

Minutes

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting

Location: Springhurst Community Hall
Anzac Road, Springhurst

Date: Tuesday, 15 September 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 A Fox /Administrator I Grant)

That Administrator, Rodney Roscholler be granted leave of absence for the period Friday 16 October 2015 to Monday 19 October 2015 and for the period Wednesday 21 October to Tuesday 27 October 2015.

Carried

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. VALE BILL O'CALLAGHAN OAM

Administrator Irene Lewis presented a tribute to Mr Bill O'Callaghan in recognition of his 12 years as Councillor and 2 years as Mayor for the Rural City of Wangaratta and his outstanding contribution to many organisations in the Municipality.

Mr John O'Callaghan responded on behalf of the family.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator R Roscholler/Administrator I Grant)

That Council read and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 18 August 2015 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

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

13.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Executive Assistant - Corporate Services
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 Expressions of Interest and make recommendations for membership of Council's Advisory Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Council resolves to appoint the candidates listed in Table 1 as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta Advisory Committees, for appointment terms as specified.

Table 1- Recommended candidates

Committee Name	Available Positions	Recommended Candidates	Appointment Expiry
<i>Agriculture & Agribusiness Advisory Committee</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>- Matthew McAninly - Joe LaSpina - Geoff Bussell</i>	<i>August 2018</i>
<i>Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>- Loueen Twyford - Emma Jones - Mary Daly - Margaret Brickhill - Ian Poole - Rosie Koop - Rhonda Diffey - Celine Muir</i>	<i>August 2018</i>
<i>Place Naming Committee</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>- Beryl Bellis - Helen Guilfoyle - Andy Kimber</i>	<i>August 2018</i>
<i>Wangaratta Unlimited</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>- Martin Hogan - Guy Wilkinson - Robin Box</i>	<i>August 2018</i>

Carried

Background

Expressions of interest for appointments to four of Council's seven Advisory Committees have been received and assessed.

The Advisory Committees seeking membership are the:

- Agriculture & Agribusiness Advisory Committee
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee
- Place Naming Committee
- Wangaratta Unlimited.

Expressions of Interest were publicly called to fill these positions.

Candidates were assessed against each committee's skills matrix. In doing so, the existing skills set of the incumbent committee members were also taken into consideration. The selection criteria for each Committee are:

Agriculture & Agribusiness Advisory Committee:

Relevant experience in regards to livestock marketing, horticulture, viticulture, dairy, cropping, meat and wool production, agribusiness, agricultural services, natural resource management, alternate/niche, timber, agriculture science and research.

Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee:

Candidates were requested to provide responses to the following criteria. Motivation to apply, Experience/skills, to provide advice, Utilise networks to promote arts, cultural and heritage opportunities, encourage and facilitate joint initiatives, ensure all sectors of the community have the opportunity to provide input.

Place Naming Committee:

The skills matrix scores candidates in relation to their competencies in History, Heritage, Indigenous, Cultural and Other Skills

Wangaratta Unlimited:

Relevant experience within a range of the following sectors; manufacturing, environment / sustainability, transport logistics, service, education, retail, small / medium enterprises, investment / development, media / marketing / regional promotion, global experience / export, food and wine, events / conferencing, tourism / hospitality.

The available positions are made up of voluntary vacancies and membership expirations. The membership expirations are as stipulated in individual committee charters - at staggered intervals, and on different dates.

A copy of the skills matrix completed for each committee's candidates is attached (***refer confidential attachment***).

Table 1- recommended candidates

Committee Name	Available Positions	Recommended Candidates	Appointment Expiry
Agriculture & Agribusiness Advisory Committee	4	- Matthew McAninly - Joe LaSpina - Geoff Bussell	August 2018
Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee	15	- Loueen Twyford - Emma Jones - Mary Daly - Margaret Brickhill - Ian Poole - Rosie Koop - Rhonda Diffey - Celine Muir	August 2018
Place Naming Committee	3	- Beryl Bellis - Helen Guilfoyle - Andy Kimber	August 2018
Wangaratta Unlimited	4	- Martin Hogan - Guy Wilkinson - Robin Box	August 2018

Implications

Policy Considerations

Advisory Committee Charters set out the terms and key dates for appointment on an annual basis.

Financial/Economic Implications

Advisory Committees provide a positive outcome for the sustainability of the local community.

Legal/Statutory

The appointment of Advisory Committees is provided for in the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Social

Advisory Committees provide the opportunity for 2-way engagement between Council and Community members.

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 research and advocate:

On behalf of our groups and committees to ensure they have the resources and knowledge to do the things they need to do.

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

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
The recommended candidates are not appointed by Council	Unlikely	Insignificant	Low	Re-advertise

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Keep informed	Newspaper advertisements

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.

Options for Consideration

1. Council appoint the candidates listed in table 1 as recommended by officers as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta Advisory Committees for the terms specified.
2. Council does not appoint the candidates listed in table 1 as recommended by officers as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta Advisory Committees, for appointment terms specified.
3. Council appoints alternative representatives from the applications received as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta Advisory Committees, for appointment terms specified.

Conclusion

Following consideration of the Expressions of Interest applications for Council's Advisory Committees, the new appointments will assist the committees in continuing to provide Council with advice, feedback and guidance.

