

Strathbogie Shire Council

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Tuesday 21 October 2025

Minutes

Council Meeting

21 October 2025 at 4:00 pm

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

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Deputy Mayor Cr Scott Jeffery
Cr Laura Binks
Cr Greg Carlson
Cr Vicki Halsall
Cr Clark Holloway
Cr Fiona Stevens

Municipal Monitor

Marg Allan

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Rachael Frampton	Director Community and Planning
Kerry Lynch	Governance Officer

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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

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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

Nil

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 Scott Jeffery
SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 16 September 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

The past month has been full of stakeholder meetings, advocacy opportunities as well as important local events across the Shire.

In September, Helen Haines' Local Government Roundtable was held in Wangaratta. These roundtables are a very important opportunity for Mayors and CEOs to share priorities and discuss common regional issues directly with our Federal MP. We provided an update on Strathbogie's collaboration with other Hume Councils to develop a coordinated Advocacy Strategy that aligns with regional priorities.

I do want to shout out to our CEO and our former Communications Executive Michelle Harris and the administration work that has gone into those documents. They are a credit to HRLGN (Hume Regional Local Government Network) and Strathbogie.

We continue to work closely with the Hume Regional Local Government Network, meeting regularly with fellow Mayors and CEOs to strengthen our collective advocacy voice. I look forward to sharing the final advocacy documents once endorsed by the network.

During the past month, Cr Jeffery and CEO Rachelle Quattrocchi attended Go Nagambie, along with Council officers. It was a valuable opportunity to strengthen relationships with our local business community. We shared updates on the Kirwans and Chinaman's Bridges, Elloura, and other key local projects, and discussed ways to support local events that boost our economy and strengthen regional activation and advocacy.

The Euroa Chamber of Business and Commerce hosted a well-attended business breakfast on 22 September, supported through Victorian Government Flood Recovery funding. Twenty-four local business representatives attended.

Chamber President Steph Swift acknowledged the strong contributions of both Strathbogie Shire Council and the Victorian Government. Guest speaker Shane Garner, Change and Development Specialist, delivered an engaging presentation on health, self-care, and wellbeing in the workplace — highlighting the link between personal health and business performance. His insights were very well received and sparked lively discussion.

I want to point out that the Euroa Chamber of Commerce has their AGM at 6:00pm tonight.

On October 9, I joined CEO Quattrocchi in several important advocacy meetings in Melbourne. We met with:

- Georgie Crozier MLC, Shadow Minister for Health, to discuss access to regional health services, hospital capacity, and workforce challenges.
- David Davis MLC, Shadow Minister for Energy and Budget Repair, to raise issues around reliable energy infrastructure, affordability, and the financial pressures facing rural councils.
- Senior Planning Adviser to the Hon. Sonya Kilkenny MP, to discuss housing growth, development, and enabling infrastructure. As a result of that meeting, the Minister's office has accepted an invitation to visit our region for a planning forum – an important opportunity to highlight the challenges and opportunities facing regional councils.

That evening, several Councillors and the CEO attended the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Conference and Service Awards Dinner at Parliament Square – a wonderful event celebrating the commitment and service of Councillors across Victoria.

The following day, we participated in the MAV State Council meeting, where we joined strong discussions around the emergency services levy, rural funding models, road maintenance, and local government reform.

Strathbogie, and as chair of the Hume Regional Local Government Network, successfully put forward several motions on behalf of the Hume Region. Those included planning reform, emergency services and volunteers fund, mining and quarry fee increases, and drought support.

I am very pleased and proud to report that these motions were carried, meaning the MAV will now advocate to Parliament on behalf of the sector. It is a great example of the power of regional and rural councils speaking with one united voice.

In addition our planning motion was supported by two metro councils, Melton and Bayside, with amendment to broaden this for all Victorian councils demonstrating how important planning is and how crucial we work as a collective voice.

And isn't it great that a small council like Strathbogie led the way for this important motion.

On 12 October, we officially launched the Strathbogie Community Leadership Program in Euroa.

This program, led by facilitator Shane Garner, is about connection, growth, and real-world leadership. Over the coming months, participants will explore topics such as governance, strategic planning, public speaking, community engagement, and emergency management – all designed to build leadership capability and confidence across our Shire. I was very fortunate to welcome all the attendees and I congratulate them on being part of it.

On the same day, and it was a beautiful day in Strathbogie, I visited a market and the Australian Indian history exhibition in conjunction with the Avenel Jubilee Committee. I recommend getting along to that if you haven't yet.

Councillor Carlson and I also attended the 2025 Mitchelton Australian National Show and Shine, here in beautiful Euroa – what a spectacular day and an outstanding event.

Council is proud to support events like this through our event funding, as they celebrate community spirit, showcase local talent, and provide a real boost to our visitor economy.

A huge thank you to the organisers and volunteers who make this event such a success each year – your work does not go unnoticed.

I would also like to acknowledge Councillors Clark Holloway, Gregory Carlson, and Vicki Halsall, who joined the Ruffy Cuppa with a Councillor session on 8 October. These sessions provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from our residents about what matters most to them – including telecommunications, roads and road safety, and power reliability.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank Michelle Harris who has finished up here at our Council in your role of Communications and Advocacy. She has been an enormous support and adviser to me and I send her all the best on behalf of the Council Group in her next role.

I also want to shout out to Marg Allan, our Monitor, who is coming to the end of her term, and I want to sincerely thank and acknowledge her very wise counsel, her guidance and support to the entire Council group, but to me as Mayor. Thank you Marg.

