

Strathbogie Shire Council

Council Meeting Agenda

August 2022

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we strive, the peoples of the rivers and the hills of the Strathbogie Shire region who walked these lands for generations.

We pay our respects to the elders of the past, and the speakers of the first words, who lived in harmony with this country.

We acknowledge the elders of the present, who seek to regain their culture, and to teach the elders of the future their law, their history and their language.

We pay our respects to them and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

We honour their spirit – and the memory, culture, art and science of the world's oldest living culture through 60,000 years.

Agenda

Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6pm

Meeting to be held virtually and livestreamed on Council's website:

<https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/our-council/council-meetings-and-minutes/>

Council:

Cr Laura Binks (Mt Wombat Ward) – Mayor
Cr Paul Murray (Hughes Creek Ward) – Deputy Mayor
Cr David Andrews (Lake Nagambie Ward)
Cr Reg Dickinson (Lake Nagambie Ward)
Cr Sally Hayes-Burke (Seven Creeks Ward)
Cr Kristy Hourigan (Seven Creeks Ward)
Cr Chris Raeburn (Honeysuckle Creek Ward)

Officers:

Julie Salomon – Chief Executive Officer
Amanda Tingay – Director Community and Planning
Dawn Bray – Director People and Governance
Vlad Adamek – Director Sustainable Infrastructure
Kristin Favaloro – Executive Manager Communications and Engagement

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2. Acknowledgement of Country
3. Apologies / Leave of Absence
4. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, be confirmed.

6. Petitions
7. Reports of Mayor and Councillors and Delegates
8. Public Question Time
9. Officer Reports
 - 9.1 Strategic and Statutory
 - 9.2 Community
 - 9.3 Infrastructure
 - 9.4 Corporate
 - 9.5 Governance and Customer Service
 - 9.6 Executive
10. Notices of Motion
11. Notices of Rescission
12. Urgent Business
13. Confidential Business

Julie Salomon
Chief Executive Officer
August 12, 2022

Next meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, at 6pm.

Public question time

Questions for the Ordinary Council Meeting can be submitted to be read, and responded to, by the Mayor during the Public Question Time. Questions must be submitted before 12 noon on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, by emailing info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

Public Question Time will be conducted as per Rule 31 of Strathbogie Shire Council's Governance Rules. The required [form](#) for completion and lodgement, and associated [Procedural Guidelines](#), can be found on Council's website at www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

As the questions are a permanent public record and to meet the requirements of the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014, only the initials of the person asking the question will be used together with a Council reference number.

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9. OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 STRATEGIC AND STATUTORY PLANNING

9.1.1 Planning Applications Received and Planning Applications Determined - 1 to 31 July 2022

Author: Manager Planning & Investment

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides listings of all Planning Applications Received (Attachment 1) and Planning Applications Determined (Attachment 2) for the period of 1 to 31 July 2022. The latest available Planning Permit Activity Performance Figures are also attached (Attachment 3). The contents of this report are provided for information purposes only.

It is noted that there were 17 new planning applications received and 13 planning permit applications decided upon during the reporting period.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Note that there were 17 new planning applications received, and 13 planning permit applications decided on during the period of 1 to 31 July 2022; and***
2. ***Note the report.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

To report to Council on the current planning application activity and matters considered under delegation.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

Council is a Responsible Authority under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). In this role, Council administers the Strathbogie Planning Scheme (Planning Scheme) and, among other things, determines planning permit applications made for the use and development of the land in the municipality. Under delegated authority of Council, Council officers determine some matters.

Many types of use and development do not require a planning permit and may take place without being recorded as part of the planning approvals data. The statistics presented do not represent all development activity in the municipality. In addition, some planning permits are not acted on, or there may be a delay between when the approval is granted and when works take place.

9.1.1 Planning Applications Received and Planning Applications Determined
- 1 to 31 July 2022 (cont.)

Removal of native vegetation on Longwood-Ruffy Road, Ruffy

The following provides information to our community regarding the planning process in which a planning permit was obtained for the removal of native vegetation on Longwood-Ruffy Road, Ruffy.

There has been concerns voiced by some members of the community surrounding the risk of trees in the road reserve spoon drain falling on a section of Longwood-Ruffy Road, Ruffy. Due to recent wide widening works seven (7) trees remain within a spoon drain creating a potentially dangerous situation.

On 21 June 2022, a planning permit application was made from Strathbogie Shire Council for Native Vegetation removal, along the roadside adjacent to property 1101 Longwood Ruffy Road, Ruffy. The application included the removal of seven (7) native trees ranging in diameter measurement of 43-80cms. As the trees to be removed are in located within the road reserve on Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) owned land the application was also required to be referred to DELWP for their comment. The application cited that the road is being widened and its design has minimised the number of trees to be removed through alignments, levels, swale drains re-routing, and the use of guard rails. However, it is still required to remove some trees to enable meeting safety requirements.

The application was placed on advertising, and no objections to the planning permit application were received. The planning permit application was referred to the DELWP for their consent and any associated conditions. DELWP consented to the proposal with conditions. In Victoria, an offset is generally required when an approval or a permit to remove native vegetation is granted. In this case the offset obligations were met through buying native vegetation credits. The financial cost of these credits is \$17,000 and the removal of the six tree is a further \$17,000. The Planning Permit (P2022-082) was issued under delegation on 5 August 2022.



Image 1: Longwood-Ruffy Road, Vegetation Removal seven (7) trees to be removed. Please note that trees 5 and 6 are located in close proximity of one another and as such are reflected in the image as a single tree.

9.1.1 Planning Applications Received and Planning Applications Determined
- 1 to 31 July 2022 (cont.)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Individual applications consider these requirements through assessment phase of each application as per the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report continues to demonstrate that Council is being transparent in its position in relation to all applications received and determined by the Council.

CONCLUSION

This report is provided for Council to note the current planning permit application activity.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Planning Applications Received

Attachment 2: Planning Applications Determined

Attachment 3: Planning Permit Activity Performance Figures

ATTACHMENT 1:

Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
96 Odwyer Road, Tabilk VIC 3607	P2022-087	Boundary Realignment – two lots	\$0.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
173 Faithfull Road, Longwood East VIC 3666	P2022-083	Construction of a rural storage shed	\$225,000.00
2 Barwon Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2022-085	Two (2) Lot Subdivision	\$0.00
2 Vine Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2022-084	Use and development of land for a gym	\$50,000.00
24-26 Holland Street, Euroa VIC 3666	P2022-086	Development of land for an extension to a dwelling	\$350,000.00
780 Sugarloaf Road, Kelvin View VIC 3666	P2020-028-1 SC	Seeking approval for revised plans for a dwelling and shed	\$0.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
557 Ankers Road, Strathbogie VIC 3666	P2022-090	Construction of Farm Shed	\$9,000.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
259 Moglonemby Road, Euroa VIC 3666	P2022-088	Construction of a Dwelling in the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay	\$200,000.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
12 Burrows Lane, Mangalore VIC 3663	P2022-089	Construction of a Dwelling in the Bushfire Management Overlay	\$750,000.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
4307 Murchison-Violet Town Road, Violet Town VIC 3669	P2022-091	Development of land for a replacement dwelling	\$450,000.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
12 River Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2022-092	Development of land for 3 double story dwellings	\$750,000.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
15-35 Stewart Street, Euroa VIC 3666	P2022-094	28 Lot Subdivision and Native Vegetation Removal (5 Large Trees)	\$0.00
291 Walters Road, Euroa VIC 3666	P2022-095	Construction of Two Outbuildings (associated with an existing dwelling) VicSmart	\$50,000.00
336 Penny Lane, Gooram VIC 3666	P2022-096	Construction of a Farm Shed and Driveway and Associated Works VicSmart	\$20,000.00
501 Buffalo Swamp Road, Whroo VIC 3612	P2022-093	Construction of a Dwelling in the Bushfire Management Overlay	\$234,677.00
58 Fernhills Road, Sheans Creek VIC 3666	P2019-129-1 SC	Development of land for a dwelling and two (2) sheds	\$0.00
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works
234 Long Gully Road, Violet Town VIC 3669	P2022-097	Use and development for a dwelling in the Farming Zone (30ha)	\$500,000.00

ATTACHMENT 2:

Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
523 Gap Road, Longwood East VIC 3666	P2021-189	Use and development of land for a dwelling in the Farming Zone – Conservation Purposes 22ha	\$250,000.00	Issued
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
1425 Euroa-Mansfield Road, Gooram VIC 3666	P2021-168-2	Amendment to Development of land for a dwelling	\$0.00	Issued
639 Wattlevale Road, Mitchellstown VIC 3608	P2022-079	Addition to an Existing Farm Shed VicSmart	\$120,000.00	Issued
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
2000 Upton Road, Upton Hill VIC 3664	P2022-076	Use and Development for a Dwelling – no permit required due to lot size of 125ha	\$850,000.00	Withdrawn
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
61 Hunter Street, Euroa VIC 3666	P2021-228	Development of land for an extension to an existing dwelling	\$95,000.00	Issued
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
170-194 High Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2021-102	Multi Lot Subdivision	\$0.00	NOD
196 High Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2021-005	Multi Lot Subdivision; Creation of access and Subdivision Adjacent to the Principal Road Network; Removal of Native Vegetation	\$0.00	Issued
42 Bury Street, Euroa VIC 3666	P2022-002	Thirteen (13) Lot Subdivision	\$0.00	NOD
Penrose Street, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2021-103	Twelve Lot Subdivision	\$0.00	NOD
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
1890 Euroa-Strathbogie Road, Kithbrook VIC 3666	P2021-170	Use and Development of land for a distillery and associated sales; Use and Development for a manager's dwelling and associated outbuilding; Use and Development for group accommodation; Signage; and Liquor License	\$900,000.00	NOD
54 Longwood-Mansfield Road, Longwood East VIC 3666	P2021-231	Use for a Cellar Door and Liquor License	\$25,000.00	NOD

Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
52 Morisons Road, Mangalore VIC 3663	P2022-031	Native Vegetation Removal – 1 tree to allow line of sight for railway line signal upgrade	\$0	Issued
Site Address	Application Number Display	Application Description	Cost Of Works	Decision
98 Nook Road, Nagambie VIC 3608	P2021-068	Native Vegetation Removal – application withdrawn all trees to be retained	\$0	Withdrawn

ATTACHMENT 3:

Performance figures

	This Month	Last Month	Financial Year to Date	Rural Average	SMR Average
Applications with:					
Public notice	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>97</u>	11	6
Further information	<u>6</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>125</u>	14	8
Referrals	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>97</u>	11	6
Submissions	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	2	1
Financial					
Total value of fees for applications received	\$26,486	\$23,111	\$264,295	\$35,680	\$16,066
Average fee per application received	\$1,104	\$1,541	\$1,017	\$1,154	\$914
Total estimated cost of works for permits issued	\$1,243,863	\$5,378,200	\$49,481,488	\$8,263,553	\$3,010,798
Average cost of works per permit issued	\$103,655	\$215,128	\$191,789	\$326,193	\$193,799
Processing times					
Average gross days to Responsible Authority determination	64	120	99	111	92
Median processing days to Responsible Authority determination	22	69	71	74	61
Completed within sixty days	75.0%	88.0%	78.5%	63.6%	64.4%
Average gross days to final outcome	131	92	105	119	97
Median processing days to final outcome	23	57	72	76	62
VicSmart applications					
Received	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>31</u>	5	4
Completed	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>34</u>	5	4
Completed within ten days	66.7%	100.0%	79.4%	76.6%	73.9%

9.2 COMMUNITY

9.2.1 Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community & Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a part of the community planning process, Community Planning Reference Groups (Action Groups) undertake community consultation to come together and identify priorities for their community and create a four-year plan. In line with the funding conditions of Council's Community Planning Program Guidelines, all Action Groups must have a current plan, noted by Council to be eligible to receive funding.

The Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 was developed through an engagement and consultation process with the Avenel community undertaken from December 2021 to March 2022, led by Avenel Active Incorporated.

This report presents the Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 for noting by Council and acknowledges the significant contribution of Avenel Active Incorporated to the development of the Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge the significant contribution of Avenel Active in the development of the Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026; and***
- 2. Note the Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 and publish on Council's website.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Avenel Active was incorporated in January 2021 and is the successor organisation to the Avenel Action Group, which developed the previous 2018–2022 Avenel Community Plan.

Their purpose is to advance the social and public welfare of the township of Avenel and its people by:

- providing services and activities that encourage improved health, wellbeing and social cohesion;
- advocating and contributing to better amenities; and
- protecting and caring for the natural environment.

They foster and support community development through collaboration with other organisations in town and local authorities, and at the time of developing their plan they had more than 60 members, comprising of residents and representatives of community organisations and businesses.

9.2.1 Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (cont.)

Many priority projects from the 2018 -2022 Community Plan were successfully delivered with the dedicated effort and support of the Avenel community, Strathbogie Shire Council, volunteers and many generous donors.

The Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (Plan) builds on the achievements of the previous Avenel Action Group 2018–2022 Community Plan.

The Plan was developed by and in consultation with the membership of Avenel Active, residents, businesses and community organisations via:

- A community survey conducted between December 2021 and March 2022. 73 responses to the survey were received which gathered quantitative and qualitative feedback in priority areas
- Consultation with community organisations and individual residents
- Community engagement at the monthly Avenel Market
- Discussion of community priorities at Avenel Active meetings.

A number of key documents were considered in the development of the Plan including.

- Strathbogie Shire Avenel 2030 Strategy Final Report 2008
- Shire of Strathbogie Avenel Neighbourhood Character Study, Final Report 2009
- Strathbogie Shire Council Developing a Community Plan July 2021
- Strathbogie Shire Council, Access and Inclusion
- Strathbogie Shire Heritage Study - Stage 1 Volume One June 2009
- Streetscape Renewal Program.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The Plan identifies seven (7) themes:

1. Liveable Avenel
2. Economy and Business
3. Arts, Culture and Events
4. Conservation, Environment and Climate Change
5. Sport, Recreation and Wellbeing
6. A Strong and Supportive Community
7. Traditional Owner Engagement

Each theme identifies:

- Overall objectives during the life of the Plan
- Projects to be progressed during the life of the Plan
- Advocacy to be progressed during the life of the Plan, for Projects that cannot be delivered within the capacity or responsibilities of community organisations.

9.2.1 Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (cont.)

Avenel Active commit to working collaboratively and in consultation with members, Strathbogie Shire Council, Committees of Management, community organisations, clubs, businesses and residents to support and progress Community Plan Projects and Advocacy, in the context of community priorities and available resources.

A full copy of the Plan is included as an attachment to this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Avenel Active undertook significant community engagement and consultation from December 2021 - March 2022 engaging a number of individuals, organisations, community groups and business and engaged through a variety of mediums.

The community engagement undertaken by Avenel Active was conducted via:

- A community survey conducted between December 2021 and March 2022. 73 responses to the survey were received which gathered quantitative and qualitative feedback in priority areas
- Consultation with community organisations and individual residents
- Community engagement at the monthly Avenel Market
- Discussion of community priorities at Avenel Active meetings

The Plan and survey were also promoted on Share Strathbogie and Council's other media platforms.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan, in particular, aligning with:

- Community Planning Program Guidelines
- Community Funding and Investment Policy, adopted May 2021
- 2021-2025 Council Plan, specifically aligning with:
 - Strategic focus area 1: Engage. Create. Unite
 - Strategic focus area 4: Inclusive. Productive. Balanced
 - Strategic focus area 5: Strong. Healthy. Safe
 - Strategic focus area 6: Accountable. Transparent. Responsible

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

There are no legal or statutory implications associated with this report.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

9.2.1 Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (cont.)

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In the interest of transparency and open and honest communication with our community this report is presented to a public Council meeting and all community action plans are published to Strathbogie Shire Council's website for public viewing.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

All community plans must be noted by Council to be eligible for funding consideration as per Community Planning Program Guidelines. An annual budget allocation is provided to the Community Planning Program to support applications from Community Planning Reference groups.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

Community action groups utilise funding from Council's community planning program to deliver important projects identified in the Plan. Funds are assigned in the annual budget by Council with each community action group eligible to apply for project funding. Funding can also be sourced, external to Council by Avenel Active to enable the delivery of important community projects.

Social

The Plan identifies key priorities and actions that address social inclusion and engagement within the community. This is specifically detailed under Theme 6; *A Strong and Supportive Community*.

Environmental

The Plan identifies key priorities and actions that contribute to climate change action and the environment. This is specifically detailed under Theme 4: *Conservation, Environment and Climate Change*.

Climate change

The Plan identifies projects for solar power installation at the community hub, improvements to heating options as well as new outside tables and benches which will be made from recycled materials.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The Plan outlines priorities and key projects to deliver continuous improvements to the community, environment, economy, and local community facilities.

9.2.1 Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (cont.)

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006. This Plan also supports the respect and inclusion of First Nations people with a Theme 7: Traditional Owner Engagement.

CONCLUSION

Avenel Active has undertaken significant community engagement and has developed a Community Plan that reflects the aspirations and intent of the community over the next four years as it continues to grow and develop. The Plan identifies a number of themes and outlines a range of objectives, project and advocacy actions to support the delivery of the Plan. Council also recognises the significant contribution of Avenel Active to the local community and the development of this Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Avenel Community Plan 2022-2026 (*separate document*)

9.2.2 Application for Sponsorship – Strathbogie Heritage Day

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a sponsorship application from the Strathbogie Tablelands History Group who are planning a 'Heritage Day' to be held on 30 October 2022, celebrating the history of the township and the region, leaving a lasting legacy to attract tourists to the town.

The sponsorship request is for \$1,506, this includes a financial contribution of \$1,301 to help cover event costs including; event insurance, signage, tracks and trails walk brochures, hire of portable toilets, and in-kind sponsorship to the value of \$205 to waive Council's equipment hire fees for the PA and Marquee.

The event application was of an acceptable standard, with the application scoring 16/25 in the Sponsorship Program criteria assessment.

The event will result in several social and economic benefits to the Strathbogie Community and will be delivered in line with Council's events and regulatory policies and procedures.

Council allocated \$30,000 in the 2022/2023 Budget to the Sponsorship Program to sponsor events held in the Strathbogie Shire that meet the Sponsorship Program criteria, and are submitted in line with the Guidelines. Applications can be received any time throughout the financial year and are considered at a Council meeting. Three applications are being considered at the August Council meeting, demonstrating significant demand for the Program.

This report recommends the approval of the sponsorship application from the Strathbogie Tablelands History Group for the 2022 Strathbogie Heritage Day totalling \$1,506. This includes a financial contribution of \$1,301 from the 2022-2023 budget allocation for sponsorship and waiving Council's equipment hire charges of \$205.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve total sponsorship of \$1,506 to the Strathbogie Tablelands History Group to assist with the delivery of the Strathbogie Heritage Day to be held 30 October 2022, including a financial contribution of \$1,301 from the 2022 – 23 budget allocations for sponsorship, and \$205 of in-kind sponsorship (Council's equipment hire fee);***
- 2. Work with the Strathbogie Tablelands History Group to reduce overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 in being "A Zero Waste Shire"; and***

9.2.2 Application for Sponsorship – Strathbogie Heritage Day (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

3. ***Make it a condition of funding that the Strathbogie Tablelands History Group comply with COVID-19 directions issued by the Minister of Health and/or Department of Health at the time of the event.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Strathbogie Heritage Day will celebrate the unveiling of a Heritage Trail with eleven interpretative panels at historical buildings and places of significance throughout the township of Strathbogie. The panels were designed, manufactured, and installed through a Victorian government grant. The 100th anniversary of St Andrews Church and the 120th anniversary of the Strathbogie General Store, will also be commemorated on the day.

The day will commence with the walking and unveiling of the eleven signs by a direct descendant of families involved with each of the sites. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Hall and a BBQ at the general store. Both the hall and church will be open and display historical information and photos marking the rich history of the region.

The Heritage Day offers an opportunity to celebrate the history of the region and showcase Strathbogie and surrounds to the broader community.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The event organisers must obtain event approval from Strathbogie Shire Council. All required documentation including, risk plans, and public liability insurance have been provided. Due to the nature of the event, this is a low-risk event.

This event aligns well with the key principles of the Sponsorship Program as the event:

- Promotes community engagement and participation.
- Contributes to building healthy and vibrant communities; and
- Increases economic development, tourism, and the visitor economy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

The community have been engaged with this project from its inception, with a dedicated community group formed and regular updates in the Tablelands Talk and via the Bogie Tree email group. The group have engaged with the Farmers Arms Museum in Euroa to assist with the historical information as well as Euroa Printers and McKernan's Engineering for the manufacture of the signs. There will be widespread publicity about the event and direct mailing to descendants of the town.

9.2.2 Application for Sponsorship – Strathbogie Heritage Day (cont.)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

This initiative addresses the key objectives of the Council Plan 2021 – 2025 as follows:

- Strategic focus area 4: Inclusive. Productive. Balanced.
Our Community's goals – We target economic development to enhance our region; we are capitalising on our region's strengths

This initiative also directly relates to the Arts and Culture Strategy 2019 -2023 as follows:

Goal 1: A Connected and Vibrant Community which is focused on strengthening the strong sense of belonging and community pride, by increasing the opportunities for creative stimulation and connectedness.

- Strategic Objective 1.1 – we will support initiatives that bring people together, encourage collaboration and partnerships and create networks.

Again, this project has delivered partnerships within the community between the community, business and individuals. It will have positive impact both culturally, socially and economically.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles under section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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 2020*.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In the interest of transparency and open and honest communication with community, it is recommended that this request for sponsorship for the Strathbogie Heritage Day be acknowledged in a public forum providing full disclosure of how potential allocated sponsorship funding is being distributed within the community.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The Sponsorship requests are allocated to the sponsorship budget of \$30,000. There are currently three applications for sponsorship being considered at the August Council Meeting totalling \$8,101.

9.2.2 Application for Sponsorship – Strathbogie Heritage Day (cont.)

Sponsorship Program 22/23	
Allocated Budget (cash)	\$ 30,000
2022-2023 Actuals (approved sponsorship applications)	\$ 0
2022-2023 Approved In-kind Sponsorship Value	\$ 0
Number of Sponsorship applications approved as at 1/08/2022	0

**Strathbogie Heritage Day –
PROPOSED BUDGET**

Income		\$
Event Sponsorship- financial	Strathbogie Shire Council	1,301
Event Sponsorship- in-kind	Strathbogie Shire Council	205
Total Sponsorship from Strathbogie Shire Council		\$1506

Expenses	\$	In-kind	\$
Printing of 100 History Books	345	PA	
Toilet Hire	424	Marquee	
Posters	100		
Event Insurance	232		
Signage	200		
Total	1,301	Total	205
Total Value (Financial + In-kind)			\$1506

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The event will result in several economic benefits to the Strathbogie community. All the items relating to the event will be sourced locally, where possible.

Social

The event will offer significant social benefit for those who attend and the broader Strathbogie community. The event provides an opportunity for participants, community, and visitors alike to connect, re-engage and explore the local area, this is particularly important after extended periods of restriction and isolation as a result of the pandemic.

Environmental

Council officers believe this event will have minimal environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

Council officers will work with the Strathbogie Tablelands History Committee to support the delivery of the Strathbogie Heritage Day and reduce the overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 in being “A Zero Waste Shire”.

9.2.2 Application for Sponsorship – Strathbogie Heritage Day (cont.)

Climate change

Officers will work event organisers to implement initiatives in the Waste Wise Events Guidelines at this event, making it a showcase for how a waste wise event should be run and encouraging all to reduce their consumption of raw materials in a further effort to reduce the effects of climate change.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The organisers will ensure that all regulatory and Covid safe requirements are in place as part of the approved event application.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

Council will provide the required assistance to the event as per Council's role and responsibility in line with the Local Government Act 2020 and relevant policies and procedures.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation does not limit any human rights under the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that this request for sponsorship be approved by Council for the reasons identified in this report. The Heritage Day will bring a wide range of community members from around Victoria together and will showcase the region and celebrate its rich history. The event will result in a number of economic and social benefits to the community and is consistent with the intent of Council's Sponsorship Program.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Strathbogie Heritage Day Remplan Report

ATTACHMENT 1:

Tourism Impact Summary Report for Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

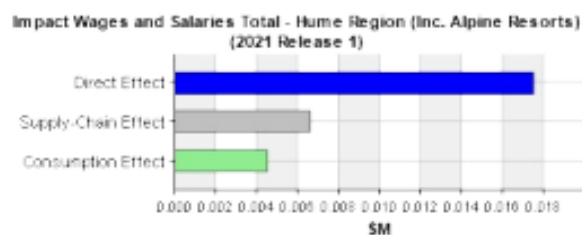
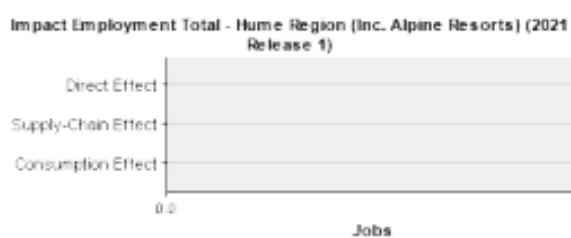
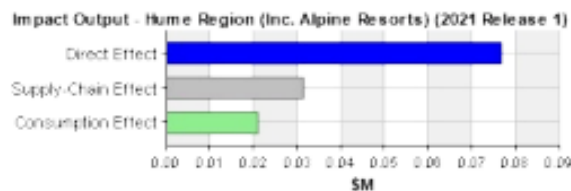
Tourism Impact Scenario

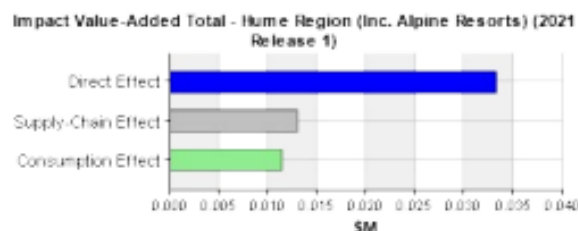
Name	Strathbogie Heritage Day
Duration	1 days

Direct Impact	Domestic Day	Domestic Overnight	International	Total
Number of Visitors	400	100	0	500
Number of Nights	n/a	2.00	0.00	
Estimated Expenditure per Visitor per Day (\$)	\$107	\$169	\$59	
Total Estimated Expenditure (\$)	\$42,800	\$33,800	\$0	\$76,600

Estimated Expenditure per Visitor per Day data sourced from:
Business Victoria June 2020 Victoria's High Country Regional Tourism Profile

Tourism Impacts





Under this scenario Gross Regional Product is estimated to increase by \$0.058 million (0.00%) to \$19,189.882 million. Contributing to this is a direct increase in output of \$0.077 million, 0 additional jobs, \$0.018 million more in wages and salaries and a boost in value-added of \$0.033 million.

