



MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

3 JUNE 2026



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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PORT PHILLIP CITY COUNCIL HELD
3 JUNE 2026 IN ST KILDA TOWN HALL AND VIRTUAL VIA TEAMS**

The meeting opened at 6:31pm.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr Makin (Chairperson), Cr Buckingham, Cr Crawford, Cr Cunsolo, Cr Halliday, Cr Hardy, Cr Jay, Cr Mears (online), Cr Thomann.

Chris Carroll, Chief Executive Officer, Brian Tee, General Manager City Development, Kylie Bennetts, General Manager Community Wellbeing, James Gullan, Acting General Manager, Governance and Performance, Peter Benazic, General Manager, City Infrastructure, Daniel Lew, Director, People and Experience, Mike Fisher, Manager City Planning and Sustainability, Christine Dening, Manager Community Building and Inclusion, Dana Pritchard, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience, Vicki Tuchtan, Manager Property and Assets, Adele Denison, Head of Arts, Festivals and Events, Josh Badenoch, Coordinator Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Claire Ulcoq, Coordinator Open Space, Emily Williams, Senior Council Business Advisor, Josh Vearing, Council Business Advisor.

The Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge their legacy and spiritual connection to the land and waterways across the City of Port Phillip and pay our heartfelt respect to their Elders, past, present, and emerging.

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

Deputy Mayor Mears joined the meeting at 7:12pm.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Crs Thomann/Halliday

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Port Phillip City Council held on 20 May 2026 be confirmed.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.



Mayoral Statement – Reconciliation Week

The Mayor provided the following statement in relation to Reconciliation Week:

Over the past week we have recognised National Reconciliation Week – a time for Council and the community to come together and acknowledge the enduring cultures, histories and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's theme, All In, it calls on all of us to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every day, through shared responsibility, meaningful action and sustained commitment.

Council's third Reconciliation Action Plan, was launched this time last year, and it reinforces Council's commitment to prioritise First Peoples' voices, enables self-determination and fosters equity, inclusion and cultural safety.

Throughout the last week, many Councillors joined me in those occasions, we recognised National Sorry Day, we recognised National Reconciliation Week with a lunch through the Port Phillip Citizens for Reconciliation, and also Councillors undertook professional development last week on treaty and First Nations communities more broadly. We also illuminated the town hall in red and yellow, and also flew the Aboriginal Flag and did the flag raising ceremony last Wednesday from the top of the building. I did want to recognise the importance and significance of Reconciliation Week.

Mayoral Statement – Jet Ski Ban Around St Kilda Pier

The Mayor provided the following statement in relation to successful advocacy for the jet ski ban around St Kilda Pier:

I want to bring to the communities attention another good news story around successful advocacy. I wish to formally declare that we welcome the Victorian Government's updated waterway rules at St Kilda Pier, including stronger restrictions on personal watercraft to help deliver calmer and safer waters for our community.

These changes expand the no boating zone, and prohibit jet skis and boats from being in front of the terraced seating and underneath the pier.

Council, in conjunction with the community, advocated strongly for these measures, and I do thank Councillor Thomann for their recent Notice of Motion on this issue, based on the community concerns that were raised and highlighting the need for action. I wish to thank the State Government for its action around the pier, as a Council we would like to see exclusion zones extended more broadly along the foreshore, but we should take this time to acknowledge the steps that have been undertaken so far. We do look forward to continuing working with the Victorian Government, Safe Transport Victoria, and other agencies on this enforcement and also on further safety measures to protect beach goers and keep our coastline safe for all. Once again thank you to the many voices in our community that joined in our advocacy raises with Council and also for the advocacy that we undertook as a Council following the Notice of Motion last year.

Apology from Kathleen Patricia (Pat) Brown OAM

On the 22 April 2026 Council recognised Kathleen Patricia (Pat) Brown OAM on the occasion of their 100th birthday and their significant contribution to our community including multiple terms of service on Port Phillip and South Melbourne City Councils. Pat sent an email to the



Mayor thanking them for the acknowledgement and wished for the email to be read at the meeting.

Kindly accept my humble gratitude for your warm congratulations on achieving my centenary birthday. It was certainly an exciting and thrilling day of celebration. I very much regret my inability to be present in the Council Chamber to hear your recognition of my service to the community and thank you for the honor. I believe, it is a rare privilege to be elected to local government and the opportunity to experience the process of decision making. May you and the Councillors continue to serve the community of the City Port Phillip.

