

Minutes

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting

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

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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**

Councillors:

Mr David Fuller, Mr Dean Rees, Mr Harry Bussell, Mr Harvey Benton, Mr Ken Clarke OAM, Mr Mark Currie, Mrs Ruth Amery

Officers:

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer, Anthea Sloan , Acting Director Corporate Services, Alan Clark, Director Infrastructure Services, Jaime Carroll , Director Community Wellbeing, Barry Green, Director Development Services

4. **ABSENT**

Councillors:

Nil

Officers:

Ruth Kneebone, Director Corporate Services

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. **CITIZEN CEREMONY**

Nil.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor H Benton/Councillor D Rees)

That Council read and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 16 May 2017 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.

Cr Harvey Benton declared a direct conflict of interest in relation to item 14.2 as he is an executive member of one of the organisations receiving funding.

Cr Harvey Benton also declared a direct conflict of interest in relation to item 13.1 as he is an agent.

9. RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

10. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

12. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

Nil.

Cr Dave Fuller moved the following motion:

That the order of business for the meeting proceed to item 14.3 'Appointment of Youth Council' for immediate consideration.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dean Rees. The motion was put and carried.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1 SALEYARDS MANAGEMENT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Governance and Risk Advisor
File Name: Saleyards - Management
File No: F17/360

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 for Council to consider conducting community consultation regarding the establishment of an arm's length entity, wholly owned by Council, to manage the Wangaratta Saleyards.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Gives public notice of its intention to change the management and business structure of the Wangaratta Saleyards business and invites written submissions until 5:00 pm on 21 July 2017;*
- 2. Endorses the attached discussion paper, 'Proposed Changes for the Wangaratta Saleyards', for the purpose of community consultation; and*
- 3. Forms a committee to hear submissions, if requested.*

Cr Dean Rees moved an amendment:

- 1. Gives public notice of its intention to change the management and business structure of the Wangaratta Saleyards business and invites written submissions until 5:00 pm on 7 August 2017;***
- 2. Endorses the attached discussion paper, 'Proposed Changes for the Wangaratta Saleyards', for the purpose of community consultation; and***
- 3. Forms a committee to hear submissions, if requested.***

The amendment was seconded by Cr Ruth Amery.

The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

Background

An economic impact assessment of the Wangaratta Saleyards in 2012 confirmed that the facility makes a significant economic and employment contribution to Wangaratta's economy.

A \$3.7m upgrade of the Wangaratta Saleyards was undertaken in 2015, bringing the facility up to modern standards through the installation of a roof, soft flooring and all abilities access infrastructure.

At the same time, the industry has seen the development of new or expanded livestock selling centres. It is expected the industry will experience further consolidation and concentration of saleyards activities and see the progressive demise of smaller operations.

A review of the management and business structure of the Wangaratta Saleyards business has been ongoing for many months. At the December 2015 ordinary meeting Council declared its intention to form a cooperative for the operation of the saleyards business. Meetings with stakeholders and interested community members occurred, however the cooperative model failed to progress. Since this time, Council Officers continued to explore opportunities for the improved operation and management of the saleyards.

At the 28 March 2017 ordinary meeting Council resolved to:

1. *agree in principle to develop a management structure which would be a Council owned entity, to ensure the facility has the flexibility to maximise its full commercial potential; and*
2. *request officers to provide a detailed briefing report during April, which considers all relevant matters relating to the management of the Wangaratta Livestock Exchange.*

Council officers have provided the briefing report requested by Council. Legal advice has also been obtained which provides the steps to be taken to implement Council's resolution to develop a Council owned entity to manage the Wangaratta Saleyards facility. Those steps in summary are:

1. Determine to establish a proprietary company limited by shares wholly owned by Council (the preferable option of two alternatives, given the key commercial considerations in the running of the business as well as being a simpler structure to operate);
2. Execute the following incorporation process:
 - a. engage an experienced auditor of local government entities as an appropriately qualified person, to conduct the risk assessment and prepare a risk assessment report required under section 193 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act);

- b. determine the amount to be capitalised into the entity, the form of the company's constitution as well as the document governing the relationship between Council and the company – a management agreement being the most likely;
- c. ensure that directors be appointed to the company's board on the basis of their skills and to seek a balance of skills on the board;
- d. consider prohibiting the final company structure from borrowing funds in the company's constitution, otherwise Ministerial approval will need to be sought;
- e. at the conclusion of the section 193 process, Council resolves to form the company and appoint the initial directors, the application for registration of the company is lodged with ASIC and the company is issued with an Australian Company Number (ACN);
- f. transfer the Saleyards business to a company limited by shares, wholly owned by Council;
- g. the company registers with the ATO and receives an Australian Business Number (ABN) and the company commences to trade.

Council officers have been investigating the best structure to achieve this. The options considered included in-house management, a partnership, or an arm's length entity.

An arm's length entity is recommended as the best option. In the current circumstances where Council intends to remain the sole member of the company, and given the key commercial considerations in the ongoing management of the business, a proprietary company limited by shares wholly owned by Council is preferable. A proprietary company limited by shares is also a slightly simpler structure to operate. This type of structure has been successfully employed by local government elsewhere, an example being Wyndham City Council's Western Leisure Services.

The proposal is described in the discussion paper, 'Proposed Changes for the Wangaratta Saleyards' (*refer attachment*).

Implications

Policy Considerations

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

Financial/Economic Implications

The Wangaratta Saleyards should be able to operate without the need for Council subsidisation. Risks lie in continuing with the current management structure when a more effective model could increase commercial viability.

Legal/Statutory

Council's power to form a company

Under section 193 of the Act (***refer attachment***) Council may form or participate in the formation of a company provided that it follows the risk assessment and approval process set out in sections 193(5A) to 193(5G). In essence, that process requires Council to assess the total investment involved and the total risk exposure which determines approval authorities for the proposal.

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 (2016 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Growing

We will focus on our business:

We have the infrastructure we need to support the growth of key economic sectors, such as agriculture, retail and transport.

Risk Management

A thorough risk assessment undertaken by a suitably qualified person is required under section 193 of the Act.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Business paper report Published discussion paper	Council meeting agenda
Consult	Receive submissions Hear submitters if requested	28 day submission period

Submissions will be invited from the community and a notice to this effect will be advertised in the Chronicle newspaper and also on Council's website indicating that submissions will be received up to 5:00pm on Friday 21 July 2017. The

discussion paper, 'Proposed Changes for the Wangaratta Saleyards' will be used for the purpose of community consultation

Persons making submissions can request an opportunity to be heard in respect of their submission by a Committee of Council formed for that purpose.

All submissions will be considered by Council when deciding whether or not to proceed to risk assessment and business planning for the proposed new arm's length entity.

Council will notify in writing, each person who has made a separate submission, and in the case of a submission made on behalf of a number of persons, one of those persons, of the decision and the reasons for that decision.

Options for Consideration

Council could resolve not to place the matter on exhibition and move directly to commencing risk assessment and business planning for the proposed saleyards entity.

Alternatively, Council may resolve to abandon the proposal.

Conclusion

The most efficient way to avoid potential or actual conflicts of interest, to minimise financial risk and to engage the necessary commercial and corporate expertise is through the creation of an arms' length vehicle such as a wholly-owned subsidiary company to hold and manage the commercial interests.

Consequently, the structure that offers the best prospect of achieving Council's objectives is a proprietary company limited by shares and wholly owned by Council.

Attachments

- 1 Wangaratta Saleyards Discussion Paper June 2017
- 2 Section 193 Local Government Act 1989

Questions from Public

David Evans: *Queried why the consulting period was so short and stated it should include a public forum. Added that he was not looking for a 6-8 month time period rather around 2 months.*

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer replied that the time reflects the sense of urgency among councillors. It has been an ongoing issue for a long time with much uncertainty. They are keen to move forward and put in a new management structure. There will be conversations with Councillors in regards to what communications will be part of that process and if there will be a public forum. Council is entitled to shorten or length the time period.

