

## **Future Nillumbik Committee**

to be held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough  
held Tuesday 11 September 2018 commencing at 7.30pm.

## **Minutes**

**Hjalmar Philipp**  
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## Nillumbik Shire Council

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## Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held  
Tuesday 11 September 2018. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

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### Councillors present:

Cr Peter Clarke	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Jane Ashton	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward

### Officers in attendance:

Hjalmar Philipp	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Matt Kelleher	Director Services and Planning
Adrian Cully	Director Business and Strategy
Jeremy Livingston	Acting Director Sustainability and Place, and Executive Manager Organisational Performance
Blaga Naumoski	Executive Manager Governance
Katia Croce	Governance Lead
Corrienne Nichols	Manager Community Programs
Maggie Clarke	Coordinator Living and Learning Nillumbik
Mitch Grayson	Chief of Staff to Mayor and Councillors

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#### 1. Welcome and apologies

#### 2. Reconciliation Statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Chairperson, Mayor Peter Clarke.

#### 3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

#### 4. Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2018.

<b>Committee Resolution</b>
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**MOVED:** Cr Karen Egan

**SECONDED:** Cr Bruce Ranken

**That** the minutes of the Future Nillumbik Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 August 2018 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

Cr Jane Ashton assumed the chair at 7.31pm as the Councillor responsible for the Community Services Portfolio.

**5. Officers' report****FN.027/18      Aged Care Reforms**

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**Portfolio:      Community Services****Distribution:    Public****Manager:        Matt Kelleher, Director Services and Planning****Author:         Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs****Summary**

The Commonwealth Government has implemented a new system of aged care. This includes the introduction of the MyAgedCare gateway and the progressive introduction of a market driven, Consumer Directed Care (CDC) model across community based, packaged and residential aged care services.

Council currently subsidises the service to approx. 20 per cent or \$430,000 p.a. with services delivered via a contract arrangement with MECWACare. In addition, the move to a market-based aged care system in 2020 will require councils to implement full-cost reflective pricing to comply with the Commonwealth Competitive Neutrality Policy.

It is proposed that Council remain in some services, and exit from those direct care services where there are other suitable providers.

The proposal provides an opportunity for Council to strengthen its support for older residents by reinvesting funds currently subsidising Commonwealth Home Support services.

In particular it will enable Council to increase its response to the three most common concerns and aspirations raised by older residents for their positive ageing:

- Social isolation and loneliness - by increasing social support programs.
- Difficulty navigating the new Commonwealth service system - by creating an information, advocacy and navigation service to assist residents to access the services and activities that enable them to age well.
- Physical isolation – by providing accessible community transport, particularly for residents in the rural hinterland.

**Committee Resolution****MOVED:         Cr Grant Brooker****SECONDED:    Cr Peter Clarke**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) recommend to Council that it:

1. Endorses the transition from the delivery of highly subsidised services (Domestic Assistance, Personal Care, Respite Care and Property Maintenance) which can be offered by other providers in the market based aged care system by June 2020.
2. Endorses the realignment of Council's role in supporting older people toward achieving the Positive Ageing Strategy's primary outcome of improved opportunities and choices for older residents to live and age well in Nillumbik by:

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- a) Establishing an information, advocacy and navigation service which supports older residents and carers to navigate a significantly changed service system and a diverse range of positive ageing programs.
  - b) Continuing to provide community transport and conduct a service delivery review to ensure the service delivery model responds to the new service system and achieves best value.
  - c) Developing a business model for social connection and social participation including the continuation of Nillumbik Neighbours Social Support group for Council consideration.
  - d) Undertaking a service delivery review for community based social meals in place of delivered meals for Council consideration.
3. Continues to deliver Regional Assessment Services (RAS) until such point that the Commonwealth and State Governments determine the future operating and funding model and then review Council's role.
  4. Continues to engage with Council's Positive Ageing Reference Group (PARG) as part of the transition process and service delivery reviews.
  5. Develops and resources a transition plan to effectively implement these changes.

**CARRIED**

## 5. Officers' Report

**FN.028/18 Living and Learning Nillumbik Service Review**

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**Distribution: Public**

**Manager: Matt Kelleher, Director Services and Planning**

**Author: Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs**

**Maggie Clarke, Coordinator Living and Learning Nillumbik**

### Summary

A Service Review has been undertaken of Council's Living and Learning Nillumbik (LLN) service. LLN provides services on behalf of Council across three main functions: Neighbourhood house operations at Eltham, Diamond Creek and Panton Hill, along with Learn Local pre-accredited training and accredited training as a Registered Training Provider (RTO).

It is unique in the context that no other Local Government (at least in Victoria) provides these functions directly, offering Council greater influence in local education and learning outcomes.

Overall LLN is fairly efficient and is delivering great outcomes, but it is over-extended in that the service as currently structured is not sustainable in the long term. There does not appear to be any easy ways to reduce the cost to Council without significantly impacting the service levels to community.

This Report outlines the key options going forward for LLN and makes recommendations based on the best options for the long term benefit of Council and community.

### Speakers

The following people addressed the Committee with respect to this item:

1. Ruth Bailey
2. Anthony Herrett
3. Finbarr Carroll
4. Alexia Rigby-Guest
5. John Brownrigg

### **Recommendation**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Authorises a temporary increase of 1 EFT for a two year period to resource the VET Coordinator position, to be funded from existing grant funding.
2. Authorises officers to implement service review recommendation Option 3 - Temporary invest to grow, that includes:
  - a) Developing a strategic plan for LLN to ensure service alignment with Council's strategic objectives.
  - b) Developing a Workforce Management Plan for the service to identify key skills and capabilities and how best to arrange the workforce for maximum benefit.