Attachments

- 1 Agriculture & Agribusiness Advisory Committee Skills Matrix - Confidential
- 2 Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee Skills Matrix - Confidential
- 3 Place Naming Committee Skills Matrix - Confidential
- 4 Wangaratta Unlimited Skills Matrix - Confidential

13.2 ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Manager - Business and Governance
File Name: Annual Audit
File No: 51.020.001

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

A Council must, in respect of each financial year, prepare an Annual Report containing an audited Performance Statement, audited Financial Statements and a report of operations including Council's assessment against the prescribed Governance and Management Checklist.

This report is presented to Council for approval 'in principle' of the 2014/15 Performance Statement and Financial Statements and adoption of the Governance and Management Checklist.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Administrator R Roscholler)

That Council:

- 1. Approve 'in principle' the Performance Statement and Financial Statements for the Wangaratta Rural City Council for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2015 as endorsed by the Audit Advisory Committee on 31 August 2015***
- 2. Authorise the Administrator representative on the Audit Advisory Committee, Chair of Administrators Ailsa Fox and Administrator Rodney Roscholler to certify the Performance Statement and Financial Statements for the Wangaratta Rural City Council for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2015 in their final form after any changes recommended or agreed to by the Auditor General have been made***
- 3. Adopt the Governance and Management Checklist for the Wangaratta Rural City Council for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2015***
- 4. Authorise the Chair of Administrators, Ailsa Fox, to certify the Governance and Management Checklist for the Wangaratta Rural City Council for the Financial Year ending 30 June 2015.***

Carried

Background

A Council must, in respect of each financial year, prepare an Annual Report containing an audited Performance Statement, audited Financial Statements and a report of operations containing Council's assessment against the prescribed Governance and Management Checklist..

Section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) requires that the Performance Statement in the Annual Report contains the indicators required by the regulations to be reported against, their prescribed measures and the results achieved for that financial year in the following categories:

1. Service performance
2. Financial performance
3. Sustainable capacity.

For the purposes of section 131(5) of the Act, the Financial Statements contained in an Annual Report must contain a Statement of Capital Works for the financial year to which the Financial Statements relate, be prepared in accordance with the Local Government Model Financial Report, be submitted in its finalised form to the auditor for auditing as soon as possible after the end of the financial year and be certified in the manner prescribed.

The Draft Performance Statement and Draft Financial Statements of the Wangaratta Rural City Council for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and as required by the Act (***refer attachments***).

The Draft Governance and Management Checklist of the Wangaratta Rural City Council has been prepared in accordance with the Act (***refer attachment***).

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

The following points summarise the highlights from the Draft 2014/2015 Financial Statements:

Financial item	Note	2015 Actual \$000's	2014 Actual \$000's	Increase (Decrease) \$000's
Surplus/(deficit)		5,977	(1,298)	7,275
Grant Income	6	21,810	14,521	7,289
Depreciation	14	12,629	11,826	803

Financial item	Note	2015 Actual \$000's	2014 Actual \$000's	Increase (Decrease) \$000's
Cash and cash equivalents	18	8,438	4,879	3,559
Trade and other receivables	19	4,116	4,294	(178)
Trade and other payables	25	3,184	3,470	(286)
Borrowings	28	9,543	8,469	1,074

A budget comparison with actual performance is provided at Note 2 of the Financial Statements. The *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014* require explanation of any material variances. Council has adopted a materiality threshold of the lower of ten percent or \$200,000. The following two tables summarise those items where further explanation has been provided.

Income Statement item	Ref	2015 Budget \$000's	2015 Actual \$000's	Variance \$000's
Contributions - non monetary	1	0	1,862	1,862
Grants - operating	2	14,834	18,328	3,494
Grants - capital	3	4,027	3,482	(545)
Reimbursements	4	16	495	479
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	5	1,115	233	(882)
Depreciation and amortisation	6	11,140	12,629	(1,489)

1. Contributions - Non Monetary: New infrastructure assets are recognised as subdivisions reach practical completion. During 2014/15 these included: the Currawong Estate Stage 1, Creek View Stage 2 & 3, Arlington Park Stage 3 and Bella Vista Estate Stage 3 Subdivision. These assets are constructed by developers and not included in Council's budget.
2. Grants - Operating: Council's 2014/15 Grants Funding was received 50% in advance for Victorian Grants Commission funding.
3. Grants - Capital: Budgeted funding was not received for Everton Hall and precinct redevelopment of \$300,000, Ovens Street Streetscape \$250,000 and City Oval Tennis Precinct \$242,000, WISAC - Cogeneration \$91,000. This was offset by the receipt in 2014/15 of Livestock Selling Complex Roofing \$1.25M and Whorouly Football/Netball Club change rooms \$90,000 from prior year.
4. Reimbursements: Council did not budget for reimbursements from other Councils for co-ordinating the Energy Efficient Lighting changeover of \$313,000 and 2014 Lake Rowan fire.

5. Net Gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment: Plant renewal occurred in late June 2015 and as a result the Plant sales had not occurred at 30 June 2015.
6. Depreciation and Amortisation: Depreciation is calculated on current asset values during budget preparation.