13.2 2017 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Media and Communications Officer
File Name: Community Satisfaction Survey 2017 Report
RCoW summary
File No: s16/2173

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 summary of the results of the 2017 Community Satisfaction Survey (*refer attached*) which was conducted between 1 February and 30 March 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor H Benton)

That Council notes the results of the 2017 Community Satisfaction Survey.

Carried

Background

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates and auspices a state-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey. JWS Research undertakes the survey.

The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of Wangaratta Rural City Council over the previous 12 months, across a range of measures and seek insight into ways to provide improved or more effective service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some of their reporting requirements as well as acting as a feedback mechanism to LGV.

Implications

Performance has generally improved between 2016 and 2017, however there are a number of areas Council should focus on.

Core measures

Council's performance on core measures has improved in all areas except Sealed Local Roads, though this is still above the average for Regional Centres and Victoria. **Overall Council Direction** has improved by 10 points over 2016, while Community Consultation, Advocacy and Customer Service have also improved significantly.

Council's **Overall Performance** (57) is a slight improvement compared to 2016 (55), and represents a consolidation of gains from the 2014 low score of 45.

The following table compares the results for core measures over time and against Regional Centres and State-wide results.

Core Measures – Index Score Results

Performance Measures	Wangaratta 2017	Wangaratta 2016	Regional Centres 2017	State-wide 2017	Highest score	Lowest score
OVERALL PERFORMANCE	57	55	57	59	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 35-49 years
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (Community consultation and engagement)	55	49	54	55	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 35-49 years
ADVOCACY (Lobbying on behalf of the community)	52	48	54	54	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 35-49 years
MAKING COMMUNITY DECISIONS (Decisions made in the interest of the community)	50	48	52	54	Aged 18-34 years	Aged 35-49 years
SEALED LOCAL ROADS (Condition of sealed local roads)	56	58	53	53	Aged 65+ years	Aged 18-34 years
CUSTOMER SERVICE	71	66	72	69	Women, Urban, Aged 65+ years	Rural Area
OVERALL COUNCIL DIRECTION	61	51	55	53	Aged 65+ years	Aged 35-49 years

Individual service measures

JWS Research recommend Council should pay particular attention to issues where residents stated importance exceeds rated performance by 10 points or more:

- Maintenance of unsealed road (margin of 31 points)
- Condition of local streets and footpaths (margin of 20 points)
- Business and community development and tourism (margin of 15 points)
- Informing the community (margin of 14 points)
- Parking facilities (margin of 14 points)
- Traffic management (margin of 11 points)

The next two tables provide results over time for priority areas for performance and importance.

Performance Summary – Index Score Results

<i>2017 Priority Area Performance</i>		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Art centres & libraries	79	73	79	79	83	84
Appearance of public areas	75	75	76	75	77	78
Community & cultural	72	70	72	71	74	73
Recreational facilities	70	69	69	72	76	76
Waste management	70	68	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Environmental sustainability	65	66	64	64	67	66
Traffic management	61	61	62	60	65	61
Informing the community	60	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bus/community dev./tourism	59	62	63	59	68	69
Local streets & footpaths	57	60	60	57	59	61
Parking facilities	56	52	58	51	53	51
Sealed local roads	56	58	57	n/a	n/a	n/a
Consultation & engagement	55	49	49	48	56	58
Lobbying	52	48	51	45	58	56
Community decisions	50	48	49	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unsealed roads	46	48	50	n/a	n/a	n/a

Importance summary – Index score results

<i>2017 Priority Area Importance</i>		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Waste management	80	82	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Unsealed roads	77	77	81	n/a	n/a	n/a
Local streets & footpaths	76	78	77	77	79	75
Informing the community	75	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Bus/community dev./tourism	74	75	76	76	75	74
Appearance of public areas	73	75	74	75	76	71
Traffic management	72	73	72	71	73	72
Recreational facilities	72	72	74	74	75	73
Environmental sustainability	71	73	72	70	73	70
Parking facilities	70	74	72	75	76	75
Art centres & libraries	62	63	63	66	68	69
Community & cultural	60	63	64	64	65	64

Policy Considerations

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

Financial/Economic Implications

There is a financial cost to Council for undertaking this survey.

	2016/2017 Approved Budget for this proposal \$	This Proposal \$	Variance to Approved Budget \$	Comments
Revenue/Income				
Expense	11,500	11,682	182	
Net Result	11,500	11,682	182	

Legal/Statutory

The survey provides Council with a means to fulfil some of its statutory reporting requirements as well as acting as a feedback mechanism to LGV.

Social

Improved performance in all service areas can have positive social impacts; therefore it is important to have a mechanism to measure perceived performance. The survey provides this.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Council's performance in environmental sustainability is below residents stated importance. The survey results can be used as a mechanism to measure improved performance in future years.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2016 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Connected

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

Developing strategies to ensure an exceptional customer experience and to enhance communication and engagement.

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

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Reputational	Likely	Moderate	High	Ensure improved performance

Consultation/Communication

The survey was conducted by Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing as a representative random probability survey of residents aged 18+ years in Wangaratta Rural City Council.

A total of 400 completed interviews were achieved, with survey fieldwork being conducted in the period of 1 February – 30 March 2017. Minimum quotas of gender within age groups were applied during the fieldwork phase. Post survey weighting was then conducted to ensure accurate representation of the age and gender profile of the Rural City of Wangaratta. Just under 1.5% of our population participated in the survey.

Conclusion

Council has improved in many areas and consolidated gains in others.

The improvements in Overall Council Direction, Community Consultation and Community Direction are particularly encouraging.

As with the 2016 Survey, results show in many cases Council performed well in areas that are not given high importance by the community, like Arts centres and libraries, where the performance was rated 79, but the importance was rated 62. Council also performed less well in areas the community placed a high level of importance, like Unsealed Roads, where performance was rated 46 but importance was rated 77.

Council should pay attention to the six areas identified through the survey, where the community has rated something as carrying a high importance, but our performance is low.

Attachments

- 1 Community Satisfaction Survey 2017 Research Report

Questions from Public

Jim Lewis - Wangaratta: Would like Council not just to note the results of the Community Satisfaction Survey but for them to be used to drive actions in the next 12 months. Does not believe the word 'note' in the recommendation is strong enough.

Anthea Sloan, Acting Director Corporate Services replied that Jim was correct in that we need to ensure that Council actions these results appropriately. In the

budget draft some improvements have been made as a result, however, as the survey is something that has only recently been released it will further effect the budget as time progresses.

14. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

14.1 SECTION 86 COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Community and Recreation Officer
File Name: COUNCIL COMMITTEES
File No: F16/1547

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 for nominations of community members to represent the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee, and a number of Special Committees of Management (COM) where representatives are new or renominating upon expiry of their term on a COM.

The Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee provides advice to Council on matters pertaining to strategic planning, support and advice, together with the management of sport and recreation opportunities in the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The Special Committees of Council are responsible for the management, promotion and maintenance of facilities under their control.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor H Bussell/Councillor D Fuller)

That Council:

- appoints the following representatives to the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee:-***

Cassie Campbell	Wangaratta District Cricket Association
Melinda Paul	Little Athletics
Lawrence Johnston	Community representative
Noel Boyd	Community representative
Leon Newton	YMCA Wangaratta

2. *appoints the following representatives to the Section 86 Special Committees of Management:-*

Bowmans Murmungee Hall Special Committee	
Dianne Ferguson	Community representative
Jane Witherow	Community representative
Kathleen Dobson	Community representative
Lorna Neary	Community representative
James Neary	Community representative
Mary Ferguson	Community representative
Ronald Ferguson	Community representative
Judy Griffiths	Community representative
John Rouch	Community representative
Howard Brown	Community representative
Carboor Memorial Hall & Recreation Reserve Special Committee	
Robin Box	Community representative
Allan Roman	Community representative
Jean Box	Community representative
Veronica Box	Community representative
Anthony Meyer	Community representative
Rebecca Meyer	Community representative
Edi Upper Hall & Recreation Reserve Special Committee	
Greg Whitaker	Community representative
Helen O'Donoghue	Community representative
June Eubergang	Community representative
Carolyn Slijkerman	Community representative
Therese Holmes	Community representative
Andrew Lowe	Community representative
Susan Lowe	Community representative
Mark Bray	Community representative
James Kiely	CFA representative
Eldorado Memorial Hall Special Committee	
John Bell	Community representative
Cheryl Bell	Community representative
Mick Carrey	Community representative
Ben Schulz-Dahlenburg	Community representative
Angela Brauman	Community representative
Christian Brauman	Community representative
Stephen Paul	Community representative
Julie Paul	Community representative
Leonie Falconer	Community representative
Everton Hall & Sports Complex Special Committee	
Julie Allen	Community representative
Tony Cole	Community representative
Colleen Cole	Community representative

Peter Roberts	Community representative
Wendy Roberts	Community representative
Davina Machin	Community representative
Angela Ross	Community representative
Anne Schulze	Community representative
Robert Schulze	Community representative
Friends of Lacluta Special Committee	
Heather Redmond	Community Representative
John Ambrosio	Community Representative
John Bradford	Community Representative
Linda Sexton	Community Representative
Andy Kimber	Community Representative
Elizabeth Walpole	Community Representative
Karen Jones	Community Representative
Judy Grylls	Community Representative
Terry Karis	Community Representative
Joy Ramsay	Community Representative
Old Murmungee Hall Special Committee	
John Bradford	Community Representative
Lorna Neary	Community Representative
James Neary	Community Representative
Maureen Rae	Community Representative
Denise Rae	Community Representative
Jane Witherow	Community Representative
Brian Rae	Community Representative
Gordon Anderson	Community Representative
Denise Anderson	Community Representative
Judy Griffiths	Community Representative
Rachelle Verlin	Community Representative
Whorouly Public Hall Special Committee	
Barbara Griffiths	Whorouly CWA Group
Whorouly Memorial Park Reserve Special Committee	
Elise Pethybridge	Community
Jade Reid	Whorouly Football/Netball Club

Carried

Background

Council has 16 COMs established under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) for the purpose of managing and controlling activities at Council owned/managed facilities. Section 86 of the Act provides that Council may delegate certain functions, duties or powers to a COM.

Committee of management nominees serve limited terms based on the requirements of their charter. All committee charters establish a minimum required number of positions but allow for larger membership if there is an interests from community members to serve. These nominations represent either new nominees resulting from resignations or additional interest from local community members.

When member terms expire the nomination process is advertised in local media, through rural newsletters and via community word-of-mouth. The vacancies are a result of other members' terms expiring.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Council's policy 'Appointment to Council Committees' applies to this matter. At its discretion, where there are more nominations than vacancies and the nominees address the requirements of the relevant COM, Council may appoint a number of members to the committee greater than that specified in the charter.

Financial/Economic Implications

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

Legal/Statutory

Council must make formal appointments to Section 86 Special Committees as required by the Act. The appointment of members to Special Committees by formal resolution of Council ensures that the powers, functions and duties delegated to these COMs are able to be exercised legally.

Social

Closer links between Council and COMs create greater awareness of the needs of the community and of the facilities being managed on Council's behalf. The responsibilities delegated to the COMs promote the exchange of information between the committee and Council. Promotion of the facility by the COM facilitates increased community use.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

COMs are responsible for the management of any environmental issues relating to the land upon which their facilities are situated.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2016 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

We are healthy:

We can move around and be active, get medical attention and join in social, cultural and recreational activities with our friends and family.

We are growing:

Our economy and community are growing because we offer exciting opportunities and potential.

We have quality offerings for existing and new businesses and as a region we continue to attract visitors, investors and new residents.

We are connected:

Our community has developed to make sure that we can connect and interact with each other – via effective communication and planning, by our roads and pathways, and in active community centres that provide activity and purpose.

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.

We will create and deliver:

A focus on making it easy for people to volunteer in our community by connecting people, promoting opportunities and celebrating the brilliant contributions our volunteers make.

The non-negotiables

Our rural community is supported and recognised as a significant contributor to the economic and social character of the municipality.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Governance risk associated with the delegation of Council powers to a committee	Possible	Moderate	Medium	The appointment of members by a formal resolution of the Council reduces governance risks by ensuring that all members appointed to a committee are covered by Council's public liability insurance

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Keep informed	Emails/Media advertisements
Consult	Listen and acknowledge	Council will consult with the committees prior to making decisions that relate to facilities and Sport and Recreation matters.
Involve	Work with the respective committees to obtain feedback	Committees provide an important source of feedback for Council to manage these facilities and provide relevant information pertaining to sport and recreation.
Collaborate	Feedback will be incorporated into decisions as far as possible	Council collaborates with its committees prior to making decisions that relate to Sport and Recreation and facilities
Empower	Implementation in conjunction with the relevant committees	Committees have delegated powers to make decisions in relation to the day-to-day management of the facilities.

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

Conclusion

The appointment of the nominations detailed herein to the relevant COMs will delegate the management, function and duties of the activities and facilities under the COMs and will uphold Council's requirements under the Act.

Attachments

- 1 Nominations to Council Committees

Councillor Comment

Cr Harry Bussell acknowledged the hard work organisations and volunteers do and that it should not go unnoticed.

14.2 2016-2017 COMMUNITY GRANTS - MAJOR CATEGORY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Community and Recreation Officer
File Name: Community Grants - Major
File No: F16/1483

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.

Cr Harvey Benton left the Chamber at 6.25pm.

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to provide recommendations to Council in relation to the 2017 Community Grants – Major category.

Council's Community & Recreation Department received 51 applications with a total funding request of \$478,785 and a total projects value of \$894,950. The allocated pool of funding available for the program is \$134,246.

An assessment process has been undertaken with a recommendation that 13 projects are funded with a total allocation of \$123,910.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller / Councillor D Rees)

That Council allocates \$123,910 to fund the following projects as part of the 2017 Community Grants Program – Major Category:

Applicant	Project	Recommended Funding Amount
Boorhaman Recreation Reserve	Water Bore & Hall Upgrade	\$13,635
Milawa Bowls Club	Replace stolen equipment	\$5,000
Milawa Oxley Fun Run	Purchase obstacles for fun run course & provide storage	\$10,400
Jazzaratta Inc.	Public Performance	\$15,000
Milawa Hall and Special Park Committee	More Cool & Cosy Activities for Milawa (heating & cooling)	\$11,000
Springhurst Hall Committee	Ride on Mower for fire prevention & recreation	\$6,000
Glenrowan Recreation Reserve	Kitchen upgrade	\$15,000

NESAY	Café Card Program	\$7,500
Open Door Neighbourhood House	Multipurpose Room Redevelopment	\$10,746
Myrree Soldiers Memorial Hall	Tourism Improvement project - install picnic table	\$4,648
Whorouly Memorial Park Committee	Playground to connect & enrich	\$10,000
Women's Auxiliary Wangaratta RSL Sub-branch	Centenary Celebrations	\$13,481
Wangaratta & District Orchid Society Inc	2017 Technology Upgrade	\$1,500
TOTAL		\$123,910

Background

Each year Council's Community Grants Program provides financial assistance to local not-for-profit community groups and organisations for the development of programs; and for activities and projects that will enhance the social, cultural and environmental experience for residents of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The Rural City of Wangaratta 2017 Community Grants Program – Major Category received 51 eligible applications in the current funding round. The total amount of funds requested in this 2017 round totalled \$478,785.

