

MINUTES



Mid-Month Meeting of Council



Held at the
Civic Centre
511 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South
On
Monday 10 November 2025

The Agenda for the Mid Month Meeting of Council, Monday 10 November 2025, forms part of these Minutes and is attached in full at the end of the Minutes.

These Minutes are considered draft until adopted and confirmed at the next Mid Month Meeting of Council.

The meeting commenced at 7:05pm.

PRESENT:

Cr Lisa Cooper (Chairperson)
Cr Glen Atwell (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Duncan
Cr Robert Williams
Cr Meagan Baker
Cr Parisa Considine
Cr Peter Lockwood
Cr Susan Pearce
Cr Paige Kennett

Scott Ward
Tirhatuan Ward
Collier Ward
Dinsdale Ward
Dobson Ward
Friberg Ward
Baird Ward
Taylor Ward
Chandler Ward

Bruce Dobson
Grant Thorne
Jonathan McNally
Judy Chalkley
Matt Kelleher
Navec Lorkin
Andrew Dowling
Saskia Weerheim

Chief Executive Officer
Director - Infrastructure
Acting Director - City Liveability
Director - Connected Communities
Interim Director - Customer & Performance
Chief Financial Officer
Manager - Governance & Risk
Head of Governance

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1 Apologies And Requests For Leaves Of Absence

Nil.

2 Declarations Of Conflict Of Interest

Councillor Baker foreshadowed:

- Declaring a general conflict of interest in Item 4.1, Minor Grants Program and Emergency Relief Fund 2025-26 Monthly Report;
- Making a statement of transparency for Item 6.1, Lease Agreement between Knox City Council and Scouts Victoria.

Councillor Duncan foreshadowed declaring a general conflict of interest in Item 4.1, Minor Grants Program and Emergency Relief Fund 2025-26 Monthly Report.

3 Confirmation Of Minutes

The Chairperson, Councillor Lisa Cooper invited Councillors to raise any opposition to the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Monday 13 October 2025. There being none, the Chairperson declared the Minutes be confirmed.

The Chairperson, Councillor Lisa Cooper, varied the Order of Business with leave of Council, to enable consideration of a Memorial prior to Item 4 Officer Reports.

Memorial – Ben Austin

Councillor Baker acknowledged the passing of 17 year old Ben Austin on 30th October from a tragic accident whilst training in the practice nets at Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully.

Councillor Baker noted that with cricket being described as one of the joys of his life, Ben was actively involved in the Ferntree Gully Cricket Club, Mulgrave Cricket Club and Eildon Park Cricket Club. Being a dedicated sportsman, Ben also played more than 100 games for the Waverley Park Hawks Junior Football Club and was the runner up in this season's club best and fairest.

Councillor Baker noted that Ben will be remembered as a loving, respectful and beautiful boy, a talented cricketer on the rise. One of his coaches described him as an enthusiastic, very fit young man who showed outstanding leadership qualities. Ben's teammates will miss his catch cry "here we go, lads" prior to a game.

Councillor Baker passed on Council's sincerest condolences to Ben's mother, Tracey, father Jace, brothers Cooper and Zack, family, friends and the cricket community.

4 Officer Reports

4.1 Minor Grants Program and Emergency Relief Fund 2025-26 Monthly Report

SUMMARY

This report summarises the grant applications recommended for approval in November 2025 for the 2025-26 Minor Grants Program and Emergency Relief Fund. All applications have been assessed against the criteria set out in the Knox City Council Community Grants Guidelines 2025-2026 (Guidelines).

Applications under the Minor Grants Program are limited to a maximum of \$2,500.00 within the current financial year.

Applications under the Emergency Relief Fund are limited to \$20,000.00 within the current financial year.

