

Minutes

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Offices
62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta

Date: Tuesday, 21 July 2015

Time: 6.00pm



RURAL CITY OF
WANGARATTA

Brendan McGrath
Chief Executive Officer

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1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, we humbly ask thee to bless and guide this council in its deliberations so that we may truly preserve the welfare of the people whom we serve. Amen

3. **PRESENT**

Administrators:

Mrs Alisa Fox, Chair, Ms Irene Grant, Mr Rod Roscholler

Officers:

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer; Ruth Kneebone, Director Corporate Services; Alan Clark, Director Infrastructure Services; Jaime Carroll, Director Community Wellbeing; Barry Green, Director Development Services

4. **ABSENT**

Administrators:

Officers:

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator R Roscholler /Administrator I Grant)

That Chair Administrator, Ailsa Fox be granted leave of absence for the period Sunday 9 August 2015 to Monday 31 August 2015.

Carried

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. **VALE HARRY EDWARD KILMINSTER**

Mr Jim Lewis presented a tribute to Mr Harry Kilminster in recognition of his years as the Wangaratta Council's Civil Engineer from 1978 to 1988 and of his continued interest in Council affairs.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Administrator R Roscholler)

That Council read and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 16 June 2015 and the Special Meeting of 6 July 2015 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings.

Carried

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors are required to disclose a '*conflict of interest*' in a decision if they would receive, or could reasonably be perceived as receiving, a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

9. RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

10. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

11. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Nil

OFFICERS' REPORTS

12. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil

13. CORPORATE SERVICES

Nil

14. COMMUNITY WELLBEING**14.1 APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH COUNCIL 2015/16**

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 July 2015
Author: Youth Development Officer
File Name: Youth Council
File No: 10.020.010

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to seek endorsement of the selected nominees for membership on the Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Council 2015-16.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator R Roscholler/Administrator I Grant)

That Council endorse the following young people to represent their peers in the 2015/16 Youth Council program:

Darby Fullerton	Wangaratta High School
Jasmine Kinderis	Wangaratta High School
Ashlee Fitzpatrick	Wangaratta High School
Kimmie Lee Pender	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
Sarah Sherwill	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
Marcel Tonini	Galen Catholic College
Kristen Chapman	Wangaratta District Specialist School
Jai Crispin	Galen Catholic College
Jessica Lewis	Galen Catholic College
Juliette Howard	Galen Catholic College
Leah Anderson-Byrne	Wangaratta High School
Eloise Lane	Wangaratta High School

Carried

Background

Nominations were recently invited for membership of the Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Council for the 2015/16 term. Nominations were sought from local secondary schools including: Wangaratta High School, Galen Catholic College, Cathedral College, Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership, and Wangaratta District Specialist School. Nominations were also sought from local youth service providers.

Nominations for Youth Council were advertised in The Chronicle on 15 May and 22 May 2015. There was also public advertisement online at Rural City of Wangaratta's website and Facebook social media site.

There were thirteen nominations initially received, with one nomination being voluntarily withdrawn.

All nominees were required to submit a nomination form and attend an interview. At each interview, the candidate was scored against set criteria (refer attachment). Consideration was also given to the candidates' suitability, availability and the potential attributes that they would bring to Youth Council. Three panel members were in attendance at each of the interviews including:

- Leonie Painter, Acting Community Services Manager
- Laura McKenna, Youth Development Officer
- Ella Thomas, Youth Mayor
- Corinne Antonoff, Deputy Youth Mayor

Following the interviews, each nominee was required to provide a referee. Referee checks were completed by Council's Youth Development Officer.

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific policy implications identified for the subject of this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

Council has allocated funds to operate the Youth Council program.

Legal/Statutory

There are no legal/statutory implications identified for the subject of this report.

Social

The Youth Council provides a voice for young people to Council and the community. Many activities and events undertaken by Youth Council engage young people who otherwise may not have the opportunity to do so.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts identified for this subject of this report.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Healthy.

We will research and advocate:

in partnership with the right people to make sure that everyone feels safe in their homes, in their streets and in their communities.

We will create and deliver:

exceptional services and programs that help our families and children to be healthy, happy and connected.

