

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT ADMINISTRATION CENTRE  
245 STURT ROAD, STURT  
ON TUESDAY 27 MARCH 2018**



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**PRESENT**

Deputy Mayor Janet Byram

**Councillors**

**Coastal Ward**

Ian Crossland

**Mullawirra Ward**

Jason Veliskou  
Jerome Appleby

**Southern Hills**

**Warracowie Ward**

Bruce Hull  
Nathan Prior

**Warriparinga Ward**

Raelene Telfer

**Woodlands Ward**

Nick Kerry

**In Attendance**

Mr Adrian Skull  
Ms Abby Dickson  
Mr Tony Lines  
Mr Vincent Mifsud  
Ms Kate McKenzie  
Ms Victoria Moritz

Chief Executive Officer  
General Manager City Development  
General Manager City Services  
General Manager Corporate Services  
Manager Corporate Governance  
Governance Officer

**COMMENCEMENT**

The meeting commenced at 6.31pm

**KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Byram sought and was granted leave of the meeting to alter the Kurna Acknowledgement tonight.

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that the Kurna Acknowledgement be amended by Councillor Byram for this meeting as follows:

I would also like to acknowledge that last week the Federal Court approved an agreement between the Kurna people and the State Government, granting Kurna people land rights.

Kaurna people are now recognised as the traditional owners of the Adelaide metropolitan area.

While this does not impact on the City of Marion, I would like to recognise this important decision.

**Carried**

## **DISCLOSURE**

All persons in attendance are advised that the audio of this General Council meeting will be recorded and will be made available on the City of Marion website.

## **ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting.

- Nil interests were declared

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Crossland** the minutes of the General Council Meeting held on 13 March 2018 be taken as read and confirmed

**Carried**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Report on Deputy Mayor Activities for February and March 2018:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Comment</b>
22 February 2018	Coast FM Radio Segment	Guest speaker
22 February 2018	BMX discussion with the Greens Party candidate for Black – Dami Barnes	Attended
22 February 2018	BMX discussion with the Dignity Party candidate for Black -- Rick Neagle & Anastasia Svetlichny	Attended
22 February 2018	Pauline Gover, Chair of Governing Council /Seaview Downs Primary School	Attended
24 February 2018	Inaugural Dinner Nokutenda Disability Foundation	Attended with daughter
26 February 2018	Marion Mall Walkers 17 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Breakfast	Attended
27 February 2018	Baptist Care SA, CEO Welcome Reception	Attended
28 February 2018	Meeting committee for women's shelter fundraiser lunch organisation	Attended
28 February 2018	SA WMPF Trust Inc Fundraising committee meeting	Attended
1 March 2018	Onsite meeting with residents, Gully Road Reserve	Attended
1 March 2018	Meeting with SAEDB for assistance with BMX Project	Attended
2 March 2018	2018 Adelaide 500 South Australia	Attended with Councillor Nathan Prior

2 March 2018	World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Service	Guest speaker
7 March 2018	Community Leadership Program Launch	Guest speaker
8 March 2018	Coastal & Southern Hills Ward Briefing	Attended
8 March 2018	Vietnam Veterans Federation of South Australia meeting	Attended
13 March 2018	Warracowie Ward Briefing	Attended
14 March 2018	Metropolitan Local Government Group meeting	Attended
14 March 2018	SA WMPF Trust Inc Fundraising committee meeting	Attended
15 March 2018	SAGE Automation Tour at Tonsley	Attended
15 March 2018	RSL Care meeting	Attended
16 March 2018	Mingle, MCC	Attended
18 March 2018	Rotary Club of Edwardstown 60 years of Service Celebration	Attended
19 March 2018	Woodend Primary School onsite traffic meeting	Attended
19 March 2018	Marion in Harmony exhibition launch	Guest speaker
19 March 2018	Mayors Multicultural Forum	Hosted
20 March 2018	RSPCA meeting	Attended
21 March 2018	Oaklands Crossing Grade Separation Project – Community Drop-in information session	Attended
22 March 2018	Coast FM Radio Segment	Guest speaker
22 March 2018	Close the Gap Marion 2018	Attended
<p>In addition, the Deputy Mayor has met with residents, MP's and also with the CEO and Council staff regarding various issues.</p>		