This report also includes more information on Community Development Fund Application “2526-CDF-118 Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club”. This application was discussed at the 27 October 2025 Meeting of Council and further information was requested to understand why the application was unsuccessful.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Approve two applications under the Minor Grants Program for a total of 2,203.23 (excluding GST) as detailed below:

Minor Grants Program				
Applicant Name	Project Title	10% Contribution for Equipment	Amount Requested (inc. GST)	Amount Recommended (excl. GST)
2 nd /3 rd Bayswater Scout Group	From Plates to People: Strengthening Community Through Shared Meals Funding is being sought to upgrade kitchen items that will boost hall hire, attract community events, and support affordable, accessible Scouting for local families.	\$182.95	\$1,829.55	\$1,663.23 (lesser amount due to GST)
Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc.	Connecting Knox Through Responsible Dog Ownership Funding is being sought for a one-off community engagement and education campaign that promotes wellbeing, safety and inclusion through dog training.	N/A	\$540.00	\$540.00
Total			\$2,369.55	\$2,203.23

2. Defer one application under the Minor Grants Program requesting a total of \$2,500.00 as detailed below:

Minor Grants Program			
Applicant Name	Project Title	Reason for Deferral	Amount Requested
One Hope Community Church	Outdoor Blinds for Community@Cavell	Waiting for additional information	\$2,500.00
Total			\$2,500.00

3. Refuse one application under the Minor Grants Program requesting a total of \$2,500.00 as detailed below:

Minor Grants Program			
Applicant Name	Project Title	Reason for Ineligibility	Amount Requested
Restore Community Care	Restoring Broken Lives	Duplicate application – the same project has been applied for under the Emergency Relief Fund (ERF) this month. The project has been recommended for funding under ERF.	\$2,500.00
Total			\$2,500.00

4. Note that should the recommended Minor Grants be approved by Council, the remaining budget for 2025-26 will be \$99,842.38 after GST adjustments.
5. Approve one application under the Emergency Relief Fund for a total of \$11,531.81 (excluding GST) as detailed below:

Emergency Relief Fund				
Applicant Name	Project Title	Co-contribution from the Organisation	Amount Requested (inc. GST)	Amount Recommended (excl. GST)
Restore Community Care	Filling Plates, Filling Hearts Funding is being sought to provide short-term emergency relief to the community who are in urgent need of assistance.	Total project cost \$20,000.00, including \$7,000.00 contribution from organisation	\$13,000.00	\$11,531.81 (lesser amount due to budget being exhausted)
Total			\$13,000.00	\$11,531.81

6. Note that should the recommended grant be approved by Council, the Emergency Relief Fund budget for 2025-26 will be exhausted with no budget remaining.
7. Note the information provided in relation to the Community Development Fund Application 2526-CDF-118 Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club and uphold the Community Development Fund Assessment Panel's decision to decline this application.

Pursuant to Section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and Chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council, Councillor Baker declared a general conflict of interest in this item on the grounds that she has a family member on the Committee of the Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club who are an applicant within this item.

Pursuant to Section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) and Chapter 5 of the Governance Rules of Knox City Council, Councillor Duncan declared a material conflict of interest in this item on the grounds that he is on the Executive Committee of the Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club who are an applicant within this item.

Councillor Baker left the meeting at 7:13 pm before the discussion and vote on item 4.1

Councillor Duncan left the meeting at 7:13 pm before the discussion and vote on item 4.1

The Chairperson, Councillor Lisa Cooper, proposed under Governance Rule 35, that Council separately consider the Community Development Fund Application for Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club –enabling Councillor Baker and Councillor Duncan to return to the Meeting to consider the balance of this item which relates to Minor Grants and the Emergency Relief Fund.

RESOLUTION – PART 1

MOVED: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED: Councillor Lockwood

That Council resolve to note the information provided in relation to the Community Development Fund Application 2526-CDF-118 Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club and uphold the Community Development Fund Assessment Panel’s decision to decline this application.

CARRIED

Councillor Baker returned to the meeting at 7:18pm following the vote on Part 1 of Item 4.1 - Community Development Fund Application for Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club

Councillor Duncan returned to the meeting at 7:18pm following the vote on Part 1 of Item 4.1 - Community Development Fund Application for Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club

RESOLUTION – PART 2

MOVED: Councillor Williams

SECONDED: Councillor Pearce

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Total			\$13,000.00	\$11,531.81

6. Note that should the recommended grant be approved by Council, the Emergency Relief Fund budget for 2025-26 will be exhausted with no budget remaining.

