

Strathbogie Shire Council

# **Council Meeting Minutes / Decisions**

**Tuesday 16 September 2025**

# Minutes

## Council Meeting

**Tuesday 16 September 2025 at 4:00 pm**

**A meeting was 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/>

### **Present**

#### **Councillors**

Mayor Cr Claire Ewart-Kennedy  
Deputy Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery  
Cr Laura Binks  
Cr Greg 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 give 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**

Nil

## **6 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

Cr Binks declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.1.2.

Cr Halsall declared a conflict of interest in relation to Item 11.1.1.

## 7 Confirmation of Minutes/Decisions of Previous Meetings

The minutes have been circulated to Councillors and posted on Council website [Council Meetings and Minutes | Strathbogie Shire](#) pending confirmation at this meeting.

**MOVED: Cr Clark Holloway**  
**SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks**

**That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 August 2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.**

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**CARRIED**

## 8 Petitions

Nil

## 9 Mayor and Councillor Reports

### 9.1 Mayor's Report

It's been another busy and really interesting month. We've had a great mix of community events, advocacy meetings and media opportunities that have kept things moving.

To help deepen our understanding and support the Shire's economic development, Council hosted a series of industry meetings. These brought together Councillors and local businesses to talk through current opportunities and challenges, and to strengthen those important connections.

The forums held through August and September focused on key sectors in our region:

- Agriculture and Viniculture
- Manufacturing
- Tourism, Retail and Healthcare

These sessions were a fantastic opportunity to bring our business leaders together, share ideas, and explore practical solutions for building a more sustainable and resilient local economy.

Councillors and I have really enjoyed hosting Cuppa with a Councillor. It's been great to have those face-to-face conversations with community members, hear what matters most to them, and continue building those strong local connections.

Along with our Industry forums, we continue to advocate on your behalf of our community and our local needs.

Over the past month, I've had several opportunities to raise key issues:

- On Monday 8 September, I joined ABC Shepparton Radio for a live broadcast from Nagambie, organised in partnership with Go Nagambie and Strathbogie Shire Council. The breakfast program focused on "Keeping on Track – Supporting Agricultural Communities in Tough Times". I shared my personal experience as a

farmer and spoke about the impacts of the October 2022 floods and recent drought conditions on our community.

- That same day, CEO Quattrocchi and I met with Sam Birrell MP, Federal Member for Nicholls, at Council Offices to discuss our advocacy priorities.
- We've also produced a series of mayoral videos to continue pushing for action on drought relief, the impact of the Emergency Services and Volunteer Levy (ESVL), mental health support, and the flow-on effects to secondary businesses in our region.
- Our advocacy campaigns also include calls for fairer rates, the future of Kirwans Bridge, and concerns around the National Transmission Plan and the National Electricity Amendment Scheme—both of which have significant implications for our Shire.

I'm very pleased that the Advocacy Strategy 2025–2029 is on today's agenda. This strategy has been developed over many months and is shaped by feedback from Councillors and the wider community through the Council Plan and Community Vision engagement processes.

I encourage everyone to take a look at the strategy and share your feedback with myself and fellow Councillors. Your input helps us continue advocating not only on the priorities outlined in the strategy, but also on emerging issues and challenges as they arise.

I'd like to thank Cr Halsall and CEO Quattrocchi for attending the Taungurung Local Government Forum on my behalf, co-hosted by Campaspe Shire Council and the Taungurung Land and Waters Council in Toolleen.

This was the fourth Taungurung Local Government forum and remains the primary platform for engagement and partnership between Local Government and the Taungurung people, bringing together all fifteen councils across Taungurung Country.

It was a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with fellow Councillors, Mayors and CEOs from participating councils, as well as key representatives to progress the priorities.

Our communities continue to achieve great things, and it's been a very full month of community activities and events.

I was honoured to officiate at the opening of the new Female Friendly Changerooms at Longwood Recreation Reserve on Friday 29 August, and to welcome the Hon. Jaclyn Symes onsite.

For too long, the lack of suitable changeroom facilities for female players and officials at the Reserve, posed serious safety and privacy concern.

Thanks to funding from the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, Strathbogie Shire Council, the Longwood Football Netball Club and generous in-kind donations, we were able to deliver a modular, female friendly facility right next door to the netball courts.

The new facility includes two changerooms, an accessible changeroom, an umpire/administration space, a first aid room, and additional administration and storage rooms integrated into the existing structure.

This is community advocacy at its best and Strathbogie Shire Council is proud to have supported this important project.

The Avenel community also hosted the Home Energy Expo, presented by Renewable Avenel Energy, Strathbogie Shire Council, and AusNet. It was a fantastic day, with special guest speakers including Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Matthew Charles-Jones, Russell Klose, John Warnock, and Geoff Lodge. Their insights set the stage for a day of engaging trade displays and practical workshops.



This initiative by Renewable Avenel Energy gave our community a valuable opportunity to explore innovative, sustainable solutions for making our homes more energy efficient.

A shout out to Avenel Primary School Students who did the most amazing display of how they thought their school would look like in future years with all the energy efficient treatment that they wanted to do. It was quite incredible and they were a pleasure to meet.

