

Council Meeting

Minutes

Meeting No. 638

15 October 2024

Commenced at 6.06pm

Council Chamber

301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine,
Victoria

Fiona Blair
Chief Executive Officer
18 October 2024

Council

Cr Ranka Rasic	Mayor
Cr Jae Papalia	Deputy Mayor
Cr Victoria Borg	
Cr Sarah Branton	
Cr Thuy Dang	
Cr Sam David	
Cr Maria Kerr	(Apology)
Cr Bruce Lancashire	
Cr Jasmine Nguyen	
Cr Thomas O'Reilly	
Cr Virginia Tachos	

Municipal Monitors

Ms Janet Dore	Municipal Monitor
Ms Penelope Holloway	Municipal Monitor

Executive Leadership Team

Ms Fiona Blair	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Lynley Dumble	Director Community Wellbeing
Ms Georgie Hill	Director People, Partnerships and Performance
Mr Chris Leivers	Director Infrastructure and City Services
Mr Mark Stoermer	Director Corporate Services
Mr Kelvin Walsh	Director City Futures

Governance Team

Mr Danny Bilaver	Manager Governance and Risk
Mr Tony Vo	Coordinator Council Business
Ms Natalie Horvatic	Council Business Officer

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1 Opening (Including Acknowledgement Of Country)

The Mayor, Cr Ranka Rasic, opened the meeting at 6.06pm and welcomed all in attendance.

The Mayor stated:

On behalf of Brimbank City Council, I respectfully acknowledge and recognise the Wurundjeri and Bunurong Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land and pay respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

2 Council Commitment

The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, read the Council Commitment:

As the Council, we will act in the best interests of the Brimbank community and consider the immediate and long term impacts of our decisions. We will make these decisions fairly and without bias.

We will uphold all of our obligations under the laws of Victoria and Council's local laws, and will act in accordance with our Code of Conduct.

3 Apologies/Leave Of Absence

The Mayor noted that Cr Maria Kerr submitted an apology for this meeting.

4 Disclosure Of Conflicts Of Interest

Cr Thomas O'Reilly indicated they would raise a conflict of interest in relation to Item 6.1.

5 Designation Of Items As Confidential

Nil.

Cr Thomas O'Reilly, having declared a conflict of interest in relation to Report 6.1, left the meeting at 6.10pm.

6 Officer Reports

6.1	Brimbank City Council Annual Report 2023- 2024
Directorate	People, Partnerships and Performance
Director	Georgie Hill
Manager	Rachel Deans
Attachment(s)	1. Brimbank City Council Draft Annual Report 2023-2024 [6.1.1 - 215 pages]

Purpose

For Council to consider adopting the Brimbank City Council Annual Report 2023-2024 at **Attachment 1**.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

- a. Adopts the Brimbank City Council Annual Report 2023-2024, at **Attachment 1** to this report.
- b. Notes that subject to adoption, a copy of the Annual Report 2023-2024 will be published on Council's website.
- c. Notes that the recommended decision is not a prohibited decision as set out in section 69(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Background

Section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)* requires councils to prepare an annual report for each financial year, including a Report of Operations, audited Financial Statements and Performance Statement. The annual report must be presented to a council meeting (open to the public) by 31 October 2024.

Under *the Act*, councils are no longer required to forward a copy of their Annual Report to the Minister for Local Government. Brimbank City Council has previously provided the Minister for Local Government with a copy of its Annual Report, and will forward a copy of the 2023-2024 Annual Report following adoption.

The Financial Statements 2023-2024 and Performance Statement 2023-2024, required to be included in the Annual Report, were adopted in principle at the Council Meeting on 15 September 2024.

The Annual Report meets the State Government's performance reporting framework that became mandatory on 1 July 2014. All councils are required to report results as part of their Annual Report. The framework was introduced to ensure all councils consistently measure and report on their performance. The Annual Report also follows the Local Government Better Practice Guide Report of Operations 2023-2024, published by the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions.

