



STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 15 September 2015 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00p.m.

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

Officers:	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer
	David Woodhams - Director, Corporate and Community
	Phil Howard - Director, Sustainable Development

BUSINESS

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners
*'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting.
I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the more recent
custodians of the land'*
3. Apologies

Councillor Alister Purbrick	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services	
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Reports of Council Officers
 - 5.1 Climate Change
 - 5.2 Infrastructure
 - 5.3 Private Enterprise
 - 5.4 Public Institutions
 - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
 - 5.6 Tourism
 - 5.7 Organisation
6. Urgent Business

7. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989
8. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s



Steve Crawcour
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

10 September 2015

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5. REPORTS

5.2 INFRASTRUCTURE

5.2.1 Proposed Closure of a Section of Ballantynes Road, Nagambie - Receiving / Hearing of Submissions

Author and Department

Director Asset Services / Asset Services Directorate

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

Summary

Council, at its Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2015, proposed to close a section of Ballantynes Road, Nagambie, and invite submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to -

- 1. Receive and note the submissions in response to the public advertisement of the Proposed Closure of a Section of Ballantynes Road, Nagambie.**
- 2. Formally consider all received submissions and determine the outcome of the Proposed Closure of a Section of Ballantynes Road, Nagambie, at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 29 September 2015, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

Background

- Access to the Goulburn Valley Highway from Ballantynes Road, Nagambie is currently under temporary closure by the Nagambie Works Depot. A permanent closure is proposed.
- The section of Ballantynes Road is currently being used by Asset Services as a stockpile area for road material required by the Nagambie works depot.
- A physical barrier and signage is proposed to be located 400 metres east of Habel Road.
- The total distance of road to be closed would be 343 metres.
- Advertisement of the road closure was placed in the local newspapers, calling for any submissions to the proposal, to be done so in writing in accordance to Section 223 of the Local Government Act.
- Copies of submissions has been circulated to Councillors.

5.2.1 Proposed Closure of a Section of Ballantynes Road, Nagambie
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

Submissions

For all permanent road closures, Council is required to obtain a report from the road authority; in this case VicRoads.

Correspondence received from VicRoads requested that all Emergency Service organisations be contacted. VicRoads would then send an official response based on comments received.

The official Road Authority (VicRoads) response was received on the 9 September 2015.

Two submissions were received objecting to the closure. One submission requested that the site be cleaned up.

The two objections to the closure were from the Country Fire Authority and a local resident, with both requesting the site remain open for access to the Goulburn Valley Highway for Emergency Vehicles.

Alternative Options

The road is now a dead end and not used generally by the public. Its use as a stockpile site is preferable to a full closure and sale.

Risk Management

The author considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

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

Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act requirements.

Financial / Budgetary Implications

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

Economic Implications

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

Environmental / Amenity

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

Community Implications

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

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

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

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council, other than the exercise of powers under the Local Government Act 1989.

Consultation

The Section 223 consultation process is considered appropriate for this matter.

Attachments

Map of the proposed section of Ballantynes Road to be closed.

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5.7 ORGANISATION

5.7.1 Proposed Changes to Ordinary Council Meetings Time and Locations - Receiving / Hearing of Submissions

Author and Department

Director, Corporate and Community / Corporate and Community Directorate

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Summary

Council, at its Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2015, proposed to alter the meeting schedule for the monthly Ordinary Council meetings location between Euroa and Nagambie, as well as changing the commencement time to 4.00 p.m. Part of the proposal was to call for submission from the community and receive/hear submissions.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to -

- 1. Receive and note the submissions in response to the public advertisement of the Proposed Changes to Ordinary Council Meetings Time and Locations.**
- 2. Hear those who wish to be heard in support of their written submission.**
- 3. Formally consider all received submissions and the adoption of the Proposed Changes to Ordinary Council Meetings Time and Locations at a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday 29 September 2015, commencing at 5.00 p.m. at the Euroa Community Conference Centre.**

Background

Council, at its Ordinary Council meeting held on Tuesday 21 July 2015, proposed to alter the meeting schedule for the monthly Ordinary Council meetings location between Euroa and Nagambie. The commencement time was also proposed to change from 5.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

5.7.1 Proposed Changes to Ordinary Council Meetings Time and Locations
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

The Council believes that alternating the meetings between Euroa and Nagambie and holding them at 4.00 p.m. will allow the community to better participate in Council's decision making processes. A survey of surrounding Councils shows that the meeting times vary from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., with most holding their meetings at a central location and not alternating between towns.

Submissions in writing were invited until 5.00 p.m. on Friday 21 August 2015. There were six submissions received with one submitter asking to speak to their submission. Copies of the submissions have been provided to Councillors for their information.

Alternative Options

The options available to Council are to leave current meeting locations and times as adopted at the Special Council meeting held on 11 November 2014, or change as proposed in this report.

Risk Management

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan

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5.7.1 Proposed Changes to Ordinary Council Meetings Time and Locations
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

Legal / Statutory Implications

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council, other than the exercise of powers under the Local Government Act 1989.

Consultation

Council considered that the matter under consideration warranted a community consultation process, as well as the statutory process. This meeting is the result of that consultation process.

Attachments

Nil.

6. URGENT BUSINESS
7. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER MATTERS LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989
8. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S

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