I also had the pleasure of attending several other important community events this month, including:

- I spoke at the Rural Women's Dinner at Nagambie Bowls Club last week — a wonderful evening celebrating the strength, resilience, and leadership of women in our rural communities. A shout out to Julie McCubbin and Rosie Metherell for organising that dinner.
- Attending the Nagambie Historical Society 55th AGM on Wednesday 20 August — a great opportunity to acknowledge the important work being done to preserve and share our local history.
- Officially opening the Tablelands Community Garden Perpetual Calendar Launch on Saturday 30 August. This fantastic project was supported by Strathbogie Shire Council through the Circular Economy Councils Organics Fund, delivered by Sustainability Victoria. It was also a chance to see the newly completed shelter shed veranda at the Tablelands Community Centre in Ruffy — a project proudly funded through Council's Pitch Your Project initiative.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and residents. Your ongoing commitment and hard work continue to make a real difference across our Shire. These events are a testament to the strength and spirit of our communities, and one which I am proud to lead as Mayor.

## **9.2 Councillor Reports**

### **Cr Halsall**

I have in this past month particularly enjoyed the industry meetings. I had the opportunity to meet representatives from Gervale, Kibble and Brady, Honeysuckle Health, Euroa Health and the Arboretum, facilitating introductions of one, them to me and two, to other regional representatives.

Some of the conversations that came out, some of the opportunities to work together were really interesting particularly in support of the Arboretum becoming more accessible to the local town of Euroa and aged care services and kindergartens, that was a very interesting discussion.

I think it goes to supporting Council's strategies and really understanding what our municipal needs are and particularly supporting economic development which I am a strong advocate for and understanding in the first person where we all should start in every instance in my humble opinion.

The second thing I thought was of great interest to me was the opportunity to stand in for the Mayor at the Taungurung Local Government Forum in Toolleen. Not only was it a fantastic drive with Rachelle, our CEO as the driver along a goat track guided by SIRI, but it was a really interesting collaboration of those Councils with the Taungurung Land and Waters Council and demonstrated a real desire of both sides to collaborate and work together.

Of interest to me was the outcome of the meeting which was a statement explaining how those

two sides of the coin would work together and how it had been worked out. I wrote down at the time the method of collaboration was to co-chair, and so it wasn't a traditional owner forum and it wasn't a local government forum but it was as shared forum and I thought that was a particularly good strategy to employ.

So the last month for me coming back from holidays has been very busy trying to get abreast of what I have missed including the agenda as big as this one has been a bit of a challenge, and the opportunity to stand in for the Mayor was extraordinary.

Thank you.

### **Cr Carlson**

Just a few short points. Like Councillor Halsall and went to the agribusiness forum and it interesting they had people from the equine industry, the wine industry and other significant agribusiness industries and they basically had a consensus that the four things they were concerned about were transport infrastructure, housing for their staff, telecommunications and reliable electricity. So this is hardly earth breaking stuff to us, but it was common agreement that was the biggest issues they had to deal with as business people.

I have had numerous special meetings with the Goulburn Valley Library because of all the stuff that is going on but nevertheless we are banging away at it and working our way through it one rung of the ladder at a time.

Also last Friday I went to the Catchment Management Authority presentation of the Greybox Grass Plants workshop, or forum you could call it. There are many dedicated people working to address the problem and it was very interesting and information gathering - I remained pretty quite and just listened, and I was on my best behaviour!

### **Cr Binks**

Like the Mayor, CEO and Cr Stevens, I attended the Avenel Renewable Energy Home Energy Forum. There was an incredible attendance and community participation with lots of practical ideas for how we can reduce our home energy use. I was particularly impressed with the many low-cost options presented to those of us in the community who rent or our in lower income brackets. It wasn't that you had to have all the cash to do these things, but a real cross section of opportunities available to us. It was a really valuable forum with broader community engagement and attendance from the the primary school kids and high school kids as well members from the communities of Strathbogie and beyond.

On Sunday 31st August also at Avenel at the Memorial Hall I attended the Strathbogie Shire chapter of the Rural Australians for Refugees lunch, which was a really great gathering of local people celebrating what refugees bring to our community and some guest speakers presented at that as well which was really informative.

On Saturday night I was lucky enough to drop in to the Here and Now Festival held in Violet Town which is a really great event that happens annually in our youth space and is coordinated by the youth with the help of some incredible and dedicated officers.

I would particularly like to shout out to Libby and Tash for all that they did to make that happen. It was a power of effort to ensure it was a really successful event held for the youth of Strathbogie to play music, get together. It is a drug and alcohol and smoke/vape free event. It was a great turnout and my best friend Ella Hooper was the guest artist at this event, and she also spent some time with the youth of Strathbogie talking to them about becoming a

professional musician and what that means - they really appreciated her guidance and support as well.

It was a lovely event and a late night in Violet Town!

**Mayor Ewart-Kennedy**

It was remiss of me in my report and I did want to shout out to Council staff and in particular the work that Michelle Harris, Jade Batty and CEO Rachelle Quattrocchi have done informing our Advocacy Strategy. It has taken a lot of work and patience with me probably, more than anyone - I have been pushing it pretty hard as I am very committed to economic development, as all of us are here at the table. I really want to shout out it has been a real collaboration and I am really proud it is coming to the table tonight.

So thank you for the efforts of all the Staff , in particular those three staff, to get that over the line.

## **10 Public Question Time**

### **Our Reference - RW 71/2025 and 82/2025**

#### **Question One**

The September council meeting of Strathbogie Shire apparently requires registration of attendance.

My question is directed to the mayor

Can the mayor please explain an enlightened me to win? This requirement was legislated and passed by council?

It is my understanding that this has not passed the formal council meeting process to be approved. If so why and how does council propose to act illegally?

#### **Response**

Thank you for your question Robin.