Kathleen Patricia Brown OAM, J.P.

The Mayor thanked Pat Brown for their wishes and once again acknowledge the achievement of reaching such a millstone. The Mayor acknowledged that Pat Brown was interviewed and the community will be able to learn more about Pat and her contributions to the community through the City of Port Phillip Divercity newsletter.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND SUBMISSIONS

Public Questions are summarised below. The submissions were made verbally and can be listened to in full on our website: <http://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

Public Question Time:

- **Trevor Bunny:** I have noticed the hoon behavior from motorbikes and cars is much more noticeable down the beach end of Bay Street. At around 9:30pm every evening you can hear the motorbikes roaring up Bay Street at dangerous speeds. I'm concerned about the number of people in that area that may be hit by these hoons. It is a real problem and something needs to be done for public safety.

Mike Fisher, Manager City Planning and Sustainability stated that Council is certainly aware of the community concerns relating to hooning within Port Melbourne and have received a number of requests to address road safety and amenity concerns relating to the issue.

Council understands these behaviors are a significant issue for the affected residents and visitors as well. As well as working with Police to address the hooning activity, officers are currently assessing the community requests and reviewing options to provide a coordinated response to the matter, and these options are to be discussed with the Councillors in July.

Chris Carroll, Chief Executive Officer added that Council has also being doing work on acoustic camera trial that has been announced by the State Government and Council understand the City of Port Phillip will be one of the locations. Council is still working through the details and a briefing has taken place with the local Police commander who was also very supportive of efforts in that space.

- **Frank Artuso:** What evidence demonstrates that lessons from the Department of Transport 2022 Pop-Up Bike Lanes Trial have informed the Roadmap to Zero strategy? How will those lessons be reflected in the future project delivery across the strategy four pillar approach? What is the AIRS Traffic Counts program, and how does it inform the strategy currently and decision making over the next five years? How has RMIT research on lower speed limits and their impacts on pedestrians and cyclists safety and vehicle travel times informed the strategy? Since Port Phillip's Road User Safety Strategy in 2013 Melbourne's most popular vehicle has shifted from the Toyota Corolla to the Ford Ranger, which is 77% larger in volume and nearly twice as heavy. Which actions within the



strategy specifically address this trend? Given Planning Scheme Amendment VC277's revision of car parking requirements for multi-unit developments, how has this change been incorporated into the strategy with respect to transport and car parking impacts? What specific elements of Roadmap to Zero will be subject to internal and external professional risk assessment or audit, and how frequently will those reviews occur? How will Council coordinate Action 3.3 implementation of the 2025 Victorian Speed Zoning Policy around schools with Action 2.3 Consultation and safe System Assessment process?

Mike Fisher, Manager City Planning and Sustainability stated that the Safe Travel Strategy is intended to provide a consistent and transparent approach to road safety in Port Phillip, aligned with the State and Federal Government. The Strategy is not an implementation plan for bike lanes or any other mode of transport. Any future infrastructure projects, including new bike lanes, delivered by the City of Port Phillip will continue to be subject to detailed investigations to determine their impact and benefits, be subject to public engagement in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy and be brought to Council for endorsement.

Artificial Intelligence Road Survey sensors provide Council with in-depth insights on the movement of different user types at specific locations. Unlike traditional traffic surveys, data gathered through the sensors can identify the movement of people, not just vehicles, and can identify incidents classified as near misses. This provides Council with greater insights to road safety risk, allowing us to be more proactive in addressing road safety, rather than waiting for an incident to occur. While the research referred to was not directly used to inform the strategy, the findings support the State Government's introduction of new 30km/h speed limits at targeted locations in its recently updated Speed Zone Policy. The research modelled the impact of blanket restrictions to speed limits on local roads in Melbourne which is a scenario that is not considered under this strategy. The research also highlighted that the safety benefits of reduced speed limits outweighs the impact on journey times.

The size and weight of a vehicle are important contributing elements in determining the severity of a crash, particularly for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians. Safe Vehicles are one component of the Safe System approach within the Strategy, however all the actions of the Safe Travel Strategy are designed to ensure that when crashes do occur, the overall likelihood of that crash resulting in a fatal or serious injury are diminished.

While this Amendment has not been a direct input to the Safe Travel Strategy, the overall intent of the Strategy is to achieve zero deaths or serious injuries in Port Phillip by 2050 regardless of what mode of transport people are using.

