

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTRE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER  
245 STURT ROAD, STURT  
ON TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2017**



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**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna

**Councillors**

**Coastal Ward**

Ian Crossland  
Tim Gard

**Mullawirra Ward**

Jerome Appleby  
Jason Veliskou

**Southern Hills**

Nick Westwood

**Warracowie Ward**

Nathan Prior  
Bruce Hull

**Warriparinga Ward**

Luke Hutchinson  
Raelene Telfer

**Woodlands Ward**

Nick Kerry  
Tim Pfeiffer

**In Attendance**

Mr Adrian Skull  
Ms Abby Dickson  
Mr Mathew Allen  
Mr Vincent Mifsud  
Ms Jaimie Thwaites  
Ms Sherie Walczak

Chief Executive Officer  
General Manager City Development  
Acting General Manager, City Services  
General Manager, Corporate Services  
Unit Manager Governance and Records  
Unit Manager Risk (Minute Taker)

**OPEN MEETING**

The meeting commenced at 7:01pm.

**KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We begin by acknowledging the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

**ELECTED MEMBER'S DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Chair asked if any Member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting.

Interests in the following items were declared:

- Councillor Westwood – Fund my neighbourhood (Report Reference: SGC041017R01)

## CORPORATE REPORTS

### 7:03pm Fund My Neighbourhood Report Reference: SGC041017R01

Councillor Westwood declared a perceived conflict of interest in the item, as he is a member of the Trott Park Community Garden which is included in the items being put forward for funding. Councillor Westwood remained for the item.

**Moved Councillor Veliskou, Seconded Councillor Crossland** that formal meeting procedures be suspended to allow for open discussion on this item.

**Carried**

7.17pm meeting suspended

8:09pm formal meeting procedures resumed

**Moved Councillor Pfeiffer, Seconded Councillor Westwood** that Council:

1. Advises the Department of Premier and Cabinet that the following Fund My Neighbourhood projects be put forward for a public vote. Projects as identified through review of Appendix 1 to:
  - *Include projects represented as green (numbers 1-14 inclusive), with the inclusion of*
    - *item 66 Marino Community Hall (with a scope change to exclude café)*
  - *Include projects represented as amber (numbers 15-50 inclusive), excluding*
    - *item 38 Backyards & Beyond*
    - *item 19 Cove Sports Club playground upgrade*
    - *item 23 Cove Sports Club main signage upgrade*
    - *item 24 Cove Sports Club toilet upgrade*
    - *item 33 Hugh Johnson playground upgrade*
    - *item 42 Sheidow Park lighting upgrade*
  - *Exclude projects represented as red (numbers 51-65, 67-75 inclusive)*
2. Receives a report of the successful projects following the public voting process with recommendations for resourcing and/or reprioritising the current works program.

**Carried Unanimously**

The Mayor sought and was granted leave of the meeting to vary the order of the agenda to consider the Australia Day Motion (Report Reference SGC041017M02) directly after the deputations.

## DEPUTATIONS

### 8:12pm Australia Day Report Reference: SGC041017D01

Mr Michael Laing gave a five-minute deputation to Council relating to Australia Day

### 8:20pm Australia Day Report Reference: SGC041017D02

Mr Robert Miller gave a three-minute deputation to Council relating to Australia Day

**8:23pm Australia Day**

**Report Reference: SGC041017M02**

**Moved Councillor Hull** that Council:

1. Acknowledges that January 26 marks the beginning of the British invasion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lands and oppression of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and is therefore not an appropriate date for an inclusive national celebration.
2. Acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people never ceded sovereignty of their land and have continuously cared for their country for over 60,000 years as the World's Oldest Living Culture.
3. Acknowledges the first Day of Mourning was held on January 26, 1938, being the 150th anniversary of the British invasion. The Day was attended by Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous supporters in protest of the national holiday and the 'callous treatment' of Aboriginal people and continues to be held annually.
4. From 2018 onwards, hosts an inclusive and culturally-appropriate event on an agreed date in partnership with Kurna Community and the City of Marion Reconciliation Advisory Panel (RAP) that recognises and celebrates the World's Oldest Living Culture.
5. Supports the #changethedate campaign and initiates an ongoing conversation, in partnership with the Kurna Community and the City of Marion RAP Committee, to build better understanding with the broader Marion community of Australia's history and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community's pain in relation to the significance and history of January 26. This includes referring to January 26 merely as January 26 in all communications.
6. Commits to engaging with Marion's diverse community, including established and newly arrived communities, to raise community awareness and understanding.
7. Advocates to the Federal Government to change the date in line with the resolution passed by the National General Assembly of Local Government in June 2017.
8. Seeks opportunities to collaborate and partner with regional Councils and other relevant stakeholders to support each other's events, advocacy and education initiatives.
9. Continues to recognise excellence and service in Marion, renewed as the Marion Community Awards, and to be awarded on a day other than January 26.
10. In collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, introduce new categories within the Awards that recognise and celebrate the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live, work or study in Marion.
11. Reaffirms our commitment to holding citizenship ceremonies in a positive and timely way on dates as required that will not include January 26.

**The motion lapsed for want of a seconder**

**MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS**

**8:36pm Potential Property Acquisition Opportunities**  
**Report Reference: SGC041017M01**

**Moved Councillor Hull, Seconded Councillor Gard that:**

1. Council requests administration to ensure that our Property Department monitors potential property acquisition opportunities near open space and Council facilities that would be of strategic interest to Council.
2. Staff advise Elected Members when such property acquisition potential arises.

**Carried Unanimously**

**CLOSURE** - Meeting declared closed at 8:41pm

**CONFIRMED THIS 10 OCTOBER 2017**

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**CHAIRPERSON**  
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