The introduction of voluntary registration to attend council meetings commences from today's Council Meeting. It has been introduced to strengthen Councils governance procedures in line with Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules.

The introduction of the registration process doesn't require council resolution.

Registration ensures Council meetings remain safe, inclusive and respectful spaces for important community decision making, whilst ensuring compliance with Councils obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.

We would like to thank community members in the gallery who have registered their attendance for today's meeting.

#### **Question Two**

Yes! commissioned and completed by Strathbogie Shire's administrator Mr Peter Stephenson nine months ago.

At a cost of \$840,000.

But, labelled a "white elephant" by farming community.  
where ?

in the new 25/26 budget v the line item — for a quarter of \$1 million?

New expenditure, or repairs to make this 'valued asset' at the Euroa sale Yards "operational and usable?"

#### **Response**

Council has budgeted \$142,000 in their Capital Works Program in 2025-2026 for works to get the new Truck Wash operational.

The works are designed and the civil works are out for quotation. This work will be completed in November or early December and are hoped to be operational by Christmas.

### **Our Reference JF 72/2025 and 73/2025**

#### **Question Three**

Does Council believe it is upholding principles of good governance and transparent reporting to the community, and if so, what specific actions, documentation, or outcomes support this belief, particularly in light of recent decisions affecting public trust, with the FSPUP decision on 17th June.

### **Response**

Council carries out community consultation communication on many plans, policies and strategies in line with its Community Engagement Policy.

This consultation is made available for community feedback through channels such as Share Strathbogie, social media, written media as well as other means where applicable.

Council acknowledges that communication in relation to the Frost Street Underpass was not to an acceptable standard and this has been discussed with Inland Rail, as part of their project.

Council continue to engage with the community, in line with the policy and continuously seek opportunities to improve this process.

### **Question Four**

There was some confusion as the question read out by the submitter was not the same as the question submitted to Council. The question submitted appears to be a copy of a question submitted by another resident.

The question Council received was in relation to a non disclosure agreement and Director McNulty clarified that there was no non-disclosure agreement with Council in relation to the Inland Rail Project.

The Mayor clarified the correct status of the question and the offer was made to the submitter to re-read the question, and it was suggested that the submitter email the question to Council so an email response can be provided.

The submitter read out the following question:

"Has Council entered into or is currently undertaken any additional negotiations with Inland Rail that involve the removal or alteration of scoped infrastructure, and if so, what projects are affected and how is the Community being informed and consulted".

### **Our Reference - CF 76/2025 and 77/2025**

### **Question Five**

As part of Council's 17 June decision to remove the FSPUP from the Inland Rail scope, did Council enter into any non-disclosure agreements with Inland Rail, ARTC, or other parties, and if so, what terms limit transparency or public access to decision-making details?

### **Response**

Thank you Colleen for the question.

There is no non-disclosure agreement with Council in relation to the Inland Rail project..

### **Question Six**

It's been 8 weeks since I first requested Strathbogie Shire's arborist report on the Frost St. tree E06315. After a misdirected FOI and a second request four weeks ago, when can I

expect a response, and is this delay within acceptable FOI timeframes, or do you suggest I lodge (and pay for) a third?

### **Response**

Council officers are processing your request under section 21 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

A written response will be provided to you this week as advised in writing to you on 20 August 2025. The due date for a decision is 18 September and is within the timeframes legislated in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

### **Our Reference - KW 74/2025 and 75/2025**

#### **Question Seven**

Since Council has voted against reinstating the Frost Street Pedestrian Underpass, what steps has it taken to engage directly with the individuals and communities most affected by this decision, and how has it ensured that their experiences, concerns, and needs are acknowledged and addressed?

### **Response**

Council has written to the primary petitioner in response to the matters raised within the petition. The council, Council Officers and Inland Rail representatives have met with representatives from community group 883 to discuss the outcomes and next steps.

Inland Rail have taken on board feedback from the meetings and will carry out additional consultation with the community to understand their experiences and concerns in relation to their project.

Council officers meet with Inland Rail on a regular basis to discuss this process and try to improve the process going forward.

#### **Question Eight**

What specific actions will Council take to reconnect the North-West community if the removal of the FSPUP were to close permanently, and how will it ensure that lived experience, including disability, elder, and youth perspectives, guides the design of inclusive, safe pedestrian infrastructure?

### **Response**

Inland Rail are constructing a new purpose-built compliant underpass at the Rail Precinct. They will be rebuilding the Hanbury Street underpass to BDA compliant standards.

Council will continue to work with the community through the development of the precinct masterplan and a review of active transport strategies, taking into consideration community feedback, to improve and provide safe points of connectivity across the rail corridor.

### **Our Reference - PW 78/2025 and 79/2025**

#### **Question Nine**

Will Council commit to establishing a dedicated liaison or engagement officer to lead ongoing, trauma-informed and culturally safe dialogue with the community, particularly those most impacted by the FSPUP removal, as part of its engagement strategy for the Euroa Rail Precinct Master Plan?

### **Response**

Thank you for the question Pauline.

Inland Rail will continue to lead all consultation and engagement in relation to their ongoing project.

Council will work to engage with the community, with existing resources, in line with the Community engagement strategy.

Council continues to work on and seek more effective ways to engage with the community on all aspects of services provided.

### **Question Ten**

How will Council guarantee that the voices of residents, especially those directly impacted by infrastructure decisions are meaningfully considered at every stage of planning, consultation, and implementation, rather than being retroactively acknowledged or explained away?