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**Motion**

**MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke**

**SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan**

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3. Receives a report by October 2019, which advises on the progress of the implementation of the endorsed option 3, being the RTO and learn local programs and projected uplift in revenue.
4. Receives a further report by October 2020 to advise of the actual uplift in revenue.

THE MOTION WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND BECAME THE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke**

**SECONDED: Cr Karen Egan**

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**CARRIED**

**5. Officers' report**

**FN.029/18      Advocacy for the Continuation of Federal Government Funding for 15 hours of Kindergarten**

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**Portfolio:      Community Services**

**Distribution:   Public**

**Manager:      Matt Kelleher, Director Services and Planning**

**Author:        Narelle Hart, Coordinator Early Years Programs  
                    Corrienne Nichols, Manager Community Programs**

**Summary**

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is urging councils to write to the Federal Government for it to continue funding kindergartens post December 2019, so Victorian children retain an additional five hours of kindergarten a week.

There is strong evidence linking kindergarten attendance to improved student results in numeracy, reading and spelling. However, the Federal Government has not committed to funding the additional five hours of kindergarten a week after the current National Partnership Agreement ends in December 2019.

As part of that agreement, the State Government provides funding for another 10 hours, to meet the national target of providing access to 15 hours of kindergarten a week for four year-olds. Parents and councils also provide funding to help to make up the shortfalls.

In November 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), as part of its early childhood reforms, endorsed the national agenda of universal access to 15 hours of kindergarten a week for four year-old from 2013. Prior to this, kindergarten funding was provided by State Government to the level of 10 hours per week.

Currently the State Government funds 10 hours (\$204 million per annum state-wide), the Commonwealth funds five hours (\$113 million per annum state-wide) and a combination of community fund raising and local government contributions provide for the remaining funds required to operate a viable kindergarten program.

The national agreement has come forward for review in 2014, 2015 and 2017 and through strong advocacy by State and Local Government for ongoing funding; the Federal Government extended its commitment until December 2019.

In February 2015, the Productivity Commission released its report into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning which supports continued Commonwealth investment in preschool programs. The report recommends that Federal funding for early childhood education and care should be combined and directed toward three priority areas, including the kindergarten universal access program.



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**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Peter Clarke**

**SECONDED: Cr Grant Brooker**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council):

1. Authorises the Mayor to write to the Prime Minister, Federal Minister for Education and Training and local Members of Federal Parliament to highlight the importance of continued universal access, and to advocate for the continued Federal Government commitment to funding for 15 hours of kindergarten for four-year olds.
2. Authorises the Mayor to write to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) advocating for it to undertake an inquiry into the funding arrangements for four-year old kindergarten, to determine the long term funding requirements for all children accessing kindergarten places, and provide certainty for kindergartens and parents into the future.
3. Endorses the following motion, and submit it to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council to be held in October this year:

“That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to COAG, along with the Commonwealth and State Governments for an inquiry into the funding arrangements for four-year old kindergarten, to determine the long term funding requirements for all children accessing kindergarten places, and provide certainty for kindergartens and parents into the future.”

**CARRIED**

Cr Bruce Rankin assumed the chair at 8.17pm as the Councillor responsible for the Social Infrastructure Portfolio.

**5. Officers' Report**

**FN.030/18 Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre Draft Masterplan Consultation**

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**Distribution: Public**

**Manager: Naomi Paton, Manager Integrated Strategy**

**Author: Michelle DePasquale, Leisure Facilities Senior Contract Supervisor**

**Summary**

Council officers have prepared a draft masterplan for the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre (DVSFC). The development of a masterplan is a recommendation in Council's Recreation Strategy 2011-2019. Its preparation is jointly funded by Council and State Government.

DVSFC consists of six indoor sports courts and a multi-purpose hall, squash courts, gym and group exercise spaces, crèche, café, office areas and change rooms. The facility attracted over 456,000 visits in 2017-2018 making it one of Council's most patronised facilities.

The facility is 42 years old and whilst the facility has undergone a number of minor upgrades in the past 15 years, it now requires substantial redevelopment to meet community needs and expectations, deliver enhanced access and inclusion outcomes, address compliance and respond to its identified position as a regional sporting facility (*Sub Regional Indoor Stadium Study 2017*).

The preparation of the draft masterplan has been overseen by the Strategic Advisory Group and the Project Reference Group, representing over 7200 community voices.

Consultation on the draft masterplan provides the community with an opportunity to provide feedback on the shared vision and proposed concept designs for the facility, that will enable DVSFC to provide health and wellbeing outcomes for the next 40 years.

**Committee Resolution**

**MOVED: Cr Grant Brooker**

**SECONDED: Cr John Dumaresq**

**That** the Committee (acting under delegation from Council) endorses the DVSFC Draft Masterplan for the purposes of community engagement from the 12 September 2018 – 3 October 2018.

**CARRIED**

**6. Supplementary and urgent business**

Nil

**7. Confidential reports**

Nil

Mayor, Peter Clarke assumed the chair at 8.27pm.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Cr Peter Clarke, Mayor