These applications have completed an assessment process, been measured against the application criteria and then scaled from highest to lowest ranking.

In the 2016-17 financial year the Community Grants Program – Major Category has a funding pool of \$134,246.

Table 1 – *Recommended successful applications for 2017 Community Grants Program – Major Category and cumulative funding total.*

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Implications

Policy Considerations

The Community Grants Program – Major Category is informed by Council's Community Grants Program Policy and Procedure (2015).

Financial/Economic Implications

	2016 Approved Budget for this proposal \$	This Proposal \$	Variance to Approved Budget \$	Comments
Revenue/Income				
Expense	134,246	123,910	+10,336	
Net Result	134,246	123,910	+10,336	

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

The granting of funds to community groups achieves social outcomes that benefit our community.

Other social implications relate to the impact unfunded projects may have on community initiatives and projects. All unsuccessful projects are supported to

develop their projects and applications to strengthen future funding opportunities – both within Council and through other avenues.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

A number of the grants made will achieve environmental outcomes.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Healthy

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.

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.

The non-negotiables

Things happen based on what our communities know are important to them.

Our community and recreation facilities are well maintained and sustainable.

The Wangaratta Council Plan

Key priorities:

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

Through the delivery of 'The Wangaratta Project' we will develop and implement a master plan for the Central Business District that focuses on the creation of a city centre that is unique, diverse and active.

That build a unique creative hub in the centre of the City through the delivery of the Wangaratta Cultural Precinct Plan – a plan that will focus on building exciting, engaging and creative spaces, programs and opportunities for all our community members and visitors.

We will create and deliver:

Unique, engaging and relevant public art that helps to make our city, neighbourhoods and towns interesting places to be.

an events strategy that focuses on delivering and supporting a range of exciting, diverse, safe, and quality events throughout our community.

The non-negotiables:

A range of events and cultural programs offered throughout the municipality that is exciting, enjoyable and inclusive.

The provision of high quality and diverse community and professional arts, cultural and heritage projects and programs.

What we do every day:

We facilitate cultural programs.

We deliver a vibrant and varied events program.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

N/A

b) Other strategic links

Rural City of Wangaratta Recreation Strategy

RS 7.1.3 Encourage greater informal use of recreation reserves and facilities by:

- Promoting the availability of facilities for casual community access (i.e. multi-use hard courts);
- Increasing the diversity of available opportunities such as nature walks/walking circuits, exercise stations, informal recreation opportunities for young people and older adults, seating/picnic facilities and play spaces.

RS 7.2.3 Work with key groups to establish and promote unstructured recreation opportunities for specific groups in the community.

RS 7.3.2 Review the use and capacity of existing ovals in Wangaratta (and surrounding areas), with the aim to maximise the use of existing infrastructure (for cricket and football) prior to the consideration of any new/additional grounds being supported.

RS 7.4.3 Support and enhance partnerships with local youth providers and groups to ensure that the recreational needs of young people continue to evolve and improve and to ensure young people are involved in the planning of local recreation opportunities.

RS 7.5.6 Promote walking and cycling throughout the community to increase levels of physical activity and health for all age groups by:

Rural City of Wangaratta Community & Wellbeing Plan 2013-2017

4.2.4 Ensure planning for new and redeveloped community facilities to identify accessibility challenges to incorporate Universal Design Principles community facilities.

4.3.2.1 Support activities that build community and social networks.

4.3.2.2 Deliver programs and activities that facilitate intergenerational interaction and foster community inclusion.

4.3.2.3 Provide support to community groups and organisations that seek opportunities for innovation, collaboration and community strengthening.

4.3.2.4 Continue to support the delivery of diverse, innovative and engaging events.

4.3.3.1 *participate fully and contribute to the social, programs and venues being accessible to economic and cultural life disadvantaged sectors in the community.

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

The key priorities of the Wangaratta Project- A Masterplan for the City are:

Arts, Culture, Events & Activation Portfolio

- Develop new events, activities, Festivals & happenings
- Celebrate Wangaratta as the place of textiles
- Create opportunities for live music
- Support emergent, temporary, interactive & informal artforms

Roads, Lanes, Paths & Streetscapes Portfolio

- Embedded art in public spaces, walls & streets
- Bring life to the laneways

Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Strategy Action Plan 2010

Provide young free events and activities for young people and increase accessibility to venues.

Communicate with young people through a variety of ways to increase their participation in local youth events and activities and promote Council.

Enhance educational and employment opportunities for young people.

Creating and maintaining strong links & partnerships with relevant organisations so that young people's needs be incorporated into Council planning.

Support young people to be more informed about local employment and educational opportunities.

Maintain Community Grants program to assist local sporting clubs, community groups and individuals to achieve positive outcomes and create opportunities for young people to be engaged in positive activities.

Ensure that community facilities and wider Council infrastructure including sports facilities, skate parks, bike tracks, parks and gardens are monitored, maintained, improved and developed to meet the needs of young people.

Rural City of Wangaratta 2015 Access & Inclusion Charter

- Provide a safe and accessible environment
- Treating all people with respect and dignity
- Exercise leadership by advocating for the rights of disadvantaged groups

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Group's ability to contribute committed Cash / inkind	(3) possible	(2) minor	Medium	Requested detailed financials to support commitment
Group's capacity to implement project with available volunteer capacity	(3) possible	(2) minor	Medium	Continual monitoring throughout project implementation

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Internal staff	Sharepoint, email
Consult	Internal & external stakeholders	In person
Involve	Roadshows	Face-to-face, phone
Collaborate	Eligible applicants	Email, face-to-face
Empower	Successful applicants	Letter, email, phone, face-to-face

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

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be informed of Council's decision.

Conclusion

With assessment now completed, projects for funding have been listed in this report for Council's consideration.

It is requested that Council consider the endorsement of the *Table 1..*

Attachments

Nil.

Councillor Comment

Cr David Fuller congratulated the winners of the Community Grants.

Cr Harvey Benton returned to the chamber.

14.3 APPOINTMENT OF YOUTH COUNCIL 2017-18

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Manager - Community and Recreation
File Name: Youth Council 2017/18
File No: s17/1813

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 of the Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Council 2017-18.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council appoint the following people to represent their peers in the 2017/18 Youth Council program.

Leela Rosser	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
Dalton Bell	GOTAFE – VCAL
Tiffany Burman-Fry	GOTFAE – VCAL
*Jordyn Parker-Richards	Wangaratta High School
Gabriel Hernandez	Wangaratta High School
Oliver Hernandez	Wangaratta High School
Chloe Dowell	Wangaratta High School
*Angle Makeham	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
*Sarah Sherwill	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
Naomi Luhan	Cathedral College Wangaratta
*Hannah Savery	Galen Catholic College
Christopher D'Agostino	Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership

**served one previous term as Youth Councillor.*

Background

Nominations were recently invited for membership of the Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Council for the 2017/18 term. Nominations were sought from local secondary schools including:

- Wangaratta High School
- Galen Catholic College
- Cathedral College
- Borinya Wangaratta Community Partnership
- the Wangaratta District Specialist School
- GOTAFE

Nominations were also sought from local youth service providers.

There were also public advertisements posted on the Rural City of Wangaratta website and disseminated through Facebook and other social media opportunities.

Twelve nominations were received, including four from former Youth Councillors.

All nominees were required to submit a nomination form and attend an interview. All candidates were measured against set pre-established criteria.

Following interviews, a panel consisting of the Manager - Community and Recreation, Youth Officer and current Youth Mayor finalised a list of preferred candidates giving consideration to the following factors:

- broad cross section of schools represented;
- gender;
- suitability;
- team fit; and
- ability to represent their peers.

Implications

Policy Considerations

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

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 Youth Council provides a voice for young people to engage with Council and the community. Many activities and events undertaken by Youth Council connect with 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 Connected

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
a focus on making it easy for people to volunteer in our community by connecting people, promoting
Opportunities and celebrating the brilliant contributions our volunteers make.