### **Response**

Council continues to work on and seek effective ways to engage with the community. There are many lessons from the consultation regarding Frost Street as mentioned, and we will continue to work with the Community to ensure there are more constructive outcomes in future.

### **Our Reference - VW 80/2025 and 81/2025**

### **Question Eleven**

What are the documented and evidenced current and projected maintenance costs for the Frost Street Pedestrian Underpass, including any estimates for upgrades that could have been funded through Inland Rail, and why has this information not been made publicly available?

### **Response**

The Council do not allocate individual budgets and records for every asset managed and maintained. The estimate provided per year for maintenance to and around the Frost Street underpass is based on a time movement analysis and based on unit rates for staff, plant and materials.

### **Question Twelve**

Of the \$350,000 compensation received by Council in exchange for the removal of the Frost St Pedestrian Underpass, how much has been allocated specifically to reconnect the North-West community, and what mechanisms exist to ensure that this funding reflects community priorities?

### **Response**

The \$350,000 contribution from Inland Rail has not been allocated to any projects at this time. Council will consider the allocation of this funding at a future Council meeting on completion of the Rail Precinct Master Plan. We will ensure that is communicated to the community and that there is consultation around that process.

## 11 Officer Reports

### 11.1 Strategic and Statutory Planning

#### 11.1.1 Planning Permit Application P2025-033 Use of the land for materials recycling (concrete, bricks, roof tiles, road profiling)

**AUTHOR** Manager Planning and Investment

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cr Halsall declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting at 4:37 pm.

An application has been received for the use of the land for materials recycling on a 36.5ha parcel of farming zoned land at Old Gooram Lane, Gooram.

The proposal seeks use of the land for materials recycling for masonry products which include concrete, bricks, roof tiles and road profiling. The site is within the Farming Zone and affected by the Erosion Management Overlay and Land Subject Inundation Overlay (partially).

The subject site is located in the lower hills of the Strathbogie Ranges and is comprised of two parcels. It sits amongst undulating topography, some of which is densely vegetated, with a waterway that traverses the site at the southeastern boundaries. This is an existing open cut hard rock extraction operation being carried out on private land, which has been in operation since 2012 under the current ownership. The quarry site is surrounded by farming land, with the nearest dwellings all more than 500m from the quarry site.

The application has been notified to adjacent and nearby owners and occupiers, and ten (10) objections have been received citing a number of concerns.

A detailed assessment of the proposal against the relevant provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme was contained within the Planning Officer report in the agenda. This assessment concluded that on balance, the proposal is supported by the Strathbogie Planning Scheme and recommends that Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit.

**Moved: Cr Greg Carlson**  
**Seconded: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

**Having caused notice of Planning Permit Application No. P2025-033 pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and having considered all the matters required under Section 60 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, decides to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit under the provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme in respect of the land known as Euroa Quarry, Old Gooram Lane, Gooram VIC 3666 (Crown Allotment 27B2 Parish of Gooram), for Use of the land for materials recycling (concrete, bricks, roof tiles, road profiling), in accordance with endorsed plans and subject to the following conditions:**

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT**



<b>Permit No.:</b>	<b>P2025-033</b>
<b>Planning Scheme:</b>	<b>Strathbogie</b>
<b>Responsible Authority:</b>	<b>Strathbogie Shire Council</b>
<b>ADDRESS OF THE LAND:</b>	<b>Euroa Quarry Old Gooram Lane Gooram VIC 3666 CA27B2 Parish of Gooram Gooram Gong</b>

**THE PERMIT ALLOWS:**

<b>Planning Scheme Clause No.</b>	<b>Description of what is allowed</b>
<b>35.07-1</b>	<b>Use of the land for materials recycling (concrete, bricks, roof tiles, road profiling)</b>

**Compliance with documents approved under this permit**

1. At all times what the permit allows must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of any document approved under this permit to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

**Layout not altered**

2. The layout of the use must not be altered from the layout on the approved and endorsed plans without the written consent of the responsible authority.

**General amenity provision**

3. The use must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
  - a transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land
  - b appearance of any building, works or materials
  - c emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, wastewater, waste products, grit or oil
  - d presence of vermin
 to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

**Hours of operation**

4. The use may only operate between the following times:
  - Monday to Friday: 7am till 6pm
  - Saturday: 7am till 1pm
  - Sundays or Public Holidays: Closed

**Limit to recycling materials received to site**

5. No more than 100 tonnes of clean waste and recyclables (non-contaminated materials) may be processed onsite per week, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

**Noise control**

6. At all times noise emanating from the land must comply with the requirements of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 (as amended from time to time) as

measured in accordance with the Noise Protocol to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

#### **Dust control**

7. Internal access roads, storage areas, external stockpiles and or vacant areas must be covered and maintained to avoid dust nuisance to the surrounding area to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

#### **Light spill**

8. External lighting must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent any adverse effects on adjoining land and road reserve to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

#### **Storage of materials for recycling**

9. All materials brought to the site for recycling must be contained in a bunded area and kept in a neat and tidy manner to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
10. All waste and recyclables must be stored in and collected from an area set aside for this purpose. This area must be graded, drained and screened from public view to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
11. All waste material not required for further on-site processing must be regularly removed from the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. All vehicles removing waste must have fully secured and contained loads so that no wastes are spilled or dust or odour is created, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

#### **Country Fire Authority**

12. The masonry recycling operations must be sited a minimum 10 metres away from the edge of the adjoining vegetation (grass, trees) to the south of the proposed recycling area of operations.