These are all key priorities captured in our Advocacy Strategy that we have been talking about over the last month, which was adopted in September. We're going to continue to raise issues with governments and key stakeholders at every opportunity.

On Monday, Rachelle and myself head to Canberra for two days of meetings with Federal Ministers and Shadow Ministers.

I'm very pleased to share that our advocacy actually does pay off with funding announced for key upgrades along Violet Town – Murchinson Road, the southern section of the Hume Highway and the Goulburn Valley Highway to Tabilk. These works significantly improve road safety and connectivity for our community, and it's great to see early advocacy turning into real outcomes on the ground.

Finally, last week I joined Chris Eddy on the VLGA Connect Podcast, where I shared a bit about my term as Mayor and what drives my passion for the role and for our community.

It's been another productive month for Strathbogie Shire Council, marked by strong advocacy, collaboration and community engagement all focused on delivering better outcomes for our residents.

9.2 Councillor Reports

Councillor Halsall

I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors. Last week's briefing, which was a three hour forum on the urban growth and rural and residential land use strategy was I think a really important conversation. I left feeling supported and energised and while I did share some feelings of disappointment at our September meeting, I certainly have left all of that behind and I'm feeling really, really good about the work that we're doing on those strategies.

I'd also like to mention that over the last couple of weeks....

(Cr Halsall took a brief moment to compose herself and Cr Jeffery read the following comments on behalf of Cr Halsall)

Local youth suicide. Very challenging to think that our local kids are finding life difficult and ultimately have no contribution to make. For a young person to take their life seems a gross failure of the community to raise a child. I'd like to call on all of our community to reach out to check in and to ask are you okay? Thank you Councillor Jeffery and Councillor Halsall.

(Cr Halsall resumed her comments)

I think on that note it's very important and you know, a warranted comment. It's hit our community very, very hard. Yeah, I think to lose two young boys in a weekend.

When I spoke to Councillor Stevens about it, she mentioned that there had been two men in Nagambie in the preceding weeks. I just feel like suicide is unbelievably, you know, like final and it seems ridiculous that we as a community, and the community I'm involved in, is fantastic. So I find it hard to believe that people are really struggling to that degree.

The only other thing I wanted to mention, which I seem to have found my voice so that's good. The Ruffy Cuppa with a Councillor was fantastic. It was really energetic. I was there with Cr Carlson and Cr Holloway and the community was very animated. We had a lively conversation. It was really heart warming to be out in the community and I look forward to more opportunities.

Councillor Stevens

Thank you. I would like to start off by saying that I attended the MAV conference in Melbourne, the Municipal Association Victoria conference with Cr Jeffery and Cr Carlson. I think it was very interesting. I think some of the keynote speakers were of great interest, some may be not as relevant as some to our Shire.

The networking was a fantastic opportunity to catch up with people you may have know before or to speak to other Councillors to find out how they deal with similar problems that are shared. So all in all, a great exercise.

Minister Shing, the Minister fro Housing was there. She was approached and invited to come out and talk to us at Strathbogie, so hopefully we'll be on to that and arrange that very shortly.

I also went to the historical display in relation to the Indian history within Australia at Avenel. Congratulations to the community for running that event and if you get the opportunity to go and have a look at the display, its absolutely fantastic.

I'd also like to make reference to a loss that our community has had.

A colleague of mine by the name of Michael Kenneth Pratt GC passed away last week. Pratty as he was known was a sworn member of the Victoria Police. His registered number was 18182.

The significance of his service to Victoria and more broadly to Australia, if you look at it in totality, was that he was a young constable. He was sworn-in in 1973 and in 1976 he was off duty. He was heading to get a haircut. I believe he saw something suspicious. He stopped. It turned out he was witnessing an armed robbery in place. He rammed his private vehicle into the front doors to stop the armed offenders from escaping. He went to his boot to see if he had his long handled shovel with him because back in the day in 1976, members weren't armed off duty.

He didn't have his shovel. He grabbed a wheel brace. Keep in mind there were not mobile phones. So, this man was completely on his own when he took this action to protect the community. He was shot. He received significant injuries. Major organs were affected. His spine was affected. He was a great man. He wanted to be a policeman. He was a cadet before he joined the Victoria Police force. So, he was blue. He bled blue blood through and through. He was in a wheelchair for a period of time, finally got out of the wheelchair and he continued within Victoria Police, not in an operational manner as he had planned, but he still contributed significantly.

I had the fortune of working with Mike at the Seymour Police Station. Even though he was based at the Seymour Police Station, the work that he undertook was shared throughout Mitchell, Mansfield and Strathbogie Shires. The GC after his name is the George Cross. I would like to mention what the George Cross is.

The George Cross is the highest British and Commonwealth civilian and military award for bravery. The medal is awarded for acts of the greatest heroism or the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger. He was the last surviving George Cross member in Australia. Every year he was invited by the Queen to go over there at the front end of the plane. He was met at Heathrow. He was treated like royalty, and quite deservedly so. He met with other GC Officers throughout the Commonwealth every year.

So I'd just like to acknowledge his service and thank him for it. Thank you.

Cr Carlson

Thanks Madam Mayor. You've stolen a bit of my thunder, but I have a few other things apart from what you've already mentioned.

The Regional Library is evolving rapidly through a change process. I will just mention the MAV conference. I think the words I would use would be illuminating and I'll leave it at that.

10 Public Question Time

Question One – Our reference PW 84/2025 and 85/2025

Has council formally assessed the long term access and social impacts of removing the Frost Street Pedestrian underpass?