From this direct expansion in the economy, flow-on supply-chain effects in terms of local purchases of goods and services are anticipated, and it is estimated that these indirect impacts would result in a further increase to output valued at \$0.031 million, 0 more jobs, \$0.007 million more paid in wages and salaries, and a gain of \$0.013 million in terms of value-added.

These supply-chain effects represent the following Type 1 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 1 Multipliers
Output	1.409
Employment	0.000
Wages and Salaries	1.378
Value-added	1.391

The increase in direct and indirect output and the corresponding creation of jobs in the economy are expected to result in an increase in the wages and salaries paid to employees. A proportion of these wages and salaries are typically spent on consumption and a proportion of this expenditure is captured in the local economy. The consumption effects under the scenario are expected to further boost output by \$0.021 million, employment by 0 jobs, wages and salaries by \$0.005 million, and value-added by \$0.011 million.

Under this scenario, total output is expected to rise by \$0.129 million. Corresponding to this are anticipated increases in employment of 0 jobs, \$0.029 million wages and salaries, and \$0.058 million in terms of value-added.

The total changes to economic activity represent the following Type 2 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 2 Multipliers
Output	1.682
Employment	0.000
Wages and Salaries	1.636
Value-added	1.735

Tourism Impact Summary (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

Impact	Direct Effect	Supply-Chain Effect	Consumption Effect	Total Effect	Type 1 Multiplier	Type 2 Multiplier
Output (\$M)	\$0.077	\$0.031	\$0.021	\$0.129	1.409	1.682
Long Term Employment (Jobs)	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
Wages and Salaries (\$M)	\$0.018	\$0.007	\$0.005	\$0.029	1.378	1.636
Value-added (\$M)	\$0.033	\$0.013	\$0.011	\$0.058	1.391	1.735



Disclaimer

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Using ABS datasets and an input / output methodology industrial economic data estimates for defined geographic regions are generated.

This report is provided in good faith with every effort made to provide accurate data and apply comprehensive knowledge. However, REMPLAN does not guarantee the accuracy of data nor the conclusions drawn from this information. A decision to pursue any action in any way related to the figures, data and commentary presented in this report is wholly the responsibility of the party concerned. REMPLAN advises any party to conduct detailed feasibility studies and seek professional advice before proceeding with any such action and accept no responsibility for the consequences of pursuing any such action.

9.2.3 Application for Sponsorship – Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated - Australian National Show and Shine

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a sponsorship application from Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated (Inc) to deliver the Australian National Show and Shine on 2 October 2022, which is an annual car and bike display attracting many tourists to the town and region.

The request is for \$5,000 to be used to help cover the cost of traffic management and event insurance. This event has been successfully run for 19 years in Euroa. Euroa Show and Shine Inc has applied for Council's Sponsorship Program on several occasions and has been successful in obtaining funding amounts between \$2,000-3,000 on most occasions. It is important to note that Council's Sponsorship Program encourages events to work towards becoming sustainable over time therefore not relying on Council Sponsorship every year.

The application scored 17/25 in the Sponsorship Program criteria assessment.

The event will result in several significant social and economic benefits to the Strathbogie Shire Community and will be delivered in line with Council's Events and Regulatory policies and procedures.

Council allocated \$30,000 in the 2022/2023 Budget to the Event Sponsorship program to sponsor events held in the Strathbogie Shire that meet the Sponsorship Program criteria and are submitted in line with the Guidelines. Applications can be received any time throughout the financial year and are considered at a Council meeting. Three applications are being considered at the August Council meeting, demonstrating significant demand for the Program.

This report recommends approval of the sponsorship application from the Euroa Show and Shine Inc to the value of \$3,000 to support the delivery of the 2022 Australian National Show and Shine. This partial funding is recommended due to the demonstrated demand for event sponsorship funds, and that this event has been funded on multiple occasions, in previous years.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve sponsorship of \$3,000 from the 2022 – 23 budget allocation for sponsorship to Euroa Show and Shine Inc to assist with the delivery of the Australian National Show and Shine to be held 2 October 2022;***
- 2. Work with Euroa Show and Shine Inc to reduce overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 in being "A Zero Waste Shire"; and***

9.2.3 Application for Sponsorship – Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated - Australian National Show and Shine (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

3. ***Make it a condition of the sponsorship funding that Euroa Show and Shine Inc comply with COVID-19 directions issued by the Chief Health Officer/Department of Health at the time of the event.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Australian National Show and Shine has been run annually for the past 19 years in Euroa. The event attracts over 1,000 cars and motorcycles and over 7,000 people to the town and potentially more to the region.

This one-day event involves the celebration and display of motorbikes, cars, stalls, entertainment and food, held at the Seven Creeks Parkland area.

This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Euroa and surrounds to the automotive community and associated visitors.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The event organisers must obtain Event Approval from Strathbogie Shire Council. All required documentation including, risk plans, and public liability insurance have been provided. Due to the nature of the event, this is a high-risk event.

This event aligns well with the key principles of the Sponsorship Program as the event:

- Promotes community engagement and participation.
- Contributes to building healthy and vibrant communities; and
- Increases economic development, tourism, and the visitor economy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Key stakeholders in the community have been engaged with this project from its inception, with a dedicated community group formed and regular updates provided in the Euroa Gazette. The event will be publicised the far and wide through the distribution of flyers and posters and promoted directly through mailing lists to car and bike clubs throughout Victoria.

9.2.3 Application for Sponsorship – Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated - Australian National Show and Shine (cont.)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

This initiative addresses the key objectives of the Council Plan 2021 – 2025 as follows:

- *Strategic focus area 4: Inclusive. Productive. Balanced.
Our Community's goals – We target economic development to enhance our region; we are capitalising on our region's strengths*

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles under section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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 2020*.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In the interest of transparency and open and honest communication with community, it is recommended that this request for sponsorship for the Australian National Show and Shine be acknowledged in a public forum providing full disclosure of how potential allocated sponsorship funding is being distributed within the community.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The Sponsorship requests are allocated to the sponsorship budget of \$30,000. There are currently three applications for sponsorship being considered totalling \$8,101 (in cash value).

Sponsorship Program 22/23	
Allocated Budget (cash)	\$ 30000
2022-2023 Actuals (cash approved sponsorship applications)	\$ 0
2022-2023 Approved In-kind Sponsorship Value	\$ 0
Number of Sponsorship applications approved as at 1/08/2022	0

9.2.3 Application for Sponsorship – Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated - Australian National Show and Shine (cont.)

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SHOW AND SHINE – Proposed Budget

Income		Expenditure	
Strathbogie Shire Council	\$ 5,000	Gate Attendants	\$ 5,000
Mother Polishers	\$ 3,000	Security	\$ 500
GMCU	\$ 2,000	First Aid	\$ 1,000
Burtons IGA	\$ 1,650	Catering	\$ 1,000
Darbys Paint	\$ 1,000	Printing & Signage	\$ 6,000
Nutrien	\$ 750	Tables etc	\$ 7,000
Shannons Insurance	\$ 700	Traffic Management	\$ 4,000
BD Electrics	\$ 500	Entertainment & PA	\$ 3,800
Vardman Threads	\$ 500	Advertising	\$ 3,000
BigBrother	\$ 500	Event Insurance	\$ 2,700
Auto Barn	\$ 500	Toilets & Rubbish Bins	\$ 2,700
Gate Takings	\$ 21,000	Admin & General	\$ 1,600
Winton Assistance	\$ 1,000	Website/ Facebook	\$ 800
Stall Fees	\$ 1,000		
Total Income	\$ 39,100	Total Expenses	\$ 39,100

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The event will result in several economic benefits to the Strathbogie Shire Community. All the items relating to the event will be sourced locally, where possible and it is anticipated that participants will stay extra days to explore the region. It has also been proven that car clubs return to explore the area in great numbers after the event.

Social

The event will offer significant social benefits to the local community and those attending the event. The event provides an opportunity for participants, community, and visitors alike to connect, re-engage and explore the local area, share interests and hobbies and making lasting relationships.

Environmental

Council officers will work with the Euroa Show and Shine Committee to support the delivery of the Australian National Show and Shine and reduce the overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 in being “A Zero Waste Shire”.

9.2.3 Application for Sponsorship – Euroa Show and Shine Incorporated - Australian National Show and Shine (cont.)

Climate change

Officers will work event organisers to implement initiatives in the Waste Wise Events Guidelines at this event, making it a showcase for how a waste wise event should be run and encouraging all to reduce their consumption of raw materials in a further effort to reduce the effects of climate change.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The organisers will ensure that all regulatory and Covid safe requirements are in place as part of the approved event application.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

Council will provide the required assistance to the event as per Council's role and responsibility in line with the Local Government Act 2020 and relevant policies and procedures.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation does not limit any human rights under the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve financial sponsorship of \$3000, to Euroa Show and Shine Inc to support the delivery of the Australian National Show and Shine on 2 October 2022. The Australian National Show and Shine will bring a wide range of car enthusiasts from around Victoria in a showcase of the region. The event will result in significant economic and social benefits to the community and the broader region.

ATTACHMENTS

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Tourism Impact Summary Report for Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

Tourism Impact Scenario

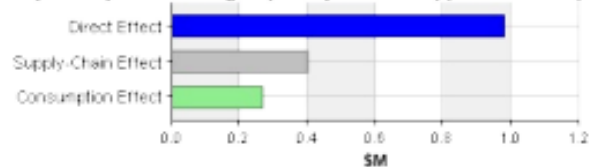
Name Australian National Show and Shine
Duration 1 days

Direct Impact	Domestic Day	Domestic Overnight	International	Total
Number of Visitors	6,000	1,000	0	7,000
Number of Nights	n/a	2.00	0.00	
Estimated Expenditure per Visitor per Day (\$)	\$107	\$169	\$59	
Total Estimated Expenditure (\$)	\$642,000	\$338,000	\$0	\$980,000

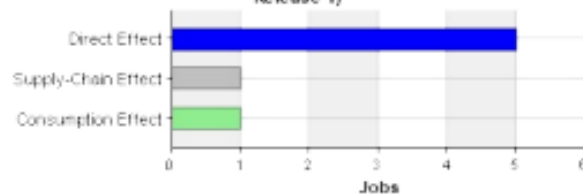
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Tourism Impacts

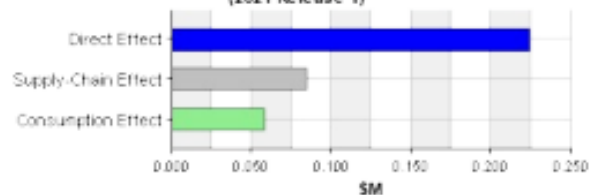
Impact Output - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)



Impact Employment Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)

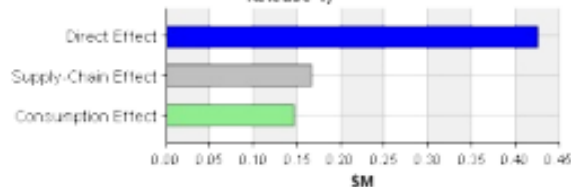


Impact Wages and Salaries Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)





Impact Value-Added Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)



Under this scenario Gross Regional Product is estimated to increase by \$0.737 million (0.00%) to \$19,190.562 million. Contributing to this is a direct increase in output of \$0.980 million, 5 additional jobs, \$0.224 million more in wages and salaries and a boost in value-added of \$0.425 million.

From this direct expansion in the economy, flow-on supply-chain effects in terms of local purchases of goods and services are anticipated, and it is estimated that these indirect impacts would result in a further increase to output valued at \$0.401 million, 1 more job, \$0.085 million more paid in wages and salaries, and a gain of \$0.166 million in terms of value-added.

These supply-chain effects represent the following Type 1 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 1 Multipliers
Output	1.409
Employment	1.200
Wages and Salaries	1.378
Value-added	1.391

The increase in direct and indirect output and the corresponding creation of jobs in the economy are expected to result in an increase in the wages and salaries paid to employees. A proportion of these wages and salaries are typically spent on consumption and a proportion of this expenditure is captured in the local economy. The consumption effects under the scenario are expected to further boost output by \$0.267 million, employment by 1 job, wages and salaries by \$0.058 million, and value-added by \$0.146 million.

Under this scenario, total output is expected to rise by \$1.648 million. Corresponding to this are anticipated increases in employment of 7 jobs, \$0.366 million wages and salaries, and \$0.737 million in terms of value-added.

The total changes to economic activity represent the following Type 2 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 2 Multipliers
Output	1.682
Employment	1.400
Wages and Salaries	1.636
Value-added	1.735

Tourism Impact Summary (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

Impact	Direct Effect	Supply-Chain Effect	Consumption Effect	Total Effect	Type 1 Multiplier	Type 2 Multiplier
Output (\$M)	\$0.980	\$0.401	\$0.267	\$1.648	1.409	1.682
Long Term Employment (Jobs)	5	1	1	7	1.200	1.400
Wages and Salaries (\$M)	\$0.224	\$0.085	\$0.058	\$0.366	1.378	1.636
Value-added (\$M)	\$0.425	\$0.166	\$0.146	\$0.737	1.391	1.735



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9.2.4 Application for Sponsorship - Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final

Author: Manager Community and Culture

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a sponsorship application from the Longwood Football Netball Club to support the delivery of the Kyabram and District Football Netball League (KDFNL) Elimination Final on 20 August 2022. The request for sponsorship funding for \$1,800 would be used to assist with the cost of portable toilet hire and skip bins.

The application scored 15/25 in the Sponsorship Program criteria assessment.

The event will result in several social and economic benefits to the Longwood community and will be delivered in line with Council's Events and Regulatory policies and procedures.

Council allocated \$30,000 in the 2022/2023 Budget to the Sponsorship program to sponsor events held in the Strathbogie Shire that meet the Sponsorship program criteria and are submitted in line with the Guidelines. Applications can be received any time throughout the financial year and are considered at a Council meeting. Three applications are being considered at the August Council meeting, demonstrating significant demand for the Program.

This report recommends the approval of the sponsorship application from the Longwood Football Netball Club for financial sponsorship of \$1,800 to support the delivery of the 2022 KDFNL Elimination Final to be held on 20 August 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approve sponsorship of \$1,800 to be funded from the 2022/23 budget allocation for the Sponsorship Program, to Longwood Football Netball Club to assist with the delivery of the KDFNL Elimination Final to be held 20 August 2022;***
- 2. Work with Longwood Football Netball Club to reduce overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 in being "A Zero Waste Shire"; and***
- 3. Make it a condition of the sponsorship funding that the Longwood Football Netball Club comply with COVID-19 directions issued by the Chief Health Officer/Department of Health at the time of the event.***

9.2.4 Application for Sponsorship - Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Longwood Football Netball club are excited to be offered the opportunity to host the Kyabram and District Football Netball League (KDFNL) Elimination final games on 20 August 2022. The event will bring players and supporters from a range of clubs and locations to Longwood, to play, support and officiate both football and netball.

The sponsorship funds would be utilised to hire portable toilet facilities and support waste management through the provision of skips to accommodate the large crowd anticipated.

This is an ideal opportunity to showcase Longwood and the upgraded netball courts to the wider sporting community and families.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The event organisers have been asked to provide all documentation for an Event Approval from Strathbogie Shire Council, including, risk plans, and public liability insurance. Due to the nature of the event, this is considered a medium risk event.

This event aligns well with the key principles of the Sponsorship Program as the event:

- Promotes community engagement and participation.
- Contributes to building healthy and vibrant communities; and
- Increases economic development, tourism and the visitor economy.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

The sporting community have been engaged with this event, due to the season of matches held up until this point all over the region. There will be widespread publicity about the event through the various sporting groups, schools and the KDFNL

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

This initiative addresses the key objectives of the Council Plan 2021 – 2025 as follows:

- Strategic focus area 4: Inclusive. Productive. Balanced.
Our Community's goals – We target economic development to enhance our region; we are capitalising on our region's strengths

This project has delivered through partnerships within the community between the community, business and individuals. It will have positive impact both culturally, socially and economically.

9.2.4 Application for Sponsorship - Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final (cont.)

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles under section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

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Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In the interest of transparency and open and honest communication with community, it is recommended that this request for sponsorship for the Longwood Football Netball Club Final be acknowledged in a public forum providing full disclosure of how potential allocated sponsorship funding is being distributed within the community.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The Event Sponsorship requests are allocated to the Sponsorship Program budget of \$30,000. There are currently three applications for sponsorship being considered totalling \$8,101.

Sponsorship Program 22/23	
Allocated Budget (cash)	\$ 30000
2022-2023 Actuals (approved sponsorship applications)	\$ 0
2022-2023 Approved In-kind Sponsorship Value	\$ 0
Number of Sponsorship applications approved as at 1/08/2022	0

Proposed event budget

Income

Strathbogie Shire Council	\$ 1,800
Total Income	\$ 1,800

Expenses

Portable Toilet Hire	\$ 1,300
Skip Bins	\$ 500
Total Expenses	\$ 1,800

9.2.4 Application for Sponsorship - Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final (cont.)

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The event will result in several economic benefits to the Strathbogie Shire community. All the items relating to the event will be sourced locally, where possible and local businesses such as the White Hart Hotel and the Longwood General Store will benefit from the increased visitors to the town.

Social

The event will offer significant social benefit. The event provides an opportunity for participants, community and visitors alike to connect, re-engage and be active in the local community. Football Netball clubs provide an essential role in small communities encouraging people to be active, stay active and engaged in their local communities.

Environmental

Council officers will work with the Longwood Football and Netball Club Committee to support the delivery of the KDFNL Elimination Final and reduce the overall waste produced at the event through the implementation of the objectives of both the Waste Wise Events Guidelines and Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Strategy in being “A Zero Waste Shire”.

Climate change

Officers will work event organisers to implement initiatives in the Waste Wise Events Guidelines at this event, making it a showcase for how a waste wise event should be run and encouraging all to reduce their consumption of raw materials in a further effort to reduce the effects of climate change.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The organisers will ensure that all regulatory and Covid safe requirements are in place as part of the approved event application.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

Council will provide the required assistance to the event as per Council’s role and responsibility in line with the *Local Government Act 2020* and relevant policies and procedures.

9.2.4 Application for Sponsorship - Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final (cont.)

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation does not limit any human rights under the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

CONCLUSION

Council recommended that this request for sponsorship for \$1800 be approved by Council to support Longwood Football Netball Club to deliver the KDFNL Elimination Final on 20 August 2022. This event will be a great opportunity to showcase the upgrades to the facilities and further strengthen the Longwood Football Netball Club. The event will result in a number of economic and social benefits to the club and the broader Longwood community.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Longwood Football and Netball Club – Kyabram and District Football and Netball League Elimination Final Remplan Report

ATTACHMENT 1:

Tourism Impact Summary Report for Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

Tourism Impact Scenario

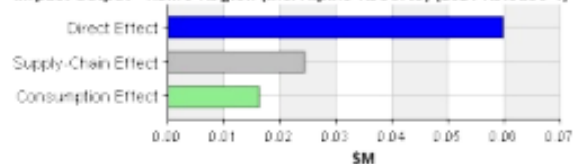
Name	Longwood Netball Final
Duration	1 days

Direct Impact	Domestic Day	Domestic Overnight	International	Total
Number of Visitors	400	100	0	500
Number of Nights	n/a	1.00	0.00	
Estimated Expenditure per Visitor per Day (\$)	\$107	\$169	\$59	
Total Estimated Expenditure (\$)	\$42,800	\$16,900	\$0	\$59,700

Estimated Expenditure per Visitor per Day data sourced from:
Business Victoria June 2020 Victoria's High Country Regional Tourism Profile

Tourism Impacts

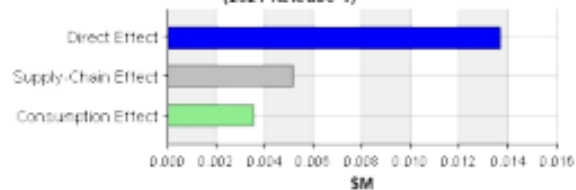
Impact Output - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)



Impact Employment Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)

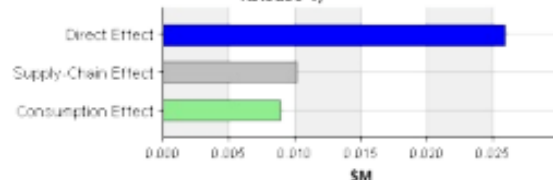


Impact Wages and Salaries Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)





Impact Value-Added Total - Hume Region (Inc. Alpine Resorts) (2021 Release 1)



Under this scenario Gross Regional Product is estimated to increase by \$0.045 million (0.00%) to \$19,189.870 million. Contributing to this is a direct increase in output of \$0.060 million, 0 additional jobs, \$0.014 million more in wages and salaries and a boost in value-added of \$0.026 million.

From this direct expansion in the economy, flow-on supply-chain effects in terms of local purchases of goods and services are anticipated, and it is estimated that these indirect impacts would result in a further increase to output valued at \$0.024 million, 0 more jobs, \$0.005 million more paid in wages and salaries, and a gain of \$0.010 million in terms of value-added.

These supply-chain effects represent the following Type 1 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 1 Multipliers
Output	1.409
Employment	0.000
Wages and Salaries	1.378
Value added	1.391

The increase in direct and indirect output and the corresponding creation of jobs in the economy are expected to result in an increase in the wages and salaries paid to employees. A proportion of these wages and salaries are typically spent on consumption and a proportion of this expenditure is captured in the local economy. The consumption effects under the scenario are expected to further boost output by \$0.016 million, employment by 0 jobs, wages and salaries by \$0.004 million, and value-added by \$0.009 million.

Under this scenario, total output is expected to rise by \$0.100 million. Corresponding to this are anticipated increases in employment of 0 jobs, \$0.022 million wages and salaries, and \$0.045 million in terms of value-added.

The total changes to economic activity represent the following Type 2 economic multipliers:

Impact	Type 2 Multipliers
Output	1.682
Employment	0.000
Wages and Salaries	1.636
Value-added	1.735

Tourism Impact Summary (Tourism Activity: 1 days)

Impact	Direct Effect	Supply-Chain Effect	Consumption Effect	Total Effect	Type 1 Multiplier	Type 2 Multiplier
Output (\$M)	\$0.060	\$0.024	\$0.016	\$0.100	1.409	1.682
Long Term Employment (Jobs)	0	0	0	0	0.000	0.000
Wages and Salaries (\$M)	\$0.014	\$0.005	\$0.004	\$0.022	1.378	1.636
Value-added (\$M)	\$0.026	\$0.010	\$0.009	\$0.045	1.391	1.735



Disclaimer

All figures, data and commentary presented in this report are based on data sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), most of which relates to the 2016, 2011, 2006 and 2001 Censuses, and data sourced from the National Visitor Survey (NVS) and International Visitor Survey (IVS) published by Tourism Research Australia.

Using ABS datasets and an input / output methodology industrial economic data estimates for defined geographic regions are generated.

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9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations

Author: Community Development Officer

Responsible Director: Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Strathbogie Shire Council Community Grants funding program for 2022-2023 opened on 1 June 2022 and closed on the 30 June 2022 with 15 applications received.

The intent of the Community Grants Program is to provide an opportunity for community groups to undertake projects that complement the focus areas of Council and encourage participation in a community activity at all stages of the project from planning to completion.

As specified in the guidelines, applications were invited under one of four below categories:

- Active and Healthy Communities
- Arts and Culture
- Environment and Sustainability
- Facilities and Infrastructure.

It is important to note that the fifth category Small Project Grants remain open all financial year, or until funds are expended.

The total budget allocation for the 2022-2023 Community Grants Program is \$115,000. An additional allocation of \$30,000 was made to the Community Grants Program 2022/23 following the 2022/23 draft budget submission period. Following the evaluation process, it is recommended that Council support 15 community projects and an expenditure totalling \$62,428.00.

Officers are recommending the remaining amount of \$52,572.00 be utilised in the following way:

- Implementation of a second round of Community Grants with a budget allocation of \$37,572 opening 1 October 2022 with recommendations of funding allocations to be considered at the December 2022 Council meeting.
- \$8,000 allocated to support the existing fifth category of Community grants for Small Projects Grants which remains open all year or until funds are expended.
- \$7,000 allocated to capacity building to deliver workshops or training on grant writing, idea creation, and project planning and implementation to support community to identify and develop community projects.

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)**RECOMMENDATION*****That Council:***

1. ***Award funding to fifteen (15) applicants for the total sum of \$62,428.00 to the following organisations;***

<u>Application/Organisation</u>	<u>Proposed Funding</u>
<i>Nagambie Senior Citizens Centre Inc.</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Euroa Village Farmers Market</i>	<i>\$2,680.00</i>
<i>Nagambie Recreation Reserve</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Nagambie Historical Society Inc.</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Tablelands Community Centre Inc.</i>	<i>\$3,121.00</i>
<i>Strathbogie Golf Club</i>	<i>\$4,425.00</i>
<i>Euroa Miniature Railway</i>	<i>\$3,655.00</i>
<i>Shadforth Nature Reserve COM</i>	<i>\$4,487.00</i>
<i>Longwood Community Centre COM</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Violet Town Bowls Club</i>	<i>\$4,500.00</i>
<i>Avenel Bowling Club</i>	<i>\$3,884.00</i>
<i>Little Athletics Nagambie Inc</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Community Learning Euroa Inc.</i>	<i>\$3,953.00</i>
<i>Violet Town Arts, Music & Performance Collective Inc</i>	<i>\$5,000.00</i>
<i>Friends of Small Reserves</i>	<i>\$1,723.00</i>

2. ***Authorise officers to implement a second round of Community Grants with a budget allocation of \$37,572 opening 1st October, closing 31st October 2022 with recommendations of funding allocation to be considered at the December 2022 Council meeting; and***
3. ***Authorise officers to implement the Small Grants Program utilising an allocation of \$8,000 from the 2022-2023 Community Grants program in accordance with the 2022-23 Community Grants Program Guidelines; and***
3. ***Allocate an amount of \$7,000 from the 2022-23 Community Grants Program to deliver community capacity building workshops and training opportunities to support community to identify and develop community projects.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council of the following funding recommendations for the 2022-23 Community Grants Program.

