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Minutes – General Meeting  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 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
Kathleen Petras	City of Banyule
Henry Lee	City of Bayside
Claire Brace	City of Bayside
John Liston	City of Brimbank
Cr Victor Franco	City of Boroondara
Cr Susanne Newton	City of Darebin
Kevin de Leeuw	City of Darebin
David Logan	City of Darebin
Shekar Ali	City of Frankston
Cr David Zyngier	City of Glen Eira
Cr Tony Athanasopoulos	City of Glen Eira
Saskia Noakes	City of Glen Eira
Cr Jonathon Marsden	City of Hobsons Bay
Ali Raza	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
Cr Simon Crawford	City of Maribyrnong
Richard Smithers	City of Melbourne
Ross Evans	City of Monash
Sandra Worsnop	City of Monash
Pierce Tyson	City of Moonee Valley
Damir Agic	City of Moonee Valley

Cr Paul Mercurio	Shore of Mornington Peninsula
Justine Lewis	Shore of Mornington Peninsula
Lawrence Seyers	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 Edward Crossland	City of Yarra
Philip Mallis	City of Yarra
Jacob Riley	Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)
Cillian Bell	PMP Urbanists
Rachel Goldsworthy	Department of Transport
Daniel Bowen	PTUA
Greg Day	Edunity
Jane Waldock	MTF

### Apologies

Cr Roshena Campbell – Melbourne	David Stosser PMP Urbanists
Cr Lisa Dixon – Mornington Peninsula	Warren Smith – Casey
Cr Geoff Paine – Nillumbik	
Cr Jodi Jackson – Hume	

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes of previous meeting

**MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2022 be adopted.**

Proposed: Ms Melissa Falkenberg

Seconded: Cr Victor Franco

**The motion was: CARRIED**

## 3. Presentation Marion Terrill – The Grattan Institute

March’s presentation was “The Grattan Car Plan – Practical Policies for Cleaner Transport and Better Cities”.

Marion Terrill presented from the Grattan Institute’s report from October 2021, which was a deep dive into the current conditions in Australia that place us behind most other advanced economies on moving to electric vehicles and reducing emissions in the transport sector, and what we can learn from what other countries have done.

Ms Terrill noted that electric vehicle prices are reducing quickly, and expects that by 2030 there will be competitive pricing on most light vehicles; especially when the greater range of EV’s available

overseas becomes available in Australia. Marion considered what are the costs for the whole of vehicle life to drivers, noting that while there is a small additional initial outlay, this is recovered during the life of the vehicle.

Ms Terrill reviewed the barriers to the take up of EVs, and also considered how Australia's housing practices need to adapt to facilitate EV use, and that there is an important place for publicly accessible charging, as more people move into apartment style dwellings.

Ms Terrill then moved to the emission benefits of EV's, noting that petrol quality in Australia continues to be of poor quality, and that Australian spec'd vehicles cannot support the latest technology; in fact that manufacturers are required to "de-tune" vehicles for our market.

Lastly, Ms Terrill noted the influence of transport pricing overall on behaviour – that cheaper driving means that people drive more and that a consequence of Covid is that people are shunning public transport. The reports recommendations are aimed at the Federal government, but there is opportunity for all to adapt.

#### 4. Strategic Transport Advocacy

Greg Day reviewed the Federal Bicycle Forum held on 24<sup>th</sup> February, and that there is room to leverage off the strong consensus between all attendees, and the "master class" on how to get change through politicians – most noticeable that the sector should speak as one, and not be divided in its aims. Greg strongly recommended that the session be shared with colleagues who were unable to attend the session – it is up on the MTF website.

Mr Day then spoke about the early planning for the Town Hall Forums, likely to be held in the lead up to the election (usually late June to early September being mindful of caretaker period constraints) . It is expected that there will be a mix of on-line and in person events, but that the flagship event at the City of Melbourne is likely to be in person.

Interest in hosting a pre-election Town Hall meeting was quickly expressed by Glen Eira, Maribyrnong, Monash. Other members were invited to express interest in holding a forum based by April. This will allow planning to commence in detail.

Mr Day shared the link to the previous town hall forums.

#### 5. Council Information Sharing

Councillors and officers from Manningham, Monash and Moonee Valley reported on transport strategies, projects and advocacy in their municipalities.

- Cr Anna Chen and Mr Daniele Ranieri spoke about Manningham's projects including the development of a transport plan, the works at the Bulleen Park & Ride, and the new bridge as part of the Banksia Park Walking Train, and its ongoing advocacy for new bus services, and an express service to mimic the SRL route and build demand for the rail service when it opens.
- Mr Ross Evans noted that SRL is a significant project in Monash, which has many issues – including lack of integration with existing PT and transport options, that it will have considerable impact on traders, and limits extensions of services in Glen Waverley. Ross also noted that the bus shelter contract within Monash has resulted in revenue

opportunities for Council, and that the shelters will be solar powered, and the North South cycling project between the Djerring Trail and Scotchmans Creek Trail is being developed.

- Cr Pierce Tyson from Moonee Valley spoke about their advocacy work to achieve a western gateway station as part of Airport Rail project, Electric vehicle charging, and the creation of pop-up cycling paths. Mr Damir Agic also reported on recent planning scheme amendments around the Moonee Ponds activity centre that included Maximum parking rates, increases in bicycle parking and the Access Strategy which aims to separate transport modes to reduce conflict.

## 6. Regular Reports

### 7.1 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report for December 2021 was presented, noting invoices from:

- Yarra Bookkeeping (inv 1254), \$220.00 (inc GST);
- Edunity (inv 3626) \$217.25 (inc GST);
- Edunity (inv 3627) \$660.00 (inc GST);
- JW Urban (invoice 202201) \$4400.00 (inc GST); and
- Melissa and Chriss Bruntlett (Invoice M-176 ) \$800

**MOTION: That the Treasurer's reports for December 2021, 5 invoices approved by Executive for payment in February be noted;**

Proposed: Ross Evans

Seconded: Cr Richard Stockman

**The motion was: CARRIED**

### 7.2 Other events

Daniel Bowen from the PTUA noted that there has been a significant reduction in public transport patronage levels.

### 7.3 MAV

Jacob Riley advised of the following MAV matters:

- A briefing pack on the Transport Advocacy Strategy will shortly be sent to all member councils.
- The theme is "Don't leave local government behind" seeking better collaboration and communication between levels of government.
- It emphasises opportunities to improve the funding models (move away from a requirement for shovel readiness), improvements to community safety and better funding for active transport.

## 8 General Business

- The Chair noted that the MTF is a respondent in a VCAT matter.

## 9 Meeting closed 8:00 pm