

# Council Meeting

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29/Sep/2025

## Notice of Motion No. 189

### Keeping Knox Safer Forum

**I give notice that at the next meeting of council I shall move:**

That Council resolve:

1. To note Victoria Police's Eastern Region Division 2 is establishing a new Local Safety Committee and Council's support for this Committee.
2. To note the Policy Brief included as Appendix 1 to this motion.
3. To note that safety issues are occurring nationally and are not restricted to Victoria and require local solutions and actions.
4. To note that young people are featuring strongly in crime reports,
5. In support of this new Local Safety Committee, to receive a report to the Council meeting on the 15 December 2025 with a proposal that Knox City Council hold a Keeping Knox Safer Round Table to properly understand the safety issues being experienced by the Knox community, residents and businesses alike:
  - i. Led by an independent facilitator.
  - ii. The independent facilitator will produce a report of the proceedings and recommendations flowing therefrom,
  - iii. That this forum consists of Council, Victoria Police (including Knox, Boronia, Rowville and Transit Police) emergency relief organisations, relevant Council departments (Community Laws, Youth Services Team, Schools, Community Strengthening) the State Government (especially the Department of Fairness Families and Housing), any local support agency with an interest and representatives from the community.
6. That this Forum focus on identifying issues and exploring possible solutions relating to youth counselling, family violence, substance abuse, the provision of rough sleeping, safe spaces, safe showers and safe food. It should also consider the experiences of affected individuals as well as the concerns raised by individuals and local traders who have made many complaints.
7. That the structure of this event should be decided with consultation that includes councillors informally.
8. To note that the information gathered and reported to Council will also be provided to all participants.

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