#### **Goulburn Murray Water**

13. Sediment control principles outlined in EPA Publication 1834.1 Civil Construction, Building and Demolition Guide (September 2023) must be implemented on the site to ensure that no sediment laden run-off is able to leave the site or be discharged to waterways or drainage lines. Appropriate sediment control measures must be maintained to ensure their effectiveness.
14. Stormwater unaffected by the quarry/work site operations must be diverted around the site of operations as unconcentrated overland flow so as not to cause any erosion, channelling or discharge of sediment off-site.
15. Raw materials must be stored in appropriately bunded areas in accordance with the requirements of EPA Publication 347.1, Bunding Guidelines (2015).

#### **Expiry – Use**

16. This permit as it relates to use will expire if the use does not start within two years after the issued date of this permit.  
In accordance with Section 69 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* an application may be submitted to the responsible authority for an extension of the period referred to in this condition.

#### **Planning Notes**

**Goulburn Murray Water Planning Notes:**

- The subject property is located within an area of Cultural Heritage Sensitivity. Should the activity associated with proposed development require a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP), planning permits, licences and work authorities cannot be issued unless a CHMP has been approved for the activity.
- The procurement of additional water entitlement to the proposal if required, is the responsibility of the applicant and not addressed through the planning permit referrals process. Any enquiries or applications regarding additional water entitlement for the proposal should be made to Goulburn-Murray Water's Diversion Operations on 1800 013 357.
- If water is to be taken and used for dust suppression, application must be made to Goulburn Murray Water. Applications for a Licence to Take and Use Water can be made to Goulburn Murray Water's Diversion Operations on 1800 013 357.

**Environmental Protection Agency Planning Notes**

- This permit is not an EPA permission/approval. Before the use or development authorised under this permit starts, the permit holder must ensure that any obligations or duties that arise under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* are met. This may include obtaining an EPA permission, approval or exemption, in accordance with the Environment Protection Regulations 2021.
- The *Environment Protection Act 2017* came into effect on 1 July 2021. The general environmental duty (GED) is a centrepiece of the laws. It applies to all Victorians. If your business engages in activities that may give rise to a risk to human health or the environment from pollution or waste, you must understand those risks and take action to minimise them as far as reasonably practicable.
- This involves a continuous, preventative approach and should be undertaken with the understanding that where an operation presents low-level risks, or already has appropriate risk mitigation measures in place, further mitigation measures may still be necessary at a future point.
- For further information on what the laws mean for Victorian businesses and community go to: What's the harm? | Environment Protection Authority Victoria ([epa.vic.gov.au](http://epa.vic.gov.au))

**DIVISION****FOR**

Cr Ewart-Kennedy  
Cr Jeffery  
Cr Stevens  
Cr Carlson  
Cr Binks

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**AGAINST**

Cr Holloway

**CARRIED**

Councillor Halsall returned to the meeting at 4:48 pm.

**11.1.2 Planning Applications Received and Planning Application Determined August 2025**

**AUTHOR** Manager Planning and 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 August to 31 August 2025. The latest available Planning Permit Activity Performance (PPARS) Figures were also attached (Attachment 3).

The contents of this report are provided for information purposes only, the listing of current planning applications on public display can be found on the Council's website.

It is noted that there were seven (7) new planning applications received, and twelve (12) planning applications decided on during the reporting period.

**MOVED: Cr Laura Binks**  
**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

- 1. Receive the report**
- 2. Note that there were seven (7) new planning applications received, and twelve (12) applications decided on during the period of 1 August to 31 August 2025.**

24/25-138

**CARRIED**

### 11.1.3 Planning Permit Applications Referral to Council Policy

**AUTHOR** Director Community and Planning

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council first adopted a Planning Permit Applications Referral to Council Policy in 2022. In 2023, Council reviewed and adopted a revised Policy, making administrative changes.

The implementation of this Policy has resulted in significant improvements in Council's statutory planning performance. It enables a timely response to planning permit applications through an effective and efficient process that still provides transparency for Council and the Community.

A scheduled review of this policy has been completed, and the below changes are recommended:

- remove reference to Council's planning performance and process prior to the introduction of a Policy, as it is out of date
- spelling and grammar
- include reputational risk within one of the triggers to refer the planning decision to Council
- Removal of monthly report and replace with a quarterly report to Council on planning permit applications received, planning applications determined and Council's planning performance, bringing it in line with other reports including financial, capital and other performance reporting.

**MOVED:** Cr Fiona Stevens

**SECONDED:** Cr Vicki Halsall

**That Council:**

1. **Adopt the Planning Permit Applications to Council Policy with the following change:**

**Section 3 Application of this Policy to read:**

**A delegate must refer planning permit applications with the following triggers to Council for a decision:**

**An application with three (3) or more objections**

2. **Place the policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's weekly newspaper column and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the policy.**

**DIVISION**

**FOR**

**Cr Carlson  
Cr Stevens  
Cr Halsall**

**AGAINST**

**Cr Binks  
Cr Holloway  
Cr Jeffery  
Cr Ewart-Kennedy**

24/25-139

**LOST**

Cr Jeffery foreshadowed his intention to move an alternative motion.

**MOVED: Cr Scott Jeffery**  
**SECONDED: Cr Clark Holloway**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Planning Permit Applications to Council Policy**
- 2. Place the policy on Council's website, along with the publication of a notice in Council's weekly newspaper column and social media pages informing the community about the adoption of the policy.**

24/25-140

**CARRIED**

### 11.1.4 Draft Urban Growth Strategy

**AUTHOR** Manager Planning and Investment

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to release the draft Urban Growth Strategy (attachment two) for public consultation. The public consultation will take place for a period of four (4) weeks.