**Report on Elected Member Activities for February and March 2018:  
 Councillor Telfer**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Events Attended</b>	<b>Active Participation</b>
6 March 2018	Special Urban Planning	Chaired Committee Meeting
7 March 2018	Light Square Upgrade	Attended irrigation and flower planting discussion
8 March 2018	Sturt Landcare	Trees for Life training
9 March 2018	Marion View	International Women's Day Luncheon
14 March 2018	Mitchell Park Sports and Community	Attended
14 March 2018	Seaview High Governing Council	Reported on tennis needs and apology
15 March 2018	SAGE Automation	Tonsley Innovation Tour

19 March 2018	Marion in Harmony	Met multicultural subjects of portraits
19 March 2018	Cosgrove Hall	Attended
20 March 2018	Warriparinga Ward	Briefed on facilities projects
21 March 2018	Hamilton Governing Council	Liaison Representative
24 March 2018	Muslim Women's Swimming Program	Certificate Presentation

**Report on CEO and General Manager Activities for February and March 2018:**

Date	Activity	Attended by
28 February 2018	Steve Nolis – Executive Director, LGA	Adrian Skull
28 February 2018	Wayne Gibbings, Roger Rasheed re Rajah House	Adrian Skull
1 March 2018	Tonsley Project Steering Committee meeting	Adrian Skull Abby Dickson
1 March 2018	Asset Management meeting with Pitney Bowes	Abby Dickson
2 March	Adam Luscombe - SAALC	Adrian Skull
5 March 2018	LKCC Steering Committee	Tony Lines
7 March	Local Government Roundable with Flinders University	Adrian Skull
7 March 2018	Finrisk Pty Ltd	Vincent Mifsud
9 March 2018	Marino Residents Association meeting	Tony Lines
9 March 2018	Oaklands Park and Housing Australia	Tony Lines
14 March 2018	Metropolitan Local Government Group	Vincent Mifsud
14 March 2018	KPMG meeting	Adrian Skull Vincent Mifsud
15 March 2018	Local Government (LG) Challenge Day	Abby Dickson
15 March 2018	SAGE Automation Tour of Tonsley	Tony Lines Abby Dickson
15 March 2018	SZEMC meeting	Tony Lines
16 March 2018	Oaklands briefing by PTP Alliance	Abby Dickson
16 March 2018	City of Charles Sturt - Collaboration	Vincent Mifsud
19 March 2018	Oaklands site walk with PTP Alliance and Ward Councillors	Abby Dickson
19 March 2018	DPTI (asset management handover)	Tony Lines
21 March 2018	Oaklands Park Housing with Junction Australia	Adrian Skull
21 March 2018	KPMG Workshop on NDIS	Adrian Skull Tony Lines Vincent Mifsud

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Prior** that the Communication Reports be received.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **ADJOURNED ITEMS**

Nil

## **DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **PETITIONS**

### **6.35pm Petition – Oppose Dog Park at Cadell Street Report Reference: GC270318P01**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Appleby** that Council:

1. Notes the petition and comments provided by Administration.
2. Requests the head petitioner be advised that Council has noted the petition.
3. Receives a further report with community and stakeholder engagement outcomes from the shortlisted sites engagement process.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **Order of Agenda Items**

**Councillor Veliskou** sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the order of the agenda and consider the Motion with Notice *Removal of Cadell St Reserve from the dog park investigations* next in the meeting.

## **Motions with Notice**

### **6.37pm Removal of Cadell St Reserve from the dog park investigations Report Reference: GC270318M01**

**Moved Councillor Byram, Seconded Councillor Veliskou** that Council:

1. Remove Cadell St Reserve from consideration as a location for a dog Park.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **6.43pm Confirmation of Minutes of the Urban Planning Committee meeting held on 06 March 2018**

**Report Reference: GC270318R01**

**Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Hull** that Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Urban Planning Committee meeting held on 06 March 2018 (Appendix 1).

