

## MEDIA RELEASE: FRIDAY, 18 MAY, 2018

## **Council to appoint a Roads Advisory Committee**

Strathbogie Shire Council is gearing up to appoint a Roads Advisory Committee and is calling on the community for expressions of interest.

The advisory committee will be involved in the development and review of policy and strategy relating to the shire's road network and the management of roadsides, including road safety issues and initiatives of community benefit.

Three volunteers will be selected to be members of the advisory committee from expressions of interest, alongside two Councillors, two Council staff members and a representative from VicRoads.

Mayor Amanda McClaren said providing quality infrastructure is one of Council's key priorities outlined in the Council Plan and the shire's roads are a central part of this.

"Our road network is an area that our community regularly expresses interest in. This was particularly highlight during our Let's Talk- We're Listening campaign last year," Mayor McClaren explained.

"We thought a Roads Advisory Committee would provide the opportunity for greater community involvement in advising on the strategies and policies that guide the management of our roads and roadsides."

"We encourage people to put their hand up to volunteer for this role as it is a great opportunity to be involved in local government and issues affecting our communities."

The following criteria are required to be considered for appointment to the committee:

- Appropriate tertiary qualifications in a civil engineering or a related discipline; and/or
- Demonstrated experience in either road safety, road traffic or strategic road management; and/or
- Practical experience; and/or
- An understanding of major state and federal road management programs associated with freight, safety or funding opportunities.

If you are interested in joining the Roads Advisory Group, please contact Council via email at <u>info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u> or phone on 1800 065 993 to obtain an application form.

Applications are to be received no later than close of business on Friday 22 June 2018.

-ENDS-

Media contact: Clare Allen- 0418 336 078

Key Spokesperson: Mayor Amanda McClaren- 0409 700 958