

Minutes

Of the Ordinary Council Meeting

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

Date: Tuesday, 18th June 2019

Time: 6PM



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 past present and emerging 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, Ms Ashlee Fitzpatrick

Officers:

Brendan McGrath, Chief Executive Officer Sarah Brindley, Director Corporate Services Alan Clark, Director Infrastructure Services Jaime Chubb, Director Community Wellbeing Stephen Swart, Director Development Services

4. ABSENT

Administrators:

Officers:

5. ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. CITIZEN CEREMONY

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor A Fitzpatrick/Councillor H Bussell)

That Council read and confirm the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 21 May 2019 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

Cr Ken Clarke OAM tabled a petition on the night undersigned by 237 ratepayers opposing the change of logo to the Rural City of Wangaratta. (Reading) "We the undersigned, acting under Wangaratta rural city council local law Number 2 of 2016, Division 11, Petitions and Rule 78. Object to the Council of the Rural city of Wangaratta undertaking change to the present logo of the Rural city of Wangaratta".

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor K Clarke OAM/Councillor H Benton)

Councillor K Clarke OAM moved a motion:

- 1. That the petition regarding the brand be received.***
- 2. That the petition be tabled for a report in the July Council Meeting for review with the Branding and Marketing Strategy.***

Carried

10. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor A Fitzpatrick)

Councillor D Fuller moved a motion:

That the reports on the budget notes (speeches) be tabled in the minutes.

Carried

BUDGET SPEECHES

Cr Ken Clarke OAM :

Councillors,

I recommend this budget to you as a budget that has achieved much. I would like to pass on my thanks to the Directors and officers who have listened to councillors and made every endeavour to accommodate our wishes.

It is not an easy task given the constraints placed on council with rate capping and they have done an exceptional job in arriving at a budget that will satisfy most.

The budget includes the biggest capital works program ever undertaken by the Rural City and whilst not everything requested has been included, I think our ratepayers will be pleased with the outcomes over the 2019/2020 year.

In my portfolio of Sport and Recreation, together with the Wangaratta Magpies Football/Netball Club, Council have again been successful with a tender to showcase the Ovens & Murray Football/Netball Grand Finals and during this financial year we will see improved lighting at the WJ Findlay ground, an upgrade of the power supply and lighting for Wangaratta City Soccer Club at South Wangaratta which will allow for future developments in the long term to cater for all users of the facility for the foreseeable future. During the Federal election campaign we were delighted to receive Federal Funding of \$500,000 to upgrade the North Wangaratta netball facility and place improved lighting on the football oval.

Finally, there are big plans ahead to turn the Barr 2 Oval into a major sporting facility with lighting, a larger full sized oval and eventually a new pavilion to service this ground.

Cr Harry Bussell

As the portfolio holder for Tourism and Events it gives me great pleasure to see a Budget and Council Plan full of initiatives in these areas.

Wangaratta is fast becoming a mecca for major and marquee events. Last year we hosted the Ovens and Murray Grand Final, A Hitch to the Sticks Festival and a bumper summer in the parks program.

This year, we've got both of those marquee events back and they'll be even bigger and better this time around. Events that attract more than 3000 people bring a significant economic impact to the region, but also deliver entertainment for our residents right in our own backyard.

As we've seen the with Ovens and Murray Grand Final, once people can see that Wangaratta can successfully host big events, they are keen to come back for more. So I look forward to seeing even more marquee events in Wangaratta in the near future.

My ward is the South Ward with great townships like Milawa, Oxley, Cheshunt, Whitfield, Whorouly, Moyhu and of course Carboor where I come from.

This year Whitfield has been successful in receiving funding through the Rural Placemaking Program for a township development plan. This will help set up the framework for future development in this vital township. They will be looking at footpaths, drainage, lighting and the 60km zone and looking at plans for that.

As a rural Councillor it also pleases me to see \$1.6m put towards gravel road re-sheeting. This Council has invested more year on year in gravel road re-sheeting than previous Councils and there is plenty of work still to do in this area. That is over 60kms a year approx. of gravel roads being re-sheeted. 90, 000 tonnes of gravel onto those roads and approx. 2800 truckloads of gravel going onto those roads. When you compare that with 2013, that is 5 times more work being done now than there was in 2013.

I think that is impressive.

Cr Harvey Benton

We're now entering into the third year of the Rural Placemaking Program and I'm glad to say that \$510,000 has been allocated in this Budget.

It follows on from work either completed or almost completed such as North Wangaratta shade sails, Milawa netball court, and the Springhurst Amenities block.

