



**STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD  
ON TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE  
COMMENCING AT 5.00. P.M.**

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

<b>Officers:</b>	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
	Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development
	Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services
	David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community

**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  

Nil
4. Disclosure of Interests  

Nil
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

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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## 5. REPORTS

### 5.7 ORGANISATION

#### 5.7.1 Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement - Receiving / Hearing of Submissions

##### **Author & Department**

Executive Manager, Corporate and Community / 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**

The proposed Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement (Policy) was advertised in the Euroa Gazette, the Shepparton News, the Benalla Ensign and the Seymour Telegraph on 20 April 2016. Submissions under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* were invited.

One submission was received, a copy of which has been distributed to Councillors for their information and is tabled for identification purposes. The submitter addressed Council in support of the submission.

##### **CRS STORER/WEATHERALD –**

**That the submitter be permitted an extra five minutes presentation time to address Council in support of the submission.**

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**ON BEING PUT, THE MOTION WAS CARRIED**

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Receive and note the submissions in response to the public notice of the intention to implement an Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement.**
- 2. Hear those who wish to be heard in support of their written submission.**
- 3. Formally consider all received submissions and determine the outcome of the intention to implement an Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 commencing at 6.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

22/16 **CRS SWAN/LITTLE** : *That the Recommendation be adopted.*

**CARRIED**

5.7.1 Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement  
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

**Background**

At a Special Council Meeting on 12 April 2016, Council resolved to:

1. *Invite submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the draft Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement. Submissions close at 5.00 p.m. Friday 20 May 2016.*
2. *Receive/hear submissions to the draft at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 14 June 2016, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre*
3. *Formalise the outcome of submissions at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016.*
4. *Proceed with the introduction of the draft Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement if no submissions are received under Section 223 of the Local Government Act*
5. *Once adopted, proceed to Phase 2 of the work and incorporate into Strathbogrie Planning Scheme.*

One submission was received by the closing date of 5.00 p.m. on Friday 20 May 2016.

A summary of the submission is outlined below:

Submitter – Alistair Thomson, spokesperson for the 'No Pokies for Euroa' group.

The submission requests the following changes to the Policy:

- Expanding the scope to include planning permit applications, citing excerpts from neighbouring Councils' policies to demonstrate their commitment to harm minimisation
- Including in the Policy the following:
  - The purpose of the EGM policy is to provide guidelines for responding to planning permit applications for the use and installation of EGMs and gaming licence applications to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation.
  - Gaming machines should not be located in areas:
    - Specified in the Schedule to Clause 52.28-4 and will be strongly discouraged in areas that abut, or are adjacent, opposite or in such close proximity to prohibited areas that a proposed venue would reasonably be considered particularly convenient to users of the strip shopping centre
    - Where any ABS collection district within 400 metres walking distance of the proposed venue is in the 20% most disadvantaged collection of districts in Victoria, as set out in the latest SEIFA Index of relative socio-economic disadvantage
    - Where the gaming venue, and its associated uses, will be compatible with the predominant surrounding land uses by ensuring that the proposed location, design and operating hours do not detrimentally affect the amenity of the surrounding area

The submitter requested the opportunity to speak to the submission by presenting it to Council.

5.7.1 Electronic Gaming Machine Policy Statement  
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

**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.

**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 and 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**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no capital or recurrent budget considerations.

**Economic Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

**Environmental / Amenity Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

**Community Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

**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**

The recommendation complies with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Consultation**

This recommendation ensures community members have an opportunity to make submissions that are received or heard by the Council in order to inform the Council's decision.

**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 5.12 P.M.***

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

..... 21/6/16  
Date