Response

Thank you very much Pauline for your question.

Council has not undertaken a formal assessment of the long term access and social impacts of removing the Frost Street underpass.

Question Two

Will Council commit to publishing all future infrastructure Scope changes before decisions are made?

Response

Thank you very much Pauline.

Any requests regarding publishing of future changes to the Inland scale, sorry, Inland Rail scope of works should actually be referred to Inland Rail as they hold responsibility of the project and as we receive regular updates from stakeholders, all stakeholders, not just Inland Rail, I'm confident we'll be kept informed, and thank you very much.

Question Three – Our reference NB 86/2025

Will the Strathbogie Mayor and Councillors stand up and fight for the community to stop Inland Rail from closing the Frost Street pedestrian underpass which is going to reopen for 6 to 12 months so it should meet safety standards for all community to use.

So why not fight to have it stay open for the community for another 60 years for the community to use?

Response

Thank you for your question Neil.

The Frost Street Underpass will not be kept open. The decision is final. The Frost Street pedestrian underpass has been removed from the Inland Rail scope of works and construction and works have progressed in line with this decision. Council will continue to work with Inland Rail and the community through the Railway Precinct Master Plan to improve accessibility, navigation and connective around the railway precinct area.

Question Four – Our reference VW 87/2025 and 88/2025

Why on Page 172 of this agenda is it stated that the implications on the community will be minor when all communication to you from the Advocacy group, Petition, and further communications, shows that it will be a major imposition to the community of the Northwest. Have they not been heard?

Response

Thank you for your question Vanessa.

The report and the comment relate specifically to the Master Inland Rail Development Agreement which sets out the rules of engagement between Council and the rail agreement

and standards for design construction and hand back of Council assets. It is noted that the change of scope relating to the removal of the Frost Street Underpass will have a minor impact on some members of the community causing some individuals to transit further whilst others will have a more direct route to their destination.

I believe that whilst I acknowledge that some parts of the community are unhappy with the outcome, we have well and truly heard you and certainly the representatives from 883.

Question Five

Why, when we were told that all Councillors wanted to work with us as an Advocacy Group where we left out of the meeting with ECC and potentially other meetings about the proposed footpath on Charles Street Underpass.

Response

As I'm aware Council didn't attend the meeting. It was never our meeting. It was Inland Rail's meeting. That's correct. So that's why officers have been designing and costing a path connection along Frost street and pedestrian access under Charles Street to support safe pedestrian movement to and from Frost Street and the recreation reserve.

This was identified through the draft Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan consultation informed by the community sentiment to improve connectivity.

(Mayor - Sorry, I think Vanessa had something to say).

(Vanessa Williams - I got the minutes of the Chamber of Commerce meeting and it stated that Ollie McNulty was there discussing the Charles Street footpath).

(Mayor - It wasn't our meeting it was Inland Rails meeting so it wasn't up to us to invite you. What I've stated is he not staff of the shire. Well I've been told that Council weren't in attendance. So I'll have to clarify that and come back to you. Alright. Thank you).

Question Six – Our reference 89/2025 and 90/2025

How does Council ensure councillors receive complete and timely information before voting on major projects?

Response

Thank you for your question.

Council Officers brief Councillors by presentations and briefings, written and council reports. In addition to this, depending on the nature of the project, external representatives and subject matter experts may also present reports and information to Councillors.

Question Seven

What role is the Council playing in coordinating with federal representatives advocating for the reinstatement of the Frost Street Pedestrian Underpass?

Response

Thank you for the question.

There is no roles for Council to play. Council made a decision to support the removal of the Frost Street Underpass. This decision is final and will not be reinstated.

It is important to note that Council is advocating in its role for funding to improve connectivity and accessibility through projects outlined in the draft Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan and work collaboratively with all stakeholders.

Thank you Katie.

Question Eight – Our reference 91/2025 and 92/2025

How does Council justify its blatant disenfranchisement of the North West communities and failure to honour the promised inclusion of the North West community, particularly on matters of access and infrastructure that directly impact their safety, mobility, and connection?

Response

Thank you for your question John.

I disagree there has been blatant disenchantment of community, disenfranchisement sorry, or that we have not honoured inclusion to any community.

Council extends an invitation to all members of the community to participate and has always and continues to in the consultation and engagement at various levels depending on the matter in line with our community engagement policy regarding safety, mobility and connection.

Most recently Council invited the community to participate in the draft Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan consultation. Council received a number of submissions relating to safety, connectivity and accessibility and this will be reflected in the final precinct master plan. Further engagement will be incorporated as part of the detailed design associated with several projects that falls out of this master plan.

Council will also be engaging with the community on the consolidated paths, trails and footpaths Strategies in the next twelve months.

Question Nine

The impact of distance must be acknowledged. From the Frost Street underpass to and through the rail precinct and back to Mitre 10 return is 1km, which is 1000 metres. How can this be dismissed as a minor imposition? It significantly affects community access and inclusion.

Response

Thank you John for your question.

The Inland Rail works will leave the Euroa township with two compliant, accessible and safe pedestrian underpasses which we don't currently have.

This has a significantly positive long term and social impact for residents who may have previously been able to use safely. There placement as with any placement, and I acknowledge will have a positive impact for some with fewer metres to travel while others may be required to travel further to reach their destination.

Thank you for your questions.

Question Ten – Our reference 93/2025 and 94/2025

In light of significant community concerns, will the council consider an adjustment to its position with Inland Rail / ARTC on the reinstatement of the Frost Street Pedestrian Underpass into the Inland Rail Scope, if not, why? along with how you can explain this to the North West Community.