This year the funding will go towards Rural Township Entrances Signage, township infrastructure plans for both Glenrowan and Whitfield, and Town Entrance Beautification in North Wangaratta.

Significant community consultation went into the creation of these projects, with one of the recurring themes being the need for signage at the entrances to our townships. Each town has its own unique identity and this will be reflected in the signs, making them more inviting for visitors and residents.

North Wangaratta is the gateway to Wangaratta and has its own vibrant, active community for council to work with. The town entrance beautification work will ensure that people entering Wangaratta from the north are made to feel welcome.

Cr David Fuller

Wangaratta is renowned for its arts and culture and it gives me great pleasure that this Budget provides a vision for growth in this area.

In the next 12 months we'll see the commencement of the Wangaratta Art Gallery Feasibility study and the Wangaratta Performing Arts and Convention Centre services feasibility study, which will look at the expansion of that and given it is its 10th Birthday in September it is great to see progress there.

These two facilities are at the jewels in our crown for the arts and culture scene. But we should always be looking at ways to improve these facilities and the services

they offer. Arts and culture are constantly changing and in order to remain contemporary, we need to be planning for the future.

As the Arts and Culture portfolio holder it gives me great pleasure that both these feasibility studies are being funded through the Budget and I commend the volunteers that form our Arts, Culture and Heritage advisory committee as they work on this voluntarily. The stronger these facilities are, the more people can be reached by arts and culture.

I also hold the Environment portfolio and there are two items I'd like to mention.

The first is the impending ban on e-waste going to landfill. This ban will be in place from 1 July and it means anything with a battery or a cord can no longer go to landfill. To help with this Council has wiped the fee for disposal of e-waste, meaning it will cost nothing to dispose of any e-waste items at the transfer station. E-waste leaks chemicals into landfill, causing long term environmental damage. It also contains valuable resources that can be recycled so I encourage everyone to do the right thing and recycle their e-waste for free.

Finally I'd like to also mention that Council plans to update its Environmental Sustainability Strategy. This will set the strategic direction for Council's actions in relation to the environment and I look forward to seeing it developed.

The final note that I would like to make and it is about this badge. It is not as much about me but is about the youth of Wangaratta and I wish to report that my colleagues who have supported my request to assist with the funding of the 2020 Rainbow Ball along with our neighbouring councils Wodonga, Albury and Indigo.

I was one of many present this year when the inaugural ball was held and it was attended by hundreds of young people who were delighted to be acknowledged, but most of all to feel safe and included in their community.

For some 20 years I have felt seemingly silenced by the underwhelming, underlying feeling of disapproval from parts of our community so it is very warming to see my colleagues support this project, support the LGBTR community and support those young people in our community who feel like they are not welcome to be themselves, so thank you all.

Cr Ashlee Fitzpatrick

I hold the Community Wellbeing, Family, Youth and Disability portfolio, which covers a huge range of the services Council delivers to our community. While much of Council's investment in these areas comes through an ongoing operational investment, there are several new items in this year's Budget that I'd like to talk about.

Firstly, the money set aside for a mental health and family violence program is something I'm particularly proud of, because it will make a difference to the areas that need it most, especially with our young people.

Last year I was fortunate to advocate for increased Federal funding in these areas, along with Cr Dave Fuller and Director of Community Wellbeing Jaime Chubb.

The result of this was a \$2.7m investment by the Federal Government in a Grit and Resilience program and Headspace outreach program. These programs are much needed in our community and I look forward to seeing them implemented over the coming years.

Another project I'd like to mention is the Mitchell Avenue Children's Garden construction. Mitchell Avenue has developed rapidly over the past few years, building from its reputation as the flying fox park, to now having the splash park and improved recreation facilities. The addition of a children's garden will make this the most popular park in Wangaratta, if it wasn't already.

This type of project build community wellbeing by giving our young people and families a place to engage in positive play. This is an exciting Budget that delivers for our community.

Cr Mark Currie

Economic Development has been the core focus of this Council since we were elected. I hold the Economic Development portfolio and am proud to say that the Budget being adopted by Council tonight continues our investment in the growth of our municipality.

We need economic development so that there is a bright, prosperous future for our existing residents, our children and new residents who will move here in the future. Council invests in economic development through a number of ways. We do it through programs helping our existing businesses, through tourism and marketing campaigns and through ensuring there is infrastructure and planning in place to accommodate future growth.