The draft Urban Growth seeks to provide comprehensive and coordinated framework to guide sustainable urban development across the municipality through to 2051.

Council has previously received formal updates on the progress of the Strategy at the Council meeting on 16 July 2024 to endorse the engagement plan and to authorise the release of the issues and opportunities report to the community for public engagement, and at the Council meeting on 10 December 2024 to seek the endorsement of the Community Panel Deliberative Engagement process.

Feedback received during the consultation period of the draft Urban Growth Strategy will help inform and guide the content of the Final Urban Growth Strategy that will form the basis of a future Planning Scheme Amendment.

**MOVED:** Cr Scott Jeffery  
**SECONDED:** Cr Greg Carlson

**That Council:**

- 1. Thank the Community Panel members for their contribution to the draft Urban Growth Strategy**
- 2. Note the final Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy Community Panel Outcomes Report March 2025**
- 3. Endorse the draft Urban Growth Strategy for public exhibition and consultation for the period 22 September 2025 to 20 October 2025**
- 4. Note Officers will provide a report to Council on the Community Consultation feedback and Urban Growth Strategy for final adoption at a future Council Meeting.**

24/25-142

**CARRIED**

Councillor Halsall foreshadowed her intention to move an alternative motion.

**MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall**  
**SECONDED: Cr Clark Holloway**

**That Council:**

- 1. Thank the Community Panel members for their contribution to the draft Urban Growth Strategy**
- 2. Note the final Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy Community Panel Outcomes Report March 2025**
- 3. Note Officers will provide a report to Council on the Community Consultation feedback and Urban Growth Strategy for final adoption at a future Council Meeting.**

24/25-141

**LOST**



### 11.1.5 Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy

**AUTHOR** Manager Planning and Investment

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement to release the draft Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy (attachment two) for public consultation. The public consultation will take place for a period of four (4) weeks.

The draft Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy seeks to provide a vision for the future use of rural land within the Shire, which is primarily within the Farming Zone.

Council has previously received formal updates on the progress of the Strategy at the Council meeting on 16 July 2024 to endorse the engagement plan and to authorise the release of the issues and opportunities report to the community for public engagement, and at the Council meeting on 10 December 2024 to seek the endorsement of the Community Panel Deliberative Engagement process.

Feedback received during the consultation period of the draft Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy will help inform and guide the content of the Final Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy that will form the basis of a future Planning Scheme Amendment.

**MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall**  
**SECONDED: Cr Clark Holloway**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note and thank the Community Panel members for their contribution to the Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy**
- 2. Note the final Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy Community Panel Outcomes Report March 2025**
- 3. Note Officers will provide a report to Council on the Community Consultation feedback and Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy for final adoption.**

24/25-143

**LOST**

Councillor Binks foreshadowed her intention to move an alternative motion.

**MOVED: Cr Laura Binks**  
**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note and thank the Community Panel members for their contribution to the Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy**
- 2. Note the final Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy and Urban Growth Strategy Community Panel Outcomes Report March 2025**
- 3. Endorse the draft Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy for public exhibition and consultation for the period 22 September 2025 to 20 October 2025**
- 4. Note Officers will provide a report to Council on the Community Consultation feedback and Rural Residential and Land Use Strategy for final adoption.**

24/25-144

**CARRIED**

## **11.2 Community**

### **11.2.1 Rainbow Ready Petition Response**

**AUTHOR** Manager Community and Culture

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A petition was received from Rainbow Local Government, calling for the Strathbogie Shire Council to establish a Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Queer Asexual Plus (LGBTIQA+) Advisory Committee. Rainbow Local Government believe this action will make a positive difference for LGBTIQA+ people in the community and show that LGBTIQA+ people are valued, accepted and beloved community members. The petition was signed by thirty five (35) people.

At the March 2025 Council meeting it was resolved that Council:

1. Receive and note the petition in relation to Council establishing an LGBTIQA+ Advisory Committee
2. That the petition be referred to the Director Community and Planning for consideration and a report to Council by no later than September 2025.

Officers have initiated engagement with local signatories to the petition requesting to meet for a discussion on existing engagement models and opportunities to work together to better support inclusion, safety, and visibility for LGBTIQA+ community members in Strathbogie Shire using the Rainbow Resource for Victorian Councils as a guide.

This report provided a response to the petition.

**MOVED: Cr Laura Binks**  
**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

1. **Note the report**
2. **Authorise Officers to provide a formal response to the petitioner.**

24/25-145

**CARRIED**

### 11.2.2 Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-29

**AUTHOR** Manager Community Safety

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Domestic Animals Act 1994*, all Victorian councils are required to prepare and implement a Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) every four years, with the aim of promoting responsible pet ownership and ensuring the welfare of animals within the municipality. Councils must also review the plan annually and submit the updated four-year plan to the Secretary of the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions by 4 December every year.

This draft Plan has been developed in consultation with the community and key stakeholders, reflecting shared priorities, local challenges, and opportunities for improvement. It outlines a clear vision for domestic animal management across the municipality and provides a strategic framework to guide Council's approach to animal registration, compliance, community education, animal welfare, and the operation of pound and shelter services.

The Plan seeks to balance community safety, animal welfare, and responsible pet ownership through proactive education, evidence-based policy, and strong partnerships with veterinarians, animal rescue organisations, and the broader community. It sets measurable objectives and actions to support Council's continued leadership in the effective management of domestic animals.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 to endorse public consultation on the draft plan, for a period of four weeks commencing on 19 September 2025 and concluding on 17 October 2025.