Response

Thank you for your question Colleen.

The Frost Street underpass has been removed from the Inland Rail scope of works and construction and works have progressed in line with this decision. This decision will not be reverted and is final. Council will work with Inland Rail and the community through the Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan to improve accessibility, navigation and connectivity around the railway precinct area.

Question Eleven

Is it prudent for councillors to consider item 11.3.2, the Inland Rail agreement, while questions raised by Senator McKenzie to the Inland Rail CEO remain unanswered from the Senate Estimates session on the 7th of October? Shouldn't the Council wait for full transparency before signing off?

Response

Thank you for your question.

The Senate Estimate session is a matter for Inland Rail and the relevant federal representative and federal government process. There is a significant process from Senate Estimates Committee through to any type of parliamentary inquiry, which I'm sure Senator McKenzie has briefed you on.

I would suggest if you want more information you contact directly through to Bridget.

Council continues as a stakeholder to work with Inland Rail to enable delivery of the Inland Rail project in as construction continues. The Master Inland Rail Development Agreement is an existing document Strathbogie Shire Council and Inland Rail. The report presented to Council in today's agenda is to provide an update on amendments to the agreement.

Thank you very much Colleen.

Question Twelve – Our reference 95/2025 and 96/2025

Will our Mayor update the community on progress with the million dollar truck wash at the sale yards?

Response

Thank you for your question Robin.

We're in the final stages of the procurement process to engage a contractor to undertake the necessary works. It is anticipated that the works will be completed mid December.

Question Thirteen

Robin's next quest relates to parking in Binney Street.

Observed a large number of U-turns to obtain parking on the wrong side of the street has council a plan to improve road safety in our shopping Centre?

Response

Thank you for your question. Illegal U-turns are obviously a matter for the Victoria Police. This concern and this intersection has been identified in the Euroa Railway Precinct Master Plan. Investigation is currently occurring through Council's Assets Team on an appropriate

intersection treatment to support the safe movement of vehicles, buses, pedestrians and cycles.

11 Officer Reports

11.1 Strategic and Statutory Planning

11.1.1 Planning Application P2025-060 - 5 Odea's Road Wahring

AUTHOR Manager Planning and Investment

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A planning permit application has been received for 5 O'Dea's Road Wahring. The purpose of this report is to provide a recommendation to Council to determine planning application P2025-060.

This is one application for:

- the use and development of the land for a gyroplane demonstration and training facility (hangar, airstrip)
- the use and development of the land for a dwelling
- the subdivision of the land into two lots that seeks to excise a small lot comprising the existing dwelling from the balance of the title.

The subject land is in the Farming Zone.

The application was advertised. Two (2) letters of support have been received to date.

Key issues to be considered relate to the impact of the proposal on the agricultural land, the genuine need for a dwelling and the subdivision of the land given the scale of agricultural use being proposed for the land and whether proposed agricultural use warrants a dwelling on site.

The application has been assessed against the Strathbogie Planning Scheme and is considered inappropriate. It is Officers' recommendation that a Notice of Decision to Refuse to Grant a Permit be issued.

The proposal is not in keeping with the purposes of the zone and is inconsistent with the objectives of State and Municipal planning policy. The information submitted with the application does not reasonably demonstrate the need for the subdivision and the new dwelling in particular.

MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall

SECONDED: Cr Clark Holloway

That Council resolves to issue a permit P2025-060 under the provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme in respect of the land known as 5 Odea's Road WAHRING 3608 (Lot 1 PS303906), for the Use and development of the land for a gyroplane demonstration and training facility (hangar, airstrip), use and development of the land for a dwelling and the subdivision of the land into two lots (dwelling excision) subject to the conditions below:

- 1. Before the use and development commences or the Certification of the Plan of Subdivision (whichever occurs first), amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible**

Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of this permit. The plan must show but not limited to:

- a) A report must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority setting out the dates by which various stages of the buildings and works will start and finish (the 'staging report'). The staging report must provide details for the works
- b) A Land Capability Assessment (LCA) in accordance with the EPA Guideline for Onsite Wastewater Management (May 2024) and Victorian Land Capability Assessment (LCA) Framework January 2014 to be carried out and compiled by a suitably qualified person as referenced in the Guideline. The LCA must include details of the treatment and management of wastewater. The Land Capability Assessment must provide the following additional details:
 - i. The size of existing septic tank(s) installed on Lot 2,
 - ii. Comments on the structural soundness of the septic tank(s) and any pumpwell,
 - iii. A description of the existing means of effluent disposal and its effectiveness,
 - iv. Verification indicated on a scaled site plan that the septic system is contained within the proposed new allotment boundaries,
 - v. Consideration of the requirement for a reserve effluent disposal area and the setback requirements of the EPA Guideline for Onsite Wastewater Management (May 2024).

All to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

2. The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. The subdivision as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
4. Before the development commences or the certification of the plan of subdivision (whichever occurs first), the owner/s of the lot must enter into an agreement with the Responsible Authority in accordance with Section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The agreement must provide for:
 - a) No further subdivision of the land.
 - b) Works to establish the agricultural infrastructure and gyroplane facility must be completed on the land, both to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, and both generally in accordance with the layout plans and the staging report endorsed as part of planning permit P2025-060.

The owner/s must pay all costs (including Council's costs) associated with the preparation, execution, registration and (if later sought) cancellation of the Section 173 Agreement.

