

Strathbogie Shire Council

Council Meeting Agenda

**Extraordinary Council Meeting
3 June 2025**

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Meeting to be held at the Euroa Community Conference Centre and livestreamed on Council's website

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

Councillors

Mayor Cr Claire Ewart-Kennedy
Deputy Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery
Cr Laura Binks
Cr Grag Carlson
Cr Vicki Halsall
Cr Clark Holloway
Cr Fiona Stevens

Municipal Monitor

Marg Allan

Officers

Rachelle Quattrocchi	Chief Executive Officer
Amanda Tingay	Director People and Governance
Oliver McNulty	Director Sustainable Infrastructure
Rachael Frampton	Director Community and Planning
Michelle Harris	Interim Media and Communications Manager
Kerry Lynch	Governance Officer

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Meeting Procedure

1 Welcome

Councillors Vision

We will be a Councillor group that delivers valuable outcomes for our community through teamwork characterised by:

- respectful debate
- collaboration, and
- the commitment to being inclusive and transparent.

Councillor Values

- Respect
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Responsiveness

2 Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the places we live, work and play. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.

Today we are meeting on the lands of the Taungurung peoples of the Eastern Kulin nation, whose sovereignty here has never been ceded.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our website ([Council Meetings and Minutes | Strathbogie Shire](#)) and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes/Decisions of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however, as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public.

It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes/Decisions.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted

4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making
5. innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies/Leave of Absence

6 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

7 Public Question Time

Public Question Time

Questions for the Ordinary Council Meeting can be submitted to be read, and responded to, by the Chair, or a member of Council staff nominated by the Chair, during the Public Question Time. Questions must be submitted 30 hours prior to the Council meeting, by emailing info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au.

Public Question Time will be conducted as per Rule 35 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 in the Minutes of the meeting, together with a Council reference number.

8 Officer Reports

8.1 Corporate

8.1.1 Hearing of Submissions

AUTHOR Governance Officer

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy, formal submissions have been sought from the community on the suite of draft integrated plans endorsed by Council on 29 April 2025:

- a. Draft Community Vision 2025-2035
- b. Draft Council Plan 2025-2029 incorporating the Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion Plan and Disability Action Plan
- c. Draft Annual Action Plan 2025-2026
- d. Draft Financial Plan 2025-2035
- e. Draft Asset Plan 2025-2035
- f. Draft Rating and Revenue Plan 2025-2029
- g. Draft Budget 2025-2026
- h. Draft Fees and Charges 2025-2026

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deliberative engagement undertaken in accordance with section 55 of the *Local Government Act 2020* and the Engagement Policy is required for many of these plans. Council has implemented a three stage process aimed at involving community members from across the Shire.

The depth of engagement was set at the "involve" level with community concerns and aspirations directly reflected in the alternatives developed. The stages of engagement were:

- Stage One – involved online surveys, participation at markets and events, stakeholder workshops to gather community feedback
- Stage Two – involved a working group consisting of eight self-nominated community residents from across the Shire to meet, consider the community feedback and recommend priorities for Council's consideration
- Stage Three – involved seeking formal submissions on the endorsed suite of integrated plans.

Activities completed have included:

- Online and hard copy surveys focused on short and long term needs and aspirations
- Stakeholder workshops with the business sector and the health, wellbeing and disability sector
- Our Community, Our Future Community Working Group held two sessions
- Town based fact to face drop in session discussion opportunities
- Councillor workshops
- Executive leadership and staff workshops

- Formal submissions received
- Formal hearing of submissions at this Extraordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025

Following the close of the submission period on 22 May 2025, a total of nine submissions were received.

Council will hear from three people who will speak to their submission. The following submitters have requested to be heard:

- Sue Watson
- Robin Weatherald
- Avenel Active

Each submitter will be invited to address Council and will be provided up to five (5) minutes to speak to their submission.

All submissions will be presented to Council on 17 June 2025 (Ordinary Council Meeting) where Council will formally consider all submissions and adoption of the key strategic plans.

9 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Strathbogie Shire Council will be held on 17 June 2025 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 4:00 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed atpm.