A total of 15 applications were received for the 2022-23 Community Grants Program, requesting a total funding amount of \$62,428.00. The number of submissions is slightly lower than the 2021-22 Community Grants opportunity which had 19 submissions, 17 of which received funding.

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

The 2022-23 applications have been assessed by Council Officer Assessment Panel which comprised of the following:

- Manager Community and Culture
- Manager Operations
- Manager Project Delivery

Additional advice was sought from other departments across Council dependent on their area of expertise in the grant categories and included officers from Planning & Investment.

The applications were evaluated and scored against the funding criteria as detailed below:

- Alignment to Community Grants Outcomes and Strategic Plan (30% weighting)
- Community Need (20% weighting)
- Organisational Capacity (20% weighting)
- Access and Equity (15% weighting)
- Budget (15% weighting)

The officer assessment panel have recommended that 15 projects receive funding.

Eligible applications were received for the following categories:

- 3 applications under Active and Healthy Communities, requesting a total of \$12,837
- 1 application under Arts and Culture, requesting \$5,000
- 1 application under Environment and Sustainability, requesting \$1,723
- 10 applications under Facilities and Infrastructure, requesting a total of \$42,868

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

Eight (8) of the 15 applications have accompanying funding conditions as detailed in Attachment 1. These include an application which requires an auspice agreement. The remaining require additional information on insurance or quotes and a large majority of the facilities and infrastructure grants require approval and sign off from operations or planning prior to funds being released.

The terms and conditions for all grants will require grant recipients to formally recognise Strathbogie Shire Council. All facilities and infrastructure grants will also include requirement that any works being carried out on our buildings by a Committee of Management must be carried out by qualified tradespeople or professional and provide all relevant certificates of compliance.

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

Table 1 below provides a summary of the officer assessment panel recommendations:

Table 1: Summary of Proposed Grants Recipients

Applicant/organisation	Name and Project Description	Proposed Funding
Nagambie Senior Citizens Centre Inc.	Heating Replacement Upgrade – replace current system with reserve cycle air conditioners to provide a more energy efficient and safer system	\$5,000.00
Euroa Village Farmers Market	Hydration Station for Rotary Park – installation of a water hydration station at Rotary Park	\$2,680.00
Nagambie Recreation Reserve	Safety fence (Shade Sail playground area) – installation of shade and a safety fence at the existing playground at the Recreation Reserve	\$5,000.00
Nagambie Historical Society Inc.	Nagambie Museum hard plaster repairs – repairs to plaster damage in the building	\$5,000.00
Tablelands Community Centre Inc.	Tablelands Community Centre digital upgrade – purchase and installation of new technology	\$3,121.00
Strathbogie Golf Club	Strathbogie Golf Club Communications Project – address issues around communications, mobile and WI-FI stability	\$4,425.00
Euroa Miniature Railway	New Loco Project – build a large capacity loco that will two new carriages	\$3,655.00
Shadforth Nature Reserve Committee of Management	Enhance Entrance Driveway and Park Area at Shadforth Reserve – gravelling driveway, repair potholes creation of parking bays and a safe loop where cars can turnaround	\$4,487.00
Longwood Community Centre Committee of Management Inc.	Oval Improvement – maintenance of the oval	\$5,000.00
Violet Town Bowls Club	BBQ Shelter – installation of a BBQ shelter	\$4,500.00
Avenel Bowling Club	Community Participation in Barefoot Bowls Program – expansion of the Barefoot Bowls program	\$3,884.00
Little Athletics Nagambie Inc	Little Athletics Nagambie – purchase of essential equipment	\$5,000.00

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

Community Learning Euroa Inc.	Access for Euroa and Strathbogie Shire adult learners – creation of a safe, accessible and inviting community learning space	\$3,953.00
Violet Town Arts, Music & Performance Collective Incorporated	Data Projector & Equipment – purchase and installation of a data projector and sound system	\$5,000.00
Friends of Small Reserves	Friends of Small Reserves – maintenance of bushland	\$1,723.00

Attachment 1 provides further detail of the proposed 2022-23 Community Grants recommendations.

The Small Projects Grants program is to be made available for applicants throughout the year. Groups are only eligible to receive this grant once per year and are not eligible for a Small Project Grant if they are currently expending other Strathbogie Shire Community Grant Funds. Small Project Grants must meet the criteria for one of the four Community Grant Categories:

- Active & Healthy Communities
- Arts & Culture
- Environmental & Sustainability
- Facilities & Infrastructure.

Small Projects Grants are up to the value of \$1000 and must be acquitted within six months of the submission of their Terms and Conditions unless otherwise negotiated with the Manager Community and Culture.

Applications are accepted through the remainder of the financial year (or until funding allocation is exhausted) and are assessed on a monthly basis.

Applications should be received before 12 pm on the last Monday of the month. Applications will then be assessed and recommendations presented to Council at a further Council Meeting. Any application received after 12pm on the last Monday of the month will be assessed the following month.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

A communications plan was completed for the 2022-23 Community Grants Program to ensure community were well informed about the program. The community have also been involved in the development and updates of the Community Grant Guidelines to ensure the guidelines and application process is reflective of community need and remains relevant.

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

The community was well informed about the Community Grants Program through a range of platforms including website, a media release, social media and emails to community groups, previous recipients, and community networks.

An online after-hours workshop was delivered, and a recording of the workshop was made available on Council's website for those unable to attend. The Community Development Officer was also available through the month of June to answer any questions regarding applications and the Community Grants Program more broadly.

The table below outlines the four stages in the communications and engagement plan. The first three stages are now complete.

Stage	Goal	Tools and methods
One Inform	<p>To inform the community the Community Grant Program is now open.</p> <p>To encourage the community to attend an information session.</p> <p>To remind the community about Grant Program timelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media release • Social media • eNews • Website content • Advertising • Frequently asked questions
Two Engage	To provide applicants with the opportunity to seek feedback and assistance from Council Officers on their applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops • Media release • Social Media • eNews • Website content • Advertising
Three Inform	To keep applicants up to date on the process and what to expect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement letter
Four Inform	To inform applicants and the community of the projects which received grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter successful • Letter unsuccessful • Media release • Social media • Advertising • Website content • eNews

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan, in particular, aligning with:

- Community Planning Program Guidelines
- Community Funding and Investment Policy
- 2021-2025 Council Plan, specifically:
 - Strategic focus area 1: Engage. Create. Unite
 - Strategic focus area 4: Inclusive. Productive. Balanced
 - Strategic focus area 5: Strong. Healthy. Safe
 - Strategic focus area 6: Accountable. Transparent. Responsible

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The 2022-23 Applications have been assessed against an updated weighted scorecard to ensure consistency, equity and transparency across the program.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In the interests of transparency and open and honest communication with our community this report is presented to a public Council meeting and all community action plans are published to Strathbogie Shire Council's website for public viewing.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The total budget allocation for the 2022-2023 Community Grants Program is \$115,000. An additional allocation of \$30,000 was made to the Community Grants Program 2022/23 following the 2022/23 draft budget submission period.

Officers are recommending the remaining amount of \$52,572.00 be utilised for a second community grant round (\$37,572 for consideration at the December 2022 Council meeting); \$8,000 allocated to support the Small Projects Grants program and \$7,000 allocated to deliver workshops or training on grant writing.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The distribution of funds through the 2022-23 Community Grants Program will greatly assist community groups to progress with important community projects. Many projects will support improvements to facilities and promote participation and engagement which will have a positive impact on the Shire's economic viability. Several projects will also utilise local contractors and services or involve the procurements of goods from local business. It is important to note that many of these community groups (applicants) may have experienced a reduction of income due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

9.2.5 Community Grants Funding 2022-2023 Allocations (cont.)

Social

All of the projects recommended for funding will result in a significant social and community benefit. These projects once delivered support essential infrastructure and programs that supports community to meet, gather and remain physically and mentally active.

Environmental

Despite Officers encouraging submissions for projects under the Environment and Sustainability category one (1) submission was received. All applicants regardless of the category their projects were submitted under were required to describe how the project will contribute to environmental and sustainable outcomes and benefits in the Strathbogie Shire.

Climate change

All submissions have been assessed with a climate change lens applied. The heating replacement at the Nagambie Senior Citizen Centre which will create a more efficient use of heating and cooling than what currently exists.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

Council officers recently reviewed the community grants program to ensure it remains relevant easy to use and responsibility determines funding and investment into community projects. In 2022-23, an updated application form was developed, to try and simplify the process for applicants. Several applicants commented on the improved form.

Council also introduced an assessment panel of Council Officers from across a range of relevant departments to ensure diversity of views in assessment and to ensure more consultation across departments.

A Gender Impact Assessment was undertaken in April 2022 across the Community Grants Program. This assessment resulted in several improvements being made to the program across all stages of planning, promotion, documentation and assessment to ensure the program took into account gender and potential barriers and enablers to participation and success.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

A number of projects ensure that all people have access to services, programs and facilities that respect human rights and dignity.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council endorse the recommendation to award funding to the 15 successful applicants for the 2022-23 Community Grants funding round and support the implementation of the Small Grants Program funding.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2022-23 Community Grant Program – Summary of Applications Recommended for funding (*separate document*)

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption

Author: Environment and Waste Coordinator

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council declared a climate emergency. Since this time officers have been working with the community to develop a Climate Change Action Plan. At its meeting in April 2022 Council endorsed the draft plan for exhibition. This report presents the final plan for adoption by Council.

With this Climate Change Action Plan, we intend to continue to be leaders in this area.

The overarching theme of this plan with ensure that Council:

- Embeds climate emergency responses across all Shire business activities and decisions;
- Accelerate the Shire's climate change adaptation and mitigation actions to the speed and scale required to address the Climate Emergency;
- Direct the Shire's efforts to engage and empower the local community and business to foster cultural shifts, so that ongoing climate action becomes the new standard;
- Assist and support a just and fair transition to a prosperous decarbonised economy; and
- Create and enhance collaboration and partnership opportunities between the Shire, community and the broader Climate Emergency movement to amplify action and coordinate advocacy.

Council officers have now completed the consultation with the community on the draft plan and actioned any changes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Note the community engagement report as attached to this report;***
- 2. Adopt the Climate Change Action Plan 2022-202 informed through evidence-based research and community engagement;***
- 3. Commit to net zero emissions for Council business operations by 2025; and***
- 4. Submit a Council Emissions Reduction Pledge to the State Government under Victoria's Climate Change Act 2017 to demonstrate our strong commitment to climate action in our Shire.***

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 22 April 2021, Strathbogie Shire Council became the 100th Council in Australia to declare a climate emergency acknowledging that climate change is a real threat and requires urgent actions from everyone to protect life on the planet.

One of the recommendations from the motion was to work with the community to develop a Climate Change Action Plan to adapt and mitigate to our changing climate. During the time of the declaration, and following this, significant community consultation was undertaken to understand the community's priorities including most recently when in April 2022 the Council endorsed the draft Climate Change Action Plan for consultation with the community. All engagement has now been undertaken and officers are ready to present the final report to Councillors for consideration and endorsement.

In partnership with the community, Council will commence implementing the Action Plan in 2022- 2023. Council will report annually on the key achievements, highlights and challenges for the implementation of programs. These updates and lessons learnt will be shared with the community in Council's Annual Report. Through ongoing monitoring Council will review the uptake and effectiveness of specific actions and amend if necessary. This will allow Council and community to ensure that resources are used effectively to achieve the best outcome.

This Action Plan has five (5) main areas with Corporate (Council) and Community actions for each target area. The areas are:

1. Protecting our natural environment
2. Reducing our emissions
3. Our climate resilient community
4. Moving sustainably
5. Advocating for change

The first four (4) sections of this plan outlines actions where Council can influence and make real difference in our local area. We know that Climate Change and its implications are not just found at a local government level but across all levels of Government, therefore section 5, Advocating for Change, shows actions that we will take to influence those areas where we are not directly responsible.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The global mean surface temperature of the Earth increased by around 0.9°C from 1880 to 2012, and the observed warming in recent decades is consistent with the fundamental theories of the physics of the atmosphere and its behaviour. The rate of warming has been most rapid in the latter half of the 20th century. Since the 1980s every decade has been warmer than any other decade since 1850 and each successive decade has been warmer than the previous.

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

In 2019 Council adopted the Sustainable Strathbogie 2030 Strategy and Action Plan that looks at six areas where climate change will impact its operations and the wider community. Furthermore, Strathbogie is one of 139 councils that have joined the Cities Power Partnership, a national local government climate network committed to lowering carbon emissions through switching to renewable energy and working in partnership to tackle climate change. Council is also partnering with about 40 local governments across Victoria to procure large scale renewable power from which to purchase our electricity.

The declaration of a Climate Emergency by Council demonstrates leadership in increasing awareness on the issue, allocates resources and instigates actions to mitigate against climate change and focuses our attention on complying with legal obligations. Furthermore, a declaration sends a clear message to the community that Council is serious about mitigating against the risks that climate change pose for the social, economic, and environmental prosperity of our community.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Significant community engagement has been undertaken as part of the development of this Climate Change Action Plan, this process has been outlined below.

Project Stage	Engagement Goals	Tools and Methods
One (March 2021 to April 2021)	<p>Inform.</p> <p>To ensure the Strathbogie Shire community understand the impacts of declaring a Climate Emergency.</p> <p>To provide clear, simple to understand communications.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website copy • Advertising • Social Media • Media release • Letters to stakeholders • FAQs
Two (March 2021 to April 2021)	<p>Engage</p> <p>To ensure the Strathbogie Shire community understand how to provide feedback on the NoM.</p> <p>To gain an understand of the community's service priorities, which include Climate Change and the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website content • Social Media • Advertising • Letters to stakeholders • Face-to-face opportunities in townships. • MyStrathbogie Bulletin • FAQs
Three A (May 2021)	<p>Engage</p> <p>To seek advice from Council staff on Climate Change actions and priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal workshops

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

Three B (October 2021 to December 2021)	<p>Engage</p> <p>To seek input from the community into their mitigation, adaption and resilience actions.</p> <p>To provide an opportunity for locals to hear from Climate experts and share their thoughts, feedback and advice.</p> <p>To ensure community input into the development of a Draft Climate Change Action Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey • Videos from Climate experts • Share Strathbogie priority survey • Media releases • Social Media • Advertising • eNews • Website content • Letters to stakeholders and community
Three C (March - June 2022)	<p>Engage</p> <p>To provide in-depth opportunities for discussions with Councillors and Council Officers on the Draft Climate Change Action Plan.</p> <p>To create simple, clear communications, that ensure the community understands how to provide feedback.</p> <p>To test officers have captured the community's thinking in the Draft Climate Change Action Plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Councillor roundtables • Letters to stakeholders and community • Media releases • Submission form • Share Strathbogie Update • eNews • Advertising • Website content • Videos seeking feedback. • Councillor workshop
Four	To close the loop with the community by releasing the Climate Change Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to stakeholders and community. • Video • Website content • Social Media • Share Strathbogie update • eNews • Media release • Advertising

Further information on the engagement process and submissions and how they have influenced the development of this Plan can be found in Attachment 2 – Climate Change Action Plan Engagement Report.

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The Strathbogie Shire Council Plan has a specific action under Protect. Enhance. Adapt Action 3.1.1 – Develop and implement a Climate Change Action Plan.

The adoption of the final Climate Change Action Plan will progress this action.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

There are policies and initiatives at federal and state level focussed on reducing impacts of climate change and instilling sustainability principles into decision making.

The *Local Government Act 2020* states that councils must consider climate change impacts in its decision-making processes and when developing key strategic documents such as the community vision, council plan and long term financial/asset plans.

The Victoria *Climate Change Act 2017* aims to drive our state's transition to a climate resilient community and economy, and outlines guiding principles to assist Council in assessing the suitability of our decision-making in light of climate change.

The Victoria *Planning and Environment Act 1987* provides the framework for the use, development, and protection of land in Victoria for the present and long-term interests of all Victorians.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The legal landscape continues to evolve in relation to responsibility and liability of climate change impacts and business preparedness. Now that Council has declared a climate emergency, the implementation of the proposed actions in the plan will respond to the emergency, they will assist with legislative compliance and work towards reducing the likelihood of litigation when compared to taking less decisive and comprehensive action.

Council is also bound to implement the Climate Change Act 2017 through making an emissions reduction pledge that is submitted to the state government. It is proposed that Council will formally submit an emissions reduction pledge once this final Plan has been endorsed.

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

The Planning and Environment Act 1987 requires councils to consider environmental implications of its strategies and decisions. Section 9(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 2020 requires councils to promote the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This matter will be considered in a Council meeting open to the public and the final adopted plan will be available to view on Councils' website.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

Potential costs have been identified in the report and will be budgeted for as required as part of Council's annual budget process.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

Significant economic impacts are available through declaring a Climate Emergency including ensuring risk mitigation is understood and planned for under an emergency management lens, Council is positioned to strategically target opportunities to attract investment in new and innovative technologies and business to support the successful transition of our existing and emerging industries.

Social

There are significant social benefits as it will provide all levels of Council to engage with the community on the implication of climate change, understand how it is currently affecting our community and way of life, how they are currently adapting and what opportunities there are to work together to ensure there is no net loss of our way of life but net gain and no member of the community, importantly the most vulnerable members, are left behind.

9.2.6 Climate Change Action Plan Adoption (cont.)

Environmental

Declaring a Climate Emergency will have significant environmental and sustainability benefits to council, the community, and the environment. It will enable immediate action to support the future prosperity of our natural world and key assets and provide a framework for sustainable principles to be embedded in council activities.

Climate change

By declaring a Climate Emergency Council is acknowledging that we need to take immediate action to embed sustainability and climate change adaption and mitigation into all areas of Council. Furthermore, Council will join many other Councils around Australia and the world to improve the legacy that we are leaving for future generations.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The endorsement of this Climate Change Action Plan shows Councils ability to think outside the box and prepare the community for the impacts of climate change.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

In the delivery of this plan we will partner with groups and organisations that deliver climate change projects.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendations does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONCLUSION

At its meeting on 22 April 2021 Strathbogie Shire Council became the 100th Council in Australia to declare a climate emergency acknowledging that climate change is a real threat and requires urgent actions from everyone to protect life on the planet.

One of the recommendations from the motion was to work with the community to develop a Climate Change Action Plan to adapt and mitigate to our changing climate. This report presents that developed final plan for consideration and adoption.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Climate Change Action Plan 2022 – 2027 (*separate document*)

Attachment 2: Climate Change Action Plan Engagement Report (*separate document*)

9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement

Environment and Waste Coordinator

Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Strathbogie Shire Council is a member of the Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forum which brings together regional leaders in sustainable water management, representing Traditional Owners, local governments, statutory authorities and government agencies.

The Goulburn Broken IWM Forum is one of ten (10) regional integrated water management forums across Victoria that are responsible the local implementation of the framework. The *Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria (2017)* is designed to help regional stakeholders work together, ensuring the water cycle contributes to the liveability of towns and cities in Victoria with community at the centre of decision making.

The IWM Forum has recently began working on updating their Strategic Directions Statement (SDS) which articulates the collaborative intent and shared agreement of all stakeholders involved in the forum. It describes the water security challenges and opportunities in the region, sets the strategic direction for the next three to five years and outlines the ways in which IWM is and will be applied through joint projects that connect water back into the water cycle. This SDS provides an update on the progress since the initial SDS (2018). It has been developed to complement the region's Sustainable Water Strategy, Goulburn Valley Water's Urban Water Strategy, the Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy and other strategic plans of the member organisations.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the attached Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement as a partner Council.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The IWM approach involves understanding the water cycle, how water cycle services are provided and the drivers or constraints that influence its management, such as climate change population growth, land use change, environmental decline and community preferences.

The key focus areas for the Goulburn Broken IWM SDS are:

- Climate change, which is impacting the regional through extreme weather, reduced rainfall and hotter temperatures;
- Population growth, with more people moving to and visiting the Goulburn Region; and
- Changing landscapes that are seeing declines in biodiversity and shift in land use.

The forums IWM SDS has been designed to meet these challenges.

9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement (cont.)

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

This is the first update to the Goulburn Broken region's SDS produced in 2018, and includes:

- An update on progress to date
- Case studies illustrating IWM in the region
- Details of planned and potential opportunities designed to meet the strategic outcomes and key challenges over the next three to five years.

As part of the development of the Goulburn Broken IWM Forum SDS 18 projects were identified across the Goulburn Broken Region, with three projects being located in Strathbogie Shire.

- 7. Planning for a Green Avenel
- 8. Greening Euroa – Stage 3
- 13. Nagambie Green Spaces

The other projects in our region can be seen in the summary of projects on the next page.

9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement (cont.)

Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement 2022 summary

We work collaboratively with partners across the water cycle to find new ways to share resources and conserve water for multiple community and environmental benefits.

We work to meet the water needs of a changing region.

POPULATION GROWTH

190,800 (2021)



33% INCREASE



CHANGE IN RAINFALL
BY 2040

DECREASE BY 13.6%
WITH MORE-INTENSE
RAINFALL IN SOME YEARS.



TEMPERATURE

AN INCREASE OF
0.7-1.6°C
IN GOULBURN BROKEN
BY 2040*

* Population data source: Victoria In Future 2019

* Temperature and rainfall range are highest and lowest predictions for Campaspe and Loddon catchments. Predictions represent the annual average relative to the year 1995. Source: Guidelines for Assessing the Impact of Climate Change on Water Availability in Victoria, November 2020.

1. Thornton Stormwater Upgrade

Directing stormwater and greywater through constructed wetlands to purify the water before it enters the Goulburn River.

2. Implementing Kilmore Creek Landscape Master Plan

Implementing the master plan, which highlights the importance of the Kilmore Creek Precinct, and presents a vision for it to become the primary recreational open space and environmental corridor in Kilmore.

3. Sunday and Dry Creeks Landscape Master Plan

Improving recreational access and ecological function at Sunday and Dry Creeks.

4. IWM Plans for Kilmore Development Areas

Creating a framework to embrace natural waterways and implement innovative water efficiency within new developments.

5. Kilmore Recycled Water Scheme

Supplying recycled water from the Kilmore Wastewater Management Facility to irrigate the Kilmore Racing Club and nearby recreation areas.

6. Corop Lakes Complex Integrated Water Project

Enhancement environmental and cultural values at the Corop Lakes Complex

7. Planning for a Green Avenel

Securing continued liveability and sustainability through planning for Green Blue spaces, passive recreation and diverse water supplies.

8. Greening Euroa – Stage 3

Improving drought resilience and enhancing liveability by keeping community spaces green via diverse water supplies.

9. Horseshoe Lagoon Master Plan

Preserving the ecological, recreational and cultural values of Horseshoe Lagoon.

10. Eastbank Lake Project – Gross Pollutant Trap Options Analysis

Preventing pollution from entering the Goulburn River for healthier waterways and improved amenity.

11. Recycled Water for Kilmore's Recreation Areas

Reducing reliance on potable water by irrigating recreation areas with recycled water.

12. Enabling IWM with Developers

Developing a framework for working with property developers to facilitate opportunities for IWM projects – in collaboration with the Great South Coast IWM Forum.

13. Nagambie Green Spaces

Ensuring open spaces and green corridors within the township even during significant dry periods.

14. Gough's Bay Water Sensitive Town Plan

Realising the town's vision to be a best-practice, self-contained, water-sensitive town that will serve as a model for other small towns in the region.

15. Baddaginnie Wastewater Improvement

Improving wastewater management systems in Baddaginnie.

16. Revitalising Fords Creek – IWM Icon Project

Developing Fords Creek into a focal point and central spine for connectivity throughout the township.

17. Greater Shepparton City Council Area IWM Plan

A single overarching plan to address water management, green spaces and climate change resilience.

18. Broken Creek Master Plan

Enhancing recreational and community-based connections with Broken Creek by creating walking tracks, bridges and waterfront community spaces.



9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement (cont.)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

No community engagement was undertaken as part of the development of this updated SDS as any community engagement will be undertaken on a project-by-project basis. All stakeholders to the SDS were consulted during its development.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The draft Council Plan 2021 – 25 under Strategic focus area 3 is that we will minimise harmful impacts on our natural environment, we are reversing biodiversity decline and we are championing best practice environmental strategies. The Goulburn Broken IWM Forum SDS will meet these focus areas.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

The Goulburn Broken IWM Forum SDS has been developed as part of the *Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria (2017)*.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The proposed recommendation is within Council's decision making delegations.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report is being presented to an open Council meeting and the SDS is available online.

9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement (cont.)

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

At this stage there is no financial implications from the identified projects as they have already been identified in the budget. By the projects being referenced in the SDS Council will be able to access funding through IWM grants.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

One of the strategic outcomes of the SDS is “ Jobs, economic opportunity and innovation – recognising that water management is an integral part of economic growth”.

Social

This SDS will involve many different community groups, traditional owners, government to deliver the actions from the Strategy and to increase environmental stewardship amongst our diverse communities. One of the principals to guide change is that these actions are community led.

Environmental

The SDs will have the following below strategic outcomes:

- Safe, secure and affordable supplies in a changing future
- Effective and affordable wastewater systems
- Manage flood risks
- Healthy and valued waterways and waterbodies
- Healthy and valued landscapes
- Traditional Owner and community values reflected in place-based planning
- Jobs, economic opportunity and innovation

With many of these being directly linked to enhanced environmental outcomes.

