

June 2026 Meeting Report

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

[2026 Town Hall Meetings - EOI](#)

Planning is progressing for Town Hall meetings in the lead up to the state election. Exact dates for each meeting are now being planned so members will be able to advertise the vents to the community.

[Guest Speaker- Mr Harry Barber on Urban Pricing Strategies](#)

Harry presented on different pricing strategies for urban management, explaining the "spoon," "knife," and "fork" pricing approaches using international examples including London's congestion charge, Milan's pollution fee, and Seattle's dynamic parking pricing. He discussed how to adapt pricing rates based on system purposes, noting that revenue generation should be secondary to system optimization goals.

Harry showed how different approaches have different outcomes, using examples from studies of Hong Kong (tunnel usage fees), Stockholm (cordon based system), and Manhattan (also a cordon system). The Manhattan approach has reduced inbound trips by 11%. The London approach has greatly reduced air pollution, but he noted that bus travel speeds are now slower than prior to the cordon being installed (over 20 years ago).

Harry noted that clarity about the outcomes wanted is critical in good design of systems, with it being important that the outcomes are measured, and reported. Outcomes may include pollution reduction (eg: Milan and London).

He also noted that allowing too many exceptions to the pricing meant achieving the proposed outcomes was made much more difficult. He noted the many exemptions provided in Milan and

London which are greatly reducing the effectiveness of the cordons.

[Ambassador Reports](#)

Cr Jelley (Cycling) invited members to contact her if their local BUGs are interested in advocating in the lead up to the election.

Cr Anna Chen (Buses) reported on the Eastern Transport Coalition's launch of Commuters Count campaign on the 23rd of May, aiming to increase funding for, and accelerate the delivery of, significant public transport projects across the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Refer

<https://www.etc.org.au/commuterscountcampaign/>

Cr Liz Irvin (Accessibility) highlighted recent state government announcements on accessible tram stops along Sydney Road (Merri-bek) and High Street (Darebin).

[Council Updates](#)

This month officers from Bayside and Casey advised of recent and upcoming transport projects.

[Next meeting – 8 July 2026 – advocacy](#)

The next MTF meeting will be on Wednesday 8 July 2026. We will be inviting regional groups to advise members on their transport campaigns in the lead up to the coming election.

Placeholder invitations have been sent to all members. More detailed papers will be sent prior to the meeting. All officers and councillors of our members are welcome to attend.

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