

8.2. Petition: Parking Permits Gray Street, Yarraville

The purpose of this report was to table a petition received in relation to a request for parking permits on Gray Street, Yarraville.

Council Resolution

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the Petition: Parking Permits Gray Street, Yarraville*
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to consider the petition and determine the appropriate response.*

Moved: Cr Simon Crawford

Seconded: Cr Jorge Jorquera

CARRIED

9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1. Acknowledging January 26

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with detailed recommendations developed through a First Nations led engagement process which has built on the "Let's Talk January 26" consultation process, detailing how January 26 could be acknowledged into the future.

Council Resolution

That Council:

1. *Acknowledges that January 26 is a day of mourning for many First Nations people, and the day often symbolises a history of loss and trauma that has occurred since British colonisation and should be marked in a more inclusive and respectful way.*
2. *Continue to lower the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to half-mast on January 26 as a symbol of the grief and loss the day represents for many First Nations people, and invites the community to attend where practical.*
3. *Continue to hold Citizenship Ceremonies on January 26, in line with the requirement from the Commonwealth, but also invite First Nations People to conduct a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and/or other appropriate activity to contextualise the day for new Australians. The invitation should be extended to First Nations Peoples for all Citizenship Ceremonies conducted throughout the year.*
4. *Invite Traditional Owners to participate in the ceremony, to provide a small gift to new Australians, procured from local First Nations businesses.*
5. *Works with local First Nations People to develop and implement better community education regarding First Nations People's experience of January 26.*
6. *Writes to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Andrew Giles MP, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP and the Member for Maribyrnong, the Hon Bill Shorten MP advocating:*
 - a) *that the current requirement of holding of Citizenship Ceremonies be removed from the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code 2019 to allow Councils to choose whether to continue to hold ceremonies on January 26;*
 - b) *that the Commonwealth Government consider changing the date of Australia's national day, to one more suitable in order that all Australians can better celebrate equally;*
 - c) *that the Commonwealth Government include First Nations information and history as part of Australian Citizenship tests;*
7. *Table an advocacy motion at the 2023 Australian Local Government Association National Conference in support of First Nations People's experience of January 26.*

Moved: Cr Michael Clarke
Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas

CARRIED