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 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.

c) Rural City of Wangaratta Youth Charter

Participation: Council will inform, consult and involve regularly with local young people to ensure that their ideas and concerns are considered when planning across all relevant areas of Council.

*The Youth Charter will be reviewed and potentially updated in the next financial year alongside the charters of section 86 Committees being reviewed by Governance.

Options for Consideration

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

Conclusion

The Rural City of Wangaratta's Youth Council is an Advisory Committee of Council, established to provide a voice for young people to engage with Council and the community. 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; and
- enhance their leadership skills.

The nomination process for Youth Council has followed procedures outlined in Section 5 of the Youth Council Charter and has been presented to both Council's Corporate Management Team and at a Councillor Briefing Forum for consideration prior to endorsement. The nominees incorporate representatives from all of the Rural City's secondary education institutions, both new and returning participants, and a varied range of interests and personal experiences.

The proposed recommendation is presented to Council for its consideration.

Attachments

Nil.

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 WASTE CHARGE POLICY 2017

Meeting Type:	Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	20 June 2017
Author:	Waste Management Coordinator
File Name:	Waste Charge Policy Review 2017
File No:	S17/1771

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 consider the adoption of the Waste Charge Policy 2017. The Policy has been on exhibition for a period of 28 days and submissions closed at close of business on 28 April 2017.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopt the Waste Charge Policy 2017.

Cr Dean Rees moved an amendment:

That Council:

- 1. adopt the Waste Charge Policy 2017.***
- 2. amend the policy to include the request that owner corporation committees notify Council of their needs for services by 1 July 2017***
- 3. amend the policy to include green bin liners for each bin onsite rather than each resident***

The amendment was seconded by Cr Mark Currie.

The amendment became the motion and was put and carried.

Background

Each year, coinciding with the adoption of the revised Council fees and charges the Waste Charge Policy is updated to reflect the operational nature of the waste services that Council delivers. The policy itself sets out the services that will attract fees and charges for kerbside waste collection and waste received at Council's waste sites. It also sets out the basis for any exemptions to these services and associated costs.

A number of changes were required to the existing Waste Charge Policy to create flexibility on how Council charges for its waste services.

The changes made to the policy are detailed below:

- Inclusion of the \$5 hard waste voucher.
Additional information about its purpose and issuing are included.
- Inclusion of free green waste during November.
Additional information acknowledging the service that is offered on an annual basis is included.
- Expansion of community events and bin hire.
Additional information on the process is included, as follows:
 - Medium to large events will require completion of event application forms - 6 weeks prior to the event.
 - Small events <10 bins will require a customer service request, 2 weeks prior to the event.
 - Charity event bins are mentioned separately.
 These events will attract charges unless a formal exemption application is received and approved by the Director - Infrastructure Services, 2 weeks prior to the event.
- Expansion of Council's four strike policy.
If an organics or recycling bin containing contamination is presented for collection 4 times within a 6 month period; on the fourth occasion, the bin will be removed from the premises and the charges will remain on the property's rate notice. Currently this is applicable to organics only.
- In accordance with the Local Law Policy - Disposal of Waste and Recyclable Materials 'conditions of collection' have been added to this policy. This sets out when bins need to be presented for collection, weight restrictions etc.

The Policy has been on exhibition for a period of 28 days and submissions closed at close of business on 28 April 2017.

Two submissions were received and are briefly summarised in the table below:

Submitter	Location	Issues raised	Council's Response
Jim Lewis	Wangaratta	1. Rearrangement of information into table format. 2. Clarification of Transfer Station and Bowser waste origin importance. 3. Request for data on space limitation and disposal. 4. Clarification on health hazards with contaminated bins. 5. Clarification on 70kg weight limit and bin	The Policy has been updated to reflect suggestions made.

Submitter	Location	Issues raised	Council's Response
		collection requirements.	
Delia Jackson	Whitfield	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification around social impact statement within the Council report. 2. Points raised on composting and waste education in rural areas. 3. Recycling options for cardboard and paper for Whitfield. 4. Potential use of Whitfield Transfer Station for composting and recycling. 5. Points raised about tourism and the policy. 6. Identified the waste issues that Gentle Annie Caravan Park is experiencing during peak tourism periods throughout the year. 7. Clarification sought on event charges in relation to tourism. 	<p>The Waste Charge Policy is an operational document that sets out how Council will be delivering its waste service in the next financial year. It is directly related to the fees and charges to be adopted by Council. The points raised in this submission are more correctly aligned with the Waste Management Strategy. In light of this a separate response will be prepared addressing the points raised and will be considered as part of the Waste Management Strategy.</p> <p>Options have been developed for this report surrounding the waste service required by Gentle Annie Caravan Park.</p>

Delia Jackson and Russell Bird, owners of Gentle Annie Caravan Park were invited to a Councillors Briefing Forum regarding their submissions on the Waste Charge Policy. Their submissions were an amalgamation of issues with the Waste Charge Policy and the current Waste Management Strategy.

The Councillors Briefing Forum enabled Councillors and Council Officers to understand firsthand the waste issues experienced in running a Caravan Park during peak tourism periods. Gentle Annie Caravan Park would like Council to consider additional pick-ups on request during peak periods.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Waste Management Strategy is being reviewed later this year. It is this strategy that covers the broader scope of some submissions received. The ideas expressed in these submissions that were not relevant to the Waste Charge Policy, will be considered as part of the review to the Waste Management Strategy.

Financial/Economic Implications

Based on the recommended options there are no financial implications for Council. If the second option is chosen, Council will see a loss of income and additional costs through commercial businesses electing when their bins are collected rather than using the standard scheduled service.

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

There are no social impacts identified for the proposed changes within 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:

We will focus on our business:

reviewing service levels while balancing community expectations with available resources

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

Consultation/Communication

The Policy was placed on exhibition for 28 days with two submissions received.

As a result of consultation, the Policy has been updated to reflect a number of suggestions made by Mr Jim Lewis. Furthermore, Delia Jackson and Russell Bird owners of the Gentle Annie Caravan Pack were invited to a Forum Briefing to discuss their submissions which has resulted in 3 options being developed.

Options for Consideration

Option 1: (Recommended)

Adopt the policy as presented and continue with the current 6 month arrangement from November – April, and consult with Gentle Annie Caravan Park owners to identify their waste options. This may include waste reduction programs, and commercial skips for recycling during peak periods. The Waste Management Strategy is being reviewed this year, tourism and the waste generated will be considered as part of that review.

Option 2: (Not Recommended)

Amend the Waste Charge Policy to include additional bin pickups on request during peak tourism events in the region attracting additional fees. Fees and charges would need to be amended to include Rural Commercial and Urban Commercial bin collection fees (\$12 per bin per week for Rural and \$10 per bin per week for Urban based on current waste collection rates).

Conclusion

The draft Waste Charge Policy was placed on public exhibition to seek feedback from the community on a number of changes proposed within the content of the document.

As a result of consultation, the Policy has been amended to reflect a number of suggestions made by Mr Jim Lewis and the recommendation for unscheduled collections has been removed. No other major changes have been made to the Waste Charge Policy 2017. Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Waste Charge Policy 2017 be adopted as presented.

Attachments

- 1 Waste Charge Policy 2017

Questions from Public

Ann Dunstan – Tarrawinge: Disagreed that there were only 2 submissions. Stated her comments from the previous Carboor Council meeting had been agreed to be considered as submissions to the policy. The submission included two items; green bin liners for each bin on site rather than each resident as there will be benefits to having fewer bins on large unit type complexes and waste charges, bins and waste bags to negotiated direct with owners corporations with a clear cut-off date prior to August rate distribution .

