Special Meeting of Council

Council Chamber Civic Centre Boxshall Street Brighton

Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 4pm





PRESENT:

- Chairperson: Cr Alex del Porto (Mayor)
- Councillors:Cr Sonia Castelli
Cr Hanna El Mouallem (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Laurence Evans OAM
Cr Clarke Martin
Cr Jo Samuel-King MBBS
Cr Fiona StitfoldOfficers:Mick Cummins Chief Executive Officer
Jill Colson Director Corporate Services
 - Matthew Cripps Director City Planning and Amenity Kristy Green – Acting Director Community and Customer Experience Adam McSwain – Director Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure Terry Callant – Manager Governance Damien Van Trier – Manager Open Space, Recreation and Wellbeing

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The Mayor declared the Special Meeting of Council open at 4pm and advised members of the public gallery that the meeting is being recorded and streamed live on the internet to enhance the accessibility of Council meetings to the broader Bayside community.

The Mayor invited Cr El Mouallem to read the prayer.

Prayer

O God

Bless this City, Bayside, Give us courage, strength and wisdom, So that our deliberations, May be for the good of all, Amen

Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Samuel-King read the acknowledgement of the original inhabitants of this land.

- Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging as well as any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community members with us today.
- Council acknowledges the Bunurong's continuing relationship to the land and waterways and respects that their connection and spiritual identity is maintained through ancient ceremonies, songlines, dance, art and living culture.
- Council pays tribute to the invaluable contributions of the Bunurong and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Elders who have guided and continue to guide the work we do.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies submitted to the meeting.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest of any Councillor

There were no conflicts of interest submitted to the meeting.

3. Reports by the Organisation

3.1 RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MOTION - 319 - POWERFUL OWL PROTECTION - SECOND-GENERATION ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES (SGARS)

Environment, Recreation and Infrastructure - Open Space, Recreation and Wellbeing File No: PSF/22/27 – Doc No: DOC/22/142072

Moved: Cr Samuel-King MBBS Seconded: Cr Castelli

That Council:

- 1. implements an initial three-month alternative rodent control program along the foreshore that commences on 1 August 2022, rotating between a Cholecalciferol bait and a First-Generation bait program and allocates \$20,000 funding to support its implementation
- 2. receives a report at the 20 December 2022 Council Meeting to allocate budget associated with the costs and resourcing of a permanent alternative rodent control program that excludes the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR)
- 3. takes the following steps to further reduce the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR) across the Municipality:
 - provides information to food vendors, leased Council properties, community groups using Council buildings and other businesses about alternatives to Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR) and Council's policy to cease their use
 - works with commercial and community leaseholders of Council properties to transition away from the use of SGARs and ensure that the prohibition of SGARs is included as a requirement in future leases of Council properties
 - communicates with residents regarding owl and wildlife friendly alternatives to Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides and Council's Policy to cease their use
 - revisits and implements a program similar to 'who are you really feeding' to better inform the community about the impacts of waste in open space
 - writes to the Chief Executive Officers of national hardware chains alerting them to the damage caused by Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR) and seeking their support to phase out the sale of such poisons
- 4. notes that a motion will be put before the Australian Local Government Association National Congress in June 2022 calling on the Australian Government to recognise the harmful impacts of second-generation rodenticides and prohibits their use in Australia and promotes alternative methods of rodent management
- 5. notes that a motion will be put before the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council meeting in June 2022:
 - calling on the State Government to recognise the harmful impacts of secondgeneration rodenticides and prohibits their use in Victoria and establish a

taskforce to investigate and promote alternative methods of rodent management

• seeking other municipalities to cease the use of the Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGAR) and implements suitable alternatives across Council properties and open spaces

6. notes its ongoing commitment to managing rodents across the Bayside Municipality.



3.2 FEDERAL MEMBER FOR GOLDSTEIN - LETTERS UNDER SEAL OF COUNCIL

Corporate Services - Governance File No: PSF/21/23 – Doc No: DOC/22/164797

Moved: Cr Martin

Seconded: Cr Evans OAM

That Council authorises the use of the Council seal on the following letters:

- letter of congratulations to the newly elected Federal Member for Goldstein, Zoe Daniel
- letter of appreciation to the immediate past Federal Member for Goldstein, Tim Wilson.

The Motion was PUT and a **<u>DIVISION</u>** was called:

<u>DIVISION</u>: FOR: Crs Alex del Porto (Mayor), Clarke Martin, Sonia Castelli, Jo Samuel-King MBBS, Fiona Stitfold, Laurence Evans OAM and Hanna El Mouallem (Deputy Mayor) (7)

AGAINST: Nil (0)

CARRIED

The Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4.21pm.