Capital Works item	Ref	2015 Budget \$000's	2015 Actual \$000's	Variance \$000's
Land	1	897	72	(825)
Plant, machinery and equipment	2	3,306	2,645	(661)
Computers and telecommunications	3	585	268	(317)
Footpaths and Cycleways	4	579	935	356
Drainage	5	720	359	(361)
Waste management	6	1,548	62	(1,486)

1. Land: The full purchase of the Ovens College was taken up as an addition in 2012/13. Therefore, the 3rd instalment, whilst required to be budgeted for and paid, was accounted for as reduction in creditors.
2. Plant, machinery and equipment: Saving of \$411,000 was achieved on the purchase of new plant and some plant and equipment purchases were carried over to 2015/16.
3. Computers and telecommunications: Electronic Document Management System Upgrade \$270,000 and WGC - Council chamber Public Address & induction loop \$40,000 were deferred to 2015/16.
4. Footpaths and Cycleways: Eldorado Shared Path \$160,000 and Milawa Rail Trail Extension \$47,000 were carried forward from 2013/14.
5. Drainage: Significant drainage works were deferred to 2015/16.
6. Waste management: Bowser Landfill Cell 7 construction was deferred to 2015/16.

Legal/Statutory

Council, after passing a resolution giving its approval 'in principle' to the Performance Statement and Financial Statements, must submit them to the auditor for reporting on the audit. The auditor must prepare a report on the Performance Statement and Financial Statements in accordance with section 9A of the *Audit Act 1994* but cannot sign such a report unless the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements have been certified. Section 132 of the Act and regulations 18 and 21 of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*, require Council to authorise two Administrators to certify the

documents. The Chief Executive Officer of Council and Council's Principal Accounting Officer are also required to certify the documents.

After Council has received the report of the Auditor, it must give public notice that it has received the Auditor's Report and that the report can be inspected at the Council office at any time that the Council office is open to the public.

The Annual Report must contain a report of operations including Council's assessment against the prescribed Governance and Management Checklist.

The Annual Report must be submitted to the Minister within three months of the end of the financial year being reported on, or such longer period as the Minister may permit in a particular case. After the Annual Report has been submitted to the Minister, Council must give public notice that the Annual Report has been prepared and can be inspected at the Council office.

Council must hold a meeting to discuss its Annual Report once each year. The meeting must be held within one month after submitting the Annual Report to the Minister. The meeting must be advertised at least 14 days before it is held, stating the purpose of the meeting and the place from which copies of the Annual Report can be obtained before the meeting. The meeting must be kept open to the public while the Annual Report is discussed.

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.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan.

Goal

We are Sustainable.

We are connected.

The non-negotiables

All legislative and compliance requirements are met.

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

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Financial Reports not prepared in accordance with Statutory requirements	Low	Medium	Medium	Consultation with external auditors and active involvement with FinPro for latest updates / changes

Consultation/Communication

Extensive consultation has been undertaken with Richmond, Sinnott & Delahunty, Agent of the Auditor-General, during the preparation of the Performance Statement and Financial Statements. Additionally, the Statements have been endorsed by the Audit Advisory Committee on 31 August 2015. The 2015 Annual Report timetable is shown the following table.

Date	Responsibility	Activity
18 - 19 August	Richmond Sinnott Delahunty (external auditor)	External audit field work.
31 August	Audit Advisory Committee	Endorse the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements in consultation with the external auditor.
15 September	Council	Approve, 'in principle', the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements pending sanction by the Victorian Auditor General; and Authorise two Administrators to sign certification of the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements.
21 September	Authorised signatories	Sign certification of the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements.
23 September	Richmond Sinnott Delahunty	Issue the Final Management Letter
30 September	Responsible officer	Submit the 2015 Annual Report to the Minister.
2 October	Responsible officer	Public notice of meeting to consider Annual Report; and Make Annual Report available.
20 October	Council	Meeting to consider Annual Report

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

Options for Consideration

There are no options for consideration given that production of an Annual Report containing a Performance Statement and Financial Statements is required by the Act and the process is prescribed.

Conclusion

The production of the Performance Statement, the Financial Statements and the Governance and Management Checklist is a critical component in the management of Council's operations to ensure accountability and public disclosure in the delivery of services and programs to residents of the municipality.

Attachments

- 1 Performance Statement 2015
- 2 Governance and Management Checklist 2015
- 3 Financial Statement 2015

14. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

14.1 YARRUNGA FAMILY SWIM CENTRE PETITION REPORT

Meeting Type:	Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	15 September 2015
Author:	Acting Manager - Community and Recreation
File Name:	Aquatic Planning
File No:	61.040.004

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 respond to the request raised in a petition presented to Council in July 2015. The petition raised the request that Council ‘investigate other alternatives to closing the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre that don’t disadvantage South Wangaratta’.

The petition, with an introduction that referenced 2,271 signatures, was received by Council at its August Ordinary Council meeting, where the following resolution was made:

That Council:

- 1. receive the petition regarding the request to investigate other alternatives to closing the Yarrunga Pool that don’t disadvantage South Wangaratta; and*
- 2. consider a report regarding the request within the petition at the September 2015 Ordinary Council meeting.*

The decision to redevelop the municipality’s aquatic facilities is driven by the need for the Rural City of Wangaratta to provide innovative and inclusive aquatic facilities that meet the long-term needs of the community. The recommendations within the plan will consolidate our aquatic assets and provide facilities which have been determined based on a platform for future social, environmental and economic sustainability for the next generation.