We will focus on our business:

by ensuring that we have the processes in place to support our community groups and committees to be viable and sustainable.

The non-negotiables

We consult and engage effectively with the community and provide information that is clear, accessible and easy to understand about local decision making.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

Work with young people to further develop activities for youth.

b) Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017

Continue to actively participate in networks and partnerships to increase and improve young people's access to community life.

Options for Consideration

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Conclusion

Through the Youth Council program, young people are given opportunities to:

- Represent their peers
- Become involved in community activities
- Gain a wider understanding of community issues
- Advocate for youth projects and programs
- Enhance their leadership skills.

Attachments

- 1 Youth Council 2015-16 Interview Questions

Gallery Questions

Nil.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 NAMING OF THE PARK AREA AT BATCHELORS GREEN

Meeting Type:	Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	21 July 2015
Author:	Executive Assistant - Infrastructure Services
File Name:	Place/Road Naming
File No:	73.020.014

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to provide details on any feedback received during the advertising of the naming proposal from the Wangaratta Lions Club to have the park area at Batchelors Green named as “Wangaratta Lions Park – Batchelors Green”. The naming proposal was first presented to the April Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Administrator R Roscholler)

That Council:

- 1. Approve the naming of the park area at Batchelors Green as “Wangaratta Lions Park – Batchelors Green” in recognition of the Lions Club’s long-term commitment to the park and***
- 2. Advise the Geographic Names Registrar of Council’s decision and seek their approval and gazettal of the proposal.***

Carried

Background

Council’s Place Naming Committee received an application from the Wangaratta Lions Club to name the park area at Batchelors Green as “Wangaratta Lions Park – Batchelors Green”, in recognition of the club’s commitment to the park dating back to 1989. (Refer location map attached).

Details of the activities undertaken by the Wangaratta Lions Club at Batchelors Green were provided in a report to Council’s ordinary meeting held on 21 April 2015.

Council resolved as follows:

“That Council advertise its intention to name the park area at Batchelors Green as “Wangaratta Lions Park – Batchelors Green”.”

Implications

Policy Considerations

The proposal is in keeping with Council’s Place Naming Policy Clause 1. *“Historical names with local association (including Aboriginal/Koori names) should be used where possible to assign place names”* and Principle 2(A) of the Guidelines for Geographic Names 2010.

Financial Implications

Signage at the location will need to be updated to show the gazetted name of the park.

Legal/Statutory

An application for the registration of this name shall be made to be placed on the Register of Geographic Names in accordance with the *Geographic Place Names Act 1998*.

Social

There are no social impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/ sustainability impacts identified for this subject of this report.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts identified for the subject of this report.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

that focus on creating sustainable and quality recreation reserves throughout our municipality.

The non-negotiables

Everyone can access a range of recreation facilities and programs that encourage an active and healthy lifestyle.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

Consultation/Communication

The proposal was advertised in the Wangaratta Chronicle and Council's website for 28 days, closing on Friday 29 May 2015.

Feedback was also sought from referral authorities including emergency services. No objections were received on the proposal during the advertising period.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Conclusion

Council's Place Naming Committee supports the naming proposal as it is deemed appropriate recognition of the efforts of the Wangaratta Lions Club to the park area while retaining the location of Batchelors Green.

As no objections were received during the advertising period it is recommended that Council approve the naming of the park area at Batchelors Green as "Wangaratta Lions Park – Batchelors Green".

Attachments

- 1 Wangaratta Lions Park location map

Gallery Questions

Nil.

16. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

16.1 DRAFT RURAL STRATEGY 2015

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 July 2015
Author: Principal Statutory Planner
File Name: Rural Strategy
File No: 73.010.027

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to:

- Provide a background to the preparation of the Draft Rural Strategy 2015 (DRS 2015)
- Provide an outline of the findings and recommendations of the DRS 2015
- Provide a summary of the next steps in the process required to finalise the Strategy
- Seek Council's endorsement of the DRS 2015 for public exhibition.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Chair Administrator A Fox/Administrator R Roscholler)

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the Draft Rural Strategy 2015 for public exhibition***
- 2. Review feedback on the draft documents following a public consultation period of no less than 6 weeks following Council's decision to place the document on exhibition***
- 3. Prepare a final Rural Strategy and Report for Council's consideration based on the consideration of submissions received.***

Carried

Background

Council adopted its 'Rural Land Strategy 2012' (RLS 2012) at its meeting on the 26 June 2012, after a two month period of public consultation.