**Carried Unanimously**

### **6.45pm Infrastructure and Strategy Committee - Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 6 March 2018**

**Report Reference: GC270318R02**

**Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Prior** that Council:

1. Receives and notes the minutes of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee meeting of 6 March 2018 (Appendix 1).
2. Notes that separate reports will be brought to Council for consideration of any recommendations from the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

### **6.47pm Infrastructure and Strategy Committee Confidential Minutes**

**Reference No: GC270318F01**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Council orders that all persons present, with the exception of the following persons: Adrian Skull, Chief Executive Officer; Vincent Mifsud, General Manager Corporate Services; Abby Dickson, General Manager City Development; Tony Lines General Manager Operations; Kate McKenzie, Manager Corporate Governance; Victoria Moritz, Governance Officer be excluded from the meeting as the Council receives and considers the confidential minutes of the Infrastructure and Strategy Committee, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to commercial information.

**Carried Unanimously**

6.48pm the meeting went into confidence

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Hull that:**

1. Receives and notes the confidential minutes of the Infrastructure and Strategy committee meeting of 6 March 2018 (Appendix 1)
2. In accordance with Section 91(7) and (9) of the Local Government Act 1999 orders that this report and Appendix having been considered in confidence under Section 90(2) and (3) (d) of the Act be kept confidential and not available for public inspection for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting. This confidentiality order will be reviewed at the General Council Meeting in December 2018.

**Carried Unanimously**

6.52pm the meeting came out of confidence

**CORPORATE REPORTS FOR DECISION**

**6.52pm New Dog Park - Project Update**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R03**

**Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Prior that Council**

1. Notes the update on the new dog park project.
2. Notes the previous resolution of council to remove Cadell Street from the new dog park project.
3. Receives a further report with community engagement outcomes, draft concept plan/s and a recommendation for a preferred site including Crown Street Reserve.

**Councillor Hull with the consent of Councillor Prior** sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion as follows:

**That Council (as varied):**

1. Notes the update on the new dog park project.
2. Notes the previous resolution of council (GC270318M01) to remove Cadell Street from the new dog park project.
3. Receives a further report with community engagement outcomes, in regards to the current reserves being investigated for a potential dog park.
4. Receives a further report which explores other potential reserves that could be considered for a dog park, including Crown Street Reserve.

**Carried**

**7.09pm Cove Sports and Community Club - Light Towers**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R04**

**Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Byram** that Council:

1. Supports an application to the Office for Recreation and Sport for \$56,000 towards the upgrade of four lights on the football oval at the Hallett Cove Sports and Community Club.
2. Endorses an allocation of up to \$45,000 towards the lighting project from Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve – Community Facilities Partnering Program on the provision of a successful application to the Office for Recreation and Sport.
3. Notes a contribution of \$7,500 to the project from the Cove Cobras Football Club towards the lighting project.
4. Endorses an increase of \$2,240 per annum for operating and maintenance and an allocation of \$1,085 per annum for renewal/depreciation within the Long Term Financial Plan.
5. Grants Landlord Consent for the upgrade of four lighting towers located on the main oval of the Hallett Cove Sports and Community Club subject to a successful grant application and Development Approval and Building Rules Consent.
6. Delegates to the Manager City Property approval to authorise any relevant documents necessary to facilitate the installation of the lights.
7. Advises the Cove Sports and Community Club that they will be responsible for any project related cost overruns.

**Amendment:**

**Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Prior** that Council:

1. Supports an application to the Office for Recreation and Sport for \$70,000 towards the upgrade of four lights to LED lighting fixtures on the football oval at the Hallett Cove Sports and Community Club.
2. Endorses an allocation of up to \$70,000 towards the lighting project from Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve – Community Facilities Partnering Program on the provision of a successful application to the Office for Recreation and Sport.
3. Notes a contribution of \$7,500 to the project from the Cove Cobras Football Club towards the lighting project.
4. Endorses an increase of \$2,240 per annum for operating and maintenance and an allocation of \$1,085 per annum for renewal/depreciation within the Long Term Financial Plan.
5. Grants Landlord Consent for the upgrade of four lighting towers located on the main oval of the Hallett Cove Sports and Community Club subject to a successful grant application and Development Approval and Building Rules Consent.
6. Delegates to the Manager City Property approval to authorise any relevant documents necessary to facilitate the installation of the lights.