Alan Clark, Director Infrastructure replied that he does recall Ann talking about her points however is unsure of why they were not included. Agreed that 1 bin

*bag roll per bin not resident makes sense. **Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer**, asked if 1st of July 2017 would be a suitable cut-off date from an operational point of view and for the owners corporations. Both Alan Clark and Ann Dunstan responded yes.*

15.2 NAMING PROPOSAL FOR FOOTBRIDGE OVER BOGGY CREEK, MOYHU

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Executive Assistant - Infrastructure Services
File Name: Boggy Creek Footbridge Moyhu
File No: BR34040

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 report was presented to the Ordinary Council meeting held on 21 March 2017 and Council resolved to advertise its intention to name the footbridge over Boggy Creek, Moyhu as “Ted Gearon Bridge”. This report provides Council with feedback following the advertising of the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor R Amery/Councillor H Bussell)

That Council:

- 1. name the footbridge over Boggy Creek, Moyhu as “Ted Gearon Bridge” in recognition of the generosity and voluntary work provided by Ted Gearon, and***
- 2. place the proposal on the Notification for Edit System seeking approval by the Geographic Names Registrar and gazettal, in due course.***

Carried

Background

The Place Naming Committee received a naming proposal from the Moyhu Action Group seeking to name the footbridge over the Boggy Creek, Moyhu as “Gearon Bridge” in recognition of the generosity and voluntary work provided by Ted Gearon to enable the construction of the bridge by Oxley Shire.

The Place Naming Committee considered the proposal with the view that the proposal recognises Ted’s generosity and community work and recommended that Council advertise the proposal to name the bridge as the “Ted Gearon Bridge” at its Ordinary Meeting held on 21 March 2017.

Council resolved to advertise the proposal. The proposal was advertised in the Wangaratta Chronicle and on Council’s website from 21 April 2017. Referral

authorities were also invited to provide feedback on the proposal with the submission period closing on Friday 2 June 2017.

No objections to the proposal were received during the advertising period. No response was regarded as no objection to the proposal.

See location map below:



Implications

Policy Considerations

Place Naming Policy

Financial/Economic Implications

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

Legal/Statutory

The Place Naming Committee must adhere to the Naming rules for places in Victoria and Council policies when considering naming proposals.

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 (2016 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

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

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Consult	Advertise the proposal to the community	Newspaper Council's website

Officers believe that appropriate consultation of the proposal has occurred.

Conclusion

Following advertising of the proposal, no objections were received and therefore it is recommended that Council name the footbridge over Boggy Creek, Moyhu as "Ted Gearon Bridge".

Attachments

Nil

16. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

16.1 NED KELLY INTERPRETIVE CENTRE PROJECT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Economic Development and Tourism Officer
File Name: Economic Development
File No: F16/913

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 consider a request for assistance for the development of a privately lead proposal to develop a Ned Kelly Centre. The report also presents options and recommendations on a path forward pending the recommendations from the Ned Kelly Alive project report.

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor D Rees/Councillor K Clarke OAM)

That Council:

- 1. provide in-principal support to the Ned Kelly Centre and their endeavours.***
- 2. delay any decisions with regards to the requests submitted by the Ned Kelly Centre pending the outcomes of the Ned Kelly Alive reports recommendations.***

Carried

Background

The Ned Kelly Centre (NKC) submitted a letter dated 6 March 2017 requesting Council assistance. The organisation is seeking financial assistance to develop its concept for Glenrowan. The letter suggests council consider to assist the NKC with:

- 1) the purchase (or secure) and hold in-kind their preferred site at Glenrowan for NKC
- 2) planning permission/s
- 3) an in-town presence (on the main street)

4) public endorsement of the NKC

Council has recently engaged in the Ned Kelly Alive research project which is being driven by Tourism North East through the support of RCOW, Benalla Rural City, Mansfield and Indigo Shire Councils. The objective of this project is to develop a business case that provides the direction required to consolidate and enhance the region's Ned Kelly history. The project will deliver a comprehensive audit and assessment of existing Ned Kelly product, provide a detailed report on potential initiatives and investment opportunities. A business case for activating the recommendations is due for release in December 2017.

The request from the Ned Kelly Centre Ltd and the concepts of this organisation will be invited to participate in the formulation of the Ned Kelly Alive project report. In respect to the report not being available for review until later this year it would be recommended that Council not to endorse the requests of the NKC without prior knowledge of the Ned Kelly Alive objectives.

Implications

Policy Considerations

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

Financial/Economic Implications

There are no financial or economic implications identified for the subject of this report should the officer recommendation be supported. Should an alternate approach be considered than there are likely to be implications in terms of land purchase, officer time and legal costs.

Legal/Statutory

There are no legal/statutory implications identified for the subject of this report on the basis that the officer recommendation is supported.

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 (2016 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan: We are Growing

Goal

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

To make sure that that everything we do – from building assets to delivering events – consider the physical, social, residential, industrial and commercial developments.

The non-negotiables

Residential, rural, commercial and industrial land 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

This report links with the 2030 Community Vision - 5. A thriving regional economy, cultural heritage

b) Other strategic links

Economic Development Strategy 2016-2020

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Investing financial resources without a business case	Possible	Major	N/A	Council await the recommendations of the Ned Kelly Alive research project.

Consultation/Communication

Officers believe that based on the recommendation in the report that no consultation is required at this stage and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

1. Endorse the Officer's recommendation.
2. Endorse the Officer's recommendation with amendments.
3. Do not endorse the Officer's recommendations

Conclusion

The Ned Kelly Alive project will provide a region wide strategic approach to the Ned Kelly product opportunities and provide a comprehensive business case. The Ned Kelly Alive project will open opportunities for major funding as a collective to create a breadth of heritage product that is consistent in telling the Kelly story.

For Council to engage in support for a private development as a stand-alone product may detract from the broader opportunities to develop the Ned Kelly story as a nationally significant heritage trail and is considered premature given the more strategic work proposed to be completed in December 2017.

Attachments

- 1 Letter Ned Kelly Centre - 6 March 2017

16.2 PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT C68 - MILAWA TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT PLAN - CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Principle Statutory Planner
File Name: F16/199: LAND USE PLANNING - Planning Scheme Amendments - Planning Scheme Amendment C68 - Milawa Township Development Plan
File No: F16/199

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 make a decision regarding submissions received to Amendment C68 in accordance with section 23 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

In summary Amendment C68 proposes to implement and translate the key objectives and relevant actions from within the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015* into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme.

This includes amending Local Planning Policy, the Schedule to the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) and also some rezoning of land within the Township of Milawa.

The amendment was exhibited from the 16 March until the 21 April, 2017. Council has received a total of 13 submissions to date, of which 8 are from individuals / groups and 5 are from government and referral agencies.

Submissions from government and referral agencies provide general support for the proposal with the exception of one submission from Goulburn-Murray Water which requests an alteration to the LDRZ schedule which is not proposed by this amendment.

Submissions from individuals / groups provide a mix of support, opposition, including requests for changes to the amendment, through additional rezoning of land and the use of and alternative zones to that exhibited.

Some minor changes requested by three government agencies are recommended for approval and largely revolve around updating wording within the Local Planning Policy applicable to the small towns and corrections within the explanatory report.