The RLS 2012 incorporated a total of 25 recommendations grouped within 13 key areas specifically designed to address known rural land issues at the time.

These recommendations considered community feedback from Version 1 and required implementation largely through the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

Following election of a new Council in November 2012, a motion was passed that resolved to:

“Take no further action with the adopted Rural Land Strategy (2012) pending a review of its contents”

In addition to Councils requirement to review the contents of the RLS 2012, this current review known as the Draft Rural Strategy 2015 (DRS 2015), has taken into account recent changes by the State Government to the Victorian Planning Provisions, which were introduced into all planning schemes through Amendment VC103.

This Amendment was gazetted on 5 September 2013 and incorporated changes to the Rural Zones and State Planning Policy, in particular State Policy at Clause 11 and 16 in support of the Reformed Rural Zones. These reforms also incorporated changes to the provisions and policy concerning the areas of Native Vegetation and Bushfire.

This DRS 2015 has considered the above changes as well as trends in rural business operations to adequately address their impact on the rural landscape of Wangaratta.

Purpose of the DRS 2015

The purpose of the DRS 2015 is to achieve the following:

- Protection of agricultural land
- Protection of key rural landscapes
- Minimise land use conflicts
- Provide opportunities for regional growth and development
- Create appropriate opportunities for rural living
- Provide a framework for decision making on rural land use issues

This Review has been developed in the context of the Victorian Planning Provisions taking account of broader issues and strategies that may impact on future rural land use and development in the municipality.

Process:

The chart below outlines the basic steps in the process of the Strategy, including development, community engagement, formalisation, adoption and finally implementation.

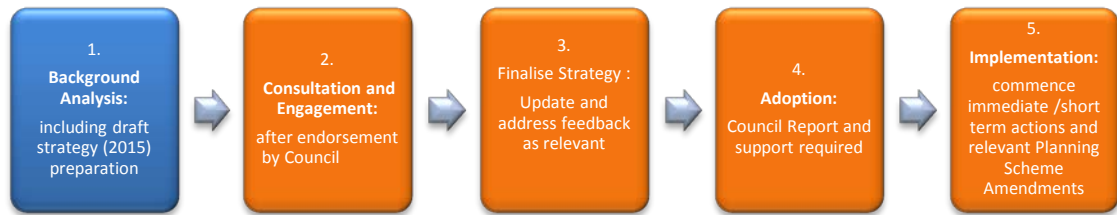


Figure 1: Strategy Implementation Process

The blue box indicates the steps that have been undertaken to date and the orange boxes indicate the steps still required to finalise the Strategy.

This report is before Council recommending endorsement of the Strategy for the purpose of progressing to Step 2, which involves public consultation.

At this stage the DRS 2015 has been developed with no formal community consultation, however feedback obtained from Council's previous Rural Land Strategies has been considered as well as targeted consultation with Council's Agricultural and Agri-Business Advisory Committee and Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee.

Methodology:

The process undertaken to develop the DRS 2015, is outlined in Section 1.3 of the Strategy, which includes a flow diagram.

This process included a complete review of the contents and recommendations of Council's adopted RLS 2012, including a review of the community feedback received during public exhibition of this document.

The analysis of the adopted Strategy has been undertaken in the context of the recent State Government changes, including those to planning policy and the Rural Zones as previously discussed within this report.

All outcomes and recommendations of the new DRS 2015 have been balanced and tested against Council's corporate values.

Strategy Recommendations:

The Strategy incorporated a review of Council's adopted RLS 2012, which had a total of 25 recommendations listed under 13 subject headings. All of these recommendations have been reviewed in the light of State Government changes, including changes to the Rural Zones.

The comprehensive analysis of each of the existing recommendations is contained in Appendix 1 to the DRS 2015. Where relevant, any adopted recommendations to be retained or amended are listed under the heading of Recommendation 1 of the DRS 2015.