7. Advises the Cove Sports and Community Club that they will be responsible for any project related cost overruns.

The amendment to become the motion was **Carried**

The motion was **Carried**

### **7.29pm Warradale Park Tennis Club Development Report Reference: GC270318R05**

**Moved Councillor Prior, Seconded Councillor Hull** that Council:

1. Notes that no additional external funding has been received for the upgrade of the Warradale Park Tennis Clubroom.
2. Endorses the reallocation of \$125,000 of Community Facilities Partnership Program Funding previously endorsed at the 11 April 2017 Council meeting from the Warradale Park Tennis clubroom project to the court redevelopment project.
3. Endorses an increase of \$26,226 per annum for operating and maintenance and an allocation of \$3,282 per annum for renewal/depreciation for the courts, lighting and fencing within the Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Grants Landlord Consent for the upgrade of lighting, court resurfacing and fencing works subject to Development Approval and Building Rules Consent.
5. Advises that the Warradale Park Tennis Club will be responsible for any project related cost overruns.
6. Endorses an additional allocation of up to \$125,000 from Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve – Community Facilities Partnering Program to be allocated to the Warradale Park Tennis Clubroom refurbishment subject to additional external funding being secured to enable the project to proceed.

7.29pm Councillor Kerry left the meeting

7.32pm Councillor Kerry re-entered the meeting

**Carried Unanimously**

### **7.36pm Morphettville Park Oval Expansion Report Reference: GC270318R06**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Notes the project scope of the Morphettville Park Sport and Community Club Redevelopment will include investigations to expand the oval in addition to traffic management and pedestrian circulation improvements. This will require a review of current and future parking requirements and traffic management imposed by the proposed clubroom redevelopment.

2. Endorses the allocation of an additional \$15k from the Asset Sustainability Reserve- Community Facilities Partnership Program for engineering and architectural design services to investigate the increased scope to expand the oval to including traffic, car parking and pedestrian movement investigations.
3. Notes community consultation on the project will be conducted once 30% detailed design investigations have been complete, which will provide a more defined project scope that considers a site wide approach.

**Carried Unanimously**

**7.37pm Marion Bowls Club – Kitchen Upgrade**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R07**

**Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Supports an application to the Office for Recreation and Sport for \$45,000 towards the refurbishment of kitchen facilities located within the Marion Bowls Club.
2. Endorses an allocation of up to \$45,000 towards the kitchen upgrade being made from Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve – Community Facilities Partnering Program on provision of a successful application to the Office for Recreation and Sport.
3. Notes a contribution of \$5,000 to the project from the Marion Bowls Club towards the project.
4. Grants Landlord consent for the upgrade of kitchen facilities within the Marion Bowls Club, subject to a successful funding application and to Development Approval and Building Rules Consent.
5. Advises the Marion Bowls Club will be responsible for any project related cost overruns.

**Carried Unanimously**

7.43pm Councillor Prior left the meeting

**7.43pm Hallett Cove Heights Playground Investigation**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R08**

**Moved Councillor Byram, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Endorses the renewal of the Cove Sports and Community Club neighbourhood playground in the next 4 to 8 years to improve accessibility for all local residents.
2. Considers the allocation of funds of up to \$190,500 for the development of two new local level playgrounds at Skipper Close Reserve in 2019-20 and Brooklyn Street Reserve in 2020-21 for inclusion in the Playground Works Program.
3. Notes the incorporation of operations and maintenance cost of \$13,336 per annum and depreciation of \$7,620 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan

4. Notes a draft Playground Works Program for 2018-19 through to 2020-21, which includes whole of life funding requirements across the Long Term Financial Plan, for additional playgrounds will be presented to Council on 27 March 2018 for consideration.