RECOMMENDATION:**(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Administrator R Roscholler)*****That Council:***

- 1. Continues to progress the implementation of the Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the Future as adopted at the April 2015 Council Meeting, including the development of the Mitchell Avenue Splash Park and the closure of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre; and***
- 2. begins to plan for the future use of the site of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre in partnership with the local community.***

Carried**Background**

The review of Council's existing aquatic facilities has identified that the Olympic Pool and Yarrunga Family Swim Centre are unsustainable in their present form. Both sites face significant challenges - including structural damage and inadequacies, declining attendance rates, unsuitable design and form, and escalating operational and maintenance costs. The Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the Future, adopted by Council at its April 2015 Council meeting recommends that both facilities are closed and that more appropriate aquatic facilities are developed at alternative sites.

Key elements of the Rural City of Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the future (April 2015) include:

- *Progress the development of a free access Splash Park to be located at Mitchell Avenue Playground*
- *Plan for the future uses of the Yarrunga and Olympic pool sites in partnership with the community*
- *Progress the closure of the existing Yarrunga Pool once construction of the Splash Park at Mitchell Avenue is completed.*

Concerns have been raised by some Wangaratta residents that the closure of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre will disadvantage the local neighbourhood – a point of significance given the relatively low socio-economic status of the area.

An analysis by Council of the petition identified that it contained 1,877 signatures as 233 of the original total were found to be duplicates.

Of the remaining signatures, 1,132 were found to have an address listed within urban Wangaratta, 211 from rural Wangaratta and the remaining 301 from areas outside of the municipality.

Council's decision to close the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre has been based on the following considerations:

1. The facility is structurally weak and failing. Over the last two decades significant testing and assessment of the facility has been conducted, and the most recent assessment of the facility highlighted that the structural challenges were now beyond repair and it would require (and be more financially beneficial) to completely rebuild the shell of the pool.
2. The attendance rates for the facility have been gradually declining for many years. On average Council subsidises attendance at the facility in the range of \$15-20 per person.
3. Use of aquatic facilities is dramatically changing nationally – people now demand more interactive, innovative and accessible facilities that meet a range of social, play and recreational needs. This is combined with increased numbers of private pools and changing social trends.
4. The facility is narrow in purpose. As an aquatic facility it is open for only 15 weeks per year, and is then closed off. Access to a key community site and its capacity to facilitate social and recreational activity is therefore limited to a very small time period every year.

As part of the plan, a splash park will be developed at the Mitchell Avenue Reserve – which is located 200 metres from the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre. Council has focused on the development of the splash park for several reasons:

1. The facility will be developed to ensure that it is accessible, interactive and multi-use. The site is set within an existing recreational hub that already has experienced significant development– including a fully accessible playground, toilets and amenities, barbeque facilities and seating. The site is also undergoing significant upgrades to disused tennis courts to facilitate further use – aimed specifically at older children and young people.
2. The splash park will be free to access and will be available for use year round. Water elements will be removed in winter months leaving a play facility that encourages a range of uses across the seasons. The site will also be open at all times – the water elements will be operational 7 days per week during daylight hours over the summer period, with the capacity to be used beyond summer depending on weather conditions.
3. The facility will be more efficient for Council to operate and maintain. As a new facility it will be constructed to the highest of standards. Whilst during summer, there will be a requirement for the management, cleaning and maintenance of the site – however this will be less than current costs associated with the operational management of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre. The splash park will also require less ongoing maintenance and capital upgrades.

A recent meeting (hosted at the offices of Cathy McGowan on Monday, 31 August 2015) between Council officers and the Save Yarrunga Pool Group

expanded upon their concerns. The group has proposed to Council that the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre remain open for three years – within which time, an effort to repair the pool shell be made, and a focus on programming the facility, increasing opening hours and improving the maintenance and operational performance of the facility be undertaken. It has been proposed that this approach would allow an assessment of the use and value of the facility to the local community.

Implications

Policy Considerations

This report relates directly to the Rural City of Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the Future.

Financial/Economic Implications

The design and construction of the Mitchell Avenue Splash Park has been accounted for in Council's 2015/2016 operational budget. The total cost of the project is \$650,000 (excluding GST).

Repairing the shell of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre has been determined to be a short-term option in extending the use of the facility. It also only addresses one element of the structural inadequacies of the facility. Given this, accurate costings for utilising a liner to patch some of the structural challenges of the pool shell have not been determined by Council.

The future use of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre site has yet to be determined. The cost of redeveloping this site will be established once its future use has been decided in partnership with the community.

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

The petition presented to Council requests that Council consider alternative options for the ongoing use of the Yarrunga Aquatic Facility. It has been considered that the removal of the facility will negatively impact on a neighbourhood that experiences some levels of socio-economic disadvantage.

Council has carefully considered this concern as part of the development of the Aquatic Plan and also during subsequent conversations with the community. Ensuring accessible, inclusive facilities for all residents within the municipality is a key concern for Council in the development of any project or facility. The following actions have been committed to in order to address the social concerns raised as a consequence of this development:

- Council will continue to work with the local community to establish the most appropriate future purpose of the Yarrunga Pool site

- development of the Mitchell Avenue Splash Park as a multi- use, all abilities, free facility
- Council will work with the community to identify and address barriers to all residents within the municipality accessing aquatic and recreational facilities. This will include working with service providers, clubs and groups, and transport operators to improve accessibility to existing facilities and those facilities that will be developed as part of the Aquatic Plan for the Future
- Council will work with the Yarrunga neighbourhood to actively address the range of social, health, economic and access challenges that have been identified in relation to socioeconomic disadvantage.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Following the previous research, it has become evident that the condition of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre is not sound and that the escalating operational costs have become unsustainable. A technical assessment completed in 2012 noted that the *'main pool structure is in poor condition' with the 'pool shell showing signs of significant heaving.'* Large cracks were noted in the pool walls and the top of several pool walls were noted as being visibly off-level along their length. Crucially, it was noted that at the time of the inspection the pool was not in operation and therefore not being actively refilled with waters, as it would normally be during the swimming season. It has not been drained by staff but had drained naturally *'indicating significant leaking from the pool structure.'*

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Healthy.