As part of the design process for any future road infrastructure projects, an independent Road Safety Audit would be undertaken by a professionally qualified audit team. The Safe System principles in the Safe Travel Strategy are embedded within national Road Safety Audit guidelines. Just to note, the Safe Travel Strategy has been reviewed and endorsed by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) whose role it is to promote road safety and support those injured on the road network in Victoria.

Council would seek community feedback on speed zone changes in alignment with Councils engagement policy. The Victorian Speed Zoning Policy provides specific guidance for stakeholder engagement and speed limits on School Speed Zones.

- **Maria Jevic:** While renting a small office from Council at the Mary Kehoe Centre, we have experienced ongoing security issues and unauthorised access that have not been adequately addressed. This changed when we installed CCTV cameras, the footage showed strangers in our space without our consent. Can we change the locks or can



Council allow us to do it for the safety of our volunteers and the property?. Can a period of rent relief be considered to help replace stolen and damaged property of over \$1000? Can an independent investigation be launched into who has access to the building, why people have been entering without notice and what happened to our CCTV footage?

Chris Carroll, Chief Executive Officer took the question on notice.

- **Michael Sabada:** Yesterday I received in the mail a postcard "Help shape South Melbourne Town Hall public space" How many of these have been mailed? Can a breakdown by post code please be provided of who has been mailed this "invitation"? Have they been distributed in any other manner, e.g. letterboxing, as I know resident across from the South Melbourne Town Hall have received nothing? Why are there no posters or these at public locations in South Melbourne, such as Emerald Hill Library, South Melbourne Community Centre, South Melbourne Maternal Health Centre, Sol Green Reserve, South Melbourne Market, for example, areas where you'd expect resident who want to have a say may be present? Will future stages of the project allow review and input by the public as the design becomes more detailed? Unlike the case of South Melbourne Town Hall, where residents had no idea the City of Port Phillip was going to demolish part of the West Wing of the building, nor the other extensive works taking place there. The manner of the consultation I am seeking to clarify is whether it will be two way or whether it will simply be peoples good intentions and statements that will be recorded in terms of public input.

Mike Fisher, Manager City Planning and Sustainability stated that a total of 3,166 postcards have been distributed to owners and occupiers within a 400m radius of the Emerald Hill site. The majority of recipients are located within postcode 3205 (South Melbourne). However, the mailout is not strictly postcode-based, it captures all properties within the defined 400m radius regardless of postcode. This means some recipients outside this postcode may have been included where they fall within it. Postcards have been distributed via Australia Post. Delivery has been scheduled within the 1st–3rd June window this week. Officers can follow up if you have an address of the property if they fall within the 400m radius. In addition to the mailout, 14 corflute signs are being installed on-site and around the Emerald Hill precinct. Installation is occurring from today onwards. Posters will also be displayed at relevant Council and community facilities (including locations such as Emerald Hill Library, South Melbourne Community Centre, and others). This rollout will be this week and into next week. The project includes two stages of community engagement: This Stage 1 that is currently underway runs until the 28 June 2026 and feedback from this stage will then inform a draft masterplan. Stage 2 engagement is anticipated in late 2026 / early 2027, which provides a further opportunity for the community to review and provide input on the more detailed and developed design. There is clear opportunities for good engagement and Council is open to hearing that feedback.

Council Report Submissions:

Item 8.1 Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion Submission

- Jane Touzeau

Item 10.1 St Kilda Marina: Endorsement of the (updated) Site Brief

- Peter Dunn



Item 13.1 Proposal to Readdress the Hallmark Building

- Karen Baynes
- Liz Whiteway
- Trevor Sutherland
- Donald Keyte (*read by Chair*)
- Ray Wells (*read by Chair*)

5. COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

Nil.

6. PETITIONS, JOINT LETTERS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

7. PRESENTATION OF CEO REPORT

Nil.

Deputy Mayor Mears joined the meeting (online) at 7:12pm.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting for a break at 7:13pm.

The meeting resumed at 7:23pm.

CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

In light of public interest relating to agenda item '13.1 Proposal to Readdress the Hallmark Building' in accordance with Chapter 2 Provision 21 of Council's Governance Rules, Mayor Makin made a change to the order of business to consider this item first.

13.1 Proposal to Readdress the Hallmark Building

PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report seeks Council endorsement to readdress the Hallmark Building from 2–14 Albert Road, South Melbourne to 384 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

The following questions were taken on notice during discussion of the item:

- **Councillor Jay:** Do we have any idea of the costs of changing titles or things like that?
- **Councillor Halliday:** We heard also about the comparison of 1 Albert Road, is that building in a similar or different position. Has Council reviewed that building for its appropriateness of its address whether it should be on Albert or St Kilda Road?