In addition to reviewing the existing recommendations, the DRS 2015 document makes six new recommendations, creating a total of seven recommendation areas, which are fully discussed within the Strategy.

In summary, the DRS 2015 recommends the following key changes and policy directions:

Zoning:

- Retain Farming Zone as the predominant zone across the rural landscape.
- Retain 40ha as the minimum lot size for an ‘as-of-right’ dwelling in the Farming Zone.
- Retain 40ha as the minimum lot size for subdivision within the Farming Zone.

- Introduce the Rural Activity Zone in selected areas around the township of Milawa.
- Re-zone selected areas not used primarily for agriculture and of high conservation value to Rural Conservation Zone.
- Re-zone selected areas around existing townships to Rural Living Zone in line with the Township Development Plans.
- Re-zone Crown land that is incorrectly zoned Farming Zone and Rural Conservation Zone to Public Conservation and Resource Zone.

Overlays:

- Apply the Significant Landscape Overlays to selected areas of the King Valley and Glenrowan Gap.
- Extend the application of the Vegetation Protection Overlay across newly classified “High Conservation” roadsides and remove the Vegetation Protection Overlay from downgraded roadsides (High to Medium).
- Introduce exemptions to the Vegetation Protection Overlay to allow landholders to trim and lop vegetation for maintenance of fence lines and driveways without requiring a planning permit.

Planning Policy:

- Introduce two new Local Planning Policies to guide decision-making for
 - Tourism
 - Industry, Warehousing, Trade Supplies and Intensive Animal Husbandry

- Revise existing Local Planning Policy to guide decision-making for
 - Subdivisions in Rural Areas
 - Dwellings in Rural Areas.
 - Rural Industry

Township Development Plan:

- Prepare a Township Development Plan for Moyhu to provide a strategic vision for the future development of this town.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The adopted RLS 2012 was required to be reviewed, following Council's resolution in November 2012. This Strategy constitutes the review of the RLS 2012.

The DRS 2015 also considers State Government changes to policy and the Victorian Planning Provisions, including Rural Zones, since Council's adoption of its RLS 2012, and makes recommendations as to their relevance and application within the rural landscape of Wangaratta.

Financial Implications

An initial review of the adopted Strategy was prepared by an independent third party, subsequently the DRS 2015 was completed by Council personnel. There will be on-going costs associated with the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Strategy which will require amendments to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

Legal/Statutory

The adoption of this Strategy will lead to further strategic planning work, including future amendments to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme. The content of these planning scheme amendments will depend upon the final adopted Rural Strategy 2015, but may include the introduction of new local policies, the application of new overlays and selective re-zoning of land.

Social

The DRS 2015 has been developed to guide the future of rural land use planning within the Municipality, including supporting the growth of rural townships.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The DRS 2015 seeks to support the protection of the rural environment and incorporates recommendations from Council's adopted Roadside Management Strategy, which recommends protection of valuable vegetation where appropriate through the planning scheme.

Economic Impacts

Agriculture and tourism are the key drivers within the economy of Wangaratta and the region. The DRS 2015 recognises their importance and seeks to protect and grow these industries, through supportive planning provisions.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

We will research and advocate:

to advance regional agricultural opportunities.

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

by updating the Planning Scheme and the Municipal Strategic Statement by developing new and reviewing existing strategies, including Rural Land Use.

The non-negotiables

Residential, rural, commercial and industrial land that is appropriately protected, planned and developed to meet the long-term needs of the community.

Strategic Links**a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision**

The Strategy is consistent with Council's 2030 Community Vision which outlined the following vision for Rural Land and Townships.

“In 2030 the Rural City of Wangaratta maintains a sustainable balance between urban and rural environments; each benefiting from the other. The rural townships have grown in size to meet service and infrastructure needs. The growth in population across rural townships has been instrumental in reviving these communities... The high-value and productive rural agricultural land in the Rural City of Wangaratta has been strongly preserved for agricultural activities. This has maintained the rural feel of the area and ensured that agriculture continues to form a key element of the local economy.”