We will research and advocate:

to ensure we prosper from the economic benefits of nature based and recreational attractions.

We will create and deliver:

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.

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

that ensure we are responding to the current and long-term recreational needs of our community.

We will focus on our business:

by making sure that all our teams work together to plan, develop and deliver innovative recreation projects.

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

Action 25 – Create and maintain spaces to facilitate people coming together:

- Resolve future of key community facilities

Action 30 – sustain viable sporting recreation, cultural and other community organisations:

- Identify and develop infrastructure which supports and facilitates linking people to their community

b) Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Key Strategic Activity 4.5.2

Develop infrastructure, programs and resources that support and facilitate affordable active living

4.5.2.1 Create opportunities for people to participate in travel, sport and active recreation

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Unmet Expectations	H	Through a staged marketing campaign and precise information this risk can be reduced	M	Be proactive to present the correct information and branding with positive outcomes in the media. Utilise social media and local champions to the cause
Adverse Public Reaction	H	Through a staged marketing campaign and precise information this risk can be reduced	M	Affirm the Council decision and mitigate by use of Social Media – Facebook and Twitter; listening posts

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Public oppose the closure of the two outdoor facilities at Yarrunga and Olympic Pool sites	H	Through a staged marketing campaign of Council's vision for the future aquatic development and the benefits to the community as a whole	M	Be proactive to market and sell the proposed new aquatic developments to embrace the community for the future aquatic plan

Consultation/Communication

The future provision of Rural City of Wangaratta aquatic leisure facilities have been based on extensive community engagement over more than ten years (through the first Aquatic Strategy, the two following reviews and the current endorsed plan) which identified a demand and need for outdoor aquatic opportunities with a focus on informal social aquatic leisure opportunities.

Additionally, it has been recognised that any new aquatic leisure facilities must be fully integrated with other related community facilities, be multi-purpose in their nature, maximise annual use and meet a range of community needs.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Keep informed	Staged media campaign through local papers, and the use of social media – Face Book and Twitter
Consult	Discuss needs	Relevant peak bodies such as Swimming Victoria.
Involve	Local champions	Major stakeholders such as the swimming club, regional swimming association and users of the aquatic facilities.
Collaborate	With management partner	YMCA

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

Options for Consideration

1. Continue to progress the implementation of the Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the Future as adopted at the April 2015 Council Meeting, including the development of the Mitchell Avenue Splash Park and the closure of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre. As part of this option, Council would begin to plan for the future use of the site of the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre in partnership with the local community.

2. Partner with the Save Yarrunga Pool Group and the local community with a commitment to keeping the Yarrunga Family Swim Centre operational for 3 years. This option would require the repair of structural deficiencies of the facility (of both the pool shell and amenities) as well as significant changes to programming and operations. Both these elements would require significant financial and resource allocations from Council.

This option could allow further exploration of how operational and infrastructure upgrades could impact on attendance rates.

This option carries the significant risk that improvements to the centre, and changes in programming fail to attract an increase in patronage. This situation would result in a substantial financial and resource injection having been made to a facility that requires closure at the end of the three year period. Beyond the three year period, if the facility was to remain open, a redevelopment would be required to address the structural issues relating to the facility. It is not expected that any funding avenues would exist to facilitate this and finances would need to be allocated from Council's long-term budget.

3. Council considers a complete redevelopment of the Yarrunga Aquatic Facility and commits to the long-term operation of the facility. The additional cost estimates for this option indicate a minimum financial contribution of \$3.9 million dollars. It is unlikely that this project would attract any funding partnerships from state or federal government given it is a sole purpose facility, and has limited operational capacity (in purpose and how long it can be used for each year).

Conclusion

The Wangaratta Aquatic Plan for the Future has been developed based on an assessment of needs of the local community, long-term infrastructure requirements and challenges, and the financial scale of operations, maintenance and development.

It is recommended that all elements of the project as described in Option 1 continue to be progressed as adopted in the plan.

Attachments

Nil.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 CAPITAL PROJECTS 2014/15 CARRY OVERS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Senior Contracts Officer
File Name: Council Budget 2015/16
File No: 51.060.023

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 endorse the end of year financial position in relation to the Capital Works Program and the carry forward of budget allocations or over expenditure of the relevant 2014/15 capital budget to the 2015/16 financial year.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator R Roscholler/Administrator I Grant)

That Council carryover \$4,158,897 from the 2014/15 capital projects budget allocations to the 2015/16 financial year.

Carried

Background

Capital works budgets are allocated annually but often the actual projects run over multiple financial years. Large plant purchases such as street-sweepers and garbage trucks are constructed to order and therefore require longer lead times that often cross financial years. As such budget amounts both under and over expenditure sometimes need to be carried forward.

Some of the larger amounts are:

HP Barr Reserve carpark extension	\$260,142
Replacement of aerodrome runway lights	\$154,254
Design of Cell 7 at Bowser landfill	\$148,329
City Oval Multi-Sport Precinct works	\$561,093
Comfort Station redevelopment	\$122,909
Plant Replacement Program	\$415,000
Livestock Exchange redevelopment	\$407,114

All of these projects are underway and will be completed in the current financial year.