James Gullan, Acting General Manager Governance and Performance took the questions on notice.



Councillor Jay moved an amendment to the officers recommendation to include items 3.3-3.5.

Moved Crs Jay/Thomann

That Council:

- 3.1 Resolves to proceed with the renaming and readdressing of the Hallmark Building from 2–14 Albert Road, South Melbourne to 384 St Kilda Road, Melbourne, on the basis that the proposed change:
 - aligns with relevant Australian Standards,
 - responds to advice received from emergency services; and
 - addresses identified safety and access concerns associated with the current addressing arrangements.
- 3.2 Notes that the proposal will progress in accordance with the *Geographic Names Act 1998* and the *Naming Rules for Places in Victoria 2022*.
- 3.3 Requests the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to write to the Department of Transport and Planning seeking a review of the placement of existing directional road markings on St Kilda Road, and to explore opportunities to improve wayfinding and signage to support the proposed address change.
- 3.4 Requests the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to engage with relevant rideshare and mapping providers (Uber and DiDi) to request updates to navigation systems and consideration of appropriate pick-up and drop-off locations aligned with the new address.
- 3.5 Requests Council officers review and, where appropriate, implement improvements to signage and wayfinding on Council-managed land to support the proposed address change and improve accessibility and navigation.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

FOR: Crs Makin, Thomann, Crawford, Buckingham, Halliday and Cunsolo

AGAINST: Crs Jay, Mears and Hardy

8. A HEALTHY AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY

8.1 Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion submission

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present for Council endorsement the City of Port Phillip submission to the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion (Attachment 1).

Moved Crs Makin/Buckingham

That Council:



- 3.1 Endorses the City of Port Phillip submission to the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion (Attachment 1) to enable submission prior to 14 June 2026.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make minor amendments to the submission that do not materially alter its intent.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 St Kilda Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC)

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek a Council decision on a request for financial support from the St Kilda Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC).

Moved Crs Buckingham/Halliday

That Council:

- 3.1 Endorses the allocation of \$22,000 to St Kilda PCYC from the 2025/26 Social Cohesion Budget to support priority building maintenance works to enable the safe reopening of the community gym, subject to St Kilda PCYC:
 - 3.1.1 Providing Council with a re-opening plan, outlining key milestones, indicative timeframes for works completion and a pathway to resuming community gym operations and membership.
 - 3.1.2 Agreeing to provide reasonable access to the facility for Council community programs, to be further defined in consultation with Council officers as part of finalising a funding agreement.
- 3.2 Notes that consideration of allocation of up to a further \$60,000 to St Kilda PCYC will be considered as part of finalising the 2026/27 Council Budget.
- 3.3 Endorses St Kilda PCYC as an advocacy priority for Council and notes that Council will continue to advocate to relevant external partners, including the Victorian and Australian Governments, Victoria Police and potential philanthropic partners, regarding the value, benefits and ongoing needs of St Kilda PCYC.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

9. AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT CITY

9.1 Urban Forest Strategy Annual Update

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide Council with an update on the implementation of the *Urban Forest Strategy 2024 – 2040* and request that Council endorses and adopts updates to actions in the implementation plan; and to provide Council with an update on the



review of Council's *Nature Strip Guidelines* and *Community Garden Assessment Guidelines*.

The following question was taken on notice during discussion of the item:

- **Councillor Jay:** Is St Kilda Road a State owned road or local? Can that nature strips be improved on St Kilda Road?

Dana Pritchard, Manager Open Space, Recreation and Community Resilience took the question on notice to seek more information from Councillor Jay.

Moved Crs Halliday/Jay

That Council:

- 3.1 Notes the progress of the *Urban Forest Strategy 2024 - 2040*.
- 3.2 Endorses the reforecasting of seven actions in the *Urban Forest Strategy 2024 – 2040* (as outlined in section 4.8 to 4.29 of this report).
- 3.3 Endorses a change to the scope of two actions in the *Urban Forest Strategy 2024 – 2040* (as outlined in section 4.30 to 4.37 of this report).
- 3.4 Endorses retaining the current *Nature Strip Guidelines*, noting that Council officers will make improvements to the materials on Council's website, including more resources for planting, and sets a new review date for 2030 (as outlined in section 4.38 to 4.43 of this report).
- 3.5 Endorses retaining the current *Community Garden Assessment Guidelines* and sets a new review date for 2030 (as outlined in section 4.44 to 4.48).
- 3.6 Supports the continued delivery of the current five-year action cycle (2024 - 2029).
- 3.7 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make the updates to the *Urban Forest Strategy 2024 – 2040* to reflect this resolution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

10. A SAFE AND LIVEABLE CITY

10.1 St Kilda Marina: endorsement of the (updated) Site Brief

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present an updated version of the St Kilda Marina Site Brief to Council for endorsement.