**MOVED:** Cr Clark Holloway  
**SECONDED:** Cr Greg Carlson

**That Council:**

1. **Note the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029**
2. **Note the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 Engagement Report August 2025**
3. **Endorse the draft Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 for public consultation for the period 19 September 2025 to 17 October 2025**
4. **Note officers will provide a report to Council on feedback received and present a final Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029 for consideration, at a future council meeting.**

24/25-146

**CARRIED**

### 11.2.3 Variations and Grants Awarded Under Delegation August 2025

**AUTHOR** Manager Community and Culture

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Community and Planning

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council and the community of community grants or variations approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer or relevant Director, as per Council's adopted Community Funding Model, for the period 1 August to 31 August 2025.

Council adopted the 2025-2026 Community Funding Model and associated Grant Guidelines at the April 2025 Council Meeting. This provides authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to determine and award Community Grants and Event Grants under delegation, following a robust eligibility and assessment process, and subject to budget availability. Variations to Community Grants and Event Grants can also be approved via the Chief Executive Officer and/or the Director Community and Planning.

This report provides transparency to the community for decisions being made under delegation relating to the Community Funding Model 2025-2026.

**MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall**

**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note that there was one event grant and one quick response grant awarded to the total value of \$3,331 by the Chief Executive Officer between 1 August to 31 August 2025.**

24/25-147

**CARRIED**

## **11.3 Infrastructure**

### **11.3.1 Climate Change Action Plan Update**

**AUTHOR** Coordinator Waste and Environment

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Sustainable Infrastructure

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the implementation of Strathbogie Shire Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2022–2027, alongside a summary of corporate emissions reporting.

At the end of the 2024-25 financial year, 50% of the Plan's fifty four actions have been marked green as ongoing or completed, with Council on track to deliver the plan substantially by 2027.

While the target of Net Zero corporate emissions by 2025 has not been met, Council has achieved a 34% reduction since 2021 - a significant achievement that demonstrates clear progress and commitment to climate action.

**MOVED: Cr Laura Binks**  
**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

**Note the Climate Change Action Plan 2022-2027 Update.**

24/25-148

**CARRIED**

### **11.3.2 Asset Management Update**

**AUTHOR** Director Sustainable Infrastructure

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director Sustainable Infrastructure

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the ongoing work to improve Asset Management systems and processes. The report included current lists of some of the key asset classes such as building, facilities, open spaces and land.

**MOVED:** Cr Scott Jeffery  
**SECONDED:** Cr Clark Holloway

**That Council note the report updating the status of Asset Management systems and processes.**

24/25-149

**CARRIED**

## 11.4 Corporate

### 11.4.1 2024-25 Draft Annual Financial Statements

**AUTHOR** Chief Financial Officer

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director People and Governance

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states it is essential there is a legislative framework that provides for councils to be accountable to their local communities in the performance of functions and the exercise of powers and the use of resources.

Accordingly, it is a statutory requirement under the Act that councils prepare and report on medium and short-term financial plans to discharge their duties of accountability and transparency to their communities.

The Annual Financial Statements for 2024-25 have been prepared and submitted to Crowe (Australasia), the appointed auditors for the Victorian Auditor General's Office, for an independent audit opinion.

Overall, the Financial Statements underline that Council's financial position remains sound.

The Act specifically requires that Council pass a resolution giving its approval in principle to the Annual Financial Report prior to formally submitting it to the Auditor-General Victoria.

The approved and audited Report then forms part of the Council's Annual Report, as required by Sections 98 and 99 of the Act.

The Audit and Risk Committee considered the Report at its meeting on Friday 5 September 2025. The Committee, having reviewed the Annual Financial Report consisting of the Financial Statements and Notes, recommends the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report be considered for approval by Council. Since this meeting, minor changes have been made in response to feedback received from the Committee and the Auditors.

**MOVED:** Cr Clark Holloway

**SECONDED:** Cr Scott Jeffery

**That Council:**

1. Approve in principle the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor amendments to the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report, if required, and brief Council if amendments are made
3. Authorise Councillors Ewart-Kennedy and Jeffery to sign the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report once finalised
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:
  - a. certify the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report



- b. include the Auditor's Certified Report in the Annual Report to be considered by Council at its October 2025 meeting.**

24/25-150

**CARRIED**

### **11.4.2 Draft Performance Statement 2024-25 and Draft Governance Management Checklist**

**AUTHOR** Chief Financial Officer

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director People and Governance

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Local Government Performance Reporting Framework is a mandatory system of performance reporting for all Victorian councils. It ensures that councils are measuring and reporting on their performance in a consistent way to promote transparency and accountability in the local government sector.

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that Council pass a resolution giving its approval to the Draft 2024-25 Performance Statement and 2024-25 Draft Governance and Management Checklist prior to formal submission to the Auditor General Victoria for their audit opinion.

The Audit and Risk Committee considered the Draft Performance Report and Governance and Management checklist at its meeting on 5 September 2025, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*. Since this meeting, any identified minor changes have been made, and these changes will be incorporated as part of the final papers

**MOVED:** Cr Clark Holloway  
**SECONDED:** Cr Scott Jeffery

**That Council:**

1. Adopt, in principle, the:
  - a) 2024-25 Draft Performance Statement
  - b) 2024-25 Draft Governance and Management Checklist
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, and Councillors Ewart-Kennedy and Jeffery to certify the 2024-25 Performance Statement and Governance and Management Checklist once reviewed by the Victorian Auditor General's Office subject to any minor corrections required by the Victorian Auditor General
3. Once finalised, the Performance Statement and Governance and Management Checklist be included in Council's 2024-25 Annual Report.