Climate change

The SDS has direct climate change implications. It is planned to increase the resilience of our communities and mitigate the impacts of climate change. It will also help the stakeholders plan for the impacts of climate change on our natural environment and mitigate and adapt to those impacts.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

9.2.7 Goulburn Broken Integrated Water Management Forum Strategic Directions Statement (cont.)

The Goulburn Broken IWM Forum SDS has been developed with the input of local governments, Goulburn Valley Water, Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

The recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victoria Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONCLUSION

Strathbogie Shire Council is a key partner in the Goulburn Broken IWM Forum and will benefit from the outlined projects in the Strategic Directions Statement 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Goulburn Broken Strategic Directions Statement 2022 (*separate document*)

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission

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Responsible Director: Director of Planning and Community

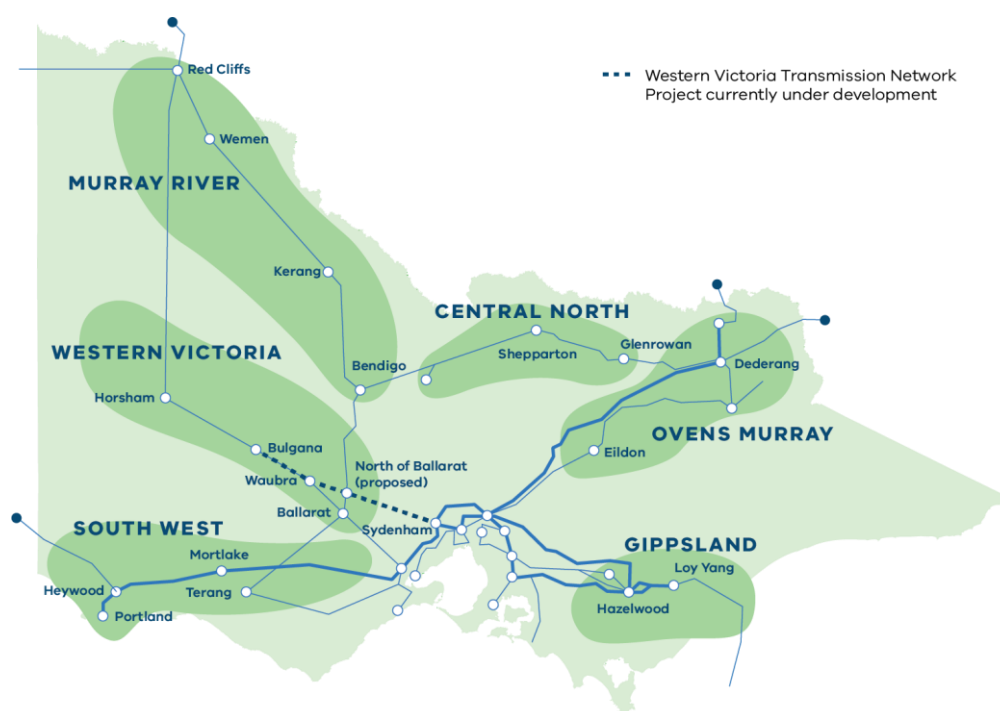
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Government recently called for community submissions on the draft Victorian Transmission Investment Framework.

This framework outlined the government's draft plans for the future power transmission network across Victoria incorporating its designated Renewable Energy Zones (REZ) which would be used to generate renewable energy for transmission around the state as the reliance on coal-fired power generation is reduced. The creation of these zones requires upgrades to the power transmission network to facilitate the input of power from locations around the state rather than the current system which obtained most inputs from the Latrobe Valley.

Renewable Energy Zones have been described by the Victorian Government as "the future of large-scale energy production, bringing together renewable generation with the energy infrastructure needed to deliver it to Victorian homes and businesses"

The Australian Energy Market Regulator and the Victorian Government have designated six proposed "Renewable Energy Zones" across Victoria as shown below.



At this time Strathbogie Shire and its surrounding region are not part of this plan.

The Victorian Government recently sought feedback on the draft Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (VTIF) which is intended to make sure that they "acquire the investment we need in the right places at the right time".

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission (cont.)

Part of this process involved the exploration of potential projects that could be implemented to further develop Victorian REZs. This stage included consideration of longer-term investments in larger energy infrastructure upgrades, such as building new transmission lines.

The government also sought feedback on the community consultation processes and the merits of early engagement with the community on renewable energy and transmission projects.

This report seeks that Council note the written submission to the State Government on the draft Victorian Transmission Investment Framework emphasising the need for improved electricity infrastructure to facilitate renewable energy generation and distribution across the Strathbogie municipality. The submission also identified the need for early engagement with Strathbogie Shire on any possible energy projects or opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the written submission sent by Strathbogie Shire Council to the State Government in response to their draft Victorian Transmission Investment Framework.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Victorian Government is considering a new framework for how transmission infrastructure is currently planned and developed to ensure Renewable Energy Zones (REZs) are delivered in the best way for Victorians. This proposal is set out in the Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (VTIF) Preliminary Design Consultation Paper. The proposed Framework would introduce a strategic and proactive process to ensure timely co-ordination of investment in transmission, generation and storage infrastructure across Victoria's REZs, tailored to Victoria's energy needs.

The proposals by State government and Australian Energy Market Regulator do not currently include Strathbogie Shire's participation in the proposed Victorian REZs scheme. This lack of investment in energy generation and infrastructure is expected to severely disadvantage Strathbogie Shire economically even further into the future.

In mid-2021 Strathbogie Shire made a submission to the State government through the Regional Development Victoria Investment Fast-Track Fund. This submission sought funding for the purpose of a feasibility study into improving the local electricity grid and establishing microgrids in Strathbogie Shire. Regrettably the funding application was unsuccessful.

For Strathbogie Shire to participate in renewable energy projects and contribute to the grid, the poor supply and distribution capacity issues need to be addressed. Power supply and distribution constraints are damaging economically for the Strathbogie Shire and have a detrimental impact on the wider community.

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission (cont.)

The Shire of Strathbogie is keen to facilitate investment in renewable energy generation and distribution contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

There are a number of factors which make Strathbogie Shire an ideal location for such projects:

- Central Victorian location
- Proximity to Melbourne and major regional centres such as Shepparton
- High average number of days of sunshine
- Large areas of flat open land for solar and wind generation as well as battery storage
- Potential for wind farms in the Strathbogie Ranges.

These factors lean toward the Shire being well placed to accommodate large scale renewable energy generation and distribution, however without a stable and secure electricity distribution grid the Shire's potential for contribution to the grid is limited.

Energy security in the Strathbogie Local Government Area has been problematic for many years. Currently, there is a single line of supply running from Benalla to Violet Town through to Euroa and spreading across the surrounding localities.

There are regular failures particularly during peak demand periods such as hot weather causing lengthy blackouts resulting in significant economic loss and hardship for residents. Moreover, power failure will also result in loss of most mobile communications and Internet services. Despite the fact that this supply line has been known as the most problematic in the state since the 1970s, nothing has been done to correct the problem.

A similar situation exists on the western side of Strathbogie Shire with a single line of supply from Seymour to Nagambie and surrounding localities with regular failure experienced during peak demand. The situation is exacerbated by Nagambie's growing popularity as a tourist destination as well as residential and commercial investment which will place severe strain on the power supply along with other utilities into the future.

As well as the obvious inconvenience, risks to the community during an emergency and the disincentive to investment Strathbogie Shire is also held back from participating in large scale renewable energy generation projects leaving us at a severe disadvantage to other Local Government Areas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

No specific consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of this report however unreliable power supply has been raised by a number of community members across the Shire through Council's Share Strathbogie deliberative engagement process undertaken that informed the development of the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission (cont.)

For Strathbogie Shire to participate in renewable energy projects and contribute to the grid, the poor supply and distribution capacity issues need to be addressed. Power supply and distribution constraints are damaging economically for the Strathbogie Shire and have a detrimental impact on the wider community. On a number of occasions, community have raised concerns regarding the negative economic impact that residents face due to increased ‘blackouts’ that are occurring in our municipality.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

Strategic Focus Area 3: Protect.Enhance.Adapt

Action 3.1.8: “Advocate to Federal and State governments for investment in reliable power supply infrastructure with a focus on renewable energy.”

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

The CSIRO has provided evidence that energy generation in Australia contributes 33.6% of Australians total greenhouse gas emissions.

Both state and federal governments have committed to reductions in greenhouse gas emissions through increased use of renewable energy generation.

The recently elected federal Labor Government has committed to a 43% reduction in Australia’s emissions. The use of renewable sources to generate energy is a key factor in this policy and the creation of viable renewable energy generation facilities and transmission lines within Strathbogie Shire is in line with these policies.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

There are no negative legal considerations associated with this report.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report demonstrates that Council is being transparent in its position for advocacy to the Victorian Government on renewable energy in our municipality.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

It is imperative that Council advocate for our community to ensure that the best outcome is achieved.

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission (cont.)

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

There are regular failures particularly during peak demand periods such as hot weather causing lengthy blackouts resulting in economic loss to retail and industry as well as severe inconvenience and hardship for residents. It basically takes only one point along the line to “trip”, causing the power to shut down the length of the line and the region is subjected to blackouts which can last as long as 24 hours depending on the location of the fault.

Further, the lack of reliable energy supply is a significant constraint to new business growth and economic stimulation for the Shire.

Social

Council’s advocacy on this topic is in the best interests of the community highlighting the need for better infrastructure and services to improve liveability in the municipality.

Environmental

Energy security to Strathbogie Shire towns and their surrounding districts has been problematic for many years. Currently there is a single line of supply running from Benalla to Violet Town through to Euroa and spreading out across the surrounding localities.

There are regular failures particularly during peak demand periods such as hot weather events causing lengthy blackouts resulting in economic loss to retail and industry as well as severe inconvenience and hardship for residents.

Climate change

Support for the development of renewable energy generation and transmission infrastructure within the shire is in line with Council stated policies and position on climate change including its declaration of a climate emergency and the need to decrease emissions.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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.

CONCLUSION

The Victorian State Government recently called for submissions on its draft “Victorian Transmission Investment Framework” which outlined its proposed future investment in renewable energy and transmission infrastructure across the state.

To date Strathbogie Shire and its surrounding region have not been included as a part of these draft plans and the Shire continues to suffer from substantial energy insecurity due to the fragility of its transmission and supply infrastructure.

9.2.8 Victorian Transmission Investment Framework Submission (cont.)

It is therefore important that Strathbogie Shire draw to the attention of the State Government the need for future investment within the Shire to allow local generation and transmission of renewable energy and improve the shire's energy security.

On a secondary note, the government is seeking input regarding future community consultation on the installation of energy infrastructure and it's in Council's and the community's best interest for the Shire to support comprehensive and early community engagement on any proposed infrastructure development.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Strathbogie Shire Council submission to the draft Victorian Transmission Investment Framework (*separate document*)

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the findings of the December 2020 Internal Audit Report in relation to Tree Management, a series of recommendations were made including further developing and implementing the Tree Management Plan ensuring it adequately addresses all risks associated with tree assets and meets industry standards.

The development of the draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies (draft Plan) addresses such items as risk area mapping, inspection and maintenance standards, reference material and service levels. Completion of the plan will enable detailed assessment of the resources required to manage Council's trees in-line with industry standards.

The requirement for the development of a Tree Management Plan also considers the recommendations of a 2014/2015 coroner's investigation into a death in a Victorian Council's recreation space. The investigation resulted in the recommendations regarding the management of trees including the need for community education, improved reporting mechanisms and the importance of inspections and reporting arrangements.

The draft Plan details the management system that the Council proposes to implement for trees in the discharge of its duty to inspect, assess and manage (with regard to risk) all trees for which the Council is responsible in both rural and urban settings.

The draft Plan will be further supplemented with a detailed Procedures Manual.

It is proposed that Council adopt the draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies and endorse it for public consultation over a 28-day period.

RECOMMENDATION***That Council:***

- 1. Endorse the draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies for public feedback for a period of 28 days; and***
- 2. Receive a further report at the October 2022 Council Meeting to endorse the final Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies pending the outcome of the consultation period.***

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Strathbogie Shire Council is committed to ensuring that the trees they are responsible for are managed within the parameters of the draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies (draft Plan). This includes the proactive identification of risks and the required actions to be carried out to ensure the safety of the community. By developing and following this process, Council is reducing the risk to the community whilst simultaneously ensuring that its approach to managing these risks is communicated.

The genesis of this revised plan stems from the findings of the December 2020 Internal Audit Report in relation to Tree Management which made a series of recommendations as follows:

- Further developing and implementing the Tree Management Plan ensuring it adequately addresses all risks associated with tree assets and meets industry standards,
- Completing the Urban Tree Register to ensure all urban trees are mapped and recorded with sufficient detail to allow for effective ongoing management,
- The Qualified Tree Risk Assessment rating matrix is adopted,
- Developing a formal inspection protocol and Tree Management Plan that addresses the recommendations of the 2015 Victorian Coroner's report,
- Ensuring work orders are actioned in an appropriate timeframe, with that timeframe specified in the Tree Management Plan, and
- Ensuring customer requests are actioned in an appropriate timeframe specified within the Tree Management Plan.

The requirement for the development of a tree management plan is also considers the outcome of a 2014/2015 coroner's investigation into a death in a Victorian Council's recreation space. The investigation resulted in the following recommendations regarding (among other matters), the management of trees including the need for community education, improved reporting mechanisms and the importance of inspections and reporting arrangements.

Furthermore, there have been Coroner's reports in respect of trees in the vicinity of powerlines. Whilst Council does have a separate Electric Line Clearance Management Plan, which is audited by Energy Safe Victoria, this nevertheless remains a risk exposure and is considered as part of the comprehensive management plan.

In response to the audit findings and the Coroner's recommendations, the draft Plan covers a number of key areas for trees in both urban and rural environments including:

- Relevant legislation
- Extent of Council responsibility
- Partial Council responsibility and out of scope areas
- Council's Tree Register
- Tree Protection
- Tree Maintenance by Council and assessment of proposed works
- Maintenance Scope
- Tree Inspections and Assessment of Risks

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

- Environmental considerations
- Tree Valuation
- Damage caused by trees
- Community engagement.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

For Council to show that it has satisfied its duty of care to the community, it is required to demonstrate that it has in place a reasonable regime for both inspecting the public network of trees and for planning and implementing required works to ensure a reasonable level of safety. These aspects of inspection and response are key components and are dealt with in the draft Plan. Inspection targets, maintenance targets and response times are identified in the document and are based on risk so as to ensure community safety and in the discharge of its statutory and common law duty to inspect, assess and manage (with regard to risk), all trees for which the Council is responsible.

Urban areas

All trees located on Council managed land in urban areas will be inspected by a suitably qualified arborist to determine the useful life expectancy and ongoing management of the tree based on the assessment of the following:

- Tree characteristics and health
- Genus, species and common name
- Site conditions
- Condition/Hazard rating recorded as either:
 - Defect with high priority
 - Defect with medium priority
 - Defect with low priority
 - No defect
 - Description of tree defects (if any) and action required.

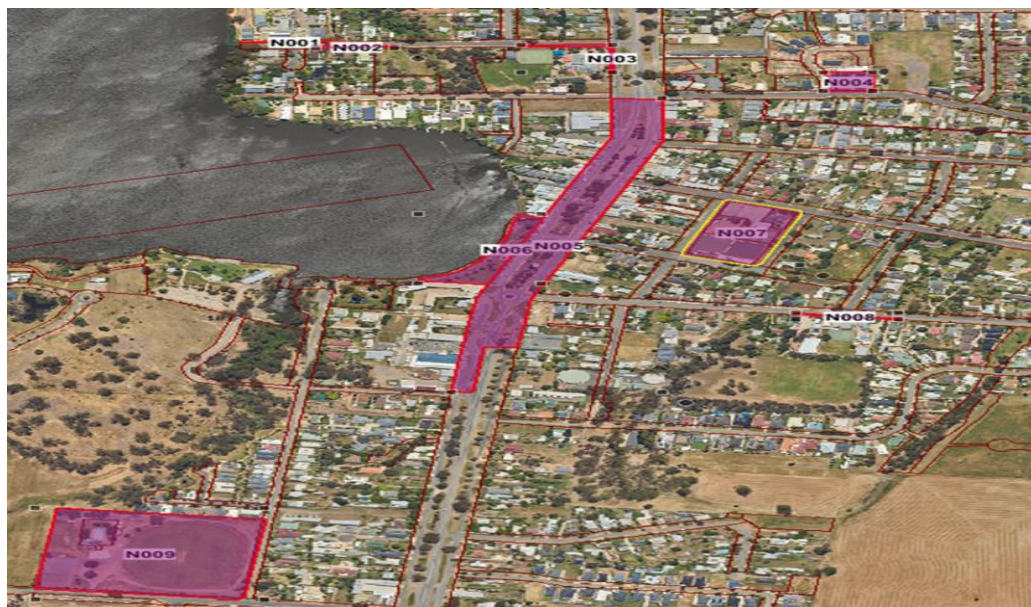
High Risk Areas Trees located in high-risk areas will be proactively inspected as per inspection targets, with each tree being considered for removal within 5 years of useful life expectancy.

Medium Risk Areas Trees located in medium-risk areas will be proactively inspected as per inspection targets, with each tree being considered for removal within 3 years of useful life expectancy.

Low Risk Areas will be reactively inspected on request, within the timeframes set out in the maintenance targets and response times. It should be noted that rural inspections for canopy clearing will be carried out under the requirements of the Strathbogie Shire Road Management Plan.

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

Area Risk Levels will be re-assessed every 4 years along with this Plan and will reflect any changes to volume of use/public events or other changes. Mapping of High risk areas has been undertaken. By way of example, mapping of Nagambie is shown below:



Rural areas

Council's obligations to inspect and maintain roadside vegetation are set out in section 107 of the Road Management Act 2004. Furthermore, Council's Road Management Plan states it must inspect and maintain, and has a liability for, trees and roadside vegetation within a 'road maintenance envelope'. This is defined as the area from drain to drain and to a height of five metres.

Council will undertake reactive inspections in rural areas, including emergency call outs, for the rural road network. Rural tree canopy clearing is also completed following proactive inspections.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

The proposed draft Plan will address community engagement as an individual section within the plan.

Open engagement with residents creates a much better understanding and shared appreciation of tree issues and it enables wider understanding of the roles and works undertaken by Council, as well as the aspirations of community members. It also enables the community to understand their responsibilities and rights. Most importantly, it provides community with access to advice about trees in the Shire and to have their interests heard.

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

Consultation will occur for any tree project proposals based on the nature of the tree. Consultation will occur in all circumstances, with the exception of trees which are an immediate risk and require immediate action for the safety of the public and tree renewals for trees which have reached their end of life. Consultation as detailed in this section will be in addition to any statutory requirements when addressing native vegetation.

Our communications and engagement approach outlines a significant communications campaign to ensure the community is aware the draft Plan is out for community consultation and how to provide their feedback.

The plan focusses on the use of communications tools to inform the community and uses a traditional consultation approach to ensure providing feedback is easy.

The draft Plan has been developed using feedback provided by participants in previous engagement activities – including deliberative processes used to develop our Council Plan – to ensure community input into its development.

Stage	Goal	Tools and methods
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate genuine stakeholder and community engagement to seek input to the draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies. Provide clear communications to the community to ensure providing feedback is easy Provide timely information to the community and key stakeholders about the plan. 	Communication tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media release Social media eNews story Advertising Website content Engagement methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share Strathbogie submission tool Letters seeking feedback
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform the community and stakeholders how their feedback informed the final draft Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies Inform the community the plan is complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media release Social media eNews story Advertising Letters to submitters

Depth of engagement

Depth: Consult

Public participation goal: To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions

Promise to the public: We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

The draft Plan considers the findings of a 2014/2015 Coroner's investigation into a death in a Victorian Council's recreation space resulted in the following recommendations regarding the management of trees.

- the need for community education about a council's tree safety and maintenance programs;
- improved awareness of reporting mechanisms for trees within high risk area; and
- the importance of inspections and maintaining tree management data bases to monitor the health of trees with the view to a council managing any identified risks as appropriate (proactive management of trees with respect to risk).

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The draft Plan takes account of requirements of the following legislation:

- Road Management Act 2004 (VIC)
- Local Government Act 2020
- Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (VIC)
- Flora and Fauna Act 1988
- Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals (Control of Use) Act 1992
- Heritage Act 1995
- AS 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees
- AS 4970 -2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites
- AS 2303-2015 Tree Stock for Landscape Use
- Electricity Safety Act 1998 and the Electric Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2015 (and 2020 update).

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report where conflict of interest is relevant.

Transparency

The report achieves public transparency by publishing a draft Plan that articulates how Council will manage the trees within its responsibility and within our communities. The draft Plan will be available to the community via Council's website and will be subject to community consultation.

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

The draft Plan will enable/support service planning and associated resource allocations to ensure that Council's long-term financial viability is assessed, known, budgeted, and thereafter secured.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

Trees have a value which can be determined in order to assess appropriate decisions regarding the management of the natural environment.

Social

It is considered that community health and wellbeing will be improved with the progression of tree management plans – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety. There will also be benefits regarding the transport network e.g. safety for travellers, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people.

Environmental

A healthy and safe tree management regime will provide environmental benefits through providing habitat for wildlife, carbon offset and community safety through greater inspection and action in line with the plan.

Climate change

Trees have an important role to plan in mitigating the effects of climate change through moderation of the heat island effect, reduction in CO₂ emissions and carbon offset.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The draft Plan will be formally updated every four (4) years. However, it will be continuously reviewed to identify opportunities for improved practices and be formally presented to Council on a twelve (12) monthly basis commencing from the time of adoption of the final version.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

In compiling this plan, information has been sourced from tree management plans of other Councils and collaboration internally was required to complete the draft Plan.

9.2.9 Draft Tree Management Plan 2022: Urban and Rural Strategies (cont.)

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

CONCLUSION

The draft *Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies* details the management system that the Council proposes to implement in the discharge of its statutory and common law duty to inspect, assess and manage (with regard to risk), all trees for which the Council is responsible.

It is recommended that Council endorse the draft plan and release it for public comment.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Strathbogie Shire Council (Draft) Tree Management Plan: Urban and Rural Strategies (*separate document*)

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE

9.3.1 Tender for Contract No. 21/22-55: Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2

Author: Manager Projects Delivery / Procurement and Tenders officer / Projects Officer

Responsible Director: Acting Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has undertaken two competitive tender processes for the re-roofing of the Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2, and both tender processes did not obtain tender submissions.

Through public advertisement in local and national newspapers, Council invited tenders for the work under Contract 21/22-47, with the initial tender opening on 9am Friday 28 April 2022. At close of the initial tender on 25 May 2022, no tenders were received. Council readvertised the public tender on 27 May 2022, which closed on the 23 June 2022, again zero tender submissions were received.

After the second unsuccessful tender process, it was determined that Strathbogie Shire could now seek quotations outside of the formal tender process.

Council met the required compliance obligations under the Local Government Act 2020 and the Strathbogie Procurement Policy (2021) by undertaking formal public request for tender. At this stage it was determined an alternative process could be undertaken, involving an informal quotation process. New Contract number CN 21/22-55 was issued for the alternative process to carry forward. On the week commencing 26 June 2022, four suitable qualified roofing contractors were invited to provide quote submissions. At the end of this process on Tuesday 26 July 2022, two submissions were received.

The two emailed submissions were fully evaluated. Having considered the results of the review, it is recommended to the Council that it awards the tender for Contract No 21/22-55 - Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2 Euroa, to National Roof Care Pty Ltd for a total amount of \$453,686.20 including GST.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender for Contract No 21/22-55 – Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2, Euroa – Lump Sum to National Roof Care Pty Ltd for a total amount of \$453,686.20 including GST;***
- 2. Authorises officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderers; and***
- 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract by signing and affixing with the Common Seal of Strathbogie Shire Council.***

9.3.1 Tender for Contract No. 21/22-55: Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2 (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The existing Civic Centre Roof of the Euroa Council Civic Building has long been deemed inadequate and not fit for purpose, currently leaking with heavy rain events and causing damage to walls, rooves and electrical wiring. The building needs frequent ongoing repairs or maintenance to ensure its safety and functional use. Given that there has been no maintenance and upgrade program set for this building, the longevity of the building will be compromised if there is no work done to minimize this ongoing risk of deterioration.

A replacement exterior roof ensures the safe use during rain events and storms and provides protection to the building and its contents going forward. If it left in current condition the deterioration will increase to a point where the Council building will not be fit for purpose and alternative long-term accommodation will need to be sought. It is important to note that this is the first step in addressing the condition of the Civic Centre and further works are required to be undertaken over subsequent financial years to ensure a safe working environment for officers and visitors and one that meets today's standards.

This report seeks Council approval of the recommendation for Contract Number 21/22-55 - Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2, Euroa, and to award the contract to National Roof Care Pty Ltd for a total amount of \$453,686.20 including GST.

TENDER PROCESS

Two public tender processes were undertaken in close succession.

The first public tender was released on "Tendersearch" via the Council website on the 28 April 2022. The tender was advertised in Saturday's The Age newspaper (state-wide reach) on the 29 April 2022, Shepparton News on 28 May 2022, and Benalla Ensign, in the week following release. By the close of tenders at 4.00pm on 25 May 2022, no tender submissions had been received.

The second public tender was released on "Tendersearch" via the Council website on the 27 May 2022. The tender was advertised in Saturday's The Age newspaper (state-wide reach) on the 28 May 2022, Shepparton News on 3 June 2022, and Benalla Ensign, in the week following release. By the close of tenders at 4.00pm on 23 June 2022, again no tender submissions had been received.

Strathbogie Shire had met its compliance obligations under both the Local Government Act 2020 and the Strathbogie Procurement Policy (2021) to seek public tender submissions for the works of this Contract. Council Officer's therefor determined the risk of undertaking a less formal process to obtain quote submissions was far less than undertaking another formal tender process, again not obtaining quotes and risking the project being further delayed.

9.3.1 Tender for Contract No. 21/22-55: Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2 (cont.)

The week commencing 26 June 2022, four suitable qualified roofing contractors were contacted and invited to provide quote submissions. Invitees were encouraged to inspect the premises and ask questions relating to the design specification. All four of those contractors visited the site in different timing during the process and all the queries had been answered. With submissions requirements lessened considerably, at the end of this process on Tuesday 26 July 2022, two submissions were received.

Table 1: Tender Offers Received (including GST)

Tender Offers Received at Close of Tender Period (including GST) in lowest to highest order	
	\$453,686.20
	\$511,280.00
	No Quote
	No Quote

Assessment Process

The Strathbogie Shire Staff members reviewing the submission were made up of the following:

1. Manager Project Delivery
2. Project Officer
3. Procurement and Tenders Officer (process facilitator, non-voting member).

The principle that underlies the awarding of all Council contracts is that a contract is awarded on the basis of providing the overall Best Value, offering the most benefit to the community and the greatest advantage to Council.

As the quote submission requirements were significantly reduced, the assessment was based on pricing, methodology and delivery timeframe.

Officers tasked with reviewing the submissions met on the morning of Wednesday 27 July 2022.

At the completion of the meeting, it was determined that National Roof Care (located in Bentleigh, Melbourne) offered the lowest pricing of \$ 453,686.20 and could deliver the project as per the specifications, and within the shortest timeframe.