Councillor Thomann moved an amendment to the officers recommendation to include item 3.4.

Moved Crs Thomann/Crawford

That Council:



- 3.1 Notes that the Site Brief as a fundamental reference point for the upcoming market engagement process to secure the long-term leasing of the St Kilda Marina.
- 3.2 Endorses the amended St Kilda Marina Site Brief as outlined in Attachment 1 including the removal of the requirement in the current site brief to:
 - 3.2.1 consider a bridge over the harbour entrance; and
 - 3.2.2 include a 100 person venue.
 - 3.2.3 remove the petrol station;
- 3.3 Authorises the CEO (or their delegate) to make changes to the Site Brief, to reflect this resolution and minor editorial changes that do not materially alter its intent.
- 3.4 Notes the market process is intended to proceed through market seeding, a Request for Information, and a Request for Tender, and that the next Councillor briefing will occur following the Request for Information stage, unless an earlier briefing is required.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

FOR: Crs Makin, Jay, Thomann, Mears, Crawford, Buckingham and Cunsolo

AGAINST: Crs Hardy and Halliday

10.2 Public Space Strategy Annual Update

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of the *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 32* and request that Council endorses and adopts updates to the Action Plan.

Moved Crs Halliday/Buckingham

That Council:

- 3.1 Adopts the inclusion of four new actions into *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 32* action plan including:
 - 3.1.1 Ripponlea Place Plan – Develop a masterplan to identify opportunities and priorities for staged public realm improvements around the Ripponlea Precinct.
 - 3.1.2 Lakeside Place Plan – Develop a plan for the Domain and Queens Lane precincts to set out a vision, guiding principles and identify opportunities for public realm improvements.
 - 3.1.3 Fennell Reserve fenced dog off-leash area – Delivery of a new fenced dog park in Fennell Reserve in Port Melbourne.
 - 3.1.4 Alexandra Street Green Corridor – Delivery of a green corridor on Alexandra Street in St Kilda East to increase urban greening, improve pedestrian amenity and enhance the local streetscape.



- 3.2 Endorses the removal of two actions from the *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 32* including:
- 3.2.1 Action 60 - Investigate the potential to expand the size of Eastern Reserve North through conversion of part of the adjoining road reserve in conjunction with the current Park Street tram extension. Identify options for the most appropriate design and future use in consultation with the local community. This includes identifying if dog off-leash can continue to be supported in part of the reserve.
- 3.2.2 Action 89 – Temporary closure of Blessington Street between Peanut Farm and Renfrey Gardens to link the two public spaces.
- 3.3 Endorses the reforecasting of four actions in the *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 32* action plan including:
- 3.3.1 Moving actions 81 (Acland Street Plaza planting), 82 (St Kilda Pier Landside Extension), 113 (Play Space Strategy), 114 (Sport and Recreation Strategy) and 119 (School Use of Public Open Space Guideline) from short term (2022 – 25) to medium term (2026 – 29)
- 3.3.2 Bringing forward action 86 (St Kilda Botanical Gardens play space upgrade) from long term (2030 – 32) to medium term (2026 – 29).
- 3.4 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make the updates to the *Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022 – 32* action plan to reflect this resolution.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

11. A VIBRANT AND THRIVING COMMUNITY

11.1 Draft Multicultural Strategy

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present to Council the draft Multicultural Strategy 2026-2031 and seek Council's endorsement for public exhibition.

The following question was taken on notice during discussion of the item:

- **Mayor Makin:** Does the engagement within high rise buildings include engagement with owner corporations and building managers?

Josh Badenoch, Coordinator Diversity, Equity & Inclusion took the question on notice.

Moved Crs Buckingham/Hardy

That Council:

- 3.1 Thanks community members, stakeholders and organisations who participated in Phase One community engagement for the Multicultural Strategy 2026–2031 and notes the community engagement report (Attachment 1).