The attachment lists all proposed carry forward amounts.

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

The carryover of project funds to the financial year the funds will be expended is necessary due to ongoing programs and projects that can show an over expenditure in relation to the annual budget or forecast.

Legal/Statutory

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

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.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Growing.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Consultation/Communication

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

Conclusion

Whilst every effort is made to phase project expenditure there are many factors that can delay or advance actual expenditure. Therefore under and over expenditures need to be carried forward to allow project completion.

Attachments

Capital projects carryovers

15.2 C1516-001 RESEALING OF VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Senior Contracts Officer
File Name: C1516-001 Resealing of Various Roads within the Municipality
File No: 30.077.001

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 give details of the evaluation of the tender for the resealing of various roads within the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Council:

- 1. award Contract C1516-001 for the Resealing of Various Roads within the Municipality to Primal Surfacing and the works program be limited to the available budget of \$1,329,000 (excl GST), \$1,461,900 (incl GST); and***
- 2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal documents for Contract C1516-001 for the Resealing of Various Roads within the Municipality.***

Carried

Background

Tenders for the resealing of various roads within the municipality were invited through advertisements as follows:

Wangaratta Chronicle	17 July 2015
Tenderlink	17 July 2015

Tender closed at 2.00pm on Tuesday 11 August 2015.

There was no pre-tender meeting for this contract.

The tender evaluation panel comprised Council's Manager Technical Services, Senior Engineer – Project & Emergency Management, and Senior Contracts Officer.

Tenders Received

Six tenders were received as follows:

Tenderer
Sprayline Pty Ltd
Primal Surfacing
Boral Asphalt
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd
Recivil Pty Ltd
GW &BR Cramer Pty Ltd

To ensure a fair comparison of tendered prices, the bitumen application rates were standardised and the tendered prices adjusted to reflect this standardisation. All six tenders were deemed by the evaluation panel to be conforming in accordance with the Conditions of Tendering.

Tender Evaluation

The tender was evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria set out in the Conditions of Tendering. The evaluation criteria are based upon a Weighted Attribution Method as follows:

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Tender Price	Total price of the work	50%
Capacity to carry out contract works	Contractors capacity to perform contract works and experience and past performance in previous similar works	40%
Materials	Selection of suitable materials and binder/aggregate rates	5%
OHS systems	Contractor's commitment to OHS	5%
	Total	100%

Panel members assigned a score (maximum 100) to each criterion (as shown below) and then weighted the average score to produce a final Weighted Attribution Method Score.

P	Evaluation Result	Criteria
100	Exceptional	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards and innovations proposed.
90	Excellent	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards.
70	Good	Complies with all required standards and capacity demonstrated.
50	Satisfactory	Complies with relevant standards without qualifications.
30	Marginal	Complies with relevant standards with qualifications.
0	Unsatisfactory	Fails to satisfy required standards.

Evaluation Scores

The Weighted Attribution Method Score calculation is contained in the confidential attachment. (**refer attachment**)

The summary of the scores obtained by this method are as follows:

Tenderer	Score
Sprayline Pty Ltd	59.3
Primal Surfacing	64.1
Boral Asphalt	62.9
Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd	59.7
Recivil Pty Ltd	60.5
GW &BR Cramer Pty Ltd	57.2

The higher value reflects the more favourable assessment. From this method of assessment, Primal Surfacing was deemed to be the preferred tenderer.

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

The total available budget available for the reseal contract is \$1,329,000 (excl GST), \$1,461,900 (incl GST). The tender is based on a schedule of quantities and rates and the scope of works will be adjusted to meet the available budget.

Each item in the program is subject to contractor claims based on field measurement and final application rates.

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

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

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

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

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goals

We are Connected.

We will research and advocate:

for a local and regional transport system that is fast and reliable.
with regional partners to identify and address public and community transport gaps.

We will focus on our business:

developing and implementing management plans; incorporating rolling capital works and cyclic maintenance programs for Council's infrastructure.

The non-negotiables

There is appropriate infrastructure that enhances all townships and communities throughout the municipality.

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

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Rating	Responsible Officer
Contractor unable to complete works	Program not completed (Moderate)	Unlikely	Medium	Project Manager
Works unsatisfactory	Program not completed (Minor)	Rare	Low	Project Manager
Traffic accident – loose stones	Death or injury (Catastrophic)	Unlikely	High	Contractor/Project Manager
Bleeding seal	Property damage – reputational (Minor)	Possible	Medium	Contractor
Injury to worker	Death or injury/WorkCover investigation (Catastrophic)	Possible	Extreme	Contractor
Traffic Management	Death/injury/property damage/Workcover investigation (Catastrophic)	Possible	Extreme	Contractor

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Prior advance notification before commencement of works	Letter drop/door knock Website and media advice

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

Conclusion

Although the tender submitted by Primal Surfacing was not the lowest price, this tenderer scored highest under the Weighted Attribution Method and are the preferred tenderer.

The tender of quantities and rates submitted by Primal Surfacing is therefore considered to offer the best value of all bids submitted.

It is recommended that the tender from Primal Surfacing be accepted and the works program be limited to the available budget of \$1,329,000 (excl. GST), \$1,461,900 (incl. GST).