National Roof Care Pty Ltd have significant experience in roof replacement within the Government/commercial sector and have recently completed a similar roofing project within the Hume Corridor Region.

Council Officers assessing the submissions were therefore satisfied that National Roof Care quote submission represents the best value outcome for Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

9.3.1 Tender for Contract No. 21/22-55: Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2 (cont.)

Consultation

The matter under consideration does not warrant a community consultation process.

Community Implications

The recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community other than compliance with OHS obligations for staff and community.

Risk Management

The Tender Evaluation Panel considers early commencement of work as vital to its successful delivery, to ensure work is completed during spring.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

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

This report is consistent with the Strathbogie Shire Council Procurement Policy, except where changes were approved by Council.

The *Council Plan* is relevant with the following:

- Strategic focus area 2: Live. Access. Connect
- Strategic focus area 3: Protect. Enhance. Adapt
- Strategic focus area 5: Strong. Healthy. Safe.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

It is considered that all steps have been taken in line with Council's Procurement Policy which ensures transparency in the process.

Decisions made by Council will be: -

- undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Governance Rules.
- will be conducted in an open and transparent forum with information available via Council reports.

9.3.1 Tender for Contract No. 21/22-55: Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2 (cont.)

Council meetings will be open to the community or can be viewed on the livestream (and available as a recording) unless closed for reasons permitted by s.66(2) of the Act.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

The recommended tenderer provides best value outputs in comparison.

Social

The proposed works will not have a negative impact on the social environment but will ensure the safety of the staff and community served by the Shire.

Environmental

No negative impacts have been identified with the completion of proposed works.

Climate change

The outcome of the works will not adversely affect the Climate Change considerations.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

CONCLUSION

Council invited tenders for Contract No 21-22-47 – **Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2, Euroa – Lump Sum**. The Procurement Policy was followed, with an informal quote submission eventually sought (CN 21-22-55), after no submissions were received as result of the formal Request for Tender process.

The submission from National Roof Care of Bentleigh Melbourne, Victoria, represented overall Best Value outcome to the Strathbogie Shire. It is proposed that Council endorses the recommendation for the **Re-roofing of Binney Street Civic Centre Stage 2, Euroa** works discussed herein.

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade - Nagambie

Author: Project Officer Project Delivery

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the Strathbogie Shire Council's approved budget for financial year 22/23, Council is planning to upgrade Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road in Nagambie. A comprehensive design has been completed by a third-party Engineering Consultant. To implement the construction works, tender documentation was prepared for the public advertisement.

Through public advertisement in local and state newspapers and Council online Tender Portal Council invited tenders for the work under Contract No. 22/23-01, Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie between 01 July 2022 and 27 July 2022.

At tender closing on 27 July 2022, six (6) tender submissions were received, all submissions deemed conforming. These tenders have been assessed and evaluated by tender evaluation panel made up of council officers. Having considered the results of the evaluation, it is hereby recommended that Council awards the lump sum contract to Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd, for a total amount of \$ 738,070.00.

RECOMMENDATION***That Council:***

- 1. Receives and notes the outcome of the tender assessment process for Contract No 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie - Lump Sum as set out in the confidential appendices attached to this report;***
- 2. Awards the tender for Contract No 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie - Lump Sum to Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd Euroa, for a total amount of \$ 738,070.00;***
- 3. Authorises officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderers;***
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract by signing and affixing with the Common Seal of Strathbogie Shire Council; and***
- 5. Notes that construction will commence mid-September 2022 with an anticipated completion by end of November 2022.***

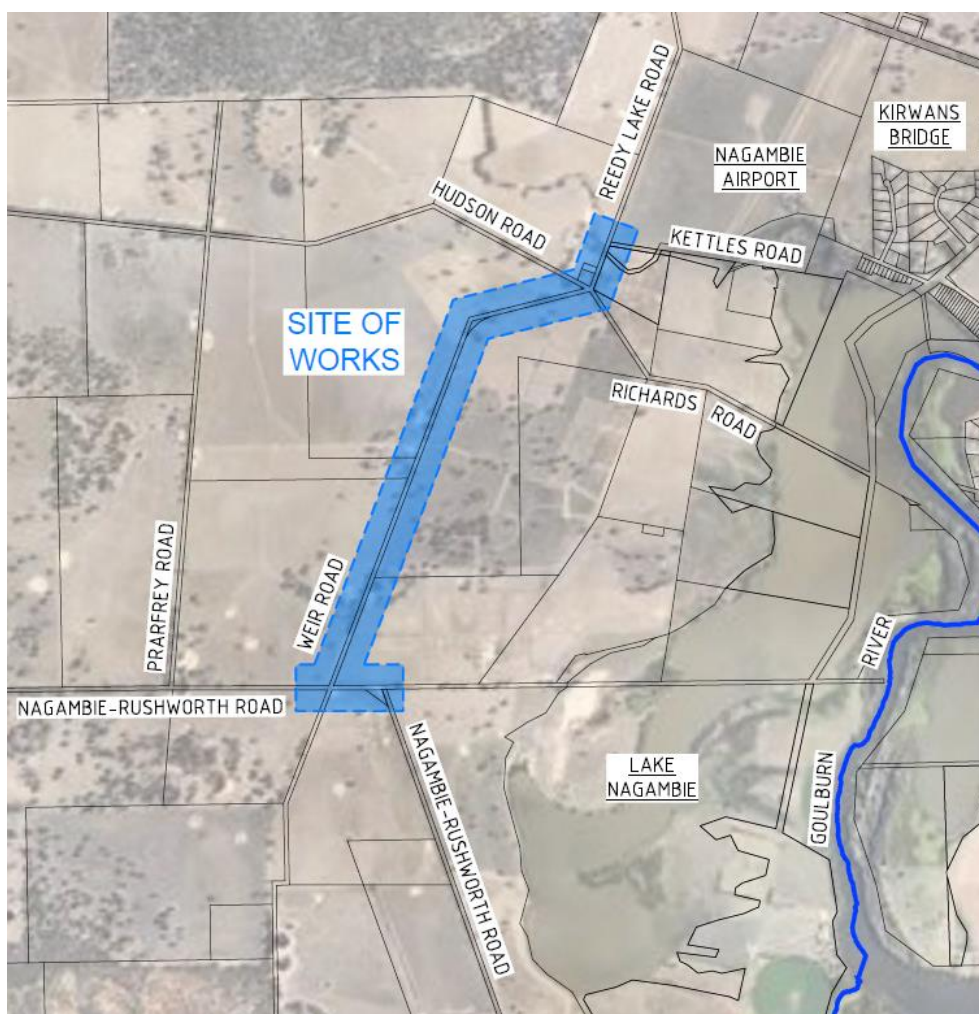
9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

This project supports a strategic alternative freight/commuter/tourist route, capacity upgrade and improved pavement quality along Weir and Reedy Lake Roads Nagambie, especially when utilised as a detour when Kirwans Bridge is closed. The project will upgrade a 2.7km unsealed gravel section of both Weir and Reedy Lake Roads, between Nagambie/Rushworth Road and Kettles Road, through the construction of a sealed pavement with shoulders.

The proposed construction and upgrade of this road will deliver an integrated transport structure, capable of efficiently moving freight, commuter, and tourists (including motorcyclists and cyclists) throughout the region by providing a key alternative route from the Kirwans Bridge Township to the Nagambie Township. The project will improve safety, provide environmental and economic outcomes, increase social participation, and enable the seamless access with other arterial, regional roads and interstate access points.

This report seeks Council approval of the recommendations on Tender Evaluation exercise on Contract No 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie, and to award the contract to the recommended tenderer as provided in this report.



9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

TENDER PROCESS

The public tender was released on <https://www.eprocure.com.au/strathbogies/> website on the 01 July 2022. The tender was advertised in Saturday's The Age newspaper (state-wide reach), and Shepparton News in the week following release. The public tender was open for submissions and by the close of tenders at 4.00pm on 27 July 2022, Six (6) tender submissions were received.

All tender submissions were assessed for their compliance including the contractual terms and conditions and the requirements of the response schedules. All tender submissions were deemed conforming.

Table 1 below lists the tenders that were received at the close of the advertised tender period.

Table 1: Tender Submissions Received

Tender Submissions Received at the close of Tender Period (in Alphabetical Order)
Apex Earthworks Pty Ltd
Bitumill (Civil) Pty Ltd
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
Mawson Constructions Pty Ltd
RECIVIL Pty Ltd
Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd

Table 2 below lists the tender offer (including GST) at the close of the advertised tender period.

Table 2: Tender Offers Received (incl. GST)

Tender Offers Received at Close of Tender Period (incl. GST) in lowest to highest order
\$738,070.00
\$889,560.28
\$962,938.12
\$954,910.00
\$1,185,829.70
\$1,234,212.56

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

Panel Assessment Process

In accordance with Council's Procurement Policy, the evaluation panel and evaluation criteria weightings were determined prior to release of the Tender documentation. The evaluation panel members were nominated prior to release of the tender submissions for evaluation. The panel signed 'Conflict of Interest' statements prior to the evaluation panel viewing the submitted tenders

The Tender Evaluation Panel members were made up of the following Strathbogie Shire Council staff members:

1. Project Manager, Project Delivery
2. Project Officer, Project Delivery
3. Project Officer, Project Delivery

The principle that underlies the awarding of all Council contracts is that a contract is awarded on the basis of providing the overall Best Value, offering the most benefit to the community and the greatest advantage to Council.

The tenders were assessed and evaluated against the following criteria and weightings:

- Tendered Price (50%)
This criterion measures the price only – either lump sum or unit rates – submitted by the tenderer. In accordance with Council's Procurement Guidelines, a price weighting of 50% is applied, unless a Council exemption is sought.
All submissions were given a weighted score for their submitted price based on a comparative assessment of pricing for all tenders. The comparative assessment awards the highest evaluation score (50%) to the lowest priced tender submission. The subsequent tender submissions received reduced evaluation scores based on the percentage difference between them and the lowest priced tender.
- Capability - Experience, Personnel CVs, Methodology and Project Plan, TMP (25%)
Due to the high level of technical skills required to provide this service, a weighting of 25% was allocated to this criterium.
- Capacity – Subcontractors, equipment and Current commitments (5%)
As the Work requires timely completion and elimination/mitigation of work-related risks, this criterium is considered important and therefore allocated a weighting of 5%. This is also standard for most contracts.
- Business and Management Requirements – OHS, EMS, Insurance, Quality, Risk, Management Schedules, HR, QMS, ISO (10%)
Quality Management Systems, Policies, Relevant Certifications and Insurance are likewise considered vital and therefore included with an allocated weighting of 10%.

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

- Local Content, Strathbogie Shire Regional Benefit, Social Procurement (10%)
In accordance with Procurement Guidelines and being consistent with value for money principles, where different products are of comparable price, quality and equivalent value can be sourced either locally or regionally; preference will be given to local suppliers. A weighting of 10% was allocated to this tender.

TABLE 3: Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weighting (%)
Price	50
Capability - Experience, Personnel CVs, Methodology and Project Plan Previous work of this type and project quality.	25
Capacity – Subcontractors, equipment and Current commitments	5
Business and Management Requirements – OHS, EMS, Insurance, Quality, Risk, Management Schedules, HR, QMS, ISO etc.	10
Local Content , Strathbogie Shire Regional Benefit, Social Procurement	10
Total	100

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation Moderation Process

The purpose of the moderation meeting is to discuss and moderate scoring discrepancies larger than three points and to raise any concerns and/or queries that may need to be put to the tenderers prior to recommending the preferred Tenderer.

The Tender Evaluation Panel individually reviewed all tender submissions in detail and assessed tenderers submitted schedules and attachments against the evaluation criteria. The Moderator (Chief Financial Officer) averaged the scores and highlighted scoring discrepancies larger than three (3) points. On Thursday 04 August 2022, the Panel members and the Moderator met for the tender moderation meeting.

Panel Assessment Summary

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

At the completion of the tender evaluation process, Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd attained the top ranking with a total score of 88.72%.

Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd, tendered price is the lowest among all and received highest score of 50% on pricing. In qualitative criteria, Seven Creeks Excavations Pty Ltd, earned a higher score of 38.72% out of 50%. As they scored higher percentage on both Qualitative and Quantitative Criteria compared to the second and third lowest tenderers Seven Creeks Excavations got the highest total score.

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

The Tender Evaluation Panel was therefore satisfied that their tender represents the best value outcome for Council. This company is based in Euroa which will provide highest regional benefit for the Strathbogie Shire.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Consultation and Communication

Surrounding community is aware of the project work as the work is listed under the Capital Works Budget in 21/22 and 22/23. Once the Contract awarded, the community will be notified about the works via Local Newspapers and council social media channels prior to commencement of construction works.

Community Implications

The proposed construction and upgrade of this road will deliver an integrated transport structure, capable of efficiently moving freight, commuter, and tourists (including motorcyclists and cyclists) throughout the region. The project will improve safety, provide environmental and economic outcomes, increase social participation, and enable the seamless access with other arterial, regional roads and interstate access points.

Risk Management

The Tender Evaluation Panel considers early commencement of Work as vital to its successful delivery, to ensure work is commenced during the favourable weather. The Panel therefore advise timely award and signing of Contract Agreement with the appointed contractor.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

This report is consistent with the Strathbogie Shire *Council Procurement Policy*.

The *Council Plan* is related with the following:

- Strategic Focus Area 3 – Live. Access. Connect
- Strategic Focus Area 5 – Strong. Healthy. Safe

Asset Management Policy

- Asset renewal – is the upgrading or replacement of an existing Asset, or a component, that restores the service capability of the Asset to its original functional condition and performance.

Asset Management Strategy

- Ensure the Shires infrastructure enhances efficiency for people and freight movement, service delivery and community amenities.

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state, and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

There are no regional, state, and national plans or policies relevant to the report.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

It is considered by the author of this report that all steps have been taken in line with Council's Procurement Policy which ensures transparency in the process.

Decisions made by Council will be: -

- undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Governance Rules;
- will be conducted in an open and transparent forum with information available via Council reports,

Council meetings will be open to the community or can be viewed on the livestream (and available as a recording) unless closed for reasons permitted by s.66(2) of the Act.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

The total budget allocated for this priority project is \$463,000. This includes the current financial budget allocation (22/23) of \$187,000 and the carried forward budget from previous financial year of \$276,210.00. There is a budget shortfall of 274,860 required to complete the project.

It is proposed that this budget shortfall be covered from the savings from other capital work projects such as rehabilitation program and reseal program.

9.3.2 Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade – Nagambie (cont.)

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic and Social

Once construction completed, it will deliver an integrated transport structure, capable of efficiently moving freight, commuter, and tourists (including motorcyclists and cyclists) throughout the region by providing a key alternative route from the Kirwans Bridge Township to the Nagambie Township. The project will improve safety, provide environmental and economic outcomes, increase social participation, and enable the seamless access with other arterial, regional roads and interstate access points.

Environmental

Awarded Contractor shall develop a site-specific Environmental Management Plan, and implement it during the construction period in line with project specification and legislation governing Environmental Protection. Council officers will monitor the proper implementation of Environment Management Plan throughout the project cycle.

Climate change

The recommendation has no significant implications on Climate Change and on the general environment.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

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

CONCLUSION

Council invited tenders for 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie. The submitted tenders were sought and evaluated strictly in accordance with the Council's Procurement Policy and against the provided brief and specifications. It is proposed that Council endorses the recommendations in this report for the Contract 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie as discussed herein.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Tender Evaluation for CONTRACT No 22/23-01 Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade Nagambie – CONFIDENTIAL

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1

Author: Manager Projects Delivery, Project Officer, Procurement and Tenders Officer

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has undertaken a competitive process for Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 works.

The public tender process for the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 has been undertaken to meet Council's compliance requirements under Council's Procurement Policy.

This project is required to make the necessary upgrade and extension to the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion, ensuring that Strathbogie Shire region has safe, sustainable, and high-quality facilities. This project forms part of Council's adopted Capital Work Program for the financial year 2021-22 and Council also received Drought Funding through a grant to assist with the works.

Through public advertisement in local and national newspapers, Council invited tenders for the work under Contract 21/22-14, initially advertised between 19 May 2022 and 9 June 2022. At close of tender on 9 June 2022, no responses were received, and Council went out to tender again advertised between 22 June 2022 and 13 July 2022. At close of re-advertised tender on 13 July 2022, two (2) tenders were received by two (2) tenderers.

These tenders have been assessed and evaluated by Council Officers and a summary of results is shown in the attached table (Attachments 1 and 2). Having considered the results of the evaluation, it is hereby recommended to the Council as follows:

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receives and notes the outcome of the tender assessment process for Contract Number 21-22-14 - Upgrade of Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion – Stage 1 Lump Sum as set out in the confidential appendices attached to this report;***
- 2. Awards the tender for Contract No 21/22-14 Upgrade Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion - Lump Sum to Gadian Projects, Shepparton for a total amount of \$605,001.00 including GST;***
- 3. Authorises officers to advise the unsuccessful tenderer; and***
- 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Contract by signing and affixing with the Common Seal of Strathbogie Shire Council.***

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The existing building has long been deemed inadequate and not fit for purpose, currently without enough space for the intended use by multiple groups, and with limited storage, no functional kitchen, and no All Abilities Access or unisex facilities. The building also needs All Abilities Access via a ramp to enter. An upgraded and extended building would provide for a more suitable facility and will further increase patronage, allow the safe use and All Abilities Access, allow multi use for the community.

This report seeks Council approval of the recommendations on Tender Evaluation exercise on Contract No 21/22-14 Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1, and to award the contract to the winning tenderer as provided in this report.

TENDER PROCESS

The public tender was released on “Tendersearch” via the Council website on the 19 May 2022. The tender was advertised in Saturday’s The Age newspaper (state-wide reach), Euroa Gazette, in the week following release. By the close of tenders at 4.00pm on 9 June 2022, no tender submissions had been received. Tender was re-advertised on 22 June 2022 via the same formats as first advertisement. By close of tenders at 4.00pm on 13 July 2022 two (2) tenders were received.

All tender submissions were accessed for their compliance including the contractual terms and conditions and the requirements of the response schedules, and both tender submissions were deemed conforming.

Panel Assessment Process

In accordance with Council’s Procurement Policy, the evaluation panel and evaluation criteria weightings were determined prior to release of the Tender documentation. The evaluation panel members were nominated prior to release of the tender submissions for evaluation. The panel signed ‘Conflict of Interest’ statements prior to the evaluation panel viewing the submitted tenders.

The Tender Evaluation Panel members were made up of the following Strathbogie Shire Council staff members:

1. Project Officer, Sustainable Infrastructure
2. Project Officer, Sustainable Infrastructure
3. Manager Project Delivery, Sustainable Infrastructure
4. Procurement & Tender Officer, Finance (moderator, non-voting member).

The principle that underlies the awarding of all Council contracts is that a contract is awarded based on providing the overall Best Value, offering the most benefit to the community and the greatest advantage to Council.

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

The tenders were assessed and evaluated against the following criteria and weightings:

- Tendered Price (50%)
This criterion measures the price only – either lump sum or unit rates – submitted by the tenderer. In accordance with Council's Procurement Guidelines, a price weighting of 60% is applied, unless a Council exemption is sought.
All submissions were given a weighted score for their submitted price based on a comparative assessment of pricing for all tenders. The comparative assessment awards the highest evaluation score (50%) to the lowest priced tender submission. The subsequent tender submissions received reduced evaluation scores based on the percentage difference between them and the lowest priced tender.
- Demonstrated Qualifications / Skills and Experience (20%)
Due to the high level of technical skills required to provide this service, a weighting of 20% was allocated to this criterium.
- Project Methodology (10%)
As the Work requires timely completion and elimination/mitigation of work-related risks, this criterium is considered important and therefore allocated a weighting of 5%. This is also standard for most contracts.
- Management - Schedules (10%)
Quality Management Systems, Policies, Relevant Certifications, and Insurance are likewise considered vital and therefore included with an allocated weighting of 5%.
- Local Content (10%)
In accordance with Procurement Guidelines and being consistent with value for money principles, where different products are of comparable price, quality and equivalent value can be sourced either locally or regionally; preference will be given to local suppliers. A weighting of 10% was allocated to this tender.

TABLE 3: Evaluation Criteria

Criteria	Weighting (%)
Price	50
Qualifications / Skills & Experience	20
Time Delivery, methodology and capacity to deliver	10
Management -Schedules	10
Local Content	10
Total	100

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Evaluation Moderation Process

The purpose of the moderation meeting is to discuss and moderate scoring discrepancies larger than three points and to raise any concerns and/or queries that may need to be put to the tenderers prior to recommending the preferred Tenderer.

The Tender Evaluation Panel individually reviewed all tender submissions in detail and assessed tenderers submitted schedules and attachments against the evaluation criteria.

The Moderator (Procurement & Tender Officer) averaged the scores and highlighted scoring discrepancies larger than three (3) points. On Friday 5th August 2022, the panel members and the Moderator met for the tender moderation meeting.

Panel Assessment Summary

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

At the completion of the tender evaluation process, both tenders scored strongly and demonstrated capacity to complete the works. The panels is recommending awarding the tenderer to Gradian Projects due to their capacity to meet the delivery timelines and being based in Shepparton, they will be using and/or supporting local trades.

Gradian Projects have demonstrated experience in Pavilion Upgrades and have completed similar work for other organisations in the past. They have demonstrated capability to complete the Works outlined in the tender with minimal supervision based on their submitted documents. Their references are good and consistent with their declared project history.

The Tender Evaluation Panel is satisfied that their tender represents the best value outcome for Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Consultation and Communication

The surrounding community is aware of the project work as the work is listed under the Capital Works Budget in 21/22 and 22/23. There has been extensive consultation with the Strathbogie Tablelands Recreation Reserve Committee who have signed off on the tendered plans for Stage 1 works.

Once the Contract awarded, the community will be notified about the works via Local Newspapers and council social media channels prior to commencement of construction works.

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

Community Implications

The recommendation for the proposed construction and upgrade of the Pavilion will deliver an integral part of the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve to the community. The project will improve safety, provide environmental and economic outcomes, and increase social participation.

Risk Management

The Tender Evaluation Panel considers early commencement of Work as vital to its successful delivery, to ensure work is commenced during the favourable weather. The Panel therefore advise timely award and signing of Contract Agreement with the appointed contractor.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

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

This report is consistent with the Strathbogie Shire Council Procurement Policy.

The *Council Plan* is relevant with the following:

- Key Initiative 2.1
Ensure that upgrades of Council facilities, as identified in the capital works program, are compliant with the Disability and Discrimination Act 1992 to improve access for people with all abilities

Asset Management Policy

- Asset renewal – is the upgrading or replacement of an existing Asset, or a component, that restores the service capability of the Asset to its original functional condition and performance.

Asset Management Strategy

- Ensure the Shires infrastructure enhances efficiency for people and freight movement, service delivery and community amenities.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state, and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

The report considers that there are no regional, state, and national plans or policies relevant to the report.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

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

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

It is considered by the author of this report that all steps have been taken in line with Council's Procurement Policy which ensures transparency in the process.

Decisions made by Council will be: -

- undertaken in accordance with the Act and the Governance Rules.
- will be conducted in an open and transparent forum with information available via Council reports.

Council meetings will be open to the community or can be viewed on the livestream (and available as a recording) unless closed for reasons permitted by s.66(2) of the Act.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured

Financial / Budgetary Implications

Budget allocated for Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade Stage 1 in 2021-22 Capital Works Program is \$250,000.00 with an additional \$245,000 from Drought Funding Grant. Therefore, the recommended tender price of \$605,001.00 (incl GST) implies a budget shortfall of \$110,001.00. To address the cost variance and additional works envisaged, it is proposed the shortfall of \$110,001.00 be provided from 22/23 unallocated budget and will be reviewed at the midyear budget.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the Overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic and Social

The project will improve safety, provide environmental and economic outcomes, and increase social participation.

9.3.3 Tender for Contract No. 21-22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 (cont.)

Environmental

Awarded Contractor shall develop a site-specific Environmental Management Plan and implement it during the construction period in line with project specification and legislation governing Environmental Protection. Council officers will monitor the proper implementation of Environment Management Plan throughout the project cycle.

Climate change

The recommendation has no significant implications on Climate Change and on the general environment.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

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

CONCLUSION

Council invited tenders for Contract No 21/22-14 – Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1. The submitted tenders were sought and evaluated strictly in accordance with the Council's Procurement Policy and against the provided brief and specifications. It is proposed that Council endorses the recommended contract award for the Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 as discussed herein.

APPENDICES

Appendix 2: Tender Evaluation Contract No 21/22-14 – Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1 - CONFIDENTIAL

9.3.4 Contracts and Works Awarded Under Delegation (as approved in Council's 2020/21 Budget)

Author: Procurement and Tenders Officer

Responsible Directors: Director Community & Planning / Director Corporate Operations

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of the status of request for the publicly advertised tenders, invitations for written quotations and quotations provided using collaborative and/or third party contracts which have been awarded under delegation for the period 1 to 31 July 2022. This report specifically relates to works that form part of Council's 2022/23 budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the:

1. ***Contracts awarded under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer; and***
2. ***Contracts and works awarded under delegated authority by a Director.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In line with Council's approach to transparency and good governance, the Contracts and Works Awarded Under Delegation report will be tabled for information purposes at each Council Meeting. The report details any contracts and works that have been awarded under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer, a Director, or a Manager within their approved financial threshold. This report specifically relates to works that form part of Council's approved 2022/23 budget.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Any contract awarded under delegation is undertaken in line with Council's Procurement Policy. Through the *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* the Council has delegated authority to the following:

- Chief Executive Officer – award a contract up to the value of \$150,000 for Goods and Services and \$200,000 for Works
- A Director – award a contract up to the value of \$50,000 for Goods and Services and \$50,00 for Works
- A Manager – award a contract up to the value of \$15,000 for Goods and Services and \$15,000 for Works.