- 3.2 Endorses the release of the draft Multicultural Strategy 2026-31 for the next phase of community engagement which includes the public exhibition of the draft Strategy (Attachment 2) and draft Days of Significance Calendar (Attachment 3).
- 3.3 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make minor changes to the draft Strategy and Days of Significance Calendar to prepare and present these for community consultation as long as any change does not materially alter the intent of either document.
- 3.4 Endorses an allocation of \$30,000 from the social cohesion budget in 2026/27 to fund early implementation of the Multicultural Strategy 2026-31, given it won't be formally adopted by Council until later in 2026.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

11.2 Draft Creative Port Phillip Strategy for community consultation

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present the draft Creative Port Phillip Strategy 2026–2030 to Council and seek endorsement to release it for community consultation.

Moved Crs Thomann/Crawford

That Council:

- 3.1 Acknowledges and thanks stakeholders who participated in engagement that helped inform the draft Creative Port Phillip Strategy 2026-2030.
- 3.2 Notes the outcomes of stakeholder engagement as outlined in Attachment 1.
- 3.3 Endorses the draft Creative Port Phillip Strategy 2026–2030 as outlined in Attachment 2 for the purpose of community consultation.
- 3.4 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to make minor editorial changes that do not alter the intent of the Strategy to support community consultation.
- 3.5 Notes that community engagement will occur over a five-week period commencing on 4 June 2026.
- 3.6 Notes that funding to support the implementation of the draft Creative Port Phillip Strategy 2026-2030 will be subject to decisions made through the 2026/27 Council Plan and Budget process but is intended to be funded from business-as-usual activity and the reallocation of \$450,000 from the St Kilda Festival per annum.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

FOR: Crs Makin, Jay, Thomann, Mears, Crawford, Buckingham, Halliday and Cunsolo

AGAINST: Nil

ABSTAINED Cr Hardy



EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved Crs Makin/Halliday

That council in line with provision 10.2 of the governance rules extends the meeting on 3 June by 30 minutes (until 10:30pm).

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

12. AN ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED COMMUNITY

Nil.

13. A TRUSTED AND HIGH-PERFORMING ORGANISATION

13.2 Donovans Restaurant - Capital Building Upgrade and New Lease Proposal

PURPOSE

- 1.1 To propose that Council consider granting the tenant a new 21-year lease following practical completion of the tenant's proposed capital upgrade.

Moved Crs Thomann/Hardy

That Council:

- 3.1 Commences the statutory procedures under section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) to enter into a lease with Donovans Melbourne Pty Ltd for the occupation of 36-40 Jacka Boulevard, St Kilda, on the following terms:
 - 3.1.1 Lease term: 21-years.
 - 3.1.2 Commencing rental commensurate to a market assessment by a qualified independent certified practising valuer.
 - 3.1.3 Annual rental reviews fixed at 3% per annum.
 - 3.1.4 Market review at the commencement of Year 8 and Year 15.
 - 3.1.5 A new lease will invoke a surrender of the current lease dated 1 September 2016.
- 3.2 Authorises the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to undertake the administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under section 115(4) of the Act in relation to community engagement on the lease proposed, including giving public notice in 'The Age' newspaper and on its website.
- 3.3 Following the consideration of any submissions, receives a further report at a future meeting of Council.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED.

FOR: Crs Makin, Jay, Thomann, Mears, Hardy, Crawford, Buckingham and Cunsolo

AGAINST: Cr Halliday



14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

15. REPORTS BY COUNCILLOR DELEGATES

Councillor Buckingham reported as the Councillor Delegate to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) that they attended the recent MAV Assembly. The City of Port Phillip worked on several motions ranging from issues with housing, transport, our coastline, and recognising our frontline workers with worker protections. All City of Port Phillip motions were supported, particularly around strengthening social cohesion motion. 84 motions were considered in total, all of which passed except one. Councillor Buckingham acknowledged it was a great opportunity to meet with other councils, hear what is happening locally around the state, and further City of Port Phillip's advocacy priorities.

16. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

17. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Moved Crs Makin/Halliday

That Council resolves to move into confidential to deal with the following matters pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

17.1 St Kilda Marina: Evaluation Plan

- 3(1)(a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released.

Reason: Contains commercially and probity sensitive information relating to an upcoming market testing process, the release of which would undermine that process.

A vote was taken and the MOTION was CARRIED unanimously.

The meeting closed to members of the public at 10:16pm

The meeting reopened to members of the public at 10:21pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 10:21pm.

Confirmed: 17 June 2026

Chairperson _____