5. The external cladding of the proposed buildings, including the roof, must be constructed of materials in good order and condition and be of muted colours to enhance the aesthetic amenity of the area. Material having a highly reflective surface must not be used.
6. Prior to the commencement of the use for the dwelling, the following must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority:

- a) Access to the dwelling must be provided via an all-weather road with dimensions adequate to accommodate emergency vehicles.
 - b) The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated potable water supply or have an alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for domestic use as well as for fire-fighting purposes.
 - c) The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.
7. External lighting must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent any adverse effect on adjoining land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 8. All security alarms or similar devices installed on the land must be of a silent type in accordance with any current standard published by Standards Australia International Limited and be connected to a security service.
 9. The activities on site must not cause unreasonable noise or aggravated noise that may unreasonably impact the local community including being responsible for any contractors or tradespeople hired, in accordance with Environment Protection Regulations under the *Environment Protection Act 2017*.
 10. The use and operation of the land for aviation purposes must be carried out at all times in accordance with all applicable Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) Advisory Circulars, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 11. The hours of operation for the gyroplane use hereby approved are –
 - Wednesday to Sunday: 8:00am to Sunset (No operation on public holidays)Unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
 12. The amenity of the area must not be detrimentally affected during the construction and through the ongoing uses, through the:
 - a) Appearance of any building, works or materials
 - b) Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land
 - 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, and;
 - e) Others as appropriate.to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Mandatory Conditions

13. The owner of the land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity and gas services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.
14. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for

certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.

- 15. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of the Act.**
- 16. Before the Statement of Compliance is issued under the Subdivision Act 1988, all planning conditions and all other requirements of the Responsible Authority and the relevant referral authorities must be completed or satisfactorily provided for, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and the relevant referral authorities.**

Engineering

- 17. Prior to the issue of Statement of Compliance for the subdivision or commencement of the uses hereby approved (whichever occurs first), Lot 1 and Lot 2 must have a vehicular crossing constructed to the council's Infrastructure Design Manual standard drawing SD255, and must:**
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 - d) A works within Road Reserves permit must be obtained from the Responsible Authority prior to carrying out any vehicle crossing works.**
- 18. Prior to the commencement of the use of gyroplane facility all internal access to the training facility must be constructed, formed and drained to avoid erosion and to minimise disturbance to natural topography of the land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Internal access, including the turn-around areas for emergency vehicles, must be all weather construction with a minimum trafficable width of 4m.**
- 19. All stormwater and surface water discharging from the site, buildings and works must be conveyed to the legal point of discharge drains to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority/Goulburn Murray Water or dissipated within the site boundaries. No effluent or polluted water of any type may be allowed to enter the stormwater drainage system.**
- 20. No polluted and/or sediment laden run-off is to be discharged directly or indirectly into drains or watercourses. Soil erosion control measures must be employed throughout the works to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**

Environmental Health

- 21. The wastewater disposal area must be kept free of stock, horses, buildings, driveways and service trenching and must be planted with appropriate vegetation to maximise its performance. Stormwater must be diverted away.**
- 22. Prior to the issue of the Statement of Compliance for the Subdivision, the owner of Lot 1 and Lot 2 must ensure that the wastewater and effluent disposal area must be**

retained within the proposed boundaries of each lot to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

23. Prior to the commencement of works for a new dwelling on Lot 1, the owner shall lodge with the Council an Application for a Permit to Install an Onsite Wastewater Management System. The application shall be in accordance with the Environment Protection Regulations 2021, the EPA Guideline for Onsite Wastewater Management, May 2024.

Expiry of Permit

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- e) A statement of compliance is not issued within 5 years of the date of certification.

The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within 6 months afterwards if the development has not commenced, or 12 months after if the development has commenced but is not yet completed.

Permit notes

- Future owners of the land must be made aware of the existence of this permit.

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An amendment was then put.

MOVED: Cr Greg Carlson

SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks

That Council resolves to issue a permit P2025-060 under the provisions of the Strathbogie Planning Scheme in respect of the land known as 5 Odea's Road WAHRING 3608 (Lot 1 PS303906), for the Use and development of the land for a gyroplane demonstration and training facility (hangar, airstrip), use and development of the land for a dwelling and the subdivision of the land into two lots (dwelling excision) subject to the conditions below:

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All to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

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The owner/s must pay all costs (including Council's costs) associated with the preparation, execution, registration and (if later sought) cancellation of the Section 173 Agreement.

- 5. The external cladding of the proposed buildings, including the roof, must be constructed of materials in good order and condition and be of muted colours to enhance the aesthetic amenity of the area. Material having a highly reflective surface must not be used.
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7. External lighting must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent any adverse effect on adjoining land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 8. All security alarms or similar devices installed on the land must be of a silent type in accordance with any current standard published by Standards Australia International Limited and be connected to a security service.
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Mandatory Conditions

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Permit notes

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AMENDMENT LOST

Council then reconsidered the original motion

MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall

SECONDED: Cr Clark Holloway

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Permit notes

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DIVISION

FOR

**Cr Holloway
Cr Halsall
Cr Jeffery
Cr Carlson
Cr Ewart-Kennedy**

AGAINST

**Cr Stevens
Cr Binks**

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CARRIED

11.2 Community

11.2.1 Australia Day - Consultation Outcomes

AUTHOR Manager Community and Culture

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Australia Day (January 26) is a federally recognised public holiday.

At the Council meeting held on 15 April 2025 Council passed a seven-part resolution authorising targeted and broad community engagement on Councils future support for events held on Australia Day.