A key example of this infrastructure is the Cruse Street extension, which is ahead of schedule and due to be completed in the next month. This road connects Sisely Avenue straight through to the North West growth corridor, which will be home to more than 1000 new homes in the future. This is the biggest investment in a road project in the history of this Council and a clear signal to developers that Council is investing in growth.

Our Aquatics Project is another example of Council investment in economic development. Council is building a facility that will serve our residents and attract visitors from surrounding towns, as well as major events from around the state and nation. This year we'll also see the commencement of the Railway Precinct enhancement project, which will create a gateway to Wangaratta and encourage private investment.

Council is investing in future growth and I encourage the community to get on board through this exciting period of change.

BUDGET SPEECHES – SUMMARY

Cr Ken Clarke OAM

Councillors

In summing up, I thank the councillors for allowing myself and Cr Currie the opportunity to have some in depth discussions in respect of the operations budget. This entailed some frank discussion with officers and after 3 long meetings all our questions were satisfactorily answered. We did drill down the budget figures and I think we were satisfied that every endeavour has been made to accommodate all necessary changes.

I apologise for not being in attendance when the presentation regarding our commitment to North East Tourism was made. There is an amount of \$137,500 this financial year to them in our budget and whilst I did see some television advertising in Melbourne for the King Valley Balloon festival, all other items are High Country. In addition, our budget this year includes \$300k for mass marketing, \$500k for direct marketing and a further \$300k in capital expenditure in our satellite towns for signage.

With these expenses, as well as the employment of a Marketing Officer, I am beginning to question the value of North East Tourism to the City.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

12. EXECUTIVE SERVICES

12.1 ADJUSTMENT TO AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING START TIME

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Executive Assistant - Corporate Services & Councillors
File No: I19/20

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 approve an alteration to the start time of the August Ordinary Council Meeting from 6pm to 3pm.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor H Bussell)

That Council endorses an adjustment to the start time of the August Ordinary Council Meeting to 3pm.

Carried

Background

In February 2019 Council trialled holding the Ordinary Council Meeting at an earlier time of 3pm. This was implemented to improve accessibility for members of the community. Variance in start times provides an opportunity for all members of the public to attend.

Due to a positive response and attendance from the community in February, it has been requested that the August Ordinary Council Meeting will also be held at 3pm.

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

Section 89 (4) of the Act requires that reasonable notice be given to the public of meetings of the Council.

Social

Holding Ordinary Council Meetings at alternate times will help to improve accessibility to members of the community who may be unable to attend the 6pm meetings.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

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

2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Thriving

We will plan research and advocate for our future:

To make sure our services are responsive and adaptable to the changing needs and profile of our community

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

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

There are no moderate or extreme risks associated with this report

Consultation/Communication

Public notification will be provided prior to the Council Meeting date.

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

Conclusion

If approved, the attendance of the community at this meeting will be a determining factor whether any future meetings will be held at this earlier time.

Attachments

Nil.

12.2 PETITION- BRANDING AND MARKETING STRATEGY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Executive Assistant Community Wellbeing
File No: I19/43

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 web based petition undersigned by 399 individuals has been received asking the Rural City of Wangaratta “to save our money, respect our history, keep our logo.” This petition is in response to the Branding and Marketing Strategy. A copy of this petition’s activity can be found on change.org.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor A Fitzpatrick/Councillor K Clarke OAM)

That Council:

- 1. Receives the petition regarding the brand strategy.***
- 2. Refers the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for report to a future Council Meeting.***

Carried

Conclusion

In accordance with Local Law No. 2 - Governance and Meeting Procedure Local Law, the only motions that may be considered on any petition are:

- a) That the petition be received
- b) That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration and response
- c) That the petition be referred to the Chief Executive Officer for report to a future Council meeting.

Attachments

Nil.

13. CORPORATE SERVICES

13.1 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 (2019 REVISION)

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Governance & Reporting Advisor
File No: I19/25

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 adopt the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision).

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor D Fuller/Councillor M Currie)

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) attached to this report for the purposes of section 125 of the Local Government Act 1989***
- 2. Adopts the Strategic Resource Plan 2017-2021 (2019 Revision)***
- 3. Notes one submission was received in support of the Council Plan and gives approval to notify the Submitter of its decision***
- 4. Approves the forwarding of the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) including the Strategic Resource Plan to the Minister for Local Government.***

Carried

Background

Sections 125 and 126 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) require that Council at least once in a financial year review its Council Plan and Strategic Resource Plan to determine if they require any adjustment and if so, amend and adopt them no later than 30 June each year.

