



**STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 6 MARCH 2018 AT THE NAGAMBIE LAKES REGATTA CENTRE  
(LODDINGS LANE, NAGAMBIE) COMMENCING AT 5.30 P.M.**

**Chair:** Amanda McClaren (Mayor) (Lake Nagambie Ward)

**Councillors:** John Mason (Deputy Mayor) (Seven Creeks Ward)  
Malcolm Little (Hughes Creek Ward)  
Debra Swan (Lake Nagambie Ward)  
Alistair Thomson (Mount Wombat Ward)

**Officers:** Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
Phil Howard - Director, Innovation and Performance (DIP)  
Roy Hetherington - Director, Community Assets (DCA)  
David Roff - Director, Corporate and Community (DCC)

**BUSINESS**

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners  
*'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting.  
I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'*
3. Apologies  

Councillor Kate Stothers (Honeysuckle Creek Ward)  
Councillor Graeme (Mick) Williams (Seven Creeks Ward)
4. Disclosure of Interests  

Nil.
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Council Officers
  - 6.1 Climate Change
  - 6.2 Infrastructure
  - 6.3 Private Enterprise
  - 6.4 Public Institutions
  - 6.5 Housing and Recreation
  - 6.6 Tourism
  - 6.7 Organisation

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7. Urgent Business
8. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989
9. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting, as per Local Law No. 1 - Meeting Procedure (2014) or as updated from time to time through Council Resolution



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## 6. REPORTS

### 6.7 ORGANISATION

#### 6.7.1 Advocacy Program

##### **Author and Department**

Director, Innovation and Performance –/Innovation and Performance Directorate

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

The author of this report and officers/contractors 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 Mission Statement of the Council Plan is “*To support our community to grow through effective partnerships, engagement and equitable and efficient delivery of services*”. One of the major goals of the plan is to advocate on behalf of the community in key areas and secure and/or create funding opportunities as they arise.

With the upcoming State Election and future Federal Election looming; it is recommended that Council commit \$10,000 to an Advocacy Program to ensure the Mayor, Councillors and Executive are fully prepared to capitalize on short term and long term prospects and investments that would enhance Council’s the vision to build flourishing communities.

The funds would be redirected from current budget allocations from lower marketing and communication priorities, e.g. graphic design and merchandising. The priority would be to produce quality advocacy and marketing brochures to be readily available to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer (and other Councillors and officers as appropriate) for formal and informal meetings with Members (and representatives) of the Government and opposition both State and Federal. Also, a small amount of the funds would support the administrative costs associated with the program, e.g. travel, and staff time (if and when required).

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **That Council:**

- 1. Approve the reallocation of funds (to a maximum of \$10,000) to the Advocacy Program as outlined in this report.**
- 2. Request regular updates from the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer about the Advocacy Program.**

10/18 **CRS SWAN/LITTLE** : *That the Recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

### 6.7.1 Advocacy Program (cont.)

#### **Background**

Goal 6 of the Council Plan mandates Council to advocate on behalf of its community in key areas of:

- Diplomacy
- Education
- Environment
- Funding
- Health
- Public Transport
- Roads
- Telecommunications
- Tourism
- Transport Linkages
- Utilities and Natural Resources

In addition, the *Local Government Act* and other strategic documents support and encourage the Council to be active in advocacy initiatives for the betterment of their communities and regions.

#### **Alternative Options**

Council decides to not fund the program by reallocation of the current budget.

#### **Risk Management**

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

#### **Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan**

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents, especially the Council Plan.

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

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act requirements.

#### **Financial / Budgetary Implications**

There are no negative budget implications as it is a recommendation to reallocate funds. A positive is the program could realize extra external funding for community projects.

#### **Economic Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation should increase the opportunity to grow the investment into the Shire.

#### **Environmental / Amenity Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has positive outcomes for the environment and community amenity as these are consistent with the key areas of advocacy.

6.7.1 Advocacy Program (cont.)

**Community Implications**

The community will benefit greatly if the advocacy opportunities are successful.

**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation is consistent with human rights under the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*, e.g. *access for all*.

**Legal / Statutory Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal implications.

**Consultation**

Consultation was conducted through the creation and adoption of the Council Plan.

**Attachments**

Nil

7. URGENT BUSINESS
8. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER MATTERS LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989
9. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S

***THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.34 P.M.***

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

  
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Chair

*20.03.2018*  
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Date