**Councillor Byram with the consent of Councillor Crossland** sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion as follows:

**That (as varied):**

1. Endorses the renewal of the Cove Sports and Community Club playground in the next 4 to 8 years to improve accessibility for all local residents.
2. Considers the allocation of funds of up to \$190,500 for the development of two new local level playgrounds at Skipper Close Reserve in 2019-20 and Brooklyn Drive Reserve in 2020-21 for inclusion in the Playground Works Program.
3. Notes the incorporation of operations and maintenance cost of \$13,336 per annum and depreciation of \$7,620 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan
4. Notes a draft Playground Works Program for 2018-19 through to 2020-21, which includes whole of life funding requirements across the Long Term Financial Plan, for additional playgrounds will be presented to Council on 27 March 2018 for consideration.

7.45pm Councillor Prior re-entered the meeting

7.49pm Councillor Veliskou left the meeting

7.51pm Councillor Veliskou re-entered the meeting

**Carried**

**7.55pm Playground Works Program  
Report Reference: GC270318R09**

**Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Veliskou** that Council:

1. Endorses the renewal and design of playgrounds for 2018/2019 as set out in Appendix 1.
2. Endorses a three-year works program 2019/2020 – 2021/2022 for playground renewal and construction as set out in Appendix 1.
3. Endorses the allocation of an additional \$95,250 in 2019 /2020 for development of a playground at Skipper Close Reserve and notes the incorporation of operations and maintenance cost of \$6,668 per annum and depreciation of \$3,810 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan.
4. Endorses the allocation of an additional \$95,250 in 2020 /2021 for development of a playground at Brooklyn Drive Reserve and notes the incorporation of operations and maintenance cost of \$6,668 per annum and depreciation of \$3,810 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

5. Endorses the allocation of an additional \$140,250 in 2019 /2020 to increase the hierarchy of Alpine Drive Reserve from local to neighbourhood and notes the increase of operations and maintenance cost of \$9,818 per annum and depreciation of \$5,610 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan.
6. Endorses the allocation of operations and maintenance cost of \$16,485 per annum and depreciation of \$9,420 per annum into Council's Long Term Financial Plan for the upgrade of a playground in the Capella / Nannygai precinct.
7. Notes that a review of the open space at McConnell Reserve may require additional funding and this will be brought to Council at a later date if required.

7.57pm Councillor Appleby left the meeting

8.01pm Councillor Appleby re-entered the meeting

**Carried Unanimously**

**8.04pm Consideration of New Initiatives for the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan and Budget  
Report Reference: GC270318R10**

**Moved Councillor Telfer, Seconded Councillor Hull** that Council:

**Meeting Suspension**

**Moved Councillor Crossland, Seconded Councillor Prior** that formal meeting procedures be suspended to allow discussions on this item

8.11pm formal meeting procedures suspended

8.37pm Councillor Telfer left the meeting

8.40pm Councillor Telfer re-entered the meeting

9.13pm Councillor Kerry left the meeting

9.16pm Councillor Kerry re-entered the meeting

9.19pm formal meeting procedures resumed

**Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Hull declared an actual conflict of interest in the item: *Consideration of New Initiatives for the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan and Budget* as his daughter attends Seacombe Heights School and will remain in the meeting for the item.

1. Notes the process and outcomes to date relating to the preparation of the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan (Appendix 1).
2. Notes the Draft 2018/19 budget position, with the inclusion of the new initiatives which have corresponding Council resolutions.
3. Considers the new initiatives provided in Appendix 2 for inclusion in the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan.

4. Recommends the following further initiatives are included in the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan, to be presented to the General Council meeting on 10 April 2018:
  - Marion Cultural Centre external hire enhancement project
  - Replacement of the Asset Management ICT System
  - Design for erosion control at River Parade Hallett Cove
  - City of Marion Fringe Hub at the Marion Cultural Centre
  - Indigenous and Disability Traineeships
  - Valuing Marion's Nature (replacement for the Discovery Circle Program)
  - Project Management System
  - Young St/Lander Rd Upgrade
  - MCC Plaza Activation (review of the plaza design to achieve cost effective solution)
  - Coastal Walkway Reinstatement
  - Tennis Facilities at Seacombe Heights
  - Enterprise Data Warehouse/BI Reporting Solution
5. Revises the staging of the LED lighting project to complete the project in 2018/19 and fund stage 2 and 3 (\$2.066m) from funding available in Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve.