Following the Draft Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) being place on public exhibition and amendments being made, Council Officers now present the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) to Council for adoption.

Summary of changes made following Public Exhibition

Several changes have been made to the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) following the conclusion of the public exhibition period.

Changes include:

- minor updates to the Strategic Plan to reflect the Council Budget 2019/2020;
- amending a small number of Strategic Indicators/Measures relating to Council performance to ensure that are aspirational and continuing to improve on Council's results from 2018/2019; and
- revision of the Target 2019/2020 for the Strategic Indicator/Measure 'Number of events held at the Wangaratta Library (excluding regular programs)' from 120 Events to 60 Events

Implications

Policy Considerations

The Council Plan details the Council's strategic objectives, key strategic activities and actions required to achieve those objectives. The strategic objectives outlined within the Council Plan influence a number of strategies, frameworks and policies within Council.

Financial/Economic Implications

The Strategic Resource Plan aligns with the Budget FY2019/20. The Strategic Resource Plan has been amended to include the changes made to the Draft Budget FY2019/20. The approval of the budget details how Council will fund the strategic intent of the Council Plan.

Legal/Statutory

The review of the Council Plan is a legislative requirement and has been undertaken to meet the requirements of sections 125, 126 and 223 of the Local Government Act.

Social

The objectives and strategies contained within the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) will contribute to the overall health and social wellbeing of our community. Positive social outcomes will be achieved by the delivery of key initiatives and Councils' ongoing advocacy and partnerships that focus on delivering benefits and opportunities for residents and visitors of the municipality.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The strategic objectives contained within the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) aim to contribute to environmental enhancement and sustainability.

The Council Plan has a strong focus on environmental sustainability and protection.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

The strategic objectives contained within the Council Plan 2017-2021 (2019 Revision) were determined with consideration to and guided by the objectives identified in the Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision.

Consultation/Communication

Following the endorsement of the Draft Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 16 April 2019, the plan was placed on public exhibition for 28 days inviting submissions from the community.

One written submission was received. A summary of this submission follows.

Submitter 1 expressed support for the measures that have been included to enhance the Wangaratta Art Gallery.

Options for Consideration


1. Adopt the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) in the current state (refer to Attachments); or
2. Council recommends changes to the Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) which are required to be made prior to the document being published on Council's website and issued to the Minister for Local Government.

Conclusion

The Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) is presented to Council for adoption.

Council will continue to review the Council Plan on an annual basis and where required, make amendments to reflect the community aspirations and to ensure the Council Plan continues to reflect and guide the strategic direction of Council, informing our service delivery, resource allocation and advocacy.

Attachments

- 1 Council Plan 2017 - 2021 (2019 Revision) 

13.2 2019/20 COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Manager - Finance
File Name:
File No: IC19/132

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 adopting the Annual 2019/20 Budget

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor K Clarke OAM/Councillor H Benton)

That Council:

- 1. *Considers submissions made regarding the Draft 2019/20 Budget and makes changes to the Draft 2019/20 Budget as follows:***
 - Increases income by \$292,000 for Grants Commission Funding***
 - Increases income by \$880,750 for funding for roads***
 - Increases income of \$250,000 for Suicide Prevention***
 - Increases income of \$84,000 in the Recycling Charge to reflect increased recycling charges of an additional \$6.00 per bin***
 - Decreases income by \$180,000 in Saleyards Revenue***
 - Decrease income of \$6,000 in eWaste Fees and Charges***
 - Decrease income of \$100,000 for the Wangaratta Floodplain Management Grant to reflect a grant of \$590,000 to be received in June 2019***
 - Increase expenditure of \$84,000 for Recycling Collection Costs***
 - Increase expenditure of \$250,000 for Suicide Prevention Program Costs***
 - Increase expenditure of \$4,000 for the Rainbow Ball***
 - Increase capital expenditure of \$143,750 for Major Culvert Renewal Sinclair Lane***
 - Increase capital expenditure of \$126,400 for road reconstruction in Faithful Street***
 - Increase capital expenditure of \$610,600 for Faithfull Street Roundabout***