9.3.4 Contracts and Works Awarded Under Delegation (as approved in Council's 2020/21 Budget) (cont.)

Contracts Awarded Under Delegated Authority by Director

Contract No.	CN 21-23-52
Contract Name	Friendlies Cricket Club Accessible Toilet
Contract Details	10 weeks
Value Including GST	\$54,945
Awarded to	BG & JK Douglas Builders
Scheduled Commencement	5 August 2022
Scheduled Completion Date	20 September 2022

Contracts Awarded Under Delegated Authority by CEO

Contract No.	CN 22-23-02 (Using Victoria Treasury Contract # DPC-ICT-03-2020/21 TEL000654_MB)
Contract Name	Mobile Telephone Communications service
Contract Details	3 years
Value Including GST	\$128,232 (\$3,562 per month)
Awarded to	Telstra Corporation
Scheduled Commencement	1 July 2022
Scheduled Completion Date	31 July 2023

Contract No.	CN 21/22-49
Contract Name	Construction Auditor of Violet Town Landfill Rehabilitation
Contract Details	1 year
Value Including GST	\$20,302.70
Awarded to	SMEC Australia Pty Ltd
Scheduled Commencement	1 September 2022
Scheduled Completion Date	31 August 2022

9.3.4 Contracts and Works Awarded Under Delegation (as approved in Council's 2020/21 Budget) (cont.)

Contract No.	CN 21/22-49
Contract Name	CN 21/22-24 GITA Auditor of Violet Town Landfill Rehabilitation
Contract Details	1 year
Value Including GST	\$119,700
Awarded to	BAJWA EnviroConsult Pty Ltd
Scheduled Commencement	1 September 2022
Scheduled Completion Date	31 August 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Consultation

Where required, external stakeholders have been engaged providing input on relevant projects.

Community Implications

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

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All offices, and/or contracts involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report demonstrates that Council is being transparent by providing information to the community regarding the awarding of any works projects.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured. The contracts awarded under delegation are projects that have formed part of Council's adopted 2022/23 budget.

9.3.4 Contracts and Works Awarded Under Delegation (as approved in Council's 2020/21 Budget) (cont.)

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

Works awarded under delegation provide an opportunity to generate great economic benefit using local contractors and the purchasing of materials and supplies. In addition, the enhancement of infrastructure continues to make our municipality a place of destination, one where people choose to live, work and play.

Social

Each project includes several social benefits to our community. Some of these benefits include infrastructure that encourages health and wellbeing activities and amenity improvements.

Environmental

The works will be undertaken in line with an approved scope of works and ensure that the site is made good upon completion of the works.

Climate Change

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant implications on Climate Change and on the general environment.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

This report considers that the recommendations do not limit any Human Rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONCLUSION

It is important that decisions and actions taken under delegation be properly documented and transparent in nature. The report details the publicly advertised tenders, invitations for written quotations and quotations provided using collaborative and/or third party contracts which have been awarded by the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Managers under delegated authority of the Council during the period 1 to 31 July 2022.

9.4 CORPORATE

9.4.1 Circular Economy Funding Package – Letter of Support

Author: Environment and Waste Coordinator

Responsible Director: Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Government has, over the last three years, progressed an ambitious and far-reaching reform agenda in relation to waste management and recycling in Victoria. The resourcing and financial impacts on Councils of such a substantial change agenda has been significant.

Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) has recently written to the State Government to ask for more financial support for these changes for Councils. This report will outline these impacts on Council and the recommendations from MAV for additional support for Councils from the State Government.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council participate in the Municipal Association of Victoria campaign and write to The Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy and for Environment and Climate Action, requesting additional funding for Victorian Local Governments to prepare our communities and reduce the financial impost directly associated with the implementation of the State Government waste management and recycling reforms.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

In February 2020 the State Government released its *Recycling Victoria – A new economy* policy and a commitment to a \$300 million investment into recycling collection, processing and reuse in Victoria.

Recycling Victoria aims to strengthen the current waste collection and disposal system by placing emphasis towards the creation of a circular economy.

Recycling Victoria's 10-year plan contains four key drivers:

1. By 2030 a new 4-bin waste and recycling system across Victoria,
2. By 2022-23 the introduction of a container deposit scheme,
3. The investment of \$100 million to strengthen Victoria's waste and recycling industry, and
4. Regulate the waste and recycling sector as an essential service with a new waste and recycling Act and waste authority.

The cumulative impact of mandated service reforms, ongoing and new capital investment requirements such as construction, upgrades and improvements of council transfer stations, material aggregation sites and resource recovery centres; increased landfill levy rates; and higher service provider fees has made minimising cost impacts on households a difficult challenge for Councils.

9.4.1 Circular Economy Funding Package – Letter of Support (cont.)

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The impacts of preparing for and implementing the Victorian Governments reforms has been taken on by the same Council staff that are responsible for the continued successful operation of Council's existing services. The State Government has increased its own waste and recycling team substantially in the last three years but has provided no funding support to councils to increase the human capital to implement the reforms.

With the passage of the Circular Economy Bill through Parliament and the winding up of the seven waste and resource recovery groups (WRRGS) there are concerns, particularly among rural councils, that the operational and critical strategic support that was provided by the WRRGs will not be picked up by Recycling Victoria. While the collaborative procurement, regional infrastructure planning and community education services will be continued by Recycling Victoria and Sustainability Victoria the WRRGS also provided Councils with highly valued support and advice for day to day operational and strategic duties. Without this support there will be a sizeable capability and capacity gap that will not only impact community waste and recycling services but will hamper Victoria's transition to a circular economy.

The requirement for councils to standardise kerbside bin lid colours and to offer households a four-stream service is costing the sector tens of millions of dollars to roll out. Provisional funding offers made by DELWP to councils indicate that at best the State may contribute between 5% and 25% of the capital costs with many Councils, including ours, being offered funding at the lower end. As a rural council that applied for and received funding to upgrade their transfer stations our allocation has been lowered further.

To assist Councils to minimise the cost impact on households, the MAV proposes the establishment of a new non-competitive funding support package for local government as per below:

Fund name	Purpose	Amount
Local Government Circular Economy Infrastructure Fund	Contribute to the capital costs of implementation of the household recycling reforms as well as construction, upgrades and improvements of council transfer stations, material aggregation sites and resource recovery centres	\$100 million (over 4 years)
Local Government Circular Economy Capability Fund	Support councils to prepare, review and update waste and recycling policies, strategies and plans; undertake feasibility studies, risk assessments and audits; engage third party expert advice and assistance; training and professional development	\$20 million (over 2 years)

9.4.1 Circular Economy Funding Package – Letter of Support (cont.)

This above funding package would support councils to contribute to the capital costs of implementation of the household recycling reforms as well as upgrades and improvements to council transfer stations, material aggregation sites and resource recovery centres.

Whilst there is broad support for the Circular Economy reforms, the burden of this State Government legislation should not fall to local government and residents and ratepayers to fund. It is recommended that Council participate in the MAV campaign and write to the State Government outlining our support for these essential funding support packages.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making. Staff have not undertaken any community engagement on this report but as with other changes in the waste area engagement is undertaken on a project by project basis.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

The Strathbogie Shire Council Plan 2021- 2025 has a strong focus on waste management including the below action:

- 3.6 Complete community engagement around the State Government's new 4 waste bin system to determine the structure of the service for tender purposes

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making. The Recycling Victoria program is being driven by the State government.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law. Council is complying with a state government directive on what our waste services should look like and what our levels of service to our community are required to be but requires additional support from the State Government to minimise the cost impacts on our communities.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

9.4.1 Circular Economy Funding Package – Letter of Support (cont.)

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report demonstrates that Council is being transparent by the report being tabled in an open Council meeting.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no financial viability considerations from this advocacy report, and any financial implications referenced has already been considered by and budgeted for by Council previously.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

There are no economic implications to this report but if our advocacy is successful to the State Government, we may be able to reduce the economic impacts and burden of Recycling Victoria on our community.

Social

It is important that all State Government decisions that are made considering the implications on the whole state and not just in metropolitan Melbourne. Our diverse population density has meant the way we rollout the Recycling Victoria reforms is more complex than it is for Melbourne Councils and requires additional support.

Environmental

The introduction of a fourth bin and the other proposals recommended as part of Recycling Victoria will reduce our Shire's impact on our environment.

Climate change

The introduction of a cleaner recycling stream will make it easier for processors to reuse this product which means that less virgin material will be required to be used and this will generate less emissions.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies will be sought as part of the rollout of the Recycling Victoria reforms.

9.4.1 Circular Economy Funding Package – Letter of Support (cont.)

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights considerations arising from the issues discussed in this report.

CONCLUSION

The financial impacts on our community from the Recycling Victoria reforms is significant and this report recommends that Council participate in the MAV campaign by writing to the State Government to provide additional financial support to Councils to minimise this impact on our community.

9.4.2 Instrument of Delegation – Waterway Manager

Author: Director Community and Planning

Responsible Director: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has in place an Instrument of Delegation for Waterways management. In 2018, Council completed a review of its Instrument of Delegation from Waterway Manager to members of Council staff. At the Council Meeting held 15 May 2018, the following motion was carried:

1. That, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 Local Government Act 1989 and other legislation referred to in the Instrument of Delegation, Council resolves that:
 - There be delegation to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the positions referred to in the *Instrument of Delegation from the Waterway Manager to Members of Council Staff* the powers, duties and functions set out in the Instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations, as specified in the Instrument.
 - the duties and functions set out in the Instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the Instrument must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.
2. That Council approves to sign and seal the Instrument of Delegation from the Waterway Manager to Members of Council Staff and affix the Common Seal to this Instrument.

Due to a recent organisational structure realignment, the purpose of this report is to update the relevant position titles contained within the Instrument of Delegation.

RECOMMENDATION

That, in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 224 of the Local Government Act 1989 and section 217 of the Marine Safety Act 2010, Strathbogie Shire Council (Council) resolves that:

- 1. There be delegated to the person holding the position, or acting in or performing the duties of the members of Council staff referred to in the instrument be appointed and authorised as set out in the instrument;***
- 2. The instrument be signed and sealed by Council under the Strathbogie Shire Council Local Law No. 1 – Use of the Common Seal;***
- 3. The instrument come into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instruments and remains in force until Council determines to vary or revoke it;***

9.4.2 Instrument of Delegation – Waterway Manager (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION (cont.)

- 4. On the coming into force of the instrument, all previous delegations to members of staff for the purpose of waterways management are revoked; and**
- 5. The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Instrument of Delegation from the Waterway Manager to Members of Council Staff was prepared to assist Council perform its duties and functions as a Waterway Manager over the Goulburn River and Lake Nagambie waters.

There are currently a number of provisions within the Marine Safety Act 2010 that cannot be sub-delegated by the CEO (as Council's Waterway Manager) to members of Council Staff and these are listed in the Instrument of Delegation presented to Council for adoption. These delegations must be made direct from Council to the staff positions named.

Authorisations also allow the relevant officers of Council to generally institute proceedings for offences against Acts and regulations as Authorised Officers under the various Act/s.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

The main reason this report is required is to ensure that relevant position titles are reflected in the instrument of delegation. Following a minor organisational realignment, some Council Officer position titles have changed.

It is vital that the Instruments be updated to reflect the names and position titles of the officers that are to hold authority under a range of legislation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Given that the instruments of authorisation are internal documents responding to a legislative requirement community engagement is not considered necessary.

9.4.2 Instrument of Delegation – Waterway Manager (cont.)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

Efficient and effective decision making, as provided through this instrument of delegation is consistent with Strategic Focus Area 6 – Accountable. Transparent. Responsible, including the following strategies outlined in the Council Plan:

As a Council we will:

- Achieve the highest level of good governance across the organisation and as an elected Council.
- Maximise public transparency and accountability around our performance and decision making processes.

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making. The authorisation of officers enables them to work with other agencies to ensure compliance with legislation, particularly the *Marine Safety Act 2010*.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

It is important to maintain current authorisation instruments to avoid any potential impact on the enforcement of legislation that may jeopardise Council's compliance with its legal obligations.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

By considering this report the community becomes aware of some structures that Council has in place as Waterway Manager for the Goulburn Rover from Hughes Creek to Goulburn Weir including Lake Nagambie.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no negative financial implications associated with this report.

9.4.2 Instrument of Delegation – Waterway Manager (cont.)

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act

2020 is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

There are no significant sustainability impacts arising from the updating of this instrument.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

Updating the instrument of delegation ensures that efficient decision making can be made on a day-to-day basis via the Administration.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that the updating of this Instrument of Delegation has no material impacts on the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities*.

CONCLUSION

Council has in place an Instrument of Delegation for Waterways management. In 2018, Council completed a review of its Instrument of Delegation from Waterway Manager to members of Council staff. Due to a recent organisational structural realignment, the purpose of this report is to update the relevant position titles contained within the Instrument of Delegation.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Council Instrument of Delegation from the Waterway Manager to Members of Council Staff (*separate document*)

9.5 GOVERNANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICE

9.5.1 Monthly Performance Report

The August 2022 Monthly Performance Report includes reports as follows:-

- Building Department – July 2022 Statistics
- Planning Department – Planning Application Approvals – Development Cost (Capital Improved Value) - July 2022
- Customer Enquiry Analysis Report – Report for July 2022
- Waste Management Reporting ~ Year to Date – July 2022
- Actioning of Council Reports Resolutions – Council Meeting Tuesday 19 July 2022
- Outstanding Actions of Council Resolutions to 31 July 2022
- Review of Council Policies and Adoption of new Policies – July/August 2022
- Records of Informal Council Briefings / Meetings – 1 to 31 July 2022

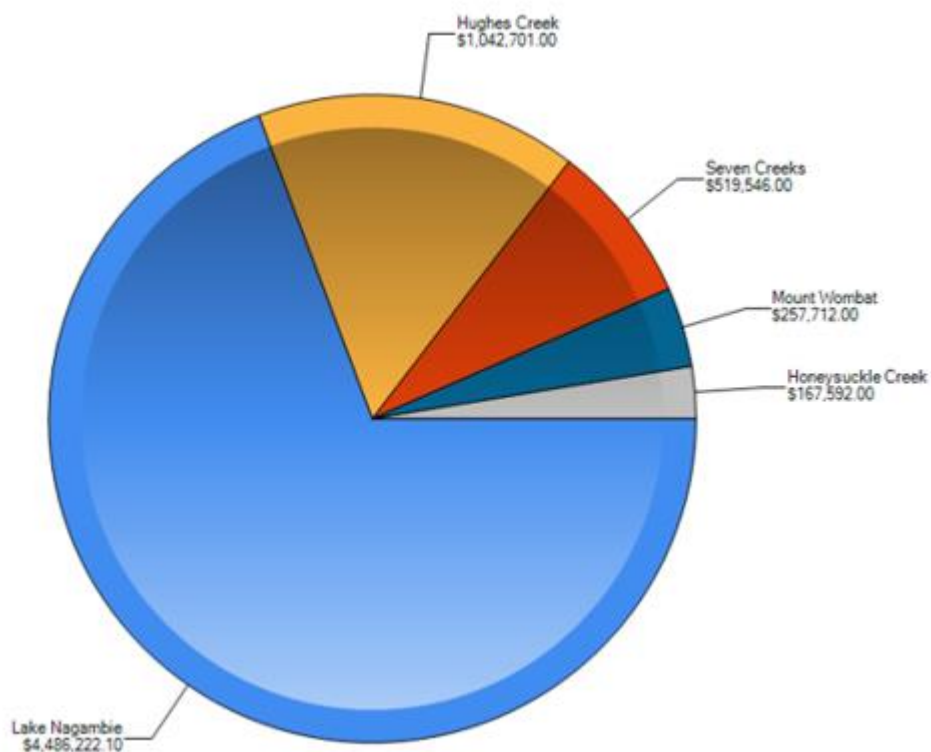
By reporting on a monthly basis, Council can effectively manage any risks that may arise. The Business Management System will also incorporate Council's corporate goals and objectives.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

BUILDING ACTIVITY**JULY 2022****A report on new building permits recorded in Council's building permit register in July 2022**

Sum(Cost Of Works Number)	Number of Lodgements	Ward
\$167,592.00	3	Honeysuckle Creek
\$1,042,701.00	4	Hughes Creek
\$4,486,222.10	11	Lake Nagambie
\$257,712.00	3	Mount Wombat
\$519,546.00	5	Seven Creeks
\$6,473,773.10	26	

**Honeysuckle Creek**

Permit Number	Permit Date	Works	Building Use	Town	Cost Of Works
1737226509339	28/07/2022	Construction of	Farm Storage	Upotipotpon	\$39,000.00
4009647977446/0	19/07/2022	Construction of	Farm Shed	Upotipotpon	\$44,542.00
5844733293979	14/07/2022	Repairs to	Balcony	Violet Town	\$84,050.00
					\$167,592.00

Hughes Creek

Permit Number	Permit Date	Works	Building Use	Town	Cost Of Works
5159753727779	4/07/2022	Construction of	Shade Structure	Avenel	\$44,990.00
5240408164512	25/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Avenel	\$534,789.00
5974910291519	21/07/2022	Construction of	Garage	Avenel	\$14,254.00
8097323921669	12/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Avenel	\$448,668.00
					\$1,042,701.00

Lake Nagambie

Permit Number	Permit Date	Works	Building Use	Town	Cost Of Works
2650862308239	5/07/2022	Construction of	Pergola & Deck	Goulburn Weir	\$150,036.00
3211610771893	22/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Nagambie	\$299,343.00
3664483962589	19/07/2022	Extension to	School building	Nagambie	\$2,418,573.00
4600773917271	20/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Nagambie	\$404,269.00
5432600498837	14/07/2022	Construction of	Detached Dwelling & Garage	Nagambie	\$419,081.10
5466886426213	19/07/2022	Extension to	Farm Shed	Mitchellstown	\$110,000.00
5499354256763	7/07/2022	Construction of	Swimming Pool and Fence	Kirwans Bridge	\$66,540.00
5675501482927	6/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Nagambie	\$293,000.00
8216809618661	29/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Nagambie	\$256,880.00
8674657433336	15/07/2022	Demolition of	Dwelling & Shed	Nagambie	\$18,500.00
9800258431531	1/09/2021	Construction of	Machinery Shed, Hay Shed	Moorilim	\$50,000.00
					\$4,486,222.10

Mount Wombat

Permit Number	Permit Date	Works	Building Use	Town	Cost Of Works
2592273528727	22/07/2022	Construction of	Farm Shed	Euroa	\$100,680.00
5544211332667	22/07/2022	Construction of	Farm Shed	Ruffy	\$97,773.00
9284305769013/0	28/07/2022	Construction of	2x Farm Sheds	Euroa	\$59,259.00
					\$257,712.00

Seven Creeks

Permit Number	Permit Date	Works	Building Use	Town	Cost Of Works
1207880101160	7/07/2022	Construction of	Pergola	Euroa	\$25,000.00
2905094360931	22/07/2022	Construction of	Dwelling & Garage	Euroa	\$415,000.00
3975453772323	12/07/2022	Construction of	Carport	Euroa	\$4,950.00
5643569058303	26/07/2022	Construction of	Shed	Euroa	\$54,596.00
8392464989942	3/07/2022	Change of use	Service Station	Euroa	\$20,000.00
					\$519,546.00

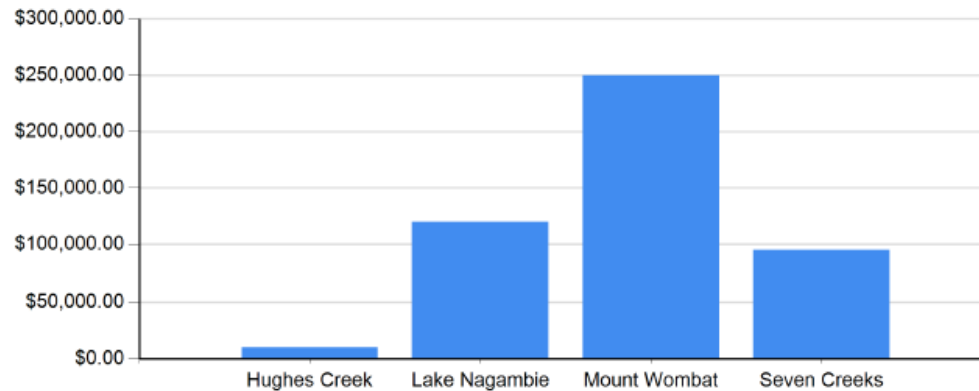
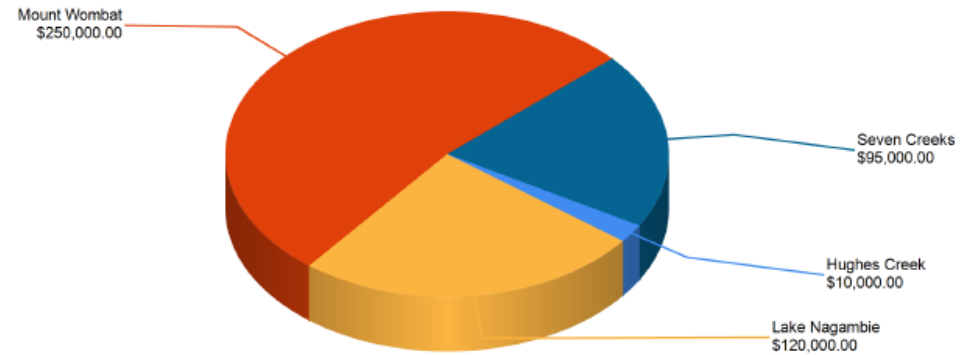
PLANNING APPLICATION APPROVALS – DEVELOPMENT COST (CAPITAL IMPROVED VALUE)
JULY 2022



Planning Applications Determined

July 2022

Hughes Creek	\$10,000.00
Mangalore	\$10,000.00
Lake Nagambie	\$120,000.00
Mitchellstown	\$120,000.00
Mount Wombat	\$250,000.00
Longwood East	\$250,000.00
Seven Creeks	\$95,000.00
Euroa	\$95,000.00
Total Value	\$475,000.00



CUSTOMER ENQUIRY ANALYSIS REPORT - REPORT FOR JULY 2022



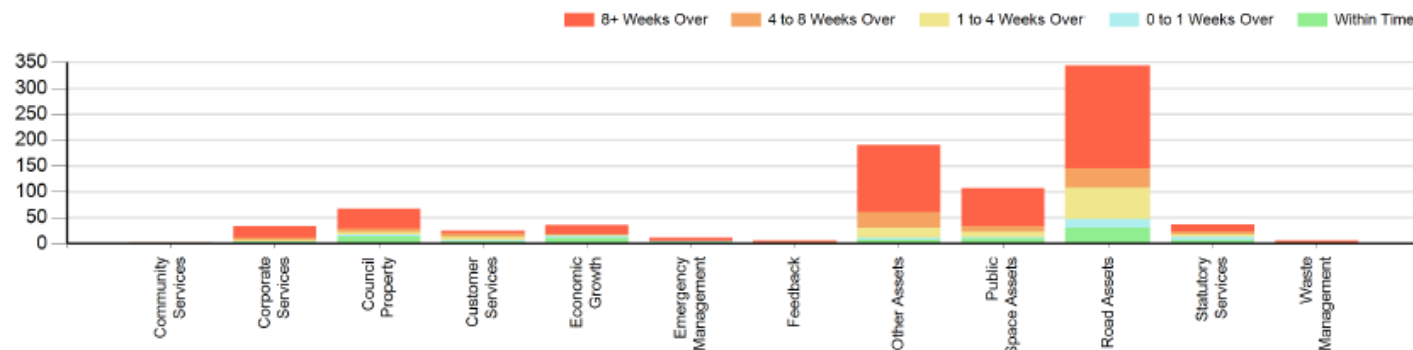
Request Throughput Analysis

01/07/2022 to 31/07/2022

C N	Complete / New	> 80%	50-80%	< 50%
	Overdue / Remaining	< 33%	34-70%	> 70%

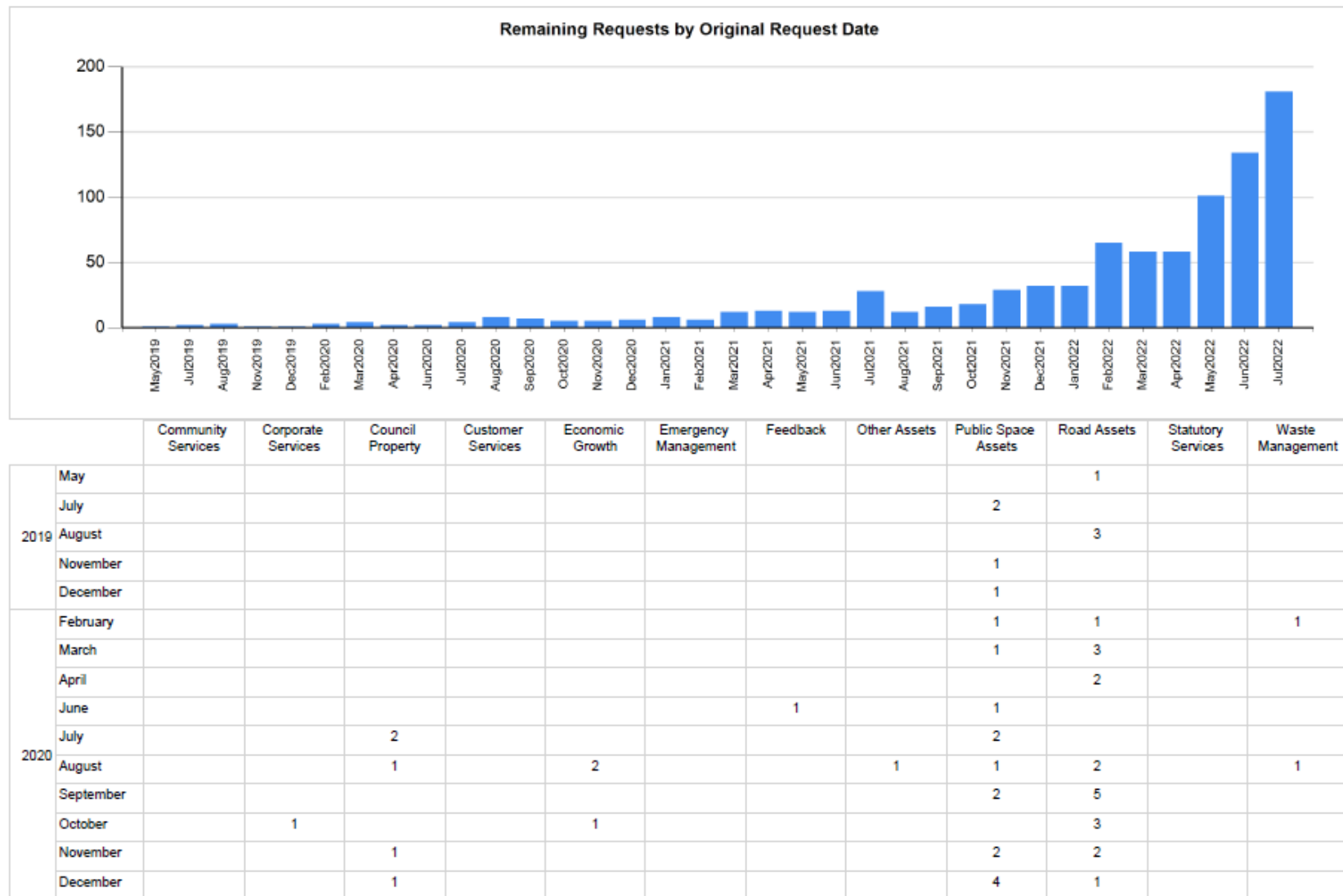
Service Area	Existing Requests	New Requests	Completed Requests	Remaining Requests	C N	Within Time	Over Time	O R	Pending Resources	Service Area Usage
Community Services	5	35	38	2	🟢	0	2	🔴	0	<div style="width: 10%;"></div>
Corporate Services	34	56	56	34	🟢	3	31	🔴	0	<div style="width: 20%;"></div>
Council Property	57	53	43	67	🟢	14	53	🔴	0	<div style="width: 30%;"></div>
Customer Services	21	47	43	25	🟢	4	21	🔴	0	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>
Economic Growth	31	182	177	36	🟢	10	26	🔴	0	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Emergency Management	8	13	10	11	🟡	3	8	🔴	0	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>
Feedback	5	3	2	6	🟡	1	5	🔴	0	<div style="width: 2%;"></div>
Other Assets	178	24	12	190	🟡	8	182	🔴	0	<div style="width: 10%;"></div>
Public Space Assets	132	36	44	107	🟢	9	98	🔴	17	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>
Road Assets	325	121	102	344	🟢	30	314	🔴	0	<div style="width: 100%;"></div>
Statutory Services	44	104	111	37	🟢	7	30	🔴	0	<div style="width: 80%;"></div>
Waste Management	10	16	20	6	🟢	1	5	🔴	0	<div style="width: 5%;"></div>
Total	850	690	658	865		90	775		17	

Request Ageing



Service Usage








2021	January		3	3		1							1
	February			1						2	3		
	March			3		1			3	1	4		
	April								4		9		
	May								5		7		
	June			1					6	2	4		
	July			2		1		1	12	1	11		
	August		2	1						3	6		
	September			1	1	1			2	6	5		
	October			2	1	1			2	6	6		
	November			2					7	5	14		1
	December			2			2	1	10	2	15		
2022	January		6	1		1	2		7	7	8		
	February			5	1	1	1	1	19	14	23		
	March	1	3	6	1	3	1		19	8	11	5	
	April		2	4		3			22	6	17	4	
	May		6	1	2	3			26	11	44	7	1
	June		5	8	8	1			27	13	67	5	
	July	1	6	19	11	16	5	2	18	19	67	16	1
Total		2	34	67	25	36	11	6	190	124	344	37	6

Definitions



Service Area	Grouping of services by area of responsibility
Existing	Requests open prior to reporting period
New	Requests made during reporting period
Within Time	Remaining Requests where defined deadline is after reporting period
Pending Resources	Requests where additional resources are required to continue. This includes labour, materials, and financial resources.