Risk Management

The risk for this current Review Strategy is that the community may object to some or all of the revised and new recommendations. It is considered that this risk must be addressed and that the vision, purpose and recommendations of the Strategy must be clearly communicated during the public consultation phase.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	We will keep you informed.	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions. Selected mailouts, Drop-in sessions.
Consult	We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. We will seek your feedback on drafts and proposals.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.
Involve	We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
	on how public input influenced the decision	understood and considered.
Collaborate	N/A	N/A
Empower	N/A	N/A

Public and agency input will be sought to inform the final DRS 2015.

Specific communications and consultation already undertaken, includes:

- Input provided by the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee and Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee;
- Offer made to the local branch of the Victorian Farmers Federation to provide a presentation on the Rural Strategy 2015 (TBC);
- Letters sent to residents who are directly affected by proposals within the Rural Strategy 2015 and previous submitters to the Rural Land Strategy (2012).

Proposed future communications and consultation includes:

- Advertising in the Wangaratta Chronicle on Friday 24 and Friday 31 July 2015;
- Dedicated web page developed for further information;
- Social media notifications on Facebook and Twitter on how to access further information and to make a submission;
- Public Drop in Sessions - There would be no formal presentation at these sessions, but Council Officers would be available to discuss the Strategy and answer questions. Details about the sessions are as follows:

Venue	Date	Times
Springhurst Town Hall 111 Anzac Road Springhurst	Tuesday 4 August 2015	11.00am - 2.00 pm 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Oxley Town Hall 1157 Green Street Oxley (Snow Road)	Thursday 6 August 2015	11.00am - 2.00 pm 5.00pm - 8.00pm

Feedback from Council's previous Strategies has been considered along with internal stakeholder engagement. The document is now ready for public exhibition for a minimum of six weeks.

Options for Consideration

Option 1: Recommended

Consider the DRS 2015 and endorse the draft for comprehensive stakeholder and public consultation for no less than six weeks commencing immediately following the meeting. This is the best way to progress the project and develop a strong and sustainable approach to Rural Land Use Planning.

Option 2: Not Recommended

Consider the DRS 2015 and adopt the draft. This is not recommended at this stage as it would exclude community input into the draft document.

Option 3: Not Recommended

Do not endorse the DRS 2015 for consultation. This may create an environment of planning and land use uncertainty, and lead to ad hoc development which may erode the existing rural landscape.

Conclusion

Council should resolve to endorse the DRS 2015, for the purpose of public consultation and that the DRS 2015 be publically exhibited for a minimum period of six weeks.

Attachments

- 1 Draft Rural Strategy 2015
- 2 Draft Rural Strategy 2015 Appendices

Gallery Questions

Gary Nevin – Bobinawarra, asked the following questions:

- Will submissions received by Council go up on Council's website?
- Will there be public meetings and will people attending public meetings be able to hear the questions and related responses of other people?
- Will there be a summary circulated to the public at the end of the submission period?

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, responded that Council has already taken specific steps with regards to communication and consultation including:

- Advertising
- Writing to all previous submitters
- Writing to affected property owners
- organised four drop-in sessions at Springhurst and Oxley which are not prescriptive and can proceed according to community request
- invited the local VFF to host a meeting

Mr McGrath also stated that Council is flexible about how submissions are dealt with and can tailor the consultation to allow sufficient time to deal with submissions.

Barry Green, Director Development Services, added that there are FAQ's on the website but at this time, due to privacy issues which are being reviewed, there are no plans to place submissions onto the website. The summary will be part of the submissions to Council and will form part of an attachment to a subsequent Council report.

Paul O'Brien – Hansonville, referred to the previous Council's decision to defer the Rural Strategy until new State Government Planning Zones had been released and enquired if a new Rural Strategy was necessary as the new zones have already been implemented. Mr O'Brien also asked if any other Councils in the State have completed this exercise or have they accepted the new zones.

Barry Green, Director Development Services, replied that we need to update our Planning Scheme in order to apply the zones to the appropriate places. To do this we need strategic justification which this Strategy provides. Mr. Green confirmed that a number of other Councils have undertaken strategic work on Rural Strategies.

John Vance – Wangaratta, commented that the Rural Strategy was taking away land rights from land owners and asked what compensation the affected land owners would receive.

