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Minutes – General Meeting  
Wednesday, 3rd February 2021  
Virtual meeting hosted by zoom

Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden

1. Welcome and introduction

The meeting commenced with an acknowledgement of country.

**Present:**

Cr Tom Melican	City of Banyule
Kathleen Petras	City of Banyule
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Jon Liston	City of Brimbank
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Douglas Rowland	City of Hobsons Bay
Denisse Briceno	City of Hume
Alexander Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Wilson Ma	City of Manningham
Cr Bernadette Thomas	City of Maribyrnong
Eng Lim	City of Maribyrnong
Oscar Hayes	City of Melbourne
Cr Stuart James	City of Monash
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Rebecca Patterson	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Cr James Conlan	City of Moreland
Simon Stainsby	City of Moreland
Cr Sarah Race	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Claire Davey	Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Tim Lecky	City of Stonnington
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Troy Knowling	City of Whittlesea
Cr Adele Hegedich	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabrielle DeVietri	City of Yarra
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Julian Wearne	City of Yarra
Justin Rogers	TransDev
Geoff Oulton	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Clive Mottram	VicRoads
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Adam McSwain – Bayside
Cr Andrew Munroe – Whitehorse	Sam Romaszko – Melton
Cr Josh Fergeus – Monash	Gael Reid – Boroondara
Cr Bob Turner – Melton	Richard Smithers – Melbourne
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Che Sutherland – Port Phillip
Cr Ben Ramcharan – Nillumbik	
Cr Lina Messina – Darebin	

## 2. Election of 2021 Executive

Councillor Marsden stepped down from the Chair in order that the election of the 2021 executive could occur.

Executive Officer Jane Waldock reported that 8 nominations for positions on the executive had been received as follows:

- Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden (Hobsons Bay)
- Deputy Chair – Cr Tom Melican (Banyule)
- Secretary - Melissa Falkenberg (Wyndham)
- Treasurer – Ross Evans (Monash)
- General
  - Cr Stuart James (Monash)
  - Cr Anna Chen (Manningham)
  - Cr Lina Messina (Darebin)
  - Cr James Conlan (Moreland)

The meeting noted that as the number of nominations matched the number of positions, no election was required, and all nominations were declared appointed to their positions. Congratulations to all members of the 2021 executive.

Cr Marsden returned to Chair the meeting.

### 3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December be adopted.**

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen

Seconded: Cr Gabrielle de Vietri

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 4. Presentation Mark Rowland – Transport and Highways Advisory Leader - ARUP

February's presentation was "Transitioning towards zero emission buses: A perspective from around Australia and New Zealand," by Mark Rowland, ARUP's Transport & Highways Advisory Leader.

Mark has been involved in many bus projects and provides a detailed look at the challenges and opportunities offered by ZEBs (Zero Emission Buses).

Opportunities include greatly improved community amenity through zero emissions, and greatly reduced noise; greater reliability so reduced maintenance costs, job creation – including the potential for much quieter electric rubbish trucks; the potential for vehicle batteries to have a second life as part of a battery bank.

Challenges include the higher up front cost (but noted this is more than offset over the long life of the vehicle); the high energy demand at depots; the additional weight of the vehicles impacting on the road life.

He looks at projects across Australia and New Zealand as well as overseas, especially China.

His presentation can be viewed on the new MTF website.

The discussion paper can be viewed via

<https://www.arup.com/perspectives/publications/research/section/zero-emissions-bus-forum>

It was noted that the Victorian Government has committed \$20m for a three year trial of electric buses.

### 5. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg reminded councillors to have regular meetings with their local MPs to ensure that their community's requirements are well understood. We should be preparing for the 2022 State elections now – and look for ways to contribute to policy work in all parties. The elections will again be hotly contested. Greg pointed out the different themes of the two major parties in the 2018 elections were Liberal: Law and Order; Labour – Build Infrastructure.

Greg also noted that many projects which have been progressed in Victoria were not recommended by infrastructure bodies. Greg noted that while Infrastructure is expensive, \$billion were allocated for COVID.

Geoff Oulton from the MAV noted once the new MAV Board has been finalised, the MAV will look to refresh connections with State MPs. Geoff also introduced Jacob Riley who has joined MAV as the new Senior Policy Advisor for Transport and Emergency Management.

## 6. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers advised on the development process for their 2021-25 Council Plan. Items mentioned included Integrated Transport Strategy, Green deal, COVID impact, major bike path projects, solar projects, active transport projects.

## 7. Regular Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was presented, noting invoice of \$1,100 (Incl GST) for Greg Day's October/November services, \$149.50 (Incl GST) for Enotia web support services, \$660.00 (inc GST) for Lynn Dean bookkeeping services; and noting the progress payment of \$2200.00 (Incl GST) payment to Greg Day for updating the website which had been considered and approved for payment by the Executive.

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for September and October 2020, 3 invoices approved by Executive for payment in December, and 1 pre-approved invoice be noted;**

Proposed: Cr Anna Chen  
Seconded: Cr Stuart James

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 7.2 – Other events

Elliot Fishman's Transport Master Class to be held on 17 March was noted.

## 8 New MTF website

Members were invited to review the new MTF website.

## 9 General Business

### 9.1 – Meeting Format for 2021

It was suggested that at each meeting 4-5 new councillors could introduce themselves and speak about their election objectives.

### 9.2 – Disability Standards Timeline

Simon Stainsby highlighted the soon approaching 2022 legislated deadline for compliance with Disability Standards, and that DoT do not appear to be including seats and shelters in their works programme – this is a matter that councils may wish to draw to their attention.

David Stosser noted that the standards only apply to the stops, leaving areas around the stops potentially unsuitable for all users.

## 10 Meeting closed 7:50 pm