Complete New An indicator showing the ratio of Completed requests and New requests. Designed to represent how well we are keeping up with the demand for a service.

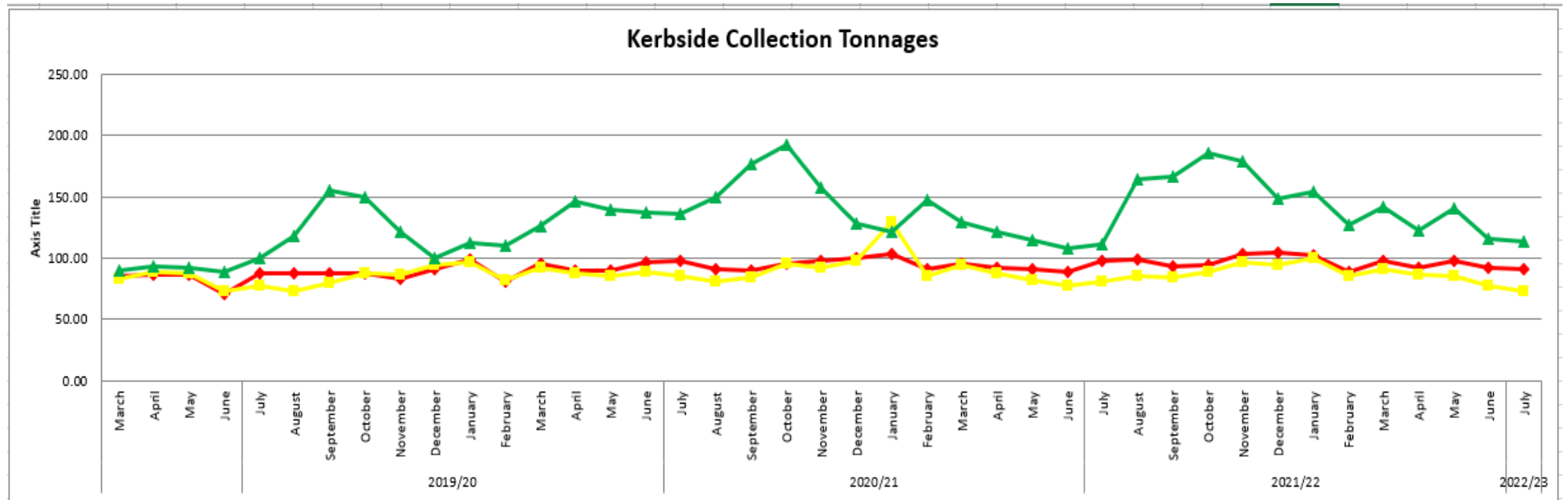
			
$\frac{C}{N}$ Complete / New	> 80%	50-80%	< 50%

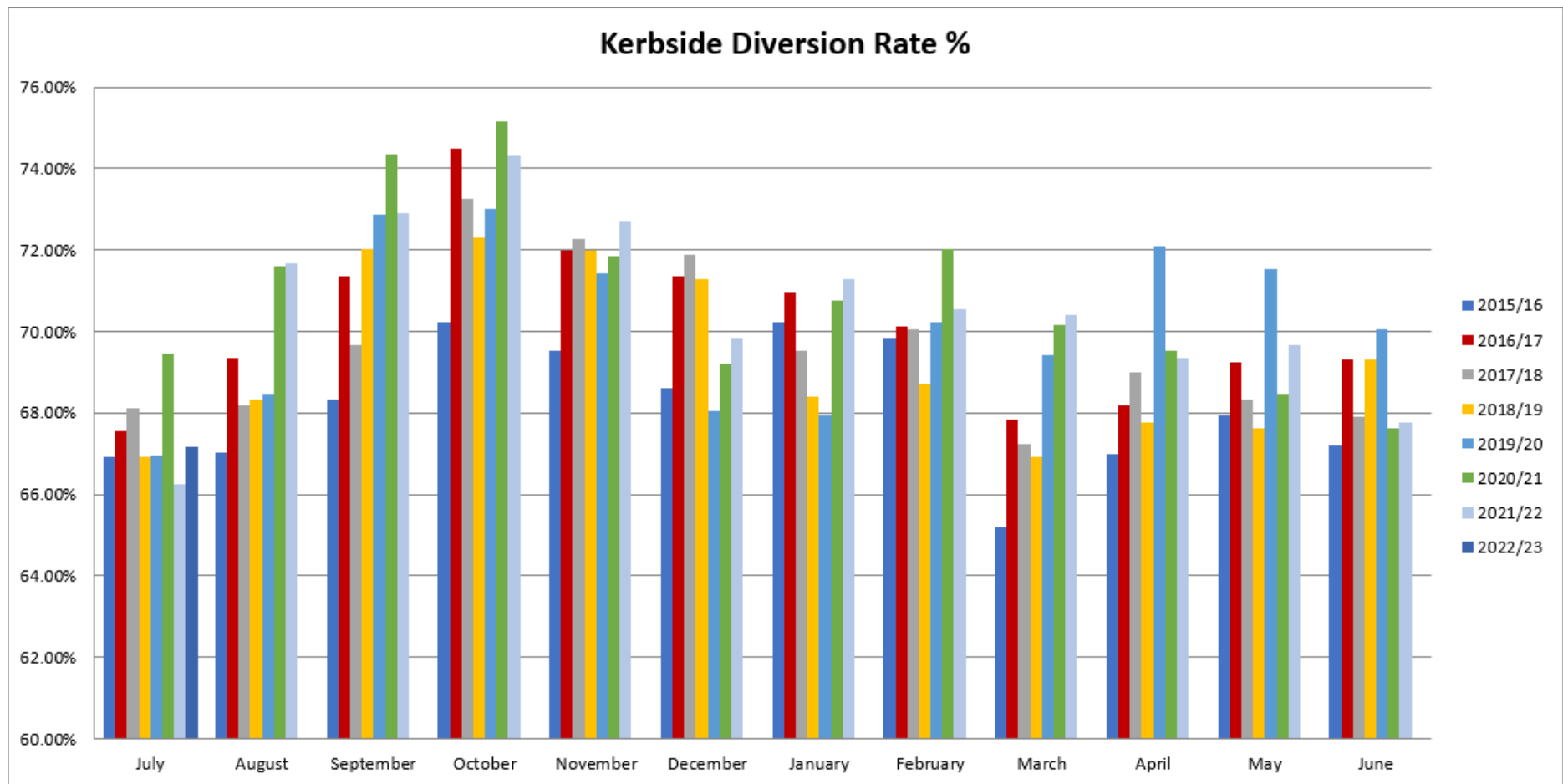
Service	Activities that provide value to the customer
Remaining	Requests incomplete at end of reporting period
Completed	Requests completed during reporting period
Over Time	Remaining Requests where defined deadline is before the end of the reporting period

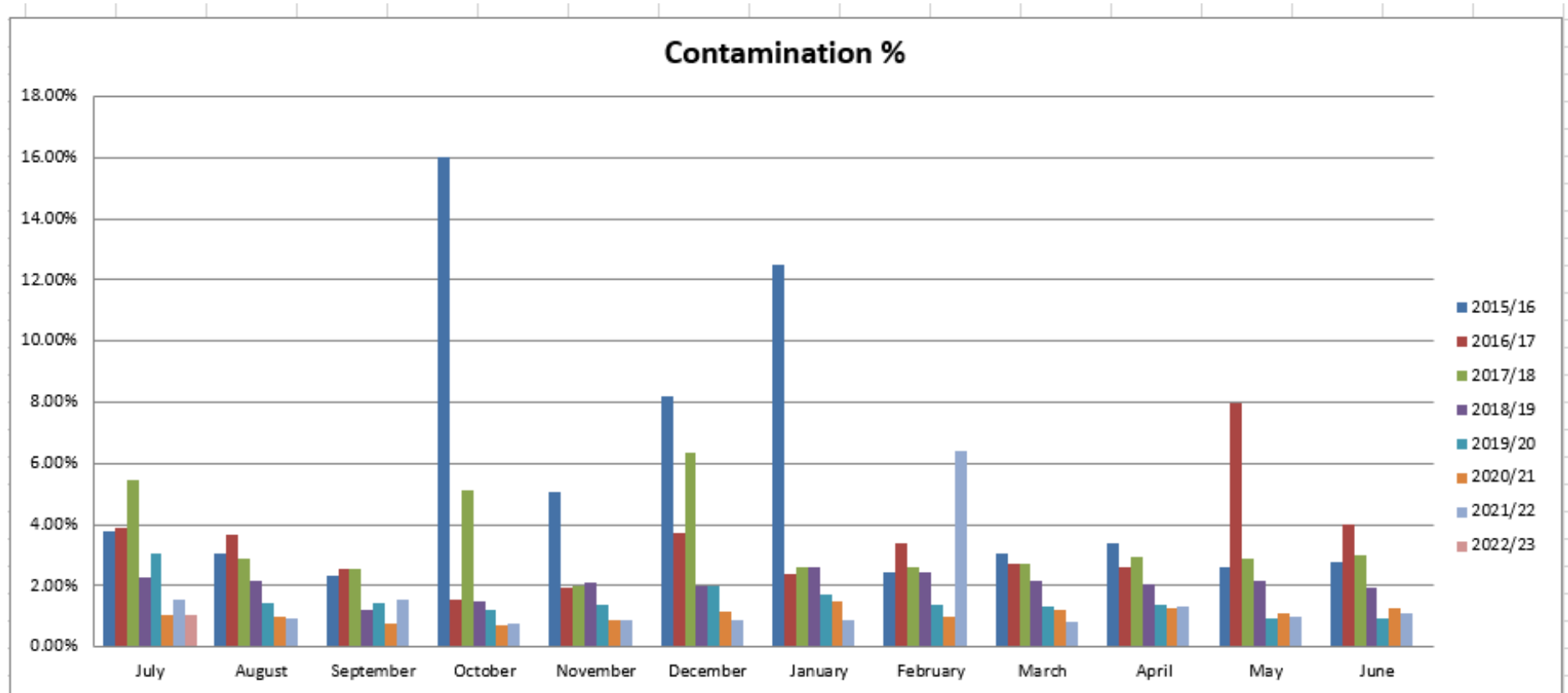
Overdue Remaining An indicator showing the ratio of Overdue requests and Remaining requests. Designed to represent how well we are keeping to the defined deadlines.

			
$\frac{O}{R}$ Overdue / Remaining	< 33%	34-70%	> 70%

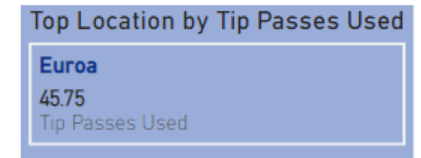
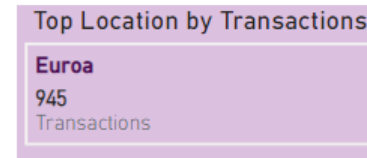
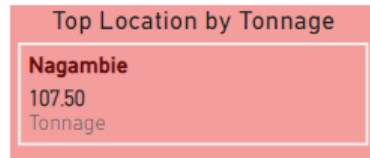
WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORTING
YEAR TO DATE - JULY 2022



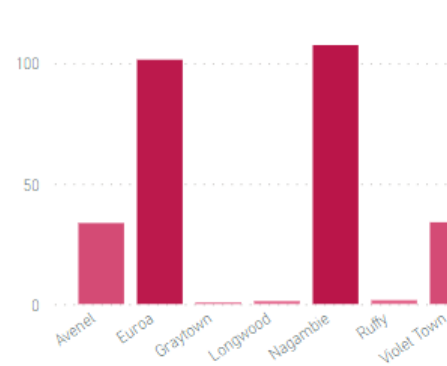




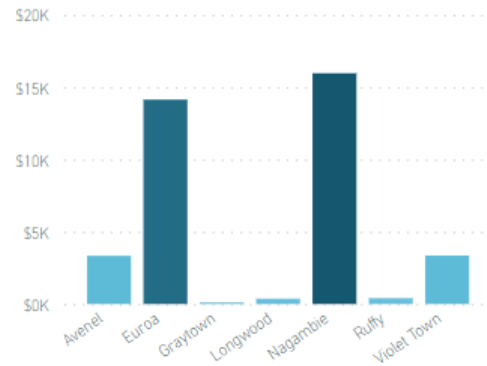
TRANSFER STATION DATA – JULY 2022



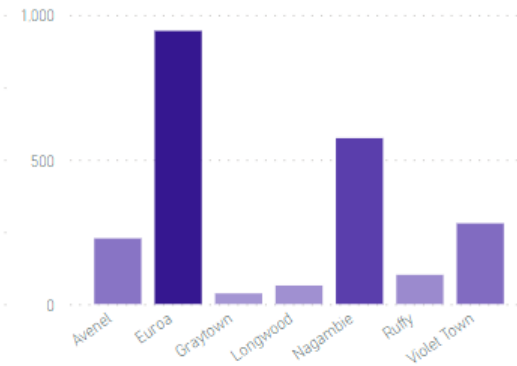
Tonnage by Location



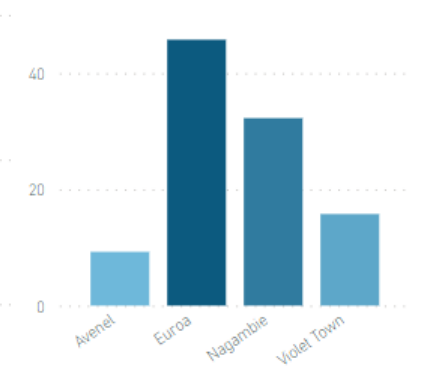
Revenue by Location



Transactions by Location

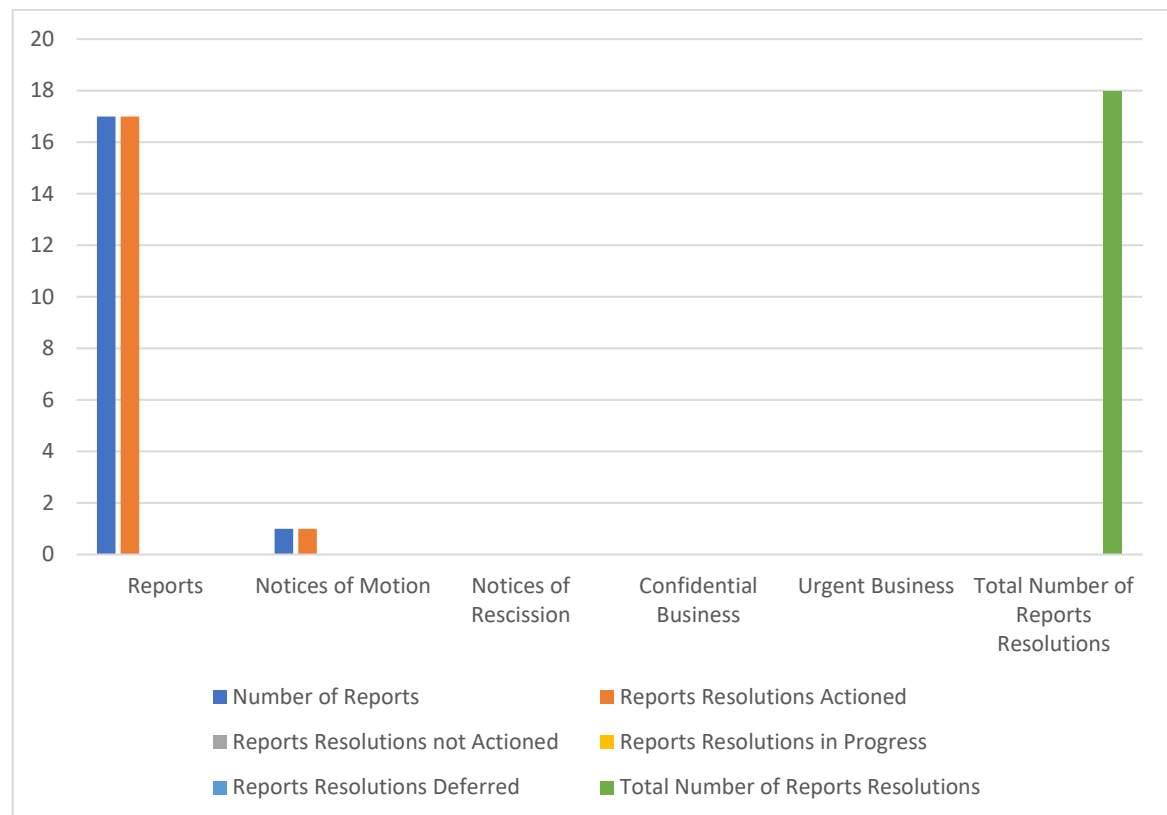


Tip Passes Used by Location



Avenel 227 Transactions 33.62 Tonnage \$3,337.65 Revenue 9.25 Tip Passes Used	Euroa 945 Transactions 101.44 Tonnage \$14,146.16 Revenue 45.75 Tip Passes Used	Graytown 37 Transactions 0.65 Tonnage \$110.34 Revenue (Blank) Tip Passes Used	Longwood 64 Transactions 1.22 Tonnage \$368.91 Revenue (Blank) Tip Passes Used	Nagambie 574 Transactions 107.50 Tonnage \$15,969.35 Revenue 32.25 Tip Passes Used	Ruffy 101 Transactions 1.63 Tonnage \$408.18 Revenue (Blank) Tip Passes Used	Violet Town 279 Transactions 33.96 Tonnage \$3,353.7 Revenue 15.75 Tip Passes Used
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ACTIONING OF COUNCIL REPORTS RESOLUTIONS
COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY 19 JULY 2022



OUTSTANDING ACTIONS OF COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS TO
31 JULY 2022

This Report is to advise the Executive Management Team, Councillors and the community of the status of previous Council resolutions which are in progress but are yet to be finalised.

Council Meeting Date	Item No.	Description
Nil		

REVIEW OF EXISTING COUNCIL POLICIES
AND ADOPTION OF NEW POLICIES

Review of Policy / New Policy	Policy Name	Details
Nil		

RECORDS OF INFORMAL COUNCIL BRIEFINGS / MEETINGS**For period 1 to 31 July 2022**

Record in accordance with Council's Public Transparency Policy 2020

Note: Details of matters discussed at the meeting that have been designated confidential under Rule 103 of the Governance Rules and sections 3 and 125 of the LG Act 2020 are described in a separate "confidential addendum" that will be reported to the next closed Council meeting

Name of Meeting: Informal Council Briefings / Meetings

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 5 July 2022

Time: 1.15 pm to 3.15 pm

Attendees:

Councillors

Laura Binks (Mayor)
Reg Dickinson
Sally Hayes-Burke
Kristy Hourigan
Paul Murray (Deputy Mayor)
Chris Raeburn

Officers

Julie Salomon (Chief Executive Officer)
Amanda Tingay [Director, Community and Planning]
David Roff (Director, Corporate Operations)
Braydon Aitken (Manager, Planning and Investment) *(Item 3)*
Gillian Williamson (Principal Planner *(Item 3)*)
Trish Hall (Senior Statutory Planner) *(Item 3)*

Apologies:

Cr David Andrews
Dawn Bray (Director, People and Performance)
Kristin Favaloro (Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement)

1. Councillors / CEO Discussions
2. Councillors Discussions
3. Briefing on Planning Applications to be presented to July Council meeting

Declaration of Interest/s under Local Government Act 2020 (General Conflict of Interest - Section 127 / Material Conflict of Interest – Section 128)

Councillor/s - NIL

Officer/s - NIL

Record of Informal Council Briefings / Meetings

Record in accordance with Council's Public Transparency Policy 2020

Note: Details of matters discussed at the meeting that have been designated confidential under Rule 103 of the Governance Rules and sections 3 and 125 of the LG Act 2020 are described in a separate "confidential addendum" that will be reported to the next closed Council meeting

Name of Meeting: Informal Council Briefings / Meetings

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 12 July 2022

Time: 12.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Attendees:

Councillors

Laura Binks (Mayor)
David Andrews
Reg Dickinson
Sally Hayes-Burke
Kristy Hourigan
Paul Murray (Deputy Mayor)
Chris Raeburn

Officers

Julie Salomon (Chief Executive Officer)
Amanda Tingay [Director, Community and Planning]
Dawn Bray (Director, People and Performance)
Bruce Rowley (Acting Director, Sustainable Infrastructure)
Kristin Favaloro (Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement)
Braydon Aitken (Manager, Planning and Investment) *(Item 2)*
Gillian Williamson (Principal Planner) *(Item 2)*
Trish Hall (Senior Statutory Planner) *(Item 2)*
Molly Odgers (Environment and Waste Co-Ordinator) *(Item 2)*

Apologies:

Nil

1. Councillors Discussions
2. Review of draft July Council Meeting Agenda
3. Nagambie Accommodation

Declaration of Interest/s under Local Government Act 2020 (General Conflict of Interest - Section 127 / Material Conflict of Interest – Section 128)

Councillor/s -

Matter No.	LGA 2020 Interest Section	Names of Councillor/s who disclosed interest	Did the Councillor/s leave the meeting?
Item 2 / 9.1.6	127	Cr Binks	Yes <i>(left meeting at 1.16 pm / returned at 1.32 pm)</i>

Officer/s –

Matter No.	LGA 2020 Interest Section	Names of Officer/s who disclosed interest	Did the Officer/s leave the meeting?
Item 2 / 9.5.2	128	Chief Executive Officer	Yes <i>(left meeting at 2.33 pm / returned at 2.42 pm)</i>

Record of Informal Council Briefings / Meetings

Record in accordance with Council's Public Transparency Policy 2020

Note: Details of matters discussed at the meeting that have been designated confidential under Rule 103 of the Governance Rules and sections 3 and 125 of the LG Act 2020 are described in a separate "confidential addendum" that will be reported to the next closed Council meeting

Name of Meeting: Informal Council Briefings / Meetings

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 19 July 2022

Time: 3.00 pm (for Councillors) to 9.31 pm

Attendees:

Councillors

Laura Binks (Mayor)

David Andrews

Reg Dickinson

Sally Hayes-Burke

Kristy Hourigan

Paul Murray (Deputy Mayor)

Chris Raeburn

Officers

Julie Salomon (Chief Executive Officer)

Amanda Tingay [Director, Community and Planning]

Dawn Bray (Director, People and Performance)

Bruce Rowley (Acting Director, Sustainable Infrastructure)

Kristin Favaloro (Executive Manager, Communications and Engagement)

Apologies:

Nil

1. Councillors Strategy Session
2. July Council Meeting

Declaration of Interest/s under Local Government Act 2020 (General Conflict of Interest - Section 127 / Material Conflict of Interest – Section 128)

Councillor/s -

Matter No.	LGA 2020 Interest Section	Names of Councillor/s who disclosed interest	Did the Councillor/s leave the meeting?
Item 2 / 9.1.6	127	Cr Hayes-Burke	No
Item 2 / 9.1.6	127	Cr Binks	Yes (left meeting at 7.13 pm / returned at 8.19 pm)

Officer/s –

Matter No.	LGA 2020 Interest Section	Names of Officer/s who disclosed interest	Did the Officer/s leave the meeting?
Item 2 / 9.5.2	128	Chief Executive Officer	Yes <i>(left meeting at 9.11 pm / returned at 9.15 pm)</i>

9.6 EXECUTIVE

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025

Author: Policy Research and Councillor Support Officer

Responsible Director: Executive Manager Communications and Engagement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As per the Local Government Act 2020, it is a core duty of Council to advocate on behalf of our community and to prioritise achieving the best outcomes for the municipality currently and for future generations.