In response to this, Council has engaged with key stakeholders and the community to better understand the role of Council in supporting community events held on Australia Day, the impact and significance of this day has on First Nations people and the impact and significance of this day for those who hold events.

Council also engaged with the community via two polls, an opt in community poll, and a randomised phone poll.

Overall, the results of both polls and this engagement, demonstrate that the majority of respondents, and stakeholders strongly support Council's participation in Australia Day events.

This report provides Council with the outcomes of this engagement and provides a recommendation to Council regarding future support of community events held on Australia Day.

MOVED: Cr Clark Holloway

SECONDED: Cr Vicki Halsall

That Council:

- 1. Note that a community engagement process was undertaken via an Opt In Community Poll and Randomised Phone Poll, with three questions regarding Australia Day:**
 - (a) Community opinion regarding Strathbogie Shire Council providing support to local community groups for events that acknowledge or celebrate Australia Day, and**
 - (b) Community opinion regarding Councillors and Council staff participating in an official capacity in community events that acknowledge or celebrate Australia Day, and**
 - (c) Any other comments community members wished to share on Council's involvement in Australia Day events.**
- 2. Note the detailed results of the polls in (1) above are presented in the Australia Day Involvement Poll Engagement Report October 2025 and show overall a clear majority of community support for Council's involvement in Australia Day events.**

3. **Acknowledge and thank all of the community members who participated in the Opt In Community Poll and Randomised Phone Poll for their time and thoughtful comments.**
4. **Acknowledge and thank the representatives from Taungurung Land and Waters Council and Australia Day committees for presenting to Council regarding Council's support for Australia Day events.**
5. **Note that an invitation was provided to Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation to meet with Council, and this will occur at a future date.**
6. **Note that eligible organisations and groups can apply for funding through Council's community grants program, under the existing guidelines, for events that celebrate or acknowledge Australia Day, with previous barriers to grants for events that celebrate or acknowledge Australia Day having been removed from latest revision of said guidelines.**
7. **Note that a significant portion of the community have communicated to Council that they take issue with the date of 26 January being chosen for the gazetted Federal public holiday of Australia Day.**
8. **Confirm that all provisions of this motion refer to the gazetted Federal public holiday rather than the date of 26 January specifically and should in no way be construed as affirming or disaffirming the appropriateness of the date of 26 January for the celebration of Australia Day.**
9. **Support community events held on Australia Day.**

DIVISION**FOR**

**Cr Ewart-Kennedy
Cr Jeffery
Cr Carlson
Cr Halsall
Cr Holloway
Cr Stevens**

AGAINST

Cr Binks

24/25-160

CARRIED

11.2.2 Strategic Partnership Funding Agreement Request: Victorian Wine Show Incorporated

AUTHOR Director Community and Planning

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Community and Planning

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has received a request from the Victorian Wine Show Incorporated, a not-profit organisation, to enter into a strategic partnership funding agreement to support the delivery of the 2025 Victorian Wine Show, recognising the significance of the event in promoting the destination brand of Strathbogie Shire and the economic uplift associated with hosting this Statewide event in the municipality.

This report outlines the terms and conditions of a draft Strategic Partnership Funding Agreement between Strathbogie Shire Council ("Council") and the Victorian Wine Show Incorporated and provides a recommendation to Council for consideration.

MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall

SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor amendments to the draft Strategic Partnership Funding Agreement and to execute the Strategic Partnership Funding Agreement with the Victorian Wine Show Incorporated for a period of one year, to support the delivery of the Victorian Wine Show 2025 to be held in Nagambie, to the value of \$1,500 excluding GST.

24/25-161

CARRIED

11.2.3 Variations and Grants Awarded Under Delegation September 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 September to 30 September 2025.

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

MOVED: Cr Scott Jeffery
SECONDED: Cr Fiona Stevens

That Council:

1. **Note that there were three event grants and two quick response grants awarded to the total value of \$14,000 by the Chief Executive Officer between 1 September to 30 September 2025.**

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CARRIED

11.3 Infrastructure

11.3.1 Road Management Plan

AUTHOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council prepared a draft Road Management Plan 2025 which was endorsed by Council for public exhibition at its July meeting. The draft Road Management Plan report was made available for community feedback purposes.

The Road Management Plan outlines our responsibilities in managing and maintaining roads across the municipality. It also describes the management system established by Council to carry out its duty under the *Road Management Act 2004* (Vic) to inspect, maintain and repair public roads and roads assets for which it is responsible.

The *Road Management Act 2004* mandates that the Road Management Plan must be reviewed every four years in line with Council elections and the Council Plan.

In summary, the changes from the Last Road Management Plan (2021) are:

- Content and layout moved to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) standard template for rural Councils
- Clarification around assets which we inspect and maintain
- Maps outlining which pathways are covered by the plan
- A review of inspection times and response times across all road and road related infrastructure assets

A more detailed summary of all the changes can be found within the Road Management Plan.

The Road Management Plan 2025 was exhibited for public consultation, in line with the requirements set out in the *Road Management Act 2004* and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Council received six submissions through this process however the issues raised did not relate to the matters covered by the plan. In summary:

- One relates to the poor condition of a specific boundary road with Mansfield Shire and is effectively seeking to have it added to the Road Register to be maintained by Council,
- One is seeking improved maintenance methods to a floodway in Leos Road
- One relates to road grading and drain clearing methods employed by Council.
- One is seeking a speed change on a specific road, banning of airbrakes and improved litter management
- Two requested a specific boundary road with the Rural City of Benalla be added to the Public Road Register

Each submitter had the opportunity to request a formal hearing of their submission. Three of the submitters took this opportunity and presented to Council on 7 October 2025.