Barry Green, Director Development Services, replied that in regard to Planning Scheme zone changes there are no provisions to compensate landowners for benefits or losses associated with rezoning.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, through the chair, referred people to the FAQ's document, including an executive summary, on the website which covers quite a few of the questions being asked about the strategy.

Alan Benton – Springhurst, commented that landowners who have landholdings just under the 40ha limit are the ones most affected and asked if we could have some clarity around this issue.

Barry Green, Director Development Services, explained the history of the 40ha lot goes back to original Victorian Surveyors who used 100 acre lots which was considered the minimum for viable farming of the land. Mr. Green suggested that the 40ha lot size could be the subject of a submission to the Rural Strategy and further explained that 98% of our rural land is treated in the same way and yet we know they are different – different qualities of land could be used for various different purposes. Mr. Green further added that Council only has about 15% influence over the Wangaratta Planning Scheme and the 40ha limit is a guideline that requires a planning permit.

16.2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 July 2015
Author: Manager - Economic Development and Tourism
File Name: Council's Committees
File No: 10.020.008

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to provide the outcome of the invitation for Expressions of Interest to fill the vacancy created through a resignation on the Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee. The appointment is to cover the remaining term for the position left vacant, which is until August 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator R Roscholler/Administrator I Grant)

That Council appoint Elizabeth Ellis as a representative on the Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee for the term ending August 2016.

Carried

Background

Committee members of Wangaratta Unlimited are appointed as voluntary members to set terms of service. The term remaining for the vacant position on the committee has an expiration date of August 2016 and this appointment is to be made for that specified term.

Expressions of interest were publicly called with two nominations received. Both nominations were assessed against the existing "Skills Matrix" and Elizabeth Ellis was the preferred nomination.

The skills matrix ensures adequate representation across the following sectors: Manufacturing, Environment/Sustainability, Transport Logistics, Service Sector, Education, Retail, Small/medium enterprises, Investment/development, Media/marketing/regional promotion, Global experience/export, Food and wine, Events/conferencing, Tourism/hospitality.

A copy of the skills matrix completed for each applicant is attached (*refer confidential attachment*).

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee Charter sets out the terms and key dates for appointments.

Financial/Economic Implications

There are no financial or economic implications identified for the subject of this report.

Legal/Statutory

There are no legal/statutory implications identified for the subject of this report.

Social

The Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee provides the opportunity for two way engagement between Council and Community members. The Advisory Committee is a source of valuable feedback on economic development activities in the municipality.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/ sustainability impacts identified for this subject of this report.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the Council Plan (revised 2015).

Goal

We are connected.

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

that ensure we have sufficient industrial land to attract new businesses and create jobs.

The non-negotiables

Our economy is diverse and strong – providing our residents with a range of employment and lifestyle opportunities.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
The recommended candidate is not appointed by Council	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low	Re-advertise the vacancy

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Keep informed	Newspaper Website Letters to committee members

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

All applicants will be notified of Council's decision and thanked for their interest.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Expressions of Interest for the vacancy on the Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Committee, the new appointment will assist the committee in continuing to provide Council with advice, feedback and guidance.

Attachments

- 1 Wangaratta Unlimited Skills Matrix 2015 apps - Confidential

Gallery Questions

Nil

17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

18. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

18.1 SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 July 2015
Author: Community and Recreation Officer
File Name: SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
File No: 61.010.003

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to inform Council of results following its call for nominations to fill up to seven positions on Council's Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee.

In May 2015 Council advertised for suitably skilled nominees following the resignation of one member and the expiring terms of three additional members. Nominations closed on the 29 May 2015. Council received five nominations. The applicants have been vetted according to Council policies and deemed suitably skilled.

The addition of the proposed five nominees will take the total membership of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee to eight community members (of a possible nine).