CARRIED

4.2 Social and Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2027 - Mid-Term Review

SUMMARY

The Knox Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2023-2027 (the Strategy) was approved by Council in April 2023. The Strategy outlines Council's role in, and commitment to, supporting our community in accessing safe and secure housing. Council's approach recognises the importance of partnering with other tiers of government to support residents. The Strategy acknowledges that whilst local government can facilitate elements of increasing social and affordable housing, funding and management essentially rests with the State Government and the community housing sector.

This report provides a mid-way review of key achievements, case studies, progress against each of the actions, and opportunities for the remainder of the implementation period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to receive and note this mid-term review of the Knox Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2023-2027.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Lockwood

SECONDED: Councillor Atwell

That Council resolve to receive and note this mid-term review of the Knox Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2023-2027.

CARRIED

4.3 Event Option for Australia Day 2026

SUMMARY

This report responds to Councillors' request to develop a proposal for an event to acknowledge and celebrate Australia Day in 2026.

The report outlines a small-scale event for Tim Neville Arboretum and is now presented to Council for a decision on whether to proceed with an event, and to allocate a budget for delivery of the event.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves to:

1. Support a small-scale event "Knox Picnic in the Park" at Tim Neville Arboretum on Monday 26 January 2026 for the purpose of celebrating Australia Day.
2. Note the successful application made to the National Australia Day Council for \$10,000 to support this event.
3. Allocate \$30,000 (ex GST) of additional funding for this event to be delivered.

MOTION

MOVED: Councillor Duncan

SECONDED: Councillor Pearce

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LOST

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED: Councillor Baker

That Council adjourn the Meeting for 10 minutes.

CARRIED

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm and resumed at 8:19 pm with all Councillors present except for Councillor Baker who retired from the Meeting.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Duncan

SECONDED: Councillor Williams

That Council resolve:

1. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person as the Chief Executive Officer nominates) to liaise with the National Australia Day Council to determine opportunities to amend Council's grant proposal;
2. To request officers, subject to the feedback received from the National Australia Day Council, to develop a proposal for an alternative Australia Day event limited to the value of grant funding plus a Council contribution of \$10,000; and subject to such other conditions as may be imposed by the National Australia Day Council; and
3. In the absence of a feasible proposal, to authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person as the Chief Executive Officer nominates) in consultation with the Mayor, to withdraw its grant application and not proceed with an event for Australia Day 2026.

CARRIED

4.4 Councillor Appointments to the Knox Local Safety Committee

SUMMARY

At its meeting on 25 August 2025, Council unanimously agreed that the creation of a Local Safety Committee (LSC), in partnership with Victoria Police, represents a positive, collaborative, and outcome-focused initiative to address safety concerns within Knox. To this end, Councillors signed a letter of endorsement on 11 September 2025 to Acting Inspector Darke, at Knox Police, for a Local Safety Committee to be established.

The LSC will be co-chaired by Victoria Police and Knox City Council and will have representatives from both Victoria Police and Knox City Council as well as other key stakeholders such as EACH, Infolink, Department of Justice, etc. The Committee will meet four times per year during business hours with the Terms of Reference to be approved at the first meeting.

It is proposed that two Councillors be nominated to sit on this Committee for a 12-month duration. As the first meeting of this Committee is on 20 November the nominations are required to take place prior to the usual process of committee allocation that occur annually.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to appoint two Councillors, being Councillor _____ and Councillor _____, as Council's representatives to the Local Safety Committee convened by Victoria Police effective from 20 November 2025 until 30 November 2026 or until Council resolves otherwise.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Atwell

SECONDED: Councillor Williams

That Council resolve:

- 1. Until such time as Council determines otherwise, the Mayor (or Acting Mayor) of the day and the Deputy Mayor of the day shall represent Council on the Local Safety Committee convened by Victoria Police;**
- 2. To seek an amendment to the Terms of Reference to enable any interested Councillor to attend the Local Safety Committee meetings as observers, recognising that community safety is a priority issue affecting all wards across Knox;**
- 3. To request that all Councillors receive:**
 - a) Meeting dates and Agendas for all Local Safety Committee meetings;**
 - b) Minutes and action items following each Meeting; and**
 - c) Twice-yearly briefings on local safety initiatives and outcomes arising from the Committee's work from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.**

CARRIED

4.5 Eastern Region Group of Councils

SUMMARY

Knox Council is a member of a number of regional groupings that comprise multiple Councils coming together in a formal way to work together and advocate for particular outcomes. These groupings include the Eastern Region Group of Councils (ERG).