Attachments

C1516-001 Attachment - Confidential

15.3 C1415-036 CONSTRUCTION OF CELL 7 AT BOWSER LANDFILL

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Executive Assistant - Infrastructure Services
File Name: C1415-036 CONSTRUCTION OF CELL 7 AT BOWSER LANDFILL
File No: 30.072.036

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 of the evaluation of tenders received for the construction of Cell 7 at Bowser landfill.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Council:

- 1. Award Contract C1415-036 for the Construction of Cell 7 at Bowser landfill to Keystone Environmental Pty Ltd.***
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal all the relevant contract documents for Contract C1415-036 for the Construction of Cell 7 at Bowser landfill.***
- 3. Disclose the contract price of \$1,022,863 (excl GST) for Contract C1415-036 for the Construction of Cell 7 at Bowser landfill.***

Carried

Background

Contract C1415-036 is for the construction of the next landfill Cell at Bowser landfill (Cell 7).

The scope of works for Cell 7 comprises undertaking bulk earthworks, a 200mm thick compacted clay liner (to be worked insitu), Geosynthetic Clay Liner (GCL), High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) liner placement, geotextile liner placement, leachate collection system and stormwater management systems. The plan area of cell 7 is approximately 1 hectare, with an estimated volume of 90,000m³.

The construction of Cell 7 falls under the auspices of the Victorian Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and its approval regime. As such, the works will be subject to a 53V Environmental Audit, in accordance with the requirements of:

- EPA Publication 1323.2 *Landfill Licensing Guidelines*.
- EPA Publication 788.1 Best Practice Environmental Management ‘*Siting, Design, Operation and Rehabilitation of Landfills*’ (BPEM).

Advertised Tender dates

The tenders for this contract were invited through advertisements as follows:

The Chronicle	24 July 2015
Tenderlink	23 July 2015

Tenders closed at 2.00pm on Wednesday 19 August 2015.

There was no pre-tender meeting for this tender.

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised Council’s Manager – Waste and Contracts, Waste Services Coordinator and Senior Engineer – Projects and Emergency Management.

Tenders Received

Tenders were received from the following:

Tenderer
Landmark Contracting Pty Ltd
Keystone Environmental
Northern Constructions Group (Aust) Pty Ltd
Goldsmith Civil and Environmental Pty Ltd
Mawson Construction Pty Ltd
Hawkins Civil Constructions Pty Ltd
Parker Earthmoving and Civil Contractors Pty Ltd
Thompson Bros Earthmoving Pty Ltd
Envirocon Construction and Environmental Services Pty Ltd
Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd
Ertech Pty Ltd
Shamrock Civil Engineering Pty Ltd

Tender Evaluation

The tender was evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria set out in the Conditions of Tendering. The evaluation criteria are based upon a Weighted Attribution Method as follows:

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Price	Total price of work	45%
Previous performance	Contractors capability to perform contract works based on experience and past performance in previous similar works	30%
Experience of nominated sub-contractors	Sub-Contractors capability to perform contract works based on experience and past performance in previous similar works	10%
Plant and Equipment	Plant and Equipment nominated is appropriate for construction of cell 7.	10%
Quality & OHS systems	Contractor's level of certification and commitment to OH&S & environmental management	5%
Total		100%

Panel members assigned a score (maximum 100) to each criterion (as shown below) and then weighted the average score to produce a final Weighted Attribution Method Score.

P	Evaluation Result	Criteria
100	Exceptional	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards and innovations proposed.
90	Excellent	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards.
70	Good	Complies with all required standards and capacity demonstrated.
50	Satisfactory	Complies with relevant standards without qualifications.
30	Marginal	Complies with relevant standards with qualifications.
0	Unsatisfactory	Fails to satisfy required standards.

Summary of the Weighted Attribution Method Score is as follows:

Tenderer	Score
Landmark Contracting Pty Ltd	71
Keystone Environmental	74
Northern Constructions Group (Aust) Pty Ltd	60
Goldsmith Civil and Environmental Pty Ltd	67
Mawson Construction Pty Ltd	54
Hawkins Civil Constructions Pty Ltd	58
Parker Earthmoving and Civil Contractors Pty Ltd	62
Thompson Brothers Earthmoving Pty Ltd	46
Envirocon Construction and Environmental Services Pty Ltd	54
Whelans Group Investments Pty Ltd	55
Ertech Pty Ltd	63
Shamrock Civil Engineering Pty Ltd	49

The highest value reflects the most favourable tender assessment. From the evaluation, Keystone Environmental scored the highest in the Weighted Attribution Method.

Implications

Policy Considerations

There are no specific Council policies or strategies that relate to this report.

Financial/Economic Implications

The preferred tender price is within the available project budget.

Legal/Statutory

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

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.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Sustainable.

We will research and advocate:

for a regional approach to waste management that has economic and environmental benefits.

We will create and deliver:

the outcomes identified in the Rural City of Wangaratta Waste Management Strategy.

The non-negotiables

Develop initiatives for the community to reduce resource use and waste to achieve sustainable living.

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

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Consultation/Communication

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

Conclusion

Keystone Environmental is the preferred tender as it achieved the highest score in the weighted attribution method. Keystone Environmental is also accredited to the OH&S standards (AS4801), the Quality standard (ISO9001) and the Environmental standard (ISO14001).

Attachments

C1415-036 Attachment - Confidential

16. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Nil

17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

18. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**18.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 2015
Author: Executive Assistant - Corporate Services
File Name: Advisory Committees
File No: 10.020.002

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

Minutes of the Place Naming Committee – held 19 August 2015, are reported to Administrators for information (*refer attachment*).