24/25-151

**CARRIED**

### 11.4.3 Goulburn Valley Library Corporation - New Governance Arrangements

**AUTHOR** Director People and Governance

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director People and Governance

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation (trading as Goulburn Valley Libraries) was formed in agreement between Moira Shire Council, Greater Shepparton City Council and Strathbogrie Shire Council to deliver library services on behalf of the member Councils.

The *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)* requires that regional library corporations move to alternative governance arrangements by 2030.

Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation (GVRLC) member Councils have recently considered how they will deliver their library services and then transition to new governance and operating arrangements by 2030. At the August 2024 Council meeting, Council resolved to:

1. Approve continued collaboration in the delivery of library services by the current member Councils of the Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation; and
2. Approve adoption of the 'Not-for-profit' Company Limited by Guarantee model, registered under the Corporations Act 2001 and registered as a charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, as the preferred future governance model for the Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation.

Since August 2024, the Goulburn Valley Libraries Board has made significant progress in developing key documents that will form the foundation of governance for the new entity. These documents include the Constitution and the Library Agreement, which will underpin the future governance structure. As part of this process, a review of member cost contributions has also been conducted to support the collaborative Funding Framework referenced in the Library Agreement.

This report recommends that Council, as a participating member, formally adopt the Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation Constitution and Library Agreement, with the new governance arrangements anticipated to take effect on 1 July 2026.

**MOVED:** Cr Greg Carlson

**SECONDED:** Cr Laura Binks

**That Council as a participating member of the future governance arrangement for the Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation:**

1. Approve the Constitution
2. Approve the Library Agreement
3. Should there be any necessary minor changes required as advised by the Board to the Constitution or Library Agreement, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make these changes.
4. Note that the new governance arrangements are anticipated to commence 1 July 2026.

#### 11.4.4 CEO Remuneration and Employment Policy

**AUTHOR** Director People and Governance

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director People and Governance

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 45 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, the CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy provides direction and guidance on the management of the life cycle of the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) employment including recruitment, appointment, performance review and end of contract processes.

This policy applies to the Council in its management of the employment and performance of the Chief Executive Officer.

This policy also establishes the role and functions for the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee which provides advice to Council on the implementation of this policy.

The CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee and relevant Officers have reviewed the policy with changes made including:

- Minor grammatical and formatting changes
- Policy clarifications and updated terminology for better understanding
- Clarification of the duties for the independent member
- Clarification regarding the appointment of a recruitment consultant including (review and provide any recommendations for the position description and manage the positive advertising)
- Policy Review – deleted the need for the Audit and Risk Committee to undertake an annual review of the policy. Inclusion that the Policy will be reviewed at least every four year by the Committee and within 6 months after each Council election, and the Committee will make a recommendation to Council with respect to any suggested changes.

The Audit and Risk Committee supported the policy changes at the meeting on 5 September 2025

**MOVED: Cr Scott Jeffery**  
**SECONDED: Cr Greg Carlson**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the updated Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy.**
- 2. Make the updated Chief Executive Officer Employment and Remuneration Policy available to the public through Council's website.**

24/25-153

**CARRIED**

#### **11.4.5 Record of Informal Meetings of Councillors August 2025**

**AUTHOR** Governance Officer

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Director People and Governance

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In accordance with Section (114) of the Strathbogie Shire Council Governance Rules, if there is a meeting of Councillors that:

- is scheduled or planned for the purpose of discussing the business of Council or briefing Councillors
- is attended by at least one member of Council staff, and
- is not a Council meeting, Delegated Committee meeting or Community Asset Committee meeting, these are known as Informal Meetings of Councillors.

The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting are:

- tabled at the next convenient Council meeting
- recorded in the minutes of that Council meeting.

The details of the Record of Informal Meetings of Councillors for the period 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2025 were included in the report.

**MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall**  
**SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks**

**That Council:**

**Note the Record of Informal Meetings of Councillors from 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2025.**

24/25-154

**CARRIED**

## **11.5 Communications, Engagement and Advocacy**

### **11.5.1 Advocacy Strategy 2025-2029**

**AUTHOR** Executive Manager Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR** Executive Manager Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the Advocacy Strategy 2025–2029. The Strategy has been developed following an advocacy workshop session held in June 2025 and subsequent Councillor feedback.

The Strategy is informed by:

- Councillor feedback captured during the June workshop (via Mentimeter)
- Community input collected during the Council Plan 2025–2029 consultation phase

The Advocacy Strategy 2025–2029 sharpens Council's priorities, strengthens our advocacy voice, and reflects the needs of the Strathbogie community and was presented for Council adoption.

**MOVED: Cr Laura Binks**  
**SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Advocacy Strategy 2025–2029**
- 2. Authorise Officer to make amendments to the technical content to ensure the advocacy asks remain current as projects evolve**
- 3. Note that the Advocacy Strategy 2025–2029 will guide Council's advocacy efforts from September 2025 onward.**

24/25-155

**CARRIED**

**12 Notice of Motion**

Nil

**13 Notice of Rescission**

Nil

**14 Confidential Business**

Nil

**15 Urgent Business**

Nil

**16 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council will be held on 21 October 2025 at Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 4:00pm.

**17 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:42 pm.

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting.

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Chair

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Date