



STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council held on Tuesday 7 May 2013 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

Councillors: Debra Swan (Chair)
Colleen Furlanetto
Malcolm Little
Patrick Storer
Graeme (Mick) Williams

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
'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

Councillor Alister Purbrick
Councillor Robin Weatherald
4. Disclosure of Interests

Nil

EXCERPT FROM MEETING PROCEDURE LOCAL LAW NO. 1

CONDUCT OF PUBLIC

52. VISITORS

- (1) Visitors must not interject or take part in debate.
- (2) Silence shall be preserved in the gallery at all times.
- (3) If any visitor is called to order by the Chairperson and again acts in breach of this Local Law, the Chairperson may order that person to be removed from the gallery.

53. CALL TO ORDER

Any person who has been called to order, including any Councillor who fails to comply with the Chairperson's direction, will be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$500

54. REMOVAL FOR DISRUPTION

The Chairperson has discretion to cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction under the provisions of this Local Law.

- 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
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5.7 ORGANISATION

5.7.1 Draft 2013 – 2017 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, Actions and Strategic Indicators - Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment

Author / Department

Chief Executive Officer / Executive Services Directorate

File Reference

C70/0180/03

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

Section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989 (*the Act*) states that:

- (1) A Council must prepare and approve a Council Plan within the period of 6 months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later.
- (2) A Council Plan must include –
 - (a) the strategic objectives of the Council;
 - (b) strategies for achieving the objectives for at least the next 4 years;
 - (c) strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives;
 - (d) a Strategic Resource Plan containing the matters specified in section 126;
 - (e) any other matters which are prescribed by the regulations.

Therefore, in accordance with the *Act*, Council has developed its Draft Council Plan for 2013–2017 ready for community consultation. This new Plan sets out the objectives and strategies that Council, on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire community, is committed to delivering over the four years ending 30 June 2017.

The draft Council Plan has now been prepared and is available to the public for review and comment / submissions. Copies of the document will be available for inspection at the following locations from Wednesday 15 May 2013:-

- Avenel Post Office, Queen Street, Avenel
- Euroa Council Offices, Corner Binney and Bury Streets, Euroa
- Euroa Library, 62 Binney Street, Euroa
- Nagambie Library, 352 High Street, Nagambie
- Violet Town Library, Cowslip Street, Violet Town
- Strathbogie Store / Post Office, Main Street, Strathbogie

Any person has a right to make a submission under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on the proposed Council Plan. Persons wishing to be heard in support of their submissions must so indicate in their written submission.

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- Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

The closing date for submissions is Wednesday 12 June 2013 at 5.00 pm. A Special Meeting of Council will be held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre on Thursday 20 June 2013 commencing at 5.00 p.m. to receive written submissions and for persons wishing to be heard in support of their submission.

A copy of the Draft 2013-2017 Shire of Strathbogie Council Plan, which includes the Strategic Resource Plan, has been distributed to Councillors for their information. Copies of the documents are tabled for identification purposes, and are Appended to the Agenda for the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to give public notice of the proposed Draft 2013-2017 Strathbogie Shire Council Plan, which includes the *amended* draft 2013-2017 Strategic Resource Plan, in accordance with Sections 125, 126 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.**
2. **That Council receives/hears any submissions on the Draft 2013-2017 Plan at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 20 June 2013.**
3. **That Council adopt the Strathbogie Shire 2013-2017 Council Plan at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 26 June 2013.**

24/13 **CRS LITTLE/WILLIAMS** : *That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to amendment to the draft Strategic Resource Plan, and reference to same as shown in italics in Recommendation 1, and amendment to the date for closure of submissions to now be Thursday 13 June 2013, as indicated in the program dates in the 'Background' details.*

CARRIED

Background

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- Preparation of Plan for Exhibition and Comment (cont.)

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Therefore, in accordance with the *Act*, Council has developed its Draft 2013-2017 Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan ready for community consultation. These new Plans set out the objectives and strategies that Council, on behalf of the Strathbogie Shire community, is committed to delivering over the four years ending 30 June 2017. Council's Draft Strategic Resource Plan is based on the previous Council's Long Term Financial Plan and is currently being reviewed as part of the consideration for the draft 2013-2014 Budget.

The Council Plan is a strategic document of Council that sets its Vision / Mission / Goals and Objectives for the (4) four year term of the Council. The Actions that sit under each Goal ensure the organisation delivers what the Council has set as its long term strategic vision for its community.

The program dates for this Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan are as follows:

1. Adopt the Draft 2013–2017 Council for Public Exhibition – 7 May 2013
2. Public Exhibition period closes at 5pm ~~Wednesday 12~~ Thursday 13 June 2013
3. Councillor Briefing on Public Submissions – Monday 17 June 2013
4. Submissions Hearing to receive/hear submissions on the Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan – Thursday 20 June 2013
5. Special Council Meeting to adopt 2013–2017 Council Plan – Wednesday 26 June 2013
6. Present adopted 2013–2017 Council Plan to the Minister for Local Government by Friday 28 June 2013.

Alternative Options

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternatives. No feasible alternatives have been identified as it is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1989

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 current 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 2010 requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The author has advised that the actions identified in the Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan are funded through the 2013 /14 Draft Budget.

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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 has identified environmental benefits through the initiatives detailed in the Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan.

Community Implications

The author of this report has identified significant community and / or social benefits for the community as detailed in the Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan.

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 author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Consultation

The community will have an opportunity under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 to make comments / submissions on the Draft 2013–2017 Council Plan.

Attachments / Appendices

Appendix A: Draft 2013-2017 Shire of Strathbogie Council Plan

Appendix B: Draft 2013-2017 Shire of Strathbogie Strategic Resource Plan

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.10 P.M.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date

APPENDIX A

DRAFT 2013-2017 SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE COUNCIL PLAN

APPENDIX B

DRAFT 2013-2017 SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE STRATEGIC RESOURCE PLAN