

August 2025 Meeting Report

This is a brief summary of our most recent meeting which can be shared with colleague councillors, and tabled at council meetings.

Briefing by Minister Williams – 21 August

Minister for Transport Infrastructure, and Public and Active Transport, the Hon Gabrielle Williams will present to MTF members on 21st August. This is a member only event. All MTF delegates have been invited, and we are looking forward to the Minister's presentation, which will be followed by questions from members.

New member elected to the MTF Executive.

Cr Ruth Jelley (city of Darebin) was elected to the casual vacancy on the MTF Executive. Congratulations to Cr Jelley!

MTF 2025-26 Budget approved

The draft 2025-26 budget was approved by the members, based on an annual subscription of \$3000.

August Speaker: Professor Jago Dodson – RMIT – VAMPIRE index.

Professor Jago Dodson provided members with an overview of the factors used in developing the VAMPIRE (Vulnerability Indices for Mortgage, Petroleum and Inflation Risks and Expenditure) analysis, a program which is hosted by the Australian Urban Observatory at RMIT. (see www.avo.org.au).

The index looks beyond housing costs to an index that includes petrol pricing, inflation, expenditure and mortgage costs. It assesses socio-economic oil price vulnerability in Australian cities based on

an analysis of socio-economic indicators from the ABS.

This technique has been successful in linking socio-economic data with an improved understanding of socio-spatial structure of vulnerability from rising transport and housing costs.

He noted that over 80% of Australia's fuel is imported, making us very reliant on foreign fuel supplies. In the event of a fuel supply disruption of any kind, people living in the outer suburbs where there is greater car dependence will be very exposed.

Prof Dodson can be contacted on

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Council Information Sharing

This month we heard from Hume, Maribyrnong, and Melbourne.

Next meeting – September 3 2025.

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd September 2025. Our speaker will be Dr Luisiana Paganelli, from the City of Ballarat who will present on Ballarat's experiences as part of the E-Scooter trial.

This meeting will also be our AGM, and members will be able to attend on-line or in person at the City of Melbourne Town Hall

Placeholder invitations have been sent to members. More detailed papers will be sent prior to the meeting.

We welcome your interest and comments, please contact us on mtf@mtf.org.au