

# ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

## 16 OCTOBER 2019



### 15. NOTICES OF MOTION

#### 15.1 Cr Dick Gross – Morning of Mourning

I, Councillor Dick Gross, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 16 October 2019:

That Council:

1. Notes the advice from the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC) that they are prepared to work with the City of Port Phillip; to develop and include a morning service to recognise and commemorate the loss of country – remembrance of Ancestors and Elders who maintained traditional elements of our community's ancient cultural heritage since colonisation circa 1835 - as an integral part of its Australia Day ceremonies.
2. Notes that the proposal is for a morning ceremony on Australia Day at a place, to be identified, ideally in view of the Port Phillip Bay and would be an addition to other Australia day ceremonies and not replace them
3. Notes that the ceremony would focus on respectful symbolic acknowledgement - that recognises the impact of European “settlement” on Boonwurrung people and first nation peoples and their tremendous determination to maintain a proud cultural heritage connection to both lands and seas.
4. Notes that informal discussions have been held between the Mayor and the CEO of the National Australia Day Council in Canberra, with the latter being supportive of local indigenous ceremonies for Australia Day where the morning stage is one of solemnity and indigenous recognition.
5. Requests the CEO to engage with the Boonwurrung Land and Sea Council (BLSC), the Australia Day Council and other interested parties, including the Boon Wurrung Foundation, to progress the proposal and provide a further report for consideration by Council with event details, timing, costs and funding sources to hold the ceremony on the morning of Australia Day, 2020.