**Councillor Telfer with the consent of Councillor Hull** sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the motion as follows:

**That (as varied):**

1. Notes the process and outcomes to date relating to the preparation of the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan (Appendix 1).
2. Notes the Draft 2018/19 budget position, with the inclusion of the new initiatives which have corresponding Council resolutions excluding the weed steamer.
3. Considers the new initiatives provided in Appendix 2 for inclusion in the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan.
4. Recommends the following further initiatives are included in the Draft 2018/19 Annual Business Plan, to be presented to the General Council meeting on 10 April 2018:
  - Marion Cultural Centre external hire enhancement project
  - Replacement of the Asset Management ICT System
  - Design for erosion control at River Parade Hallett Cove
  - City of Marion Fringe Hub at the Marion Cultural Centre
  - Valuing Marion's Nature (replacement for the Discovery Circle Program)
  - Project Management System
  - Enterprise Data Warehouse/BI Reporting Solution
5. Revises the staging of the LED lighting project to complete the project in 2018/19 and fund stage 2 and 3 (\$2.066m) from funding available in Council's Asset Sustainability Reserve.

**Carried**  
**Councillor Hull voted in favour of the motion**

**9.21pm Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that the following items be moved en bloc:

- Code of Conduct – Procedure for Investigating Complaints
- Complaints and Grievance Policy
- Caretaker Policy
- Whistleblowers Policy

### **Meeting Extension**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that the meeting be extended until 9.45pm to enable the remaining items to be considered

**Carried**

9.29pm meeting extended

**Carried Unanimously**

### **9.21pm Code of Conduct – Procedure for Investigating Complaints Report Reference: GC270318R11**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Adopts the Code of Conduct – Procedure for Investigating Complaints as attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Carried Unanimously**

### **9.21pm Complaints and Grievance Policy Report Reference: GC270318R12**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Adopts the revised Complaints and Grievance Policy attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Carried Unanimously**

### **9.21pm Caretaker Policy Report Reference: GC270318R13**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Adopts the Caretaker Policy attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Carried Unanimously**

**9.21pm Whistleblowers Policy**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R14**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that Council:

1. Adopts the Whistleblowers Policy attached in Appendix 1 to this report.

**Carried Unanimously**

**CORPORATE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / NOTING**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou Seconded Councillor Telfer** that the following items be moved en bloc:

- Tonsley Greenway- Progress Report
- Service Review – Report – Customer Service
- Finance Report – February 2018
- WHS Monthly Performance Report – February 2018

**Carried**

**9.32pm Tonsley Greenway- Progress Report**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R15**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that Council:

1. Notes the progress report and that the Tonsley Greenway alternative route will be incorporated in the Walking and Cycling guidelines 2018-2022 which will be presented to Council in May 2018.

**Carried**

**9.32pm Service Review – Report – Customer Service**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R16**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that Council:

1. Notes this report

**Carried**

**9.32pm Finance Report – February 2018**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R17**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that Council:

1. Receives the report “Finance Report – February 2018”

**Carried**

**9.32pm WHS Monthly Performance Report – February 2018**  
**Report Reference: GC270318R18**

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Telfer** that Council:

1. Notes the report and statistical data contained therein

**Carried**

**WORKSHOP / PRESENTATION ITEMS**

Nil

**MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

**Questions with Notice**

**Power Failure, Administration Centre**  
**Report Reference: GC270318Q01**

**QUESTION:**

“Given the significant expense of \$84,434 of purchasing and installing the massive diesel back up generator (as pictured) last year - located in the Administration Centre car park, why did our community and staff experience the crippling mission critical power outage on 23/2/18 in our Administration Centre?”

“Can we get a refund on the generator and provide an innovative, cleaner and secure energy future for our Administration Centre with battery technology with additional solar capture from carport structures in the Administration Centre similar to that of the Westfield Marion car park and our electric car charging station project at Tonsley?”

**COMMENTS: Councillor Hull**

Can the email from Ms McKenzie 23/2/18 , the answer to my question by Mr Mifsud in August 2017 and generator photo be attached to this question please?