Council received a report at its meeting on 24 March 2025 in response to Notice of Motion 163 providing, in part, a summary of achievements of the ERG and the cost of membership. Council resolved at that meeting to receive a further report to a Council meeting enabling Council to re-evaluate its membership of ERG.

This report responds to the 24 March 2025 Council resolution and includes information on ERG and its activities during 2025.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Receive and note this report including information on the Eastern Region Group of Councils and its activities during 2025.
2. Continue its membership of the Eastern Region Group of Councils.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED: Councillor Lockwood

That Council resolve to:

1. **Receive and note this report including information on the Eastern Region Group of Councils and its activities during 2025.**
2. **Continue its membership of the Eastern Region Group of Councils.**

CARRIED

4.6 Audit and Risk Committee - Independent Member Appointment

SUMMARY

This report considers the outcome of the recruitment process for an Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Committee and recommends the appointment of the preferred candidate in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee's Charter.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Appoint the preferred candidate as set out in Confidential Attachment 1, to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period December 2025 to December 2028, in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.
2. Pursuant to Section 125 of the Local Government Act 2020, to authorise the confidential information in the attachments to this report to be publicly available for the limited purpose of communicating the effect of this Resolution to the extent necessary to give effect to it.
3. To authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person the Chief Executive Officer selects) to communicate the effect of these resolutions to the extent necessary at their discretion, including for the purpose of informing the community about the content of the report or Council's decision.
4. Acknowledge and thank Mr Geoff Harry for his contribution to Knox over the past five years as an Independent Member and Chair of the Knox Audit and Risk Committee.

Councillor Duncan left the Meeting at 8.45 pm during debate on Item 4.6 Audit and Risk Committee - Independent Member Appointment.

Councillor Duncan returned to the Meeting at 8.46 pm during debate and before the vote on Item 4.6 Audit and Risk Committee - Independent Member Appointment.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Pearce

SECONDED: Councillor Cooper

That Council resolve to:

1. **Appoint the preferred candidate as set out in Confidential Attachment 1, to the Audit and Risk Committee for the period December 2025 to December 2028, in accordance with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.**
2. **Pursuant to Section 125 of the Local Government Act 2020, to authorise the confidential information in the attachments to this report to be publicly available for the limited purpose of communicating the effect of this Resolution to the extent necessary to give effect to it.**
3. **To authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person the Chief Executive Officer selects) to communicate the effect of these resolutions to the extent necessary at their discretion, including for the purpose of informing the community about the content of the report or Council's decision.**

4. **Acknowledge and thank Mr Geoff Harry for his contribution to Knox over the past five years as an Independent Member and Chair of the Knox Audit and Risk Committee.**

CARRIED

5 Notices Of Motion

Nil.

6 Supplementary Items

6.1 Lease Agreement between Knox City Council and Scouts Victoria

SUMMARY

The Lease Agreement between Knox City Council and the Scout Association of Australia, Victorian Branch (Scouts Victoria) is currently overhauled and requires Council delegation to execute a new Lease Agreement/s. This report updates Council on the status of discussions between Council officers and Scouts Victoria, and seeks a Council decision to authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person as the Chief Executive Officer delegates) to negotiate and execute the new Lease Agreement/s, within the parameters outlined in the report.

Scouts Victoria have been delivering the benefits of the Scouting movement for many years within the City of Knox. Individual Scout Groups were established and halls built across the municipality between 1958-1972 on Council land. Scouts Victoria constructed the buildings and are the owners of the buildings. The leases between Knox City Council and Scouts Victoria are known as “Land Leases,” and are for the land the Scout buildings have been built upon, and not the buildings.