The two submissions seeking the addition of a specific boundary road with Rural City of Benalla to the Public Road Register and the one seeking the same with a boundary road with Mansfield Shire will be subject to a separate report to Council. The remaining submissions relate to operational matters for review and action by the Director Sustainable Infrastructure as required.

As a result of the submission process there were no changes to the draft Road Management Plan.

MOVED: Cr Gregory Carlson
SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks

That Council:

- 1. Having considered the submissions received in response to advertising of the Draft Road Management Plan, adopt the Draft Road Management Plan 2025 (and associated appendices) without amendment, in accordance with the requirements of Division 5 of the *Road Management Act 2004***
- 2. Adopt the Road Management Plan Review Report as set out in part 3 of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2005-part 3 Division 1 – Review of Road Management Plan**
- 3. Publish a Notice of the amendment of the Road Management Plan in the Government Gazette and local newspapers stating the following as required by section 55 of the *Road Management Act 2004***
 - a. The Road Management Plan has been amended**
 - b. That the Road Management Plan may be inspected or obtained from the Strathbogie Shire Service Centres or downloaded from Council's website**
- 4. Distribute copies of the adopted Road Management Plan (and associated appendices) to all Council Service Centres and to publish the Road Management Plan, appendices and Road Management Plan Review Report on Council's website**
- 5. Note the requests to add two boundary roads to the Strathbogie Shire Road Register and that a further report will be presented to Council in relation to these requests at a future Council meeting**
- 6. Note the remaining submissions relate to operational matters that are not within the scope of the Road Management Plan and that the Director of Sustainable Infrastructure has contacted each of the submitters to respond to the matters raised.**

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CARRIED

11.3.2 Master Inland Rail Development Agreement

AUTHOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Commonwealth Government's Inland Rail Project has a clear aim of getting more freight on rail. To support this vision in Victoria as part of the Tottenham to Albury project, work will be undertaken along the existing rail corridor throughout North East Victoria. More specifically in Euroa, there is not adequate clearance under the Anderson Street Bridge and new infrastructure will be required to safely allow for double-stacked carriage trains.

The Master Inland Rail Development Agreement (MIRDA) sets out the rules of engagement between Strathbogie Shire Council and Inland Rail in order to successfully deliver the Inland Rail Program, covering (but not limited to) the identification of assets impacted, returned works and standards to be used for the design, construction and hand back of Council assets. This agreement is specifically between Inland Rail and Strathbogie Shire Council. Similar agreements are in place with other local government authorities where the Inland Rail Project is occurring.

Council first considered the draft MIRDA agreement in February 2024 where it requested clarification on some elements of the agreement. Council considered the MIRDA agreement further in August 2024, following an extensive revision process including an independent legal review. As part of the resolution in February Council resolved to:

“Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to subsequently execute any documents that are necessary to give effect to the Agreement, including any Further or Supplementary Agreements recording amendments to the Agreement that are minor in character”

At the meeting in August 2024 Council was provided with an update on the MIRDA Agreement and Council resolved:

“That Council note the execution of the Master Inland Rail Development Agreement by the Chief Executive Officer as authorised by Council”

Some variations have been made to the scope of the project since this time which require consideration by Council, and changes to the MIRDA. These include:

- Brock Street and Scott Street, Euroa Footpath variations – prepared, awaiting Council execution
- Frost Street, Euroa Pedestrian Underpass Closure – prepared, awaiting execution
- Deed Poll (Schedule 6) – prepared, awaiting execution; binds John Holland and successors to MIRDA obligations.
- Future Land Tenure and ownership

Council resolved at the June 2025 meeting to remove the renewal and upgrade of Frost Street Euroa underpass from the scope of the Inland Rail Project and to accept a contribution of \$350,000 from Inland Rail into Councils Capital Works program for allocation to future identified projects.

Execution of these documents is required to update the MIRDA and safeguard Council's legal, financial, and governance position.

In addition to the above, Inland Rail has worked with Council, VicTrack, DTP, ARTC and V/Line to finalise draft land tenure arrangements at Euroa. These are detailed in the Euroa Land Use Change Register and the supporting land tenure plans. The documents clarify:

- Council freehold and Crown land parcels that remain under Council ownership or Committee of Management.
- Adjustments to VicTrack lease boundaries within the rail corridor.
- Parcels of Council land to be permanently acquired by the project, with costs to be met by Inland Rail.
- Realignment of VicTrack boundaries to reflect the final occupation of the rail corridor.
- Private lease adjustments (such as Nutrien interface parcels).

Acceptance of these tenure changes provides certainty over long-term land ownership and management responsibilities, ensuring Council is not left with unfunded or unclear liabilities once the project is complete.

MOVED: Cr Scott Jeffery

SECONDED: Cr Gregory Carlson

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the amendments to the Master Inland Rail Development Agreement taking into consideration the Brock Street Variation, Scott Street Variation, Frost Street Pedestrian Underpass Closure, and the Deed Poll (Schedule 6)
2. Approve in principle the land tenure changes outlined in the Euroa Land Use Change Register and supporting land tenure plans, noting that parcels to be acquired by Inland Rail will be fully funded by the project, VicTrack boundaries will be adjusted, and Council's freehold and Crown land responsibilities will be confirmed
3. Approve the allocation of the \$350,000 contribution received from Inland Rail towards Council's Capital Works Program for inclusion in projects that relate to the Railway Precinct Masterplan and improved connectivity across the rail corridor.
4. Note that the allocation of this funding to specific projects will be managed through Council's Capital Works Program.
5. Note that future reports will be presented to Council in relation to the sale and transfer of land ownership in accordance with the *Local Government Acts 1989 and 2020*.