- ***Increase capital expenditure of \$65,000 for an Emulsion Tank***
 - ***Increase capital expenditure by \$690,000 for the Wangaratta Floodplain Management project***
 - ***Decrease capital expenditure by \$4.7 million for Cruse Street (Stage 2A, 2A Bridge & 2B)***
 - ***Defers capital expenditure of \$3.542 million from 2019/20 to 2020/21 for the Aquatics Plan – WISAC Development***
 - ***Amend the Land Information Certificate from \$26.85 to \$27.00, noting the income will increase from \$27,000 to \$27,400.***
2. ***Adopts the 2019/20 Budget at Attachment 1 to this report for the purposes of Section 130 of the Local Government Act 1989***
 3. ***Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give public notice of Council's decision to adopt the 2019/20 Budget in accordance with Section 130(2) of the Local Government Act 1989;***
 4. ***Notifies in writing each person or persons who made a submission of the decision and the reasons for that decision, in accordance with Section 223(1)(d) of the Local Government Act 1989;***
 5. ***Forwards a copy of the 2019/20 Budget to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Act 1989; and***
 6. ***Notes the increase in the recycling bin charge of \$6, from \$7 to \$13, due to increased recycling costs as a result of the International recycling crisis.***

Carried

Background

Council considered the Draft 2019/20 Annual Budget at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 April 2019 and resolved to commence the statutory consultation process in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Implications

Policy Considerations

The 2019/20 Budget contains a number of programs and initiatives that support Council policy.

Financial/Economic Implications

Council has prepared the 2019/20 Budget in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and its adoption will ensure long term financial viability.

Detailed information on relevant aspects of the 2019/20 Budget are contained in Attachment 1.

The implications of the 2019/20 Budget and assumptions made for future years are embodied in Council's Strategic Resource Plan.

Having considered all submissions, Council has made the following changes to the draft Budget:

Income

- Increase in Grants Commission Funding of \$292,000
- Increased grant funding for roads of \$880,750
- Increase in Suicide Prevention Funding of \$250,000
- Increase in the Recycling Charge of \$84,000
- Reduction in Saleyards Revenue of \$180,000
- Reduction in eWaste Fees and Charges of \$6,000
- Reduction in Wangaratta Floodplain Management Grant of \$100,000 (a grant of \$590,000 to be received in June 2019)

Expenditure

- Inclusion of Recycling Collection Costs of \$84,000
- Inclusion of Suicide Prevention Program Costs of \$250,000
- Inclusion of the Rainbow Ball of \$4,000

Capital Works

- Inclusion of Major Culvert Renewal Sinclair Lane of \$143,750
- Inclusion of road reconstruction in Faithful Street \$126,400
- Inclusion of Faithful Street Roundabout of \$610,600
- Inclusion of Emulsion Tank of \$65,000
- Reduction of \$4.7 million for Cruse Street (Stage 2A, 2A Bridge & 2B)
- Increase of \$690,000 for the Wangaratta Floodplain Management project
- Defers capital expenditure of \$3.542 million from 2019/20 to 2020/21 for the Aquatics Plan – WISAC Development

Fees & Charges

- Amend the Land Information Certificate from \$26.85 to \$27.00, noting the income will increase from \$27,000 to \$27,400.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 May 2019 Council considered the future direction of the Rural City of Wangaratta brand identity and marketing strategy. The Draft Brand Strategy can be viewed in an open house at the Wangaratta Government Centre and online at www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au. Council will receive written submissions relating to the Draft Brand Strategy up to 5.00pm on Monday 1 July 2019. The 2019/20 Budget contains expenditure in relation to the Brand Strategy that Council will need to review following the receipt of submissions.

The Rural Placemaking budget allocation of \$510,000 will consist of the following projects:

- Glenrowan Township Infrastructure Plan \$100,000
- Rural Township Entrance Signage \$295,000
- Whitfield Township Infrastructure Plan \$60,000
- Town Entrances Beautification – North Wangaratta \$55,000

Legal/Statutory

The 2019/20 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, the Local Government (Planning & Reporting) Regulations 2014 and Australian Accounting Standards.

The 2019/20 Budget has been prepared with a strong focus on long term financial sustainability of the Council and responsible financial management.

The presentation of the 2019/20 Budget is in a format as a model of best practice and contains a comprehensive assessment of Council's financial position and proposed revenue and expenditure.

Council prepared its 2019/20 Draft Budget (including the calculation of proposed rates in the dollar) based on Stage 3 valuations. The 2019/20 Budget has been updated to include Stage 4 (final stage) valuations.

In undertaking any revision in the rate in the dollar between proposed budget and adopted budget, council is required to assess the materiality of any such change.

Consideration of materiality in this context may apply to a range of factors such as the magnitude of any variation to the rate in the dollar, the magnitude of any changes in the distribution of rates across different property classes, or the magnitude of any changes in the mix between rates and service charges.

The change is in part due to the lower than anticipated supplementary valuations in 2018/19.