**COMMENTS: Vincent Mifsud, General Manager Corporate Services**



The City of Marion's Business Continuity Plan and Community Emergency Management Plan (in draft) reflects that Council has invested in a diesel run generator which ensures protection of Councils critical systems and data for a period of time during power outages.

The generator was specifically designed with the primary purpose of keeping the Computer Room operational in the event of power failures increasingly experienced over recent years. This requires clean power and air-conditioning to remain operational to protect our critical Data assets.

The Generator and UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply batteries) performed flawlessly for this task, supplying the Administration Datacentre and associated air-conditioning as planned.

In addition this enabled the wireless network (Wi-Fi) and battery based devices (Tablets, Smart phones and Laptops) to continue to be used throughout the building and allow external communications through these devices.

It was noted that external phone calls were unexpectedly interrupted and the cause of this is currently being investigated, with involvement from our telephony vendors Optus and Telstra to help identify and rectify the issue.

Prior to a decision to procure a generator a high level initial assessment was conducted, including consideration of desirable environmentally friendly technological solutions. This found:-

- The solar panels currently installed on the Administration Centre are significantly inadequate to provide a solar/battery option.
- There is insufficient usable roof space available to incorporate a solar/battery option on the Administration Centre – the majority of our roofs are actually curved and some are not load bearing.
- The roof orientation of the Administration Centre (south) does not support a large capacity of solar panels being installed.
- A solar/battery solution is, unfortunately, not a solution for maintaining reliable back-up power for the Administration Centre.

As a result of the lack of available space, structural limitations and poor orientation of the roof a solar/battery option was not pursued.

### **Seacliff Park dust emission containment Report Reference: GC270318Q02**

#### **QUESTION:**

Could management please advise if the pre-development preparatory works completed in recent months by the developers of the Seacliff Park site are in keeping with the requirements or guidelines of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), particular in respect of dust emissions and containment of contaminated elements below soil surface.

Is there coordination and consultation between the City of Holdfast Bay, the EPA and our own management in respect of the necessary standards that must be met in these and future works.

**COMMENTS: Councillor Tim Gard**

Aside from the matters of site security and presentation that are currently being attended by management, the issues of dust and containment of any contamination remain ongoing until the development is satisfactorily completed. This may be some ten years or more in timeframe.

Whilst as local Councillor I have had almost no complaints from surrounding residents, I'm aware that the site is not undergoing any mitigation initiatives to contain dust, other than when earth-moving is occurring. There is doubt that natural grasses will regenerate in the short term, given the amount of earth that has been removed.

The EPA is aware of the dust monitoring systems at the nearby Boral operated mine and these alone may reveal some changes in dust patterns with the copious earthmoving and site clearing that has taken place during the recent summer, versus readings of the previous summers.

The process of clearing has also seen a 'scab taken off a large sore' as it were, as the concrete layer in the vicinity of Scholefield Road has been broken up and removed. I understand that this is one of the worst areas of contamination, being one of the lowest sections of the topography. This is chiefly on the CoHB side of the boundary, however residents from both sides of the boundary stand to be affected by any incidence of contamination.

**COMMENTS: Jason Cattonar, Manager Development and Regulatory Services**

Since 1 January 2018, Council has recorded one (1) complaint in the Customer Event System alleging dust emissions are being cause by preparatory/demolition works on the site. The land was monitored (site inspections) during the month of January, however there were no recorded breaches of the Local Nuisance and Litter Act 1993 or the Environment Protection Act 1993 in relation to dust or other environmental nuisance.

Management are, and continue to liaise with the relevant City of Holdfast staff to ensure there is a coordinated approach to any future issues that arise in relation to the site.

**Monitoring for residual refuse contamination  
Report Reference: GC270318Q03**

**QUESTION:**

Is the City of Marion monitoring for any emissions or residual contamination emanating from a former rubbish dump in the vicinity of the north-eastern sector of the Marino Conservation Park, and if so could a report be provided to Council on current findings?

If not, could management arrange to investigate the current status and report to Council accordingly?

**COMMENTS: Councillor Tim Gard**

A resident living adjacent (left hand side) to the main entrance of the Park has verbally reported about her family's concerns for some time over apparent gas emissions in the area, suspecting it to be caused by the remnants of the dump.

