Question 1**

Why is Council not allowing the public to make submissions and ask questions by paper form and only accepting online? This is discriminating against the elderly.

**Response**

As per Council's Governance Rules and Public Submission and Question Time Policy, questions and submissions can be submitted by the public in hard copy form as well.

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information and guidance on how to submit a form in hard copy is available on Council's website and hard copy of the registration forms can also be collected from the Civic Centre reception desk on request.

### Question 2

Is the Mayor a member of the C40?

### Response

As per clause 57.8.5 of the Governance Rules, This question was disallowed by the Chief Executive Officer.

### Question 3

Why is Frankston Council supporting Gay Pride by promoting a social group for 12-17 year olds? This indoctrination is opposed by our community in Frankston

### Response

Council is welcoming of all people and the Community Vision 2040 highlights Council's commitment to a 'vibrant and inclusive community'.

### Freja Leonard

### Question 1

The emissions reduction target is not aligned with state government priorities and lack the ambition necessary to help the state of Victoria meet its emissions reduction target of 50% reduction on 2005 levels by 2030. It seems to conflict with the first strategic theme of Leadership. Given the heavy reliance on gas in Victoria (84 times more polluting to the climate than carbon dioxide over a critical 20 year period) there is a strong argument for taking an accelerated approach, above the standard established by the Paris Agreement, to emissions reduction for every jurisdiction across Victoria. Why is Frankston City Council not harmonising with the Victorian Government?

### Response

Council has adopted a science based target of 42% emissions reduction by 2030 for its own operational emissions (emission sources within its direct control).

Council's newly adopted Climate Change Strategy will support, enable and advocate on behalf of the Frankston City community to achieve the Community Vision 2040 net zero emissions aspiration.

### Question 2

When will Frankston City Council have removed gas use from all of its facilities?

### Response

Council has been actively assessing each development for opportunities to phase out new/existing and bottled LPG gas and replacing equipment with electric alternatives e.g. heat pumps and induction cooktops. . Two prime examples of this are the multi-purpose stadium redevelopment at Jubilee Park and the redevelopment of the Kevin Collopy Pavilion.

Council is also currently undertaking a Solar Photovoltaic (PV) System (solar panels which use photovoltaics to convert sunlight and inverters to generate usable solar electricity) and Electrification study of a number of its highest energy consuming sites. Its aim is to identify the most cost effective electric alternatives to install when the existing equipment reaches its end of life.

This approach may take time but it expected that gas usage across Council be significantly reduced and eventually maybe even phased out altogether.

Something also to be aware of is that Council is part of a GreenPower 100% Carbon Neutral Certified Gas Agreement, which covers all Council sites except the Pines Forest Aquatic Centre and Peninsula Aquatic Recreation Centre."

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**Question 3**

Will Council request the Victorian Planning Minister approve a planning scheme amendment to refuse new gas connections across the LGA?

**Response**

On 4 August, 2022, the Minister for Planning formally gazetted Amendment VC221 into all eighty three Planning Schemes across Victoria. The amendment facilitates all-electric developments to support the implementation of Victoria's Climate Change Strategy 2021 (Strategy) and Gas Substitution Roadmap 2022 (Roadmap).

*The meeting was closed to the public at 7.40 pm*

**CONFIRMED THIS**

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**AUTHORITY TO STAMP INITIALS ON MINUTES**

I, Cr. Nathan Conroy, Chairperson – Council Meeting hereby authorise the use of an electronic stamp of my initials to initial each page of these Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 May 2023 and confirmed on 10 May 2023.

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(Cr. Nathan Conroy, Chairperson – Council Meeting)

Dated this

10<sup>th</sup>

day of

May

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