DIVISION

FOR

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

AGAINST

**Cr Holloway
Cr Halsall**

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CARRIED

11.3.3 Significant Tree Policy

AUTHOR Coordinator Waste and Environment

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Council endorse the Significant Tree Policy which establishes a framework for identifying and protecting trees of environmental, cultural, and community significance on Council-managed land.

The Policy is designed to be innovative yet practical, keeping within existing resources and minimising additional costs to Council. By focusing on Council-owned land and integrating the Significant Tree Register into existing processes, the Policy ensures strong environmental outcomes while remaining straightforward and cost-effective to implement. Importantly, it also provides a foundation that can be expanded in the future should greater community demand or priorities emerge.

MOVED: Cr Fiona Stevens
SECONDED: Cr Laura Binks

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Significant Tree Policy as attached to this report**
- 2. Note that the Significant Tree Policy will be available for public information on Council's website.**

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CARRIED

11.3.4 Future Firewood Program

AUTHOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director Sustainable Infrastructure

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines options to address community request for affordable firewood following Council's decision in 2023 to stop issuing Fallen Timber Permits, based on advice from the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) regarding safety, insurance and environmental/biodiversity impacts. Since then, residents have relied on State forest free firewood collection sites which are not always accessible for all community members.

Following the resolution from the May 2025 Council meeting relating to firewood collection, three options have been considered in response to this resolution:

- continue to leverage existing alternatives
- recommence a permit system; or
- provide free firewood directly to at-risk residents.

Following a detailed analysis of each of these three options, it is recommended that Council commence a procurement process to identify local firewood providers to form a panel of suppliers, to support the provision of firewood to at risk community members for the period from May 2026 – September 2026 on a one-year trial basis. A further report will be provided to Council at the end of this period to assess the success of this program.

MOVED: Cr Clark Holloway
SECONDED: Cr Vicki Halsall

That Council:

1. **Note that a Strategic Risk in relation to firewood, as included in the urgent business resolution at the May 2025 Council meeting has been included on Council's updated Strategic Risk Register.**
2. **Note that Council Officers will manage and pursue avenues of mitigating risks associated with firewood**
3. **Receive a report from Council Officers no later than February 2026 discussing all risks associated with firewood, including but not limited to risks to the community (both with and without roadside collection), reputational risk to Council, legislative risks, and liability risks.**

DIVISION

FOR

Cr Jeffery
 Cr Halsall
 Cr Holloway
 Cr Stevens
 Cr Ewart-Kennedy

AGAINST

Cr Binks
 Cr Carlson

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CARRIED

11.4 Corporate

11.4.1 Draft Customer Service Charter

AUTHOR Customer Service Coordinator

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Providing high quality customer service is fundamental to building trust, transparency, and satisfaction between Council and the community it serves. As the primary point of contact for many residents, businesses, and stakeholders, our customer service approach reflects the values, professionalism, and responsiveness of our organisation.

The current Customer Service Charter was developed in 2019 and is due for review. Work has been undertaken to develop a draft Customer Service Charter based on feedback received from recent community engagement (through the key strategic document development), benchmarking with other councils, community satisfaction survey results and internal department engagement.

A contemporary, customer-focus Charter will provide clearer expectations, foster accountability, and ensure that all Council staff are empowered to deliver services that are inclusive, accessible, and of a consistent high standard.

MOVED: Cr Clark Holloway
SECONDED: Cr Fiona Stevens

That Council:

- 1. Note the draft Customer Service Charter**
- 2. Endorse the draft Customer Service Charter for public exhibition and consultation from 27 October 2025 to 24 November 2025**
- 3. Note that Officers will produce a report to Council on the community consultation feedback and completed Customer Service Charter for final adoption at a future council meeting.**

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CARRIED

11.4.2 Record of Informal Meeting of Councillors September 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 September 2025 to 30 September 2025 were included in the report.

MOVED: Cr Vicki Halsall
SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery

That Council:

- 1. Note the Record of Informal Meetings of Councillors from 1 September 2025 to 30 September 2025**
- 2. Note that at the Emergency Meeting held on 23 September 2025, Councillor Stevens was an apology and Councillor Halsall was present at the meeting.**

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CARRIED

11.5 Communications, Engagement and Advocacy

11.5.1 2024-2025 Annual Report

AUTHOR Governance Officer

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR Director People and Governance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's annual report is a key document that demonstrates the ongoing financial and governance performance of the council and must be prepared each year as per section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

The Annual Report describes the organisation's performance over the 2024-25 financial year in accordance with the requirements of the Act and the *Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004*.

MOVED: Cr Laura Binks
SECONDED: Cr Scott Jeffery

That Council:

That Council adopt the Strathbogie Shire Council Annual Report 2024-25 for the financial year ended 30 June 2025, including the 2024-25 Financial Report and Performance Statement, as certified by the Victorian Auditor General.

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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 is the Statutory Meeting to be held on 18 November 2025 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 10:00 am.

The next monthly meeting of the Strathbogie Shire Council is to be held on 18 November 2025 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 4:00 pm.

17 Closure of Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6:40pm.

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

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Chair

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Date