RECOMMENDATION:*That Council:*

1. *considers submissions to Amendment C68 in accordance with Section 23 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act);*
2. *makes changes to Amendment C68 in accordance with supported submissions documented in Attachment 1 – Table of Submissions;*
3. *refers unresolved submissions documented in Attachment 1 – Table of Submissions to a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Act;*
4. *requests the Minister for Planning to appoint a Panel in accordance with Recommendation 3; and*
5. *notifies submitters in writing of Council's decision.*

Cr D Rees put forward an alternate motion:***That Council:***

1. ***Considers all submission to Wangaratta Planning Scheme Amendment C68 – Milawa Township, pursuant to Section 22 (1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act);***
2. ***makes minor changes to the adopted Milawa Township Development Plan as outlined in Attachments 1;***
3. ***makes minor changes to exhibited C68 documentation outlined in Attachments 1, to address submissions to Amendment C68;***
4. ***splits the amendment into two parts as follows:***

Amendment C68 Part 1 - Inclusive of all exhibited changes to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme except: the exhibited Rural Living Zone change illustrated on "Zone Map 37 and 38";

Amendment C68 Part 2 - Only the following exhibited change to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme: the zone change to land identified on "Zone Maps 37 and 38";

5. ***refers unresolved submissions documented in Attachment 1 – Table of Submissions to a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Act;***
6. ***requests the Minister for Planning to appoint a Panel in accordance with Recommendation 4; and***
7. ***re-exhibits C68 Part 2 as follows:***
 - a. ***Rezone land identified on Zone Map 37 and 38 (which is consistent with privately owned land contained in Precinct E (a) of the Milawa Township Development Plan) from the previously exhibited Rural Living Zone 1 to***

Low Density Residential Zone and any other planning tools as appropriate to enable its orderly development.

8. notifies submitters in writing of Council's decision.

Cr H Bussell seconded the motion. The motion was put and carried.

Background

What Amendment C68 proposes:

Amendment C68 proposes to implement the key objectives, immediate and ongoing actions and the short term actions of the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015* into the Wangaratta Planning Scheme by specifically proposing the following;

- Amends Clause 21.07 Rural Townships and Settlements, to implement the key objectives and recommendations of the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015*
- Amends Clause 21.12 to include the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015* as a reference document to the Wangaratta Planning Scheme
- Amends Clause 21.14 Public Open Space and Clause 22.09 Public Open Space Contributions to include the key objectives and recommendations of the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015 (and Glenrowan and Oxley Township Development Plans, September 2015)* and include the Access and Movement Plan (which is adapted from the design response plan) to illustrate the location and provision of current and future open space.
- Inserts a new Clause 22.11 Milawa Township to include the key recommendations of the Milawa Township Precinct Plan.
- Amends the Schedule to Clause 32.03 (Low Density Residential Zone) to vary the minimum subdivision lot size to reflect the recommendations of the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015*
- Rezones the following land in accordance with the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015*:
 - Land (8 properties) generally bounded by Milawa-Bobinawarra Road, Kerrs Road and Oxley Flats Road from Farming Zone (FZ) to Rural Living Zone – Schedule 1 (RLZ1)
 - Parts of Milawa-Bobinawarra Road from Farming Zone (FZ), north of Kerrs Road to Township Zone (TZ)
- Amends Planning Scheme Map Nos: 37ZN and 38ZN

Why is Amendment C68 required:

The amendment is required to proactively plan for the future of Milawa and implement the key strategic directions from the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015*.

Milawa Township is located 18km southeast of Wangaratta and 4.5km east of Oxley along the Snow Road. Milawa has a population of approximately 210 people and has been identified as having the potential to be a satellite town to Wangaratta.

Milawa Township may experience development pressure into the future, due to recent upgrades to services (in particular the provision of reticulated sewerage), changes to the minimum lot sizes within the Low Density Residential Zone. Its close proximity to Wangaratta's regional services and its rural setting makes Milawa an attractive residential location.

The Milawa Township was identified by the *Population and Housing Strategy, 2013* as one of three Rural Townships with the potential to accommodate future population growth.

The *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015* provides a development framework for land use planning decisions and will provide guidance on:

- appropriate location and density of development
- making use of existing infrastructure
- protection of the amenity of the existing community

The proposed amendment provides direction on sustainable land use and development for decision makers and the community.

Exhibition:

The amendment was placed on public exhibition from 16 March – 21 April, 2017. Letters were sent to owners and occupiers of land within the township and surrounding area, relevant agencies and prescribed Ministers. In addition, notices were placed within the Wangaratta Chronicle on two separate occasions and also within the Government Gazette.

Submissions:

A total of 13 submissions were received and are summarised in **Attachment 1 – Table of Submissions**. Five (5) submissions are from referral and government agencies. The majority of the agency submissions demonstrate support for the amendment and request minor changes to the amendment. However the submission from Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW) request a major change to the schedule of Low Density Residential Zone which has implications beyond the township of Milawa.

The remaining 8 submissions are from individual and joint community members, and raise a mix of general support, opposition and request for additional rezoning of land.

General Summary of Issues:

The following is a summary of the main issues raised within the submissions:

Submissions of Opposition:

- *Existing drainage issues in Chardonnay Drive.*
- *Development linked to increase in Crime.*
- *Need to retain quiet character of the town.*
- *Increase in rates.*
- *Increased Development - impact on availability of ground water.*
- *Impact of future precincts on adjoining landowners / Business's*

Submissions requesting a change:

- *Alteration of the proposed Rural Living Zone to Low Density Residential.*
- *Rezoning of 1640 Snow Road from Farming Zone to Township Zone.*
- *Review of proposed local road network – Woodwarrah Avenue.*
- *Alteration of 1ha min lot size unserviced LDRZ lots.*

Consideration of Submissions:

Pursuant to section 23(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), when considering a submission which requests a change to an amendment, Council must:

- (a) change the amendment in the manner requested; or
- (b) refer the submission to a Panel appointed under Part 8 of the Act; or
- (c) abandon the amendment or part of the amendment.

As outlined within table 1, the following changes are proposed in response to the submissions made to the amendment:

Suggested Changes to the Amendment to address Submissions:

- *Precinct G – protection of existing land uses along Snow Road (Agri-tourism)*
- *1640 Snow Road – propose rezoning to Low Density Residential Zone.*
- *Downgrading of local road network at the end of Woodwarrah Road – Pedestrian / Cycle and Emergency vehicle link only.*
- *Minor changes to Clause 21.07 and 22.12 to address North East Water submission.*

Requested Changes to the Amendment – Not Supported

- *Alteration of the LDRZ Schedule – 1.0ha minimum lot size.*

Issues beyond the Scope of the Amendment

- *Existing drainage issues in Chardonnay Drive.*
- *Development leads to increase in Crime.*
- *Increase in rates.*

Refer to Attachment 1 for a complete discussion and analysis of the issues raised and recommended outcomes or changes to the amendment.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Council's adopted *Milawa Township Development Plan (2015)* is the key document which underpins and supports the proposals within Amendment C68.

This amendment proposes to list this document as a reference document within Clause 21.12 of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme, which further underpins its role in guiding future land use planning decisions in Milawa moving forward.

Legal/Statutory

All procedures associated with this amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

As outlined within the explanatory report the amendment will facilitate a number of positive environmental effects by changing local policy to encourage consolidation to minimise impacts on the surrounding environment. This policy includes:

- reducing potential development pressure in the surrounding area, by locating new housing in areas already serviced by existing development infrastructure;
- minimising impacts of potential development on significant vegetation and the proclaimed potable water catchment, providing opportunity to enhance the waterways;
- limiting development to areas that are supported by appropriate zoning and infrastructure; and
- ensuring development doesn't preclude connectivity of the township as it develops into the future.

Economic Impacts

As outlined within the explanatory report, the amendment will provide positive economic outcomes by amending local policy to:

- providing certainty around the future direction of land use; and
- encouraging the protection of the surrounding agricultural land and fostering the primary producers of the Milawa Gourmet Region.

This amendment is considered to provide economic benefit by amending local policy to encourage development in specific township areas, particularly for long term investment in commercial and residential development, and associated tourism activities.

Based on the recommendations of the *Milawa Township Development Plan, September 2015* the amendment balances environmental, social and economic considerations and is considered to result in a net community benefit.

2013 – 2017 Council Plan (2015 Revision)

This report supports the 2013-2017 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Growing

We will create and deliver:

quality and accessible pathways and cycling and walking tracks that build local and regional connections.

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

by updating the Planning Scheme and the Municipal Strategic Statement by developing new and reviewing

that address traffic, parking and pedestrian issues.

