



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council held on Tuesday 1 December 2015 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Councillors:

Colleen Furlanetto (Chair)	(Seven Creeks Ward)
Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
Alister Purbrick	(Lake Nagambie 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, Sustainable Development

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, and the more recent custodians of the land'
3. Apologies

Councillor Robin Weatherald	(Mount Wombat Ward) (Family Leave)
Councillor Patrick Storer	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
Councillor Debra Swan	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
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

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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
8. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s

Excerpt from the Strathbogie Shire Council Meeting Procedure Local Law No. 1 (2014)

1. RECORDING DEVICES

- (1) Council / Committee meetings will be recorded to ensure accuracy of the minutes.
- (2) Relevant signage will be provided, including advising at the beginning of a meeting that meetings are being recorded.
- (3) Only meetings held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre will be recorded.



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5.7 ORGANISATION

5.7.1 Receiving / Hearing of Submissions - Draft Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan

Author & Department

Manager, Governance and Statutory Services / Corporate and Community 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

In accordance with the resolution of Council at its meeting Tuesday 20 October 2015, the Draft Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) has been advertised, inviting submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Submissions closed at 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 25 November 2015 with no submissions being received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consider the Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 15 December 2015.

05/16 CRS WILLIAMS/LITTLE : That the Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Background

A detailed report was provided to Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 20 October 2015. The adopted recommendation was adopted to;

1. Invite submissions to Council's draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan under Section 223 of the of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Submissions will close at 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 25 November 2015.
2. Receive/hear submissions to the draft Plan at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 1 December 2015, commencing at 5.00pm at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.
3. Formalise the outcome of submissions at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 15 September 2015

The Plan was advertised on Council's website and as a public notice in the local newspaper.

5.7.1 Receiving / Hearing of Submissions
- Draft Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (cont.)

The advertising was set out as per below;

The Draft Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) has been finalised in partnership with Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) and Goulburn Murray Water (GMW).

The objectives of the Strathbogie DWMP are to:

- ensure Council meets its legislative obligations regarding domestic wastewater management across the Shire in an effective and affordable way;*
- enable appropriate residential development in water supply catchments by meeting all requirements of the Ministerial Guidelines for the relaxation of the 1 dwelling per 40 hectares Guideline by water corporations;*
- ensure existing reticulated sewerage infrastructure expands in response to residential growth in key townships such as Euroa to minimise reliance on individual wastewater treatment systems;*
- explore opportunities to install cost effective community treatment plants in key townships such as Strathbogie and Longwood;*

To obtain a copy of the draft DWMP and Background Report visit www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au or call customer service on 5795 0000.

Council invites submissions to the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. Submissions will close at 5.00 p.m. Wednesday 25 November 2015.

No submissions were received.

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action. No feasible alternatives have been identified. Various acts and guidelines require councils to have an adopted DWMP in place to effectively manage the potential adverse impacts of domestic wastewater on public health, water quality and the environment.

Risk Management

The DWMP is based on a thorough risk analysis of the municipality, using a method approved by the EPA, the former DEPI and local water corporations.

The DWMP Resource Plan outlines various initiatives and strategies to effectively manage and mitigate the identified risks of unsewered development on public health and the environment.

Strategic Links

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan, including the Municipal Strategic Statement.

5.7.1 Receiving / Hearing of Submissions
- Draft Strathbogie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (cont.)

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

Funds to undertake this project were allocated in the 2014/15 budget. Funds have also been allocated in the 2015/16 financial year to commence the implementation of the DWMP Resource Plan.

The Resource Plan identifies the estimated costs and resources required for various initiatives to be undertaken by Council. Some initiatives will be undertaken in partnership with GMW and GVW. All avenues to secure appropriate government grants will also be explored, for example securing a State government contribution to the preparation of a whole of water cycle plan for the Strathbogie township.

Initiatives will be funded by a mixture of recurrent funding and short term/one off funding. Future capital works to improve stormwater management, as per the Shire's Stormwater Management Plan's recommendations also require resource allocation, particularly in the high risk townships of Strathbogie and Longwood.

Economic Implications

It is considered that the adoption and implementation of the DWMP will provide economic benefits to the Shire and its community as it creates greater certainty about future residential growth capacity, particularly in declared catchments.

The DWMP and its Resource Plan provide opportunities to ensure that Council and water corporations adequately plan for the infrastructure required to facilitate future growth in seweraged and unsewered areas.

The Plan will, therefore, be a key means of meeting the needs of the projected population increase of 1500 people between 2011 and 2031 (sourced from *Victoria In Future 2015*).

Environmental / Amenity Implications

The adoption and implementation of the DWMP will result in a coordinated range of initiatives designed to manage the potential adverse impacts of the pathogens and nutrients contained in domestic wastewater.

Improved wastewater management should lead to a reduction in public health risks from pathogens and environmental improvements in our waterways through reduced levels of nutrients and pathogens (which can cause blue green algal blooms and adverse impacts on potable/irrigation water).

Community Implications

The preparation of a DWMP will provide the community with greater clarity around future growth potential and a more pleasant environment within which to live and conduct business.

5.7.1 Receiving / Hearing of Submissions
- Draft Strathbogrie Shire Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (cont.)

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

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

Legal / Statutory Implications

Council has an obligation to actively manage domestic wastewater outlined by the Environment Protection Act 1970, the State Environment Protection Policy Waters of Victoria (SEPP WoV) and the Strathbogrie Planning Scheme. The adoption of a DWMP is the key means through which Council demonstrates it is meeting these obligations.

Consultation

Various stakeholders have participated in the preparation of the DWMP through:

- involvement of GMW and GVW Senior Officers in the development of the Background Report and Draft DWMP;
- data input from the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority;
- participation of several local plumbers and land capability experts and local residents in our online surveys; and
- briefings for Council and relevant Council staff.

Both GMW and GVW have had significant input in to the development of the DWMP, particularly the Resource Plan.

Council invited submissions to Council's draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* via:

- notices in the local paper;
- information on Council's website;

It should also be noted that the implementation of the DWMP's Resource Plan will require the ongoing engagement, education and involvement of all stakeholders including water corporations, council, land owners, residents, consultants, developers, plumbers/service technicians and land capability experts.

Attachments

Nil

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**

8. **CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.02 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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15/12/15
Date