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**COMMENTS: Jason Cattonar, Manager Development and Regulatory Services/Sharon Perin, Unit Manager Community Health and Safety**

The City of Marion commissioned a private environmental consultant to undertake a monitoring program of the former rubbish dump at the Marino Conservation Park during 2015, which involved undertaking assessments of landfill gases on four occasions to cover each season of the year and taking landfill gas measurements at differing atmospheric pressures.

The environmental consultant advised in 2016 after the completion of the monitoring program that the former rubbish dump at the Marino Conservation Park was in the “very low risk” category for methane and carbon dioxide, indicating landfill gases were not being generated at unacceptable levels. In addition, borehole flow measures were negligible indicating negligible gas generation. In light of this, the environmental consultant recommended that gas monitoring be ceased at the site.

**Rate Reductions**

**Report Reference: GC270318Q04**

**QUESTION:**

Does the City of Marion have major rate reductions for any classification of resident and could this not be considered on a means/situation test basis?

Would it be possible to create a revenue neutral system of subsidy for such residents where the bulk of ratepayers foot the additional bill for very little extra per household.

**COMMENTS: Councillor Tim Gard**

Recently I had contact from an aged resident asking if one is eligible for rates relief after 50 years as a ratepayer.

Very few people come to live in a municipality for this period of time, and if they do, their period of time as a future ratepayer is generally very limited.

There’s both a moral issue and practical ones to support such an initiative, the moral one being that such longtime residents have been the ones to foot the bill of much of that which we all enjoy in our City today. This is the same generational argument to which we often allude, but considered from another perspective.

Very long term residency and other circumstances of disadvantage or service, such as extended years as a volunteer for the City, are surely deserving of special consideration or recognition.

There’s also another upside for such benevolence, as it could be regarded as a means of holding that resident in the City of Marion where, although he or she may be paying little or no rates, the individual would nonetheless be a consumer of other goods and services from those who pay commercial rates.

The housing market is such that the older residents increasingly come under rates stress, especially if they live in a suburb that is experiencing high growth rates compared with others. There is often no way out but to sell and move, however this so often presents huge social implications. At best such residents are more likely than not to be under considerable financial pressures.

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**COMMENTS: Ray Barnwell, Manager Finance & Contracts**

The City of Marion does not have rate reductions for any classification of resident, nor is there a specific provision for this available in the Local Government Act 1999.

A number of provisions are available within Council's Rating Policy to support qualifying pensioners and self-funded retirees:

1. Postponement of Rates (Seniors) - Section 182A of The Act provides an option for seniors to postpone a portion of their rates above \$500 each year. This is offered to those who hold, or are eligible to hold a State Seniors Card and own at least 50% equity in their principle place of residence.
2. Postponement of Rates (Hardship) - Section 182 of The Act permits the Council, on the application of the ratepayer, to partially or wholly remit rates or to postpone rates, on the basis of hardship.
3. Rate Capping - Council provides relief against a substantial increase in rates payable on residential land due to large increases in capital value by applying a rebate (capping) of general rates to eligible ratepayers. For the current financial year, the rate cap is set at 12% with a \$20 minimum and a \$200 maximum (excluding new or improved properties) for ratepayers who meet the Qualifying Criteria.

In addition the \$200 Cost of Living Concession is available to eligible pensioners who have been means assessed by DCSI and is also available to a broader range of residents.

Council could consider a discretionary rebate, however would need to do so in the context of balancing the benefits of providing such a rebate with the impact it would have on cost shifting to other ratepayers. This includes considering the fairness and equity to residential ratepayers, in particular those on fixed income pensions.

It is worth noting that during the 2015/16 Annual Business Planning process, a proposal to introduce a rates concession for ratepayers who have lived in the City of Marion for over 50 years was submitted by a local resident. This proposal was not supported by Elected Members.

**Motions without Notice**

Nil

**Questions without Notice**

Questions were asked and either answered or taken on notice during this period.

**MEETING CLOSURE** - Meeting Declared Closed at 9.38pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 10 APRIL 2018**

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**CHAIRPERSON**