



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 23 September 2014 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Councillors:	Debra Swan (Chair)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Colleen Furlanetto	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	Alister Purbrick	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Patrick Storer	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Robin Weatherald	(Mt Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)

Officers:	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
	David Woodhams – Director, Corporate and Community
	Phil Howard – Director, People and Culture

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
'In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today. We recognise indigenous people, their elders past and present'.
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Reports of Council Officers
 - 5.1 Climate Change
 - 5.2 Infrastructure
 - 5.3 Private Enterprise
 - 5.4 Public Institutions
 - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 5.6 Tourism
 - 5.7 Organisation
6. Urgent Business
7. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989


Steve Crawcour
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

17 September 2014

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5. REPORTS

5.7 ORGANISATION

5.7.1 Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement

Author & Department

Director, Corporate and Community / Corporate and Community Directorate

File Reference

3034

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council pass a resolution giving its approval to the Annual Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement prior to formal submission to the Auditor-General Victoria and the Minister. The Act further requires that Council must authorise two Councillors to approve the statements.

Draft copies of the Financial, Standard and Performance Statements have been circulated to Councillors with this report for their consideration and are tabled for information purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve *in principle* the Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement for the 2013/2014 financial year;**
- 2. Authorise Councillors Swan and Furlanetto to sign the Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement on behalf of, and with the full authority of, the Council; and**
- 3. Authorise Cathy Fitzpatrick, Manager-Finance, to certify the 2013/2014 Financial and Standard Statements.**
- 4. Authorise Steve Crawcour, Chief Executive Officer, to make minor amendments to the Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement for the 2013/2014 financial year, if required.**

5.7.1 Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement (cont.)

Background

The Auditor-General's service provider conducted an audit of Council's 2013/2014 financial statements during August / September 2014.

The Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement were presented at the Audit Committee meeting held on 19 September 2014 with the Auditor General's service provider addressing the meeting. At the time that this report was prepared, Council is awaiting final Victorian Auditor General Certification. No change to the Financial Statements, Standard Statements or Performance Statement are anticipated.

The Audit Committee recommendation from that meeting was:

"That the Financial Report, Standard Statements and Performance Statement, and Management Letter, for the year ended 30 June 2014, be endorsed by the Audit Committee for presentation to Council for adoption."

The Financial Statements show that Council returned a surplus of \$1.31 million for the year ended 30 June 2014 compared to a budgeted deficit of \$0.93 million.

The value of assets under Council's control has increased from \$225 million at 30 June 2013 to \$233 million at 30 June 2014 and is a result of capital works for the year and asset revaluations of \$5.79 million.

Risk Management

Council has addressed any risks associated with the preparation of the reports by applying accepted accounting standards, where applicable.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The statements have been prepared using the Local Government Model Report 2014 as issued by the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The financial results are shown in the statements.

Economic Implications

The report has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The report has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

5.7.1 Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement (cont.)

Community Implications

The report has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

The report does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

Legal / Statutory Implications

The proposal is consistent with sections 131 and 132 of the Local Government Act 1989 which, amongst other things, requires the Council to “certify the statements in their final form”.

Consultation

Council staff and Council’s external auditor, the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office and Council’s Audit Committee have been consulted as part of the preparation of these reports.

Attachments

Nil.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

CRS -

That the Organisation report, as listed below, be considered as Urgent Business –

11.7 Organisation

11.7.1 Documents for Signing and Sealing

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT P.M.