It is considered that the changes are not material as indicated below:

- The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act has change from the Draft 2019/20 Budget to the 2019/20 Budget by between -0.18% to -0.22%.

4.1.1(b) The rate in the dollar to be levied as general rates under section 158 of the Act for each type or class of land compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	Draft 2019/20 cents/\$CIV*	2019/20 cents/\$CIV*	Change
General	0.483400	0.482400	-0.21%
Vacant General	0.966700	0.964800	-0.20%
Rural Residential	0.483400	0.482400	-0.21%
Vacant Rural Residential	0.966700	0.964800	-0.20%
Rural 1	0.338300	0.337700	-0.18%
Rural 2	0.314200	0.313500	-0.22%
Commercial	0.667000	0.665700	-0.19%
Industrial	0.667000	0.665700	-0.19%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	0.966700	0.964800	-0.20%
Vacant General > 3 Years	1.256800	1.254000	-0.22%
Mixed Use	0.575200	0.574000	-0.21%

- The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates has change from the Draft 2019/20 Budget to the 2019/20 Budget by between -18.8% to 16.67% and in dollars terms between -\$46,000 to \$62,000.

4.1.1(c) The estimated total amount to be raised by general rates in relation to each type or class of land, and the estimated total amount to be raised by general rates, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	Draft 2019/20 \$'000	2019/20 \$'000	Change	
			\$'000	%
General	11,429	11,491	62	0.54%
Vacant General	293	247	- 46	-15.70%
Rural Residential	4,585	4,621	36	0.79%
Vacant Rural Residential	250	247	- 3	-1.20%
Rural 1	1,489	1,496	7	0.47%
Rural 2	4,619	4,645	26	0.56%
Commercial	2,914	2,940	26	0.89%
Industrial	1,156	1,178	22	1.90%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	133	108	- 25	-18.80%
Vacant General > 3 Years	96	91	- 5	-5.21%
Mixed Use	12	14	2	16.67%
Total amount to be raised by general rates	26,976	27,078	102	0.38%

- The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land has change from the Draft 2019/20 Budget to the 2019/20 Budget by between -18.7% to 16.17% and in dollars terms between -\$4.7 million to \$8.2 million.

4.1.1(f) The estimated total value of each type or class of land, and the estimated total value of land, compared with the previous financial year

Type or class of land	Draft 2019/20	2019/20	Change	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	%
General	2,369,265	2,377,438	8,173	0.34%
Vacant General	30,339	25,602	- 4,737	-15.61%
Rural Residential	950,435	955,891	5,456	0.57%
Vacant Rural Residential	25,957	25,542	- 415	-1.60%
Rural 1	440,831	442,291	1,460	0.33%
Rural 2	1,473,471	1,478,480	5,009	0.34%
Commercial	437,805	440,817	3,012	0.69%
Industrial	173,636	176,684	3,048	1.76%
Vacant Commercial/Industrial	13,795	11,215	- 2,580	-18.70%
Vacant General > 3 Years	7,635	7,232	- 403	-5.28%
Mixed Use	2,022	2,349	327	16.17%
Total value of land	5,925,191	5,943,541	18,350	0.31%

Social

The 2019/20 Budget contains financial provision for Council to achieve a positive social benefit that will improve the social sustainability of our community.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The 2019/20 Budget contains financial provision for Council to deliver a number of environmental and sustainability programs and initiatives to the community.

2017 – 2021 Council Plan

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Sustainable

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

By maintaining a responsible and transparent long-term financial plan.

To make sure that everything we do – from building assets to delivering events – considers the physical, social, cultural and financial needs of our community members.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

Council's 2019/20 Budget is linked to the Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision through the 2017- 2021 Council Plan.

b) Other strategic links

The 2019/20 Budget provides the financial resources to prepare and deliver a number of key strategic programs.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Budget compliance requirements not met	Low	High	Medium	Completion of compliance check list by Manager Finance

Consultation/Communication

Council made available the Draft 2019/20 Budget at the Wangaratta Government Centre and Council's website for a period of 28 days, from 19 April 2019. Written submissions closed on the 16 May 2019.

Twenty-two written submissions were received. Six (6) submitters requested to be heard. Council appointed a Committee of Council to hear submitters requesting to be heard, in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act. Submitters were heard at the Committee of Council meeting on Thursday, 23 May 2019.

A summary of written submissions received, including officer responses, is at Attachment 2. A summary of the proceedings for the Committee of Council hearing is included at Attachment 3.