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Administrator I Grant/Administrator R Roscholler)

That Council notes the report.

Carried

Attachments

19 August 2015 - Minutes of the Place Naming Committee Meeting

19. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF ADMINISTRATORS**19.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF ADMINISTRATORS**

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 15 September 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
25 August 2015	Administrator’s Briefing Forum	Attachment
1 September 2015	Administrator’s Briefing Forum	Attachment
7 September 2015	Submission to Rural Strategy	Attachment
8 September 2015	Submission to Rural Strategy	Attachment
8 September 2015	Administrator’s Briefing Forum	Attachment

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Council receives the reports of Assemblies of Administrators

Carried

Attachments

- 1 25 August 2015 - Administrators Briefing Forum
- 2 1 September 2015 - Administrators Briefing Forum
- 3 7 September 2015 - Submission to Rural Strategy
- 4 8 September 2015 - Submission to Rural Strategy
- 5 8 September 2015 - Administrators Briefing Forum

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**Gary Nevin - Bobinawarra**

Mr Nevin submitted the following question for Administrators consideration:

Council Agenda's provide for:

- Administrators reports
- Officers Reports
- Executive Services
- Corporate Services

Meeting after meeting these are 'Nil'. Can these reports be used to tell us what is going on. In years gone by Agenda's provided detail of Planning Permit Applications and where they were up to. Surely we should at least be told what Planning Permits have been granted under delegation.

We should get progress reports on matters such as the Bruck proposed rezoning. We should get reports on what Planning and other strategic documents staff are working on, not find out about them when they are put up for consideration. These are just examples.

I certainly don't think everything has to be reported on a monthly basis but regularly.

Ailsa Fox, Chair Administrator, responded that Council Meetings are for decision making. The community has many sources of obtaining information such as the weekly Rural City Connection page in the Chronicle, a comprehensive website and social media.

Administrator Irene Grant added that there is an opportunity to meet with the Administrators at any time.

Barry Green, Director Development Services advised that, while it is not possible to view the Planning Applications on the website at this time, a hard copy of the Planning Register is available for inspection at the Council Offices.

Mr Nevin commented that it is difficult to ask questions if you don't know what is being looked at and stated the Rural Strategy as an example saying that Council have obviously been working on that since the Administrators were appointed yet when it appears on the Agenda it 'hits us cold'. Mr Nevin agreed that the website is the place for this information but at this stage there is very little information provided. He suggested that progress on all strategic documents in process should be available.

Ailsa Fox, Chair Administrator, advised that Mr Nevins comments would be noted.

Kieren Klemm - Londrigan

Mr Klemm referred to previous Council contributions to assist the Reid Street General Public component of the Jazz Festival and enquired why this was being moved to Faithful Street.

Administrator Irene Grant replied that she is a Board Member of the Jazz Festival Committee and there was much discussion around ways to maintain the sustainability of the Jazz Festival without major investment in infrastructure. Ms Grant advised that consideration was given to the fact that Council has invested in the Riverside Precinct and it is an opportunity to build on this and the Ovens Street link with a paid event being held in the King George gardens. The Rural City of Wangaratta is one of the few still providing funding for the festival.

Mr Klemm expressed his concern regarding the competing noise from the Apex Park event with the Faithfull Street event.

Ms Grant assured Mr Klemm that a logistics expert had been consulted and was confident the music would be complementary.

Lucia - Wangaratta

Lucia asked what type of strategies will Council look at to address the access barriers for all residents to the Aquatic Centre given the sporadic bus timetable and the number of families living around the area who don't have transport.

Jaime Carroll, Director Community Wellbeing, replied that Council is aware of the challenges around access for this project, not just in the Yarrunga neighbourhood but throughout the Municipality. Council is communicating with private transport providers and reviewing pathways to link to our recreational reserves and facilities; making sure we keep the fees and charges in an affordable range to access the facilities.

Ailsa Fox, Chair Administrator, advised that the YMCA offers a program to assist disadvantaged people.

Ms Carroll further explained that the YMCA runs a well-supported Open Doors program which provides free access to their facility for people who have barriers around financial access.

Brian Fox - Wangaratta

Mr Fox referred to the new Organic Waste collection system stating it is marvellous and will save a lot of money however he is concerned that the users will not make it work. Mr Fox expressed his concerns with the organics kitchen waste caddy which he felt would make it unusable and asked if other Councils who have implemented the system had been consulted.

Alan Clark, Director of Infrastructure, responded that Council had done extensive research and consultation and had decided on the best of two options of the 'kitchen caddies' available in Australia. He confirmed that the caddies are widely used in other Northeast Councils with no issues.

Administrator Irene Grant added that, from her experience, the system is working well in other municipalities .

Ken Clarke - Wangaratta

Mr Clarke enquired if the organics collected in the first week had met with expectations.

Alan Clark, Director of Infrastructure, responded that staff have been inspecting the contents of the bins and trucks for contaminants finding the biggest problem was confusion between 'compostable' and 'biodegradable' bags which would be addressed with further education. Mr Clark added that Indigo Shire are diverting 53% of waste from their landfill.

PRESENTATION – Harvey Benton

Ailsa Fox, Administrator Chair, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Harvey Benton for his outstanding service and contribution to the Agriculture and Agri-business Advisory Committee over a long period of time.

23. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

24. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6:45pm.