The non-negotiables

Our urban areas and rural townships are safe and friendly, where everyone can participate and contribute.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

‘The Rural City of Wangaratta has not grown for growth’s sake. Population and housing expansion has been well considered, planned and managed, with moderate and well-paced growth occurring in line with the creation of employment and infrastructure and services provision.’

Financial Implications

Costs associated with a Panel hearing are significant and will be borne by Council as the proponent of this amendment.

A fee is set by Planning Panels Victoria that includes the Hearing, site visits and report writing. Costs for a two member Panel may be in the vicinity of \$10,000+ a day. A Panel hearing may run for more than one day.

Council’s other costs will be officer time required to prepare for and represent Council before a Planning Panel hearing. It should be noted that the level of officer time required will be significant.

Risk Management

The majority of the risks associated with this matter are considered minor.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Amendment is not supported by a Planning Panel	Moderate	Panel recommends abandonment of amendment.	N/A	Council to review any Panel recommendation prior to finally deciding whether to support the amendment for approval by the Minister.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	We will keep you informed.	Formal notification process under section 19 of the <i>Planning and Environment Act 1987</i> including notifying all potentially affected landowners and relevant agencies.
Consult	We will listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.	Formal submissions process to allow and encourage feedback; potential Panel process to address outstanding submissions.
Involve	N/A	N/A
Collaborate	N/A	N/A
Empower	N/A	N/A

Officers believe that appropriate preliminary consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration to proceed to the next phase in the process.

Options for Consideration

Option 1 (Recommended option): Resolve to make changes to the amendment where appropriate, in accordance with submissions detailed in Attachment 1 (pursuant to section 23(1)(a) of the Act) and request the appointment of an independent Panel to consider all unresolved submissions as detailed in Attachment 1 (pursuant to section 23(1)(b) of the Act).

This option follows the statutory process required to progress the amendment and consider all submissions to Amendment C68.

Option 2: Abandon the amendment under section 23(1)(c) of the Act, given the issues raised within the unresolved submissions to the amendment.

Conclusion

Amendment C68 is primarily designed to proactively plan for the future of the Milawa Township, through a process of implementing key strategic directions from the *Milawa Township Development Plan (2015)*, which if implemented will guide the future growth and development of the township, through focusing on areas of neighbourhood character, density and connectivity.

This report recommends that Council considers all of the submissions, resolves to make changes as outlined in the table at Attachment 1 and request that the Minister for Planning establish a Planning Panel to hear unresolved submissions.

Attachments

- 1 Attachment 1: C68 Milawa TDP Submissions Summary & Analysis

Public Questions

Gary Nevin: asked why the submission to change 1637 snow road from farming zone to township zone treated differently to the larger land area proposed to go from farming zone to low density residential land as per submission 8? Also noted the alternate motion was hard to understand and believes the proposal should start again.

Barry Green, Director Development Services replied the reason is under submission 8, which covers this land, that with amalgamation of 8 lots in excess of 16-20 hecatres, the ability to be able to subdivide land to a much greater use has impacts on referral authorities and adjoining neighbours. So under the department's guidelines that's termed transformation of the zone as others would be impacted by the change.

Robert Morton – Milawa: concerned about the statement of '50% of landowners' in submission 8 as he believes a larger number do support it. Queried whether other landowners with the area were contacted by council's planning department regarding the submission 8? Also concerned with the figures that are used in the population and housing strategy as feels they are too low and according to the chart are zero.

Barry Green, Director Development Services replied that no other land owners were contacted as it is not part of the process and as mentioned previously, other people would be impacted that need an opportunity to comment. Notes there is further work to be done and further exhibition to all parties including referral agencies. Explained that through the township development plan which was followed by the reticulation of the sewer, large parcels of milawa have been zoned to allow them to be further subdivided which provides more land.

Brian Fox: queried the alternative motion as he had not witnessed one at a council meeting before. Stated the alternate motion is quite complicated, it has not been published in the agenda and that is should be put to another meeting.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer replied it is not uncommon for councillors to move motions that are different than the ones officers recommend.

John Griffiths: Added onto Brian Fox's query about the alternate motion as confused by procedure.

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer replied that Council meeting procedures are governed by local laws. A recommendation does not become a motion unless moved and seconded by Council.

17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

18. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

19. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

19.1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 20 June 2017
Author: Executive Service Coordinator
File Name: N/A
File No: N/A

Executive Summary

An “Assembly of Councillors” 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 Councillor is present; or
- a planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Councillors and at least one Council officer.

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

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

The written record of an assembly of Councillors 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
15 May 2017	Councillors Briefing Forum	Attachment
15 May 2017	Councillor Tour	Attachment
22 May 2017	Councillors Briefing Forum	Attachment
29 May 2017	Councillors Briefing Forums	Attachment
5 June 2017	Councillors Briefing Forum	Attachment

RECOMMENDATION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor M Currie)

That Council receives the reports of Assemblies of Councillors.

Carried

Attachments

1 RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS- JUNE 2017

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

20.1 Notice of Motion – Mayor, Ken Clarke

Mayor Ken Clarke moved the following motion:

That the Ordinary Council Meeting be moved from the 15th August 2017 to the 22nd August 2017

The motion was seconded by Cr Harvey Benton. The motion was put and carried.

20.2 Notice of Motion – Cr Ruth Amery

Cr Ruth Amery moved the following motion:

That Council commit to providing an SUV dump point within the municipality within the 17/18 financial year at the saleyards or another more appropriate alternate site.

The motion was seconded by Cr Dean Rees. The motion was put and carried.

Public Questions

Bill Bellis – Campervan Club President: asked if there had been any consultation with caravan groups?

Mayor Ken Clarke replied that Cr Harry Bussell had answered that previously as the Motorhomes Australia group had been contacted.

21. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

22. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Brian Jones: Could Council do something to improve rocks on the road?

Alan Clark Director Infrastructure replied that the budget has seen an increase in the draft budget. However, to resheet every road would cost around \$30million while in next year's budget we have \$1.5million. Acknowledged there is catch up to do and will take many years.

John Griffiths: concerned about road conditions. Completed a small survey of the missing link of the Snow Road, would like to lodge a copy of the survey with photos to Cr Harry Bussell and Cr Harvey Benton (supplied both Councillors with

this documentation). Would it be possible for Council to approach VicRoads to speed up the maintenance and improvement works on this section of the road?

Alan Clark Director Infrastructure replied that VicRoads are responsive to members of public so he encourages John Griffiths to approach them directly however, yes he can also ask Council to advocate.

Anne Shaw – Wangaratta: Has concerns about the current planning application for the Wangaratta RSL. Concerned with the lack of community consultation and engagement on the decision. Plans to submit 139 signatures opposing increased gambling machines in Wangaratta and would like Council to engage in meaningful community engagement. Would it be possible to separate the application into its separate parts?

Brendan McGrath Chief Executive Officer replied that the planning application has been out on public exhibition for around 2-3 weeks so it has been on display and Council welcomes the public's input. However, the Gaming Commission application process does not enable us much time to engage with the community. There has been discussion with Councillors in regards to developing a Council Gaming Policy that is in the budget to ensure there is a policy built on community consultation and outlines endorsed position by Council. **Barry Green Director Development** responded to the question regarding separating the application by stating that is something Council does not have the ability to do.

Brian Fox: Believes there are only two appropriate places for the SUV dump point would be Swan Street near the Olympic Pool and Avian Park. Questioned the factual information printed in the media providing the example of Moloney's Arcade where the number of carpark's being removed was inconsistent.

Brendan McGrath Chief Executive Officer replied that there was no current public consultation for Moloney's Arcade as it is part of the Master Plan, more work will be done in this space once the process starts.

Brian Jones: concerned that pot holes are becoming worse and requested some repair work to be completed?

Mayor Ken Clarke replied by asking him if he had placed a customer action request downstairs as that is the process.

23. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

24. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7.54pm.