Following the adoption of the 2019/20 Budget, Council will:

- Give public notice of the adoption of the 2019/20 Budget,
- Write to all submitters advising of Council's decision to adopt the 2019/20 Budget and providing reasons for the decision, and
- Forward a copy of the 2019/20 Budget to the Minister for Local Government.



Options for Consideration

The adoption of Council's Annual Budget is a mandatory requirement of the Local Government Act 1989.

Conclusion

Following the conclusion of the public consultation and consideration of budget submissions, Council's 2019/20 Budget is now ready for Council adoption.

Attachments

- 1 2019/20 Budget Submissions Summary for Council 18 June 2019 
- 2 Committee of Council - Hearing Submission 23 May 2019 for Council Meeting 18 June 2019 
- 3 Included separately – Click the link below
[Annual Budget 2019/20](#)

14. COMMUNITY WELLBEING

14.1 2019-2022 AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT AND AWARDS POLICY

Meeting Type:	Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting:	18 June 2019
Author:	Events Team Leader
File Name:	2019-25022 Australia Day Event and Awards Policy
File No:	I19/39

Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to the 2019-2022 Australia Day Awards and Event Policy following community consultation. The policy sets out Council's responsibilities in regards to Australia Day Awards, Australia Day events throughout the municipality.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor H Bussell/Councillor K Clarke OAM)

That Council:

- 1. Formally adopts the 2019-2022 Australia Day Event and Awards Policy.***

Carried

Background

The Wangaratta Australia Day Awards provides the opportunity to honour individuals and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to the Rural City of Wangaratta.

This policy describes the arrangements for the Awards and events for Australia Day by the Wangaratta Rural City Council.

This policy was due to be reviewed and as such is being presented to Council to be adopted.

No public submissions were received during community consult phase.

Implications

Policy Considerations

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

Financial/Economic Implications

19/20 Project Budget \$16,418 including funding for 15 rural events @ \$450 each

No additional funding required.

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

Our community is given opportunities for everyone to participate and contribute to social, economic and cultural life • Our identity, cultures and the heritage of our community is protected

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

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

2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2019 Revision)

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

We will research and advocate:

By acknowledging our municipality as both rural and urban and developing a new vision together that reflects our future

We will create and deliver:

Projects in partnership with our indigenous and cultural groups to celebrate the diversity and history of our region

We will plan and make decisions for the future:

An events strategy that focuses on delivering and supporting a range of events throughout the municipality

We will focus on our business:

Ensuring we are responsive, clear and active in the development of our municipality

The non-negotiables

Our rural communities are supported and recognised as significant contributors to the economic and social character of the municipality

Risk Management

Not all rural communities agree on each topic, changes have been suggested to reflect the majority of feedback received.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Community	Survey of attendees
Consult	Rural Australia Day Committees	Survey of event organisers
Involve	Councillors, Council Delegates	Survey of events attended
Collaborate	ACHAC	Request advice

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

Conclusion

As this is a policy of Council the revised Australia Day Awards and Event Policy for 2019-2022 requires Council endorsement.

Attachments

- 1 2019-2022 Australia Day Events and Awards Policy 

14.2 PUBLIC ART POLICY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Gallery Director
File No: I19/23

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 for the adoption of the revised Rural City of Wangaratta Public Art Policy.

The Rural City of Wangaratta has a number of public art works that are located in a variety of locations throughout the municipality. They range from sculpture to Community Art Project works and Schools Art Project works.

The Rural City of Wangaratta acknowledges the unique nature of its public spaces, and is committed to enlivening its public and open spaces through the development of a Public Art Collection and through public art projects and events.

In order to identify, fund and deliver public art opportunities in the Rural City of Wangaratta, the Public Art Policy was created and endorsed by Council in 2005. The Policy was updated and endorsed again in 2012 to align with the Public Art Strategic Plan 2012-2015.

The Public Art Policy is due for revision, and small amendments are required to reflect organisational structure changes, and to facilitate the reconvening of the Public Art Acquisitions Committee.

RESOLUTION:

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

Abstained: Councillor M Currie

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised Rural City of Wangaratta Public Art Policy 2019.***
- 2. Convene the Rural City of Wangaratta Public Art Acquisitions Committee to support the delivery of public art projects throughout the municipality.***

Carried

Background

Public art is art in any media that has been planned and executed with the intention of being staged in the physical public domain, usually outside and accessible to all. Public art is the practice of site specific engagement, community involvement and collaboration, combined with the leadership of usually an artist, curator or designer.