Whilst there are 15 Scout sites across the municipality, this report is for 13 sites only. Eleven of the sites are on Council owned land and the two other sites Council manage on behalf of the Victorian State Government and Melbourne Water. The Scout site at Heany Park is on a separate Agreement managed by Council’s Biodiversity Team, and it is anticipated that once endorsed this lease template will be used to execute the Heany Park site lease with some additional environmental considerations. An additional Scout site in Bayswater is situated on Vic Track land with the Lease managed by the Department of Transport.

Officers have been in discussions with Scouts Victoria for the future of the leases and the buildings built upon the land, within the Knox municipality. These discussions have progressed to the point where officers are now recommending the leases can be finalised.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Note that the relevant provisions of Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 regarding Lease of Land have been met.
2. Enter into Lease Agreement/s with Scouts Victoria for the eleven Scout Hall sites listed in this report which are on Council-owned land:
 - a. For the purpose of providing Scout related activities; and
 - b. With an annual rent payable of \$450 per site per annum, increasing by 4% on the annual anniversary of the Agreement, plus outgoings.
3. Enter into Lease Agreements with Scouts Victoria for the two Scout Hall sites for which Council is the manager of the land on behalf of the Victorian State Government and Melbourne Water:
 - a. For the purpose of providing Scout related activities;
 - b. Using terms agreeable to the land-owners (noting these leases will need to be approved by the landowners); and
 - c. With an annual rent payable of \$450 per site per annum, increasing by 4% on the annual anniversary of the agreement, plus outgoings.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person as the Chief Executive Officer nominates) to negotiate and execute the lease agreement/s for each site, generally in accordance with:
 - a. the above resolutions;
 - b. the officer recommendations in section 1 of the Officers' report;
 - c. the draft lease as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1; and
 - d. where applicable, the requirements of the Victorian State Government and Melbourne Water as relevant land owners; with such minor or administrative changes considered necessary and appropriate at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer or their nominee.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or such person as the Chief Executive Officer nominates), pursuant to Section 125 of the Local Government Act 2020, to communicate the content of the Confidential Attachments for the limited purpose of communicating the effect of this resolution to the extent necessary at their discretion, including for the purpose of informing staff and the community about the content and/or Council decision.

RESOLUTION

MOVED: Councillor Cooper

SECONDED: Councillor Pearce

That Council resolve to:

1. Note that the relevant provisions of Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020 regarding Lease of Land have been met.
2. Enter into Lease Agreement/s with Scouts Victoria for the eleven Scout Hall sites listed in this report which are on Council-owned land:
 - a. For the purpose of providing Scout related activities; and
 - b. With an annual rent payable of \$239 per site per annum, increasing by 4% on the annual anniversary of the Agreement, plus outgoings.
3. Enter into Lease Agreements with Scouts Victoria for the two Scout Hall sites for which Council is the manager of the land on behalf of the Victorian State Government and Melbourne Water:
 - a. For the purpose of providing Scout related activities;
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 - a. the above resolutions;
 - b. the officer recommendations in section 1 of the Officers' report;
 - c. the draft lease as outlined in Confidential Attachment 1; and
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CARRIED

A Division was called by Councillor Atwell

For the motion: Councillor Kennett, Councillor Atwell, Councillor Considine, Councillor Cooper, Councillor Duncan, Councillor Williams, Councillor Lockwood, and Councillor Pearce

Against the motion: Nil

Abstentions: Nil

CARRIED 8:0

7 Urgent Business

7.1 Urgent Business

Nil.

8 Confidential Items

Nil.

Before closing the Meeting, the Chairperson, Councillor Cooper, noted that it was her last meeting as Mayor and acknowledged Councillors and Council officers for their support and collaboration, and thanked the community for its ongoing engagement. The Mayor noted that it has been an honour and privilege to serve in the role of Mayor and expressed appreciation to fellow Councillors for the opportunity to lead Council and community.

The Mayor also noted that Remembrance Day was on 11 November, encouraging all to pause at 11 am to reflect on the courage, service, and sacrifice of those who have served, including those who lost their lives, those who returned carrying the impacts of conflict, and the families and communities who continue to bear this legacy.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9:10pm

Minutes of Meeting confirmed at the
Mid Month Meeting of Council
held on Monday, 8 December 2025

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Chairperson

The Agenda for this meeting is attached in full at the end of the Minutes