Strathbogie Shire Council proactively works to attract and secure funding, project support, resources and collaboration for the advocacy priorities identified in the 2021-2025 Council Plan. The Council Plan was formed with extensive community consultation and engagement, together with an independently facilitated community panel in 2021 and is based on the community vision:

The Strathbogie Shire is a region of natural beauty with vibrant communities who are respectful, optimistic and inclusive.

We have a strong sense of belonging and of our collective history. We care deeply for Country and First Nations people.

We are bold. We embrace opportunities. We welcome you.

As part of the Council Plan 2021-2025 Strategic focus area 1: Engage. Create. Unite. Action Council Officers are required to 1.1.4 Adopt and implement an Advocacy Strategy to outline the approach, principles and focus of Council's advocacy activities.

To fulfil this action, a draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 has been created to define and align advocacy principles, strategic advocacy, strategic relationships, levels of advocacy, roles and responsibilities, objectives and a planning matrix for the Mayor, Councillors, Officers and the community to reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-25 as outlined in this report for officers to continue to action;**
- 2. Receive a revised Advocacy Ask document detailing advocacy priorities in the lead up to the November 2022 State Government election for consideration at the September 2022 Council meeting; and**
- 3. Receive a further report detailing advocacy progress in the June 2023 Council meeting cycle including a revised strategy for the 2024 financial year.**

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

Our Advocacy Strategy (refer Attachment 1) identifies the priorities where our Shire's ambition needs to be matched by other levels of government. It sets out how Council identify and develop projects and undertake activities towards achieving identified priorities. It will also encourage and facilitate a stronger, more strategic and collaborative approach to existing advocacy activities undertaken across Council's services and within departments as well as with our communities.

The Shire of Strathbogie looks forward to working with all levels of government to create durable partnerships to see our advocacy priorities come to fruition.

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

Council is a strong advocate for its community, directly lobbying decision makers, making effective representation to State or Federal government.

In the lead up to the 2022 Federal Government elections, Council prepared an Advocacy Ask document (refer Attachment 2) which set out our key projects and funding requests for consideration. The five (5) key advocacy priorities are as follows:

- Equitable digital and telecommunications infrastructure;
- Reliable power supply infrastructure;
- The Greening Euroa Project;
- Nature Based Play Space for Euroa;
- 2026 Commonwealth Games: Lake Nagambie Rowing bid.

Following the federal election in May, Council remains committed to advocating for projects and will work with the Australian Government to further progress priority projects.

Other ongoing advocacy priorities include:

- Development of Mangalore Airport as a freight intermodal and transport hub,
- Funding options for the upgrade of the Euroa Railway Precinct as part of the Euroa Structure Plan's implementation, and
- Advocate to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for a community led outcome for the redesign of railway infrastructure in Euroa.

The Victorian Government state election is foreshadowed to be held on Saturday 26 November 2022, and in preparation for this, Council will meet with Ministers, Shadow Ministers, Representatives and Parliamentary Secretaries and election candidates (once announced) with the aim to secure a pre-election promise commitment towards our advocacy priorities.

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

Strathbogie Shire Council advocacy priorities include (but are not limited to):

- 2026 Commonwealth Games: Lake Nagambie Rowing bid,
- Greening Euroa and opportunities to green open spaces in towns with recycled water from the towns' wastewater treatment plant,
- Nature based Play Space for Euroa,
- Funding for the development of a detailed concept plan and business plan for a mountain bike track at Balmattum Hill,
- Expanded public transport options to connect the community to local services and facilities,
- Investment funding for business feasibility and business planning to support community based renewable energy projects,
- Further funding to support local business in adapting and responding to the Covid-19 pandemic,
- Improving road safety and aligning speed limits with community expectations, especially around school and kindergarten zones, and
- Funding for the development of a local law around smoking in Council owned public places.

Officers will develop an Advocacy Ask document of the top five (5) State Government advocacy asks for use in the lead up to the State Government elections. This will be presented at the September 2022 Council meeting for consideration and adoption.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

The formation of the 2021-2025 Council Plan included extensive community consultation and an independently facilitated community panel to form the community vision and strategic focus areas for officers to action, achieve or complete.

Council prioritises communication and engagement with the community and actively generate media releases which are adapted to newspaper publications, digital and social media channels to inform, consult, involve, collaborate or empower the community through our work (IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum, 2022).

Successful advocacy activities rely on working closely with the community to identify the problem or need, research relevant issues, plan a set of activities, obtain written support, undertake actions and evaluate the results.

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

In the 2021-2025 Council Plan, Council's role in advocating is defined as:

Actions where we advocate on behalf of our community: relate to issues that impact our community and affect how we operate but over which we have no role in delivering services or facilities, so we can only advocate for others to take action; the performance indicators are measures of broad trends affecting the Shire.

As per, Strategic focus areas 2,3,4,5 and 6 Council's advocacy priorities are as follows:

2.4 Advocate to the State Government to deliver *expanded public transport options* to connect the community to local services and facilities.

2.1.4 Lobby State and Federal Governments to fund improved *digital and telecommunications infrastructure*.

2.1.6 Support the work being undertaken by the Euroa Mountain Bike Club for the development of a mountain bike track at Balmattum Hill through advocacy with Parks Victoria and relevant government departments.

3.1.8 Advocate to Federal and State Government for investment in *reliable power supply infrastructure* with a focus on *renewable energy*.

3.5 Investigate, in partnership with Goulburn Valley Water, opportunities to green open spaces in towns with recycled water from the towns' wastewater treatment plant.

4.1.4 Continue to seek funding to *support local business* in adapting and responding to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.1.5 Continue to advocate for the development of the *Mangalore Airport as a freight intermodal and transport/ industrial hub*.

4.1.6 Continue to seek funding options for the *upgrade of the Euroa Railway Precinct* as part of the Euroa Structure Plan's implementation.

4.1.7 Continue to advocate to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for a *community led outcome for the redesign of railway infrastructure in Euroa*.

5.6 Continue to advocate to Department of Transport around *improving road safety* and aligning speed limits with community expectations.

5.7 Explore options for the development of a local law around smoking in Council owned public places.

Additional advocacy priorities that are of a timely and issue-based nature include the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Lake Nagambie Rowing bid and Nature Based Play Space for Euroa. Each of these projects has the support of the community and would provide significant benefit to Strathbogie Shire residents, businesses, visitors and surrounds. For further information, please refer to page 16 and 18 of the draft advocacy strategy, respectively.

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

Regional, State and National Plans and Policies

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision-making.

Strathbogie Shire Council works in collaboration with local, state and national levels of authority to progress infrastructure, services and projects needed for the future of our community.

We are proud to partner with the Taungurung Land and Waters Council in a Memorandum of Understanding. Council is working towards a similar agreement with the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation in the future.

The following lists have been compiled to demonstrate just some of the relevant policies, strategies and plans that Council reference in grant applications, business cases and advocacy campaigns.

Victorian Government/ State authority:

- Victoria's 30-Year Infrastructure Strategy;
- Department of Transport Policy and Strategy;
- Parks Victoria POL-710
- Sustainability Victoria 2030 Strategy
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- The Victorian Water Act
- Water for Victoria: Water Plan
- Victoria 2026 Commonwealth Games Sports Program
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
- Department of Health and Human Services Victoria
- Playground equipment, layout and shade guidelines - Department of Health
- Victorian Budget 2022/23

Australian Government/ Federal authority:

- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional development and Local Government;
- National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy and National Action Plan;
- National Electricity Rules
- Australian Energy Market Agreement
- Australian Energy Market Commission Establishment Act 2004
- AusNet Distribution Connection Policy
- Drought Policy
- Drought Resilience Funding Plan 2020-2024
- The Treasury: Federal Budget 2022-23
- Business.gov.au

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

If there is no specific legislative power which applies to the matter, Council may rely on its general power under s.10 of the Act which provides that subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by the Act or any other Act, Council has the power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done in connection with the performance of its role.

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

The aim of advocacy is to attract funding and create new and beneficial assets for our community where our Shire's ambition needs to be matched by other levels of government.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

Economic

Council advocacy work directly impacts the region's economic activity through the introduction of new, additional or enhanced services of an infrastructure or regulatory form which in turn effects logistics, transport and access to market, business and local industry groups, visitor economy and local market growth.

Particularly after two years of COVID-19 restrictions, lockdowns and social distancing measures, Council maintains its support for the business sector of the community, by aiming to continue to provide business newsletters, grant and subsidy information and public spaces and facilities that enhance the natural and built environment as well as attracting new investment, development and the visitor economy.

Social

There are multiple social considerations given to advocacy projects, particularly as they have the power to influence future outcomes, culture and direction for the community. Some considerations, include but are not limited to:

- sense of community – e.g. cultural activities, stakeholder participation, recognition of diversity, cultural heritage or social cohesion;
- community services – e.g. range and quality of services for different groups (children and families, young people, elderly people and people with disabilities), accessibility of services or cost of services;

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

- community health and well-being – e.g. recreation facilities, public safety, health services and facilities or public health implications;
- education and skills development – e.g. number and quality of education options for the community, life-long learning opportunities or meeting local needs; and
- transport – e.g. safety for travellers, emissions and fuel consumption, public transport usage, walking and cycling or transportation needs of all people.

Environmental

Each Council advocacy project has been identified, researched, designed and planned in consultation with relevant industry experts and advisers in relation to environmentally sustainable practices, as per Strategic focus area 3 of the Council Plan 2021-2025: Protect. Enhance. Adapt.

Climate change

Each Council advocacy project has been identified, researched, designed and planned in consultation with relevant industry experts and advisers in relation to climate change action, low emissions and in relation to the environmentally sustainable practices, as per Strategic focus area 3 of the Council Plan 2021-2025: Protect. Enhance. Adapt.

Projects such as the Greening Euroa Project utilises drought resilient strategies by channelling recycled water to water tanks for sports facilities to utilise year-round, while other initiatives such as reliable power supply infrastructure has a focus on renewable energy programs for our community.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The definition of advocacy is to obtain support for a particular cause, project, initiative or policy with the objective to influence decisions within political, economic, social, technological, legal or environmental outcomes and benefits.

COLLABORATION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that collaboration with other councils, levels of government and statutory bodies is to be sought.

Collaboration with all levels of Government, authorities, associations, networks, private sector stakeholders, and community groups is essential in advocacy work and campaigns. As outlined throughout this report and the proposed Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025, strategic relationships and local, regional, state and national issues will attract more attention and may potentially be more successful when more stakeholders are involved in the process.

Over the next four years, Councillors and Officers will focus on developing and strengthening mutually beneficial relationships with decision makers and key influencers – making them aware of joint opportunities for project delivery, community projects or initiatives and collaboration opportunities.

9.6.1 Draft Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (cont.)

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Council advocacy work complements human rights considerations with a focus on enhancing liveability, access, inclusion, healthy, safe, transparent and balanced themes across Strathbogie Shire's facilities, services and projects; based on the community vision upon which the Council Plan 2021-2025 was created and endorsed.

CONCLUSION

Strathbogie Shire Council is committed to advocate on behalf of the community and to plan for the future of our region. Successful advocacy outcomes rely on considered planning and resourcing, managing and monitoring of strategic relationships and collaborations with partners to achieve positive community change.

This advocacy strategy identifies the advocacy projects and priorities to guide the organisation in achieving its advocacy objectives. Through the implementation of this plan, it is anticipated that an evidence-based and resourced approach to advocacy will maximise outcomes going forward.

Community aspirations and needs are key pillars of the 2021-2025 Council Plan on which this strategy is based and Council will continue to work closely with the community to realise these outcomes in the short, medium and longer term.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Advocacy Strategy 2021-2025 (*separate document*)

Attachment 2: Strathbogie Shire Council Advocacy Ask Document (*separate document*)

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Victorian Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) is held annually with 400 interviews occurring between February to March this year.

This year's survey has continued to provide positive responses for Strathbogie Shire Council.

We have consolidated the significant increase in overall performance we achieved in the previous 12 months.

Our overall performance is now sitting at 56, down one index point from last year. The rating compares to 58 for other small rural shires and a 59 state-wide average.

On most individual service areas, performance ratings have remained the same. The exceptions being:

- Customer service, which has increased by four points to an index score of 73, putting it higher than other small rural shires and the state-wide average.
- Lobbying, which has increased by three points to an index score of 54 putting it on par with other small rural shires and higher than the state-wide average.
- Local streets and footpaths has fallen by five points to 47, putting this area below the small rural and state-wide average
- Planning and building permits fall by seven points to 44, which is also below the small rural and state-wide average
- Sealed local roads fall by four points and unsealed roads by two points putting both these below the small rural and state-wide average.

Council is proud to be able to consolidate many of the achievements made in community satisfaction in the previous 12 months.

Perhaps our biggest achievement is that we continue to close the gap between our performance compared to other small rural shires.

However, we will not rest. We want to continue to achieve great things with our community.

Our latest satisfaction survey results tell us we need to broaden our focus.

To continue our previous focus on the four Cs - Communications, consultation and engagement, community-based decisions and customer service, but also to look at road maintenance and streamlining the planning process.

Our community wants us to get tougher in the local law department and do more when it comes to local streets and footpaths.

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)

In response to this we have developed an Action Plan that will continue driving improvements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. ***Notes the findings of the 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey for Strathbogie Shire Council;***
2. ***Endorses the action plan developed collectively by officers and Councillors in response to the community feedback within the 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction report; and***
3. ***Notes the change to the Customer Satisfaction Survey to move to quarterly interviewing.***

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey (CSS) is coordinated by State Government but is primarily funded by participant Councils and conducted by an independent researcher JWS Research.

The purpose of the survey is to measure how Victorian residents rate the performance of their Council. The results are useful to Councils as they highlight areas in need of improvement and enable them to track performance over time. Strathbogie Shire Council has participated in this annual survey since 2012 except for 2017 where an alternate provider was used.

The 2022 CSS was conducted during February and March this year via a random telephone survey of 400 Strathbogie Shire residents aged 18-plus years old.

Table 1: Statistical representation of this year's survey.

Demographic	Survey Size	Demographic	Survey Size	Demographic	Survey Size
Overall	400	18- 34 years	26	Lake Nagambie/Hughes Creek*	158
Women	222	35-49 years	52	Sevens Creek	166
Men	178	50-64 years	99	Honeysuckle Creek	51
		65+ years	223	Mount Wombat	25

Note: *from 2023 onwards, Lake Nagambie and Hughes Creek will be surveyed and reported as separate wards.

Respondents were asked to rate council performance on a five-point scale from 'very good' to 'very poor' across 20 key areas.

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)

Topics range from overall performance to customer service, roads, communications, enforcement of local laws and local streets and footpaths. The topics and detailed findings are detailed in the JWS Research report (refer Attachment 1).

The index score is then calculated and represented as a score out of 100 (on a 0 to 100 scale) which enables Council to compare the results over time. Strathbogie Shire Council's results are benchmarked against results for two groups of Councils:

- The Small Rural group participating councils. The Small Rural Shire Group provides the most relevant and important set of benchmarks for Strathbogie; and
- The State-wide group included all participating councils, namely metropolitan, interface, regional centres, large rural and small rural councils.

2022 RESULTS:

The overall performance index score of 56 for Strathbogie Shire Council represents a consolidation to the improvement in 2021.

Council's overall performance is rated in line with the average rating for Councils in the small rural group and is lower than the state-wide average.

The rating of 62 index points among residents aged 18 to 34 years is significantly higher than the council average.

Among residents aged 50 to 64 years (index score of 48) perceptions of Council's overall performance are lower than the council average.

Almost a quarter of residents (24 per cent) rate the value for money they receive from Council in infrastructure and services provided to their community as 'very good' or 'good'.

This is fewer than those who rate Council as 'very poor' or 'poor' (41 per cent). A further 31 per cent rate Council as 'average' in terms of providing value for money.

Almost all demographic and geographic cohorts improved in their perceptions of overall performance in the past year. For residents aged 65 years and over and people living in Lake Nagambie, Hughes Creek, the increases are significant.

Participants aged 65+ years, Honeysuckle Creek residents and women rate overall performance highest (59), while Mount Wombat residents' rate overall performance lowest (50).

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)**Table 2: A summary of Strathbogie Shire Council's performance.**

Service	Strathbogie 2022	Strathbogie 2021	Strathbogie 2020	Small Rural 2022
Overall performance	56	57	50	58
Value for money	42	41	-	51
Council direction	50	55	51	51
Customer service	73	69	72	67
Public areas	73	74	-	73
Recreational facilities	68	65	-	69
Arts centres and libraries	67	67		71
Waste management	67	67	62	68
Tourism development	62	61	62	62
Business / Comm Dev / Tourism	60	59	-	63
Environmental sustainability	59	57	56	59
Enforcement of local laws	57	61	59	62
Informing the community	55	56	55	59
Lobbying	54	51	50	54
Consultation and engagement	52	52	50	54
Community decisions	51	52	49	54
Local streets and footpaths	47	52	46	55
Sealed local roads	47	51	51	50
Planning and building permits	44	51	-	48
Unsealed roads	40	42	41	42

Participants were also asked what was the one best thing about Strathbogie Shire Council and what does Strathbogie Shire Council most need to do to improve its performance?

Table 3: Top mentions in each of the above questions.

Best things about Council (%)	2022 Areas for Improvement (%)
Customer Service (17)	Sealed Road maintenance (17)
Parks and Gardens (9)	Council Management (11)
Generally Good (6)	Footpaths/Walking Tracks (10)
Community Engagement / Involvement / Communication (6)	Community Consultation (9)
Recreational/Sporting Facilities (5)	Rates – too expensive (9)
Council workers (5)	financial management (9)
Public Areas (4)	Unsealed Road Maintenance (7)
Road/Street Maintenance (4)	Communication (7)
Tourism (4)	Nothing (4)
The community/Vibe (4)	

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)

ISSUES, OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

Council acknowledges the results of this year's survey show a consolidation of our 2021 improvement.

However, we are committed to making change. To listening. To acting. To doing better.

Our commitment to the four Cs - communications, consultation and engagement, community-based decisions and customer service - was established after receiving our 2020 Community Satisfaction Survey results. This survey saw our overall performance index score, drop to the lowest level since 2016.

Our 2021 Community Satisfaction Survey results saw our overall performance rise by a statistically significant seven points to an all-time high of 57.

It told us our drive to improve communications, consultation and engagement, community-based decisions and customer service was working.

We have strengthened community representation in our decision making. We are making better decisions because we're working with our community.

Our communications have improved through our regular column in the local papers and the proactive information on our social media channels.

We revamped the MyStrathbogie Bulletin that's delivered to homes twice a year; started a monthly eNews publication; and launched an online engagement platform www.share.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to share thoughts, feedback and advice.

Last year we held our first ever deliberative forum to develop our Community Vision and Council Plan.

More recently we have launched a new website that is simple to navigate and easy to use.

Our latest satisfaction survey results tell us we need to broaden our focus.

To continue work on 'the four Cs', but also to look at road maintenance and streamlining the planning process.

Our community wants us to get tougher in the local law department and do more when it comes to local streets and footpaths.

In response to this we have developed an Action Plan that will continue driving improvements.

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)

This action plan covers all areas of our response and is designed to:

- Continue our focus on the four Cs - communications, consultation and engagement, community-based decisions and customer service.
- Create a planning application processes that better meets community needs
- Create a focus on sealed and unsealed road maintenance
- Proactively maintain local streets and footpaths
- Drive positive outcomes in Strathbogie Shire.

The action plan includes 11 actions across these areas.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Traditionally the Community Satisfaction Survey has been undertaken annually during the months of February and March. However, Council is moving to quarterly interviewing to allow for any seasonality that may influence results. Reporting will continue to be in line with the annual survey with a single report provided.

The survey is designed to ensure that the community has the opportunity independently provide feedback and insight into Strathbogie Shire Council performance and their services.

It is a telephone survey that collects direct feedback from the community. A minimum of 400 local residents and ratepayers in each municipality over 18 years of age are selected at random.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Council Plans and Policies

Each year, Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates and auspices an annual Community Satisfaction Survey for Victorian councils. The results of core measures are included in Council's Annual Report each year and on the State Government's Know Your Council website as part of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is the pursuit of innovation and continuous improvement.

The survey results provide with the opportunity to share with the Council team and our community that our hard work is creating better outcomes for our community.

It inspires the team to continue working hard, to focus our efforts and continue improving our performance.

9.6.2 2022 Community Satisfaction Survey Results (cont.)

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All officers, and/or contractors, involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

The full results of this survey have been made public (in this meeting agenda) and will be communicated to residents on Council's website.

Whilst there is no requirement for Councils to make their results available publicly, Strathbogie introduced this practice following the release of the 2020 survey results in the interests of open government and transparency.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no significant financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

Any actions detailed in the Action Plan (refer Attachment 2) that cannot be accommodated within existing budget resourcing and require additional resourcing will be referred to the 2023/24 Budget process for consideration.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

This survey ensures that our community is able to democratically participate in providing open and honest feedback and insight to Council about our performance.

CONCLUSION

Council thanks the community for its open and honest feedback. We look forward to continuing to work on our 'Four Cs' and our Action Plan to continually improve for our community.

We want to do better. We want to work with our community to achieve great things. We ask for our community's support – because we know with our community's help we will get there.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey – Strathbogie Shire Council (*separate document*)

Attachment 2: 2022/23 Community Satisfaction Action Plan (*separate document*)

9.6.3 Municipal Association of Victoria Special State Council Meeting – Friday 16 September 2022

Author: Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. MAV offer diverse business services to its council members including specialist policy and advocacy, governance and legislative advice, sector development, insurance and procurement services.

State Council is MAV's governing body. It is made up of representatives from each member council and governed by the MAV's Rules of Association (Rules). At the MAV State Council on 21 May 2021, it was resolved to review the MAV Rules. In November 2021, the MAV Board released a Discussion Paper signaling the start of this review.

Following consultation on the Discussion Paper between November 2021 and February 2022 with all member Councils, a special meeting of the State Council has been called for Friday 16 September 2022 to consider the proposed changes to the MAV Rules.

Council's current MAV representative is the Mayor, Councillor Laura Binks, with the substitute representative being the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Murray. Due to Strathbogie Shire Council's Audit and Risk Committee being scheduled on the same day, both representatives are unable to attend the MAV State Council meeting and, as such, Council needs to formally appoint a substitute representative to attend and vote at the special meeting of MAV State Council.

This report seeks Council's endorsement for Councillor Chris Raeburn to attend and vote at the special meeting of the State Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse Councillor Chris Raeburn to attend and vote at the Municipal Association of Victoria Special State Council Meeting on Friday 16 September 2022 as Strathbogie Shire Council's formal substitute representative.

PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is a membership association and the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. MAV offer diverse business services to its council members including specialist policy and advocacy, governance and legislative advice, sector development, insurance and procurement services.

9.6.3 Municipal Association of Victoria Special State Council Meeting – Friday 16 September 2022 (cont.)

State Council is MAV's governing body and meets twice a year, or more as required. It is made up of representatives from each member council and governed by the MAV's Rules of Association (Rules). State Council's powers include:

- determining the Rules of Association,
- electing the president and other members of the Board,
- determining MAVs strategic direction, and
- appointing the auditor.

The MAV Rules is the legal document that defines how the organisation runs, governs, and operates. At the MAV State Council on 21 May 2021, it was resolved to review the MAV Rules. In November 2021, the MAV Board released a Discussion Paper titled the *2021-22 Rules Review - A future focused MAV* signaling the start of this review. The review and update of the Rules aimed to ensure the MAV is fit-for-purpose and future-focused.

The Discussion Paper outlined a range of possibilities for different MAV Rules. These Rules are critical to the way MAV leads, manages affairs and works in partnership with and for the sector. The Directions Paper sought to provide some clarity on a way forward on these key issues and the required Rule changes under consideration.

Following consultation on the Discussion Paper between November 2021 and February 2022 with all member Councils, a special meeting of the State Council has now been called for Friday 16 September 2022 to consider the proposed changes to the MAV Rules.

Council's current MAV representative is the Mayor, Councillor Laura Binks, with the substitute representative being the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Murray. Due to Strathbogie Shire Council's Audit and Risk Committee being scheduled on the same day, both representatives are unable to attend the MAV State Council meeting and, as such, Council needs to formally appoint a substitute representative to attend and vote at the special meeting of MAV State Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020 is that the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making.

Consultation

Consultation on this matter is not considered necessary as, if Council's current MAV representatives are unable to attend the MAV Special State Council meeting, a Councillor endorsed by Council resolution at a formal Strathbogie Shire Council meeting is able to attend and vote.

Community Implications

The recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

9.6.3 Municipal Association of Victoria Special State Council Meeting – Friday 16 September 2022 (cont.)

Conflict of Interest Declaration

All offices, and/or contracts involved in the preparation of this report have signed a written declaration that they do not have a conflict of interest in the subject matter of this report.

Transparency

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

This report demonstrates that Council is being transparent by providing information to the community regarding Strathbogie Shire Council representation to MAV.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

One of the overarching governance principles in section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

This report considers that the recommendations do not limit any Human Rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

CONCLUSION

As a member Council of the Municipal Association of Victoria, it is important that Strathbogie Shire Council attends and votes on the adoption of the proposed changes to the MAV Rules of Association. This report seeks Council's endorsement for Councillor Chris Raeburn to attend and vote at the special meeting of the MAV State Council.

10. NOTICES OF MOTION**11. NOTICES OF RESCISSION****12. URGENT BUSINESS****13. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS****Confidential Appendices**

These appendices have been classified as being confidential in accordance with section 66(2)(a) and Part 1, section 3 of the Local Government Act 2020 as they relate to:

- (g) *private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—*
 - (ii) *if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage*

C.A. 1 (g) Tender for Contract No. 21/22-14: Strathbogie Recreation Reserve Pavilion Upgrade – Stage 1

C.A. 2 (g) Tender for Contract No. 22/23-01: Weir Road and Reedy Lake Road Upgrade - Nagambie

NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at the Euroa Community Conference Centre, at 6pm.

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