Matters for Consideration

Options

- A. For Council to adopt the Annual Report 2023-2024 at **Attachment 1**.

Analysis

The Brimbank City Council Annual Report 2023–2024 examines and reports on our strategic, operational and financial performance for the financial year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024. It is an essential document demonstrating to our community how we performed in delivering our services.

In the report, you will find the following sections:

Welcome and Introduction

Here, you will find a yearly summary from the CEO and a snapshot of our community.

A Year in Review

This area lists key challenges and what matters to Brimbank now and into the future, elected Councillors, how we engaged with community and Council's significant highlights and achievements of the year.

Our People

Outlines our workforce make-up and the people who lead them and our organisation structure.

Our Performance

Details how we deliver our vision for Brimbank through meeting our Council Plan 2021-2025 critical strategic objectives: Wellbeing and Belonging; Pride and Participation; Liveable and Connected; Sustainable and Green; Growing and Transforming; Earning and Learning.

Governance, Management and Transparency

Provides information about governance, including council meetings, local laws, committees and audits, as part of our commitment to providing good governance and ensuring that our operations are open, transparent and accountable.

Performance Statement

Highlights our Performance Statements and the Victorian Auditor General's (VAGO) Report on our performance.

Financial Report

Sets out how we have applied the financial management principles in the *Local Government Act 2020*, including the audited performance and financial statements that we are required by law to provide.

Community Engagement

Following adoption, a copy of the Annual Report 2023-2024 will be made available to community for viewing on the Council's website.

Resource And Risk Implications

Resource requirements can be met within the Annual Budget 2024/2025.

Regulatory: legal, legislative or regulatory implications including the rights/obligations of stakeholders

- Yes – complies with the Local Government Act 2020.

There are no Community, Environmental, Financial or Safety risks identified.

Legislation/Council Plan/Policy Context

This report supports the Council Plan 2021-2025 strategic direction and objective of:

1. People and Community - A welcoming, safe and supported community - An inclusive place for all

- Wellbeing and Belonging - Responsive services that support mental and physical wellbeing
- Pride and Participation - Community and cultural connections built through social and artistic expression

2. Places and Spaces - Liveable and connected neighbourhoods that support healthy and sustainable futures - A green place for all

- Liveable and Connected - Inviting and liveable spaces and facilities, connected so people can get around
- Sustainable and Green - Protect natural environments for current and future generations

3. Opportunity and Prosperity - A future focused, transforming city where all have opportunities to learn and earn - A prosperous place for all

- Growing and Transforming - Optimise community opportunities through infrastructure innovation and investment
- Earning and Learning - Everyone has access to education, training and lifelong learning to support their aspirations

4. Leadership and Governance - A high performing organisation that enacts the vision and decisions of Council through the delivery of quality and innovative services - A fairer place for all

- Engaged and Responsive - Community insights are valued to enhance connection and engagement with Council
- High Performing and Accountable - Our workforce strive to enhance services and liveability for the Brimbank community.

Council officers contributing to the preparation and approval of this report, have no conflicts of interests to declare.

Resolution

Moved Cr Victoria Borg/Seconded Cr Jae Papalia

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CARRIED

Cr Thomas O'Reilly returned to the meeting at 6.18pm.

7 Urgent Business

Nil.

8 Confidential Business

Nil.

Suspension Of Standing Orders

Motion

That standing orders be suspended to allow Councillors to give their thanks.

Resolution

Moved Cr Bruce Lancashire/Seconded Cr Virginia Tachos

Motion

That standing orders be suspended to allow Councillors to give their thanks.

CARRIED

Resumption Of Standing Orders

Motion

That standing orders be resumed.

Resolution

Moved Cr Jae Papalia/Seconded Cr Jasmine Nguyen

Motion

That standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED

9 Meeting Closure

The Mayor thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 6.37pm.

Confirmed at the meeting of Council held on10/12/2024.....


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Cr Thuy Dang
Mayor