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Chair Administrator A Fox)

That Council:

- 1. endorses the following nominations to the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee;***

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Term</i>
<i>John O'Donohue</i>	<i>AFL North East Border</i>	<i>Three years to August 2018</i>
<i>Scott Grant</i>	<i>Wangaratta City Football Club</i>	<i>Three years to August 2018</i>
<i>Melinda Paul</i>	<i>Wangaratta Little Athletics</i>	<i>Two years to August 2017</i>
<i>Cassy Campbell</i>	<i>Wangaratta and District Cricket Association</i>	<i>Two years to August 2017</i>
<i>Andrew Heslin</i>	<i>City Colts Cricket Club</i>	<i>Two years to August 2017</i>

2. ***notifies all nominees of the outcome of the appointment process by letter; and***
3. ***provides information to newly appointed members regarding the responsibility of being a member of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee.***

Carried

Background

The Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee is governed by its Charter, which was developed according to the *Local Government Act 1989*. The primary objective of the Committee is to advise Council on the effective conduct of its responsibilities for strategic planning and management of sport and recreation opportunities in the Rural City of Wangaratta and the provision of support and advice.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Council's policy Appointment to Council Committees applies in this matter.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the subject of this report.

Legal/Statutory

Council's formal appointments to the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee are made under the *Local Government Act 1989*. The appointment of members to Advisory Committees by formal resolution of the Council ensures that the powers, functions and duties delegated are able to be exercised legally.

Social

The responsibilities of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee promote the exchange of information between the committee with its community representatives and Council. This enhances the ability of Council to identify issues and advocate for sport and recreation initiatives. In addition it provides advice and makes recommendations relating to sport and recreation matters for the benefit of the community.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee takes into consideration environment and sustainability impacts in any discussions relating to the strategic planning and management of sport and recreation opportunities in the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts identified for the subject of this report.

Council Plan

This proposal supports the 2013-17 Council Plan (revised 2015) through the goals to deliver healthy and connected communities with the provision of:

- Play spaces throughout our communities that create opportunities for children, young people and families to explore, connect and interact
- Aquatic facilities that are developed to meet the long term needs of our community and that are exciting and fun places to be – through the implementation of the Wangaratta Aquatic Plan
- Open spaces throughout our municipality that allow everyone to enjoy our beautiful environment and location
- Quality and accessible pathways and cycling and walking tracks that build local and regional connections.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Governance risk associated with the delegation of Council powers to a committee	Possible	Major	High	The appointment of members by a formal resolution of Council reduces governance risks by ensuring that Council receives advice from a cross section of appropriately skilled community members in the area of sport and recreation

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Keep informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • advertisement in council social media and newspapers • council papers • minutes • letters
Consult	Listen and acknowledge	Council will consult with the Sport and Recreation Advisory committee prior to making decisions that relate to sport and recreation matters

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Involve	Work with the Sport and Recreation committee to obtain feedback	This committee provides an important source of feedback for Council on sport and recreation matters
Collaborate	Feedback will be incorporated into decisions as far as possible	Council collaborates with this committee prior to making decisions that relate to the sport and recreation matters
Empower	Implementation	The committee provides advice on the implementation process of sport and recreation programs

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Conclusion

The endorsement of the nominations to the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee will uphold Council's requirements under the *Local Government Act 1989* and will assist in the appropriate planning and management of Council activities and facilities as they relate to sport and recreation in the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Attachments

1 ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Gallery Questions

Nil

19. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF ADMINISTRATORS

19.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF ADMINISTRATORS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 21 July 2015
Author: Executive Assistant - Corporate Services
File Name: Assemblies of Council Meeting Notes
File No: 1.020.020

Executive Summary

An “Assembly of Administrators” is a meeting at which matters are considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision and is either of the following:

- a meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Administrator is present; or
- a planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Administrators and at least one Council officer.

At an assembly of Administrators, a written record is kept of:

- a) the names of all Administrators and members of the Council staff attending;
- b) the matters considered;
- c) any conflict of interest disclosures made by an Administrator attending; and
- d) whether an Administrator who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

The written record of an assembly of Administrators is, as soon as practicable:

- a) reported at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council; and
- b) incorporated in the Minutes of that Council meeting.

