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Minutes – General Meeting  
Wednesday, 2nd February 2022  
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
Cr Trung Luu	City of Brimbank
Adrian Ashford	City of Brimbank
Warren Smith	City of Casey
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Kevin de Leeuw	City of Darebin
Cr David Zyngier	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Cr Jodi Jackson	City of Hume
Denisse Briceno	City of Hume
Alexander Reid	City of Kingston
Cr Anna Chen	City of Manningham
Daniele Ranieri	City of Manningham
Cr Simon Crawford	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Bhavin Mehta	City of Melton
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley
Justine Lewis	Shire of Mornington Peninsula
Zoe McMaster	City of Moreland
Lawrence Seyers	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Geoff Paine	Shire of Nillumbik
Cr Richard Stockman	Shire of Nillumbik
Doug Rowland	City of Stonnington

Cr Andrew Munroe	City of Whitehorse
Russell Tricker	City of Whittlesea
Benish Chaudry	City of Whittlesea
Cr Peter Maynard	City of Wyndham
Melissa Falkenberg	City of Wyndham
Cr Gabrielle DeVietri	City of Yarra
Cr Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
David Stosser	MRCagney Consulting
Raj Ramalingam	Dept of Transport
Duane Burt	Victoria Walks
Michael Hopkins	Veitch Lister
Ben Lever	PTUA
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Lord Mayor Sally Capp – Melbourne	Kathleen Petras – Banyule
Cr Victor Franco – Boroondara	John Bartels – Port Phillip
Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	Bruce Phillips – Yarra
Cr Rebecca Paterson – Monash	Elias Lebbos – Travellers’ Aid
Cr Jim Magee – Glen Eira	Eng Lim – Maribyrnong

## 2. Election of 2022 Executive

Councillor Marsden stepped down from the Chair in order that the election of the 2022 executive could occur.

Executive Officer Jane Waldock reported that 6 nominations for positions on the Executive had been received as follows:

- Chair: Cr Jonathon Marsden (Hobsons Bay)
- Secretary: Melissa Falkenberg (Wyndham)
- Treasurer: Ross Evans (Monash)
- General positions:
  - Cr Anna Chen (Manningham)
  - Cr Victor Franco (Boroondara)
  - Cr Richard Stockman (Nillumbik)

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 2022 executive.

It was noted that there are now two vacancies on the Executive. Interested members are asked to forward a nomination to the EO. The nominations will be considered by the Executive at the next meeting, and a recommendation will be brought to the March general meeting to fill the casual vacancies.

Cr Marsden returned to Chair the meeting.

### 3. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2021 be adopted.**

Proposed: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Mr Ross Evans

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 4. Presentation Chris and Melissa Bruntlett - Modacity

February's presentation was "Moving Forward Together: Advancing Safe, Inclusive and Resilient Streets," by Melissa and Chris Bruntlett.

The Bruntletts have made a vocation out of advocating for cycling. Through books, research and lecture tours, they have literally taken the Dutch cycling experience to the world.

They outlined some of the key learnings about international efforts to translate the Dutch ideas to a variety of local circumstances. They also spoke about the opportunities presented by Covid, comparing it to the Netherlands Oil Crisis moment in the 1970's.

The Bruntletts spoke about seeing the wider community benefits of cycling, not just transport, but also mental and physical health, and the cohesion it brings to society. They noted that improved cycling infrastructure is often welcomed by people with disabilities, as it provides them with greater access around their communities.

The Bruntletts commented on how to incorporate e-bikes into the transport menu, noting that these must be pedal assist (not low power motor bikes); that a 2 way minimum path width of 5m is vital to allow faster riders to safely pass slower riders; that e-bikes should be speed limited to 25kph (noting that this is only 2-3 kph faster than many cyclists can achieve).

Lastly, they stressed the importance of values driven conversations and consultation to engage and demonstrate support for the travel mode.

The Bruntletts then took questions from the members.

### 5. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day advised that the MTF is planning a Federal Cycling forum to explore the different positions/offers the major parties have in their platforms. Once the speakers are confirmed a flyer will be sent to all members.

### 6. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers from Kingston, Maribyrnong and Melbourne reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities.

Alex Reid spoke about Kingston's projects including its Walking and Cycling plan which attracted over 900 comments/insights. Kingston are also working on their LATM strategy, public lighting guidelines, and EV charging site pilot, and have major transport projects associated with LXRP and SRL works.

Cr Simon Crawford from Maribyrnong spoke about their bicycle and walking strategies, program to further expand lower speed limits (they are looking to 30kph as the next step), EV charging stations and pop up bike lanes.

Richard Smithers for Melbourne, talked about the E Scooter trial (also in in Port Phillip and Yarra), the St Kilda Road bike project, Speed limit reductions, MM2, the Green Line project along the north bank of the Yarra, and the tram extension projects to Arden and Fishermans Bend. Links are noted below:

- City of Melbourne transport strategy - <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/transport-strategy-2030-city-of-melbourne.pdf>
- Green Line - <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/urban-planning/local-area-planning/pages/draft-greenline-implementation-plan.aspx>
- City Road Masterplan - <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/shaping-the-city/city-projects/city-road/Pages/city-road-master-plan.aspx?k=city+road+master+plan&type=web>
- e scooters - <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parking-and-transport/pages/e-scooters.aspx>

## 7. Regular Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report for November 2021 was presented, noting invoice of \$ 660.00 (Incl GST) for Greg Day's November services, \$220.00 (inc GST) for Lynn Dean bookkeeping services, and \$4609.70 for Jane Waldock for Executive Officer services October to November.

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for November 2021, 3 invoices approved by Executive for payment in December be noted;**

Proposed: Ross Evans  
Seconded: Cr Jodi Jackson

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 7.2 Other events

The upcoming MTF federal cycle forum to be held in late February / early March.

### 7.3 MAV

Jacob Riley advised of the following MAV matters:

- The MAV rules of association are being reviewed, submissions are open until 28 February.
- Training opportunities for councillors are being planned
- The MAV Transport Advocacy Strategy is being developed, with a view to advocating at both Federal and State elections. More information will be available at the March meeting.

## 8 General Business

The Executive Officer asked all members to confirm who is their Council's official delegate to the MTF.

## 9 Meeting closed 8:03 pm