Date	Meeting details	Refer
17 June 2015	Meeting with Mark Dillow regarding Change in Parking at Merriwa Park	Attachment
29 June 2015	Focus Group/ Meeting with Affected Landowners to Discuss Municipal Boundary Realignment	Attachment
30 June 2015	Administrators’ Briefing Forum	Attachment
7 July 2015	Administrators’ Briefing Forum	Attachment
14 July 2015	Administrators’ Briefing Forum	Attachment

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council receives the reports of Assemblies of Administrators

Administrator A Fox/Administrator I Grant moved an amendment:

That Council receives the reports of Assemblies of Administrators with the removal of the conflict of interest declared by Chair Administrator, Ailsa Fox on 30 June 2015.

Carried

Attachments

- 1 17 JUNE 2015 - ASSEMBLY OF ADMINISTRATORS
- 2 29 JUNE 2015 - ASSEMBLY OF ADMINISTRATORS
- 3 30 JUNE 2015 - ASSEMBLY OF ADMINISTRATORS
- 4 7 JULY 2015 - ASSEMBLY OF ADMINISTRATORS
- 5 14 JULY 2015 - ASSEMBLY OF ADMINISTRATORS

Gallery Questions

Gary Nevin – Bobinawarra, referred to 14 July 2015 - Assemblies of Administrators, Planning Scheme Amendment C57 Bruck Mill Wangaratta and enquired where this was up to.

Ailsa Fox, Administrator Chair, responded that Council is waiting on further information before making a decision on this Amendment.

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

21. URGENT BUSINESS**22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Hugh Maguire - Wangaratta, asked why council is taking away two aquatic attractions in Wangaratta rather than refurbishing them.

Jaime Carroll, Director Community Wellbeing, responded that she had met with Hugh several times before which has been greatly appreciated. The overarching reasons for the decisions which have been made are to provide the community with sustainable facilities for the next fifty years. The maintenance requirements and attendance numbers were a factor in those decisions.

Paul O'Brien - Hansonville, referred to media comments that Council are looking at all options for the Saleyards, wanting producers to have 'some skin in the game' and asked what the status of the saleyards is at the moment. He stated that the Wodonga complex have already increased their fees, adding a surcharge for animals sold over \$1,000 and when could we expect the fee structure for the Wangaratta Saleyards to be announced. Mr O'Brien asked if Chair Administrator Fox or any of her family had some 'skin in the game' at any saleyards.

Ailsa Fox, Administrator Chair, explained that the fees for the Saleyards were included this year's Budget document with the Fees and Charges.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, responded that the Saleyards construction is progressing well with the first section almost complete and the majority of the roof sheeting on. There has been a lot of work done on the other pens and the other foundations which will support the remaining bays of the roof. At this stage Council expects this project to be completed around the end of September.

Mr McGrath stated that Council recognises the value of the Saleyards and wants to retain ownership of the facility. He further added that Council has held discussions with agents and producers regarding the possibility of having a community co-operative to manage the Saleyards with a view to returning profits to the facility and into the local community.

Keiran Klemm - Londrigan, referred to a letter his family had received earlier in the year requesting him to remove a fence on the roadway within 30 days or receive an infringement of 2 penalty points. Whilst admitting that the fencelines may not always match the titles, Mr Klemm had advised Council officers that the fence had been installed by the former Shire of Wangaratta putting in tree plantations 35 years ago and asked for the letter to be withdrawn and an apology

issued. To date he has received neither. Mr Klemm added that he would like to see Council take action with other offenders.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, explained that Council was running a campaign at the moment to stop the illegal use of public land and assets but advised Mr Klemm he would take the question on notice and would review this particular situation.

Brian Jones - Bowser, referred to Council's supply of a car for the Community Raffle and asked if it was possible for Council to reinstate the raffle as this was a small amount of money which helped a lot of Community Groups and Clubs.

Jaime Carroll, Director Community Wellbeing, replied the Community Raffle was a part of a larger review around how best to support the Community and the Community Grants program. Ms Carroll added that feedback from the Community advised that providing greater flexibility through the Community Grants program would make it easier to access funding from State, Federal and private sources and provide ongoing support.

Gary Nevin - Bobinawarra, inquired if the privacy issues referred to in regard to submissions to the Rural Strategy being placed on the website, could be addressed by deleting addresses from the submissions.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, responded there were broader issues than names but Council would investigate all options to overcome the issue and allow the submissions to be published.

23. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

24. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7:07pm.