Public art may include any art which is exhibited in a public space including publicly accessible buildings - but often it is not that simple. Rather, the relationship between the content and audience, what the art is saying and to whom, is just as important if not more important than its physical location.

The rationale behind the Rural City of Wangaratta adopting and embracing a Public Art Policy is as follows:

- 1 to establish a process for the facilitation of public art ie: through the public art policy, the public art strategy and development of a relevant program;
- 2 to establish a range of mechanisms for funding the program;
- 3 to establish a process for the Rural City of Wangaratta to make Public Art Acquisitions; and
- 4 to establish a process for de-accessioning work from a Rural City of Wangaratta Public Art Collection.

The Wangaratta Project (CBD Masterplan) has highlighted the importance of public art as a means to create a dynamic and culturally rich regionally city. It recommends that through major infrastructure redevelopments and place making opportunities that public art engagements should occur.

The Railway Precinct Enhancement Project is the first project to identify public art opportunities to be considered at the inception stage of a large scale capital project. The RCOW Public Art Policy provides a framework for this to occur.

The purpose of the revision of the policy and update is to enable clear and current processes towards delivering and engaging successful Public Art projects that are either accommodating major infrastructure developments or occur as standalone projects within the rural city.

The changes to the revised Policy (endorsed in 2005 and 2012) are minimal and only reference changes to staff titles and some improvements of best practice within acquisitions processes and terminology.

Implications

Policy Considerations

Policies and Strategies that refer to Public Art for the Rural City of Wangaratta include:

- 2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)
- Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision
- Wangaratta Project – CBD masterplan

Financial/Economic Implications

The Policy addresses the sources of funding for public art and includes a percentage contribution of the overall capital project spend, grant funding and philanthropic funding. Not all capital projects will be suitable for the inclusion of public art but it is important that all capital projects assess the suitability and viability of public art becoming part of the project at the inception stage.

The Policy enables public art projects in the Rural City of Wangaratta to access funding via grants, bequests, donations and capital works projects.

The other implication for Council is to consider the maintenance funding of public art that comes hand in hand with owning and managing a public art collection.

Processes

Public Art works and projects may be achieved or supported through one of the following processes:

- through adoption of Percentage for the Arts Scheme, up to a 2% allocation, **at Council's discretion** which may be factored into all Council building and capital works projects, excluding engineering construction and engineering refurbishment projects and repair and maintenance of buildings;
- establish a fund for acquisitions / purchases of contemporary public art within the prescribed guidelines;
- commissions of permanent site-specific contemporary public art;
- via grants or commissions for the production of temporary or ephemeral art in public spaces and / or linked to major festivals or events;
- acceptance of gifts of art which fulfil the Rural City of Wangaratta Public Art Collection guidelines;
- engagement of professional artists in collaborative community based projects;
- engagement of curators or artistic directors for development and direction of specific projects; and
- Artist-in-residence projects.

Without a Public Art Policy, applications to State or Federal funding for public art engagement will not be considered. There would also be no basis on how to process possible donations or bequests for the purpose of Public Art.

Legal/Statutory

Public Art is acquired following the guidelines of Council's Procurement Policy. The Strategy follows this policy and ensures transparent and equitable opportunities for artists and community members to participate in the procuring of artworks for the city.

Social

Public Art plays an important role in urban renewal, place making, urban design and tourism. Art evokes an emotional response from people, which assists in creating a feeling of connection to their environment. This connection creates a memory. Public Art contributes to making Wangaratta a place people want to be.

Public Art reflects a city's goals and values contributing to create a sense of place celebrating a City's unique history, location, qualities and culture.

Public art matters because our communities gain cultural, social, and economic value through public art.

'Art in public spaces plays a distinguishing role in a community's history and culture. It reflects and reveals our society, enhances meaning in our civic spaces, and adds uniqueness to our communities. Public art humanizes the built environment, it provides an intersection between past, present, and future; between disciplines and ideas.'

Five reasons why Public Art Matters – Ms. Patricia Walsh – 2018.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Policy gives clear direction around how public art will be incorporated into our city and our daily lives. It creates direction for how and when public art will be acquired and sets out the maintenance and administration requirements of public art within the municipality.

Sustainable impacts are identified through the empowerment of having a public art policy in place that will enable sustainable funding opportunities via State and Federal funding, bequests and donations.

Environmental impacts will be the enhancement of our civic and public spaces that are sensitive to area of our natural environment. These guidelines are specified in the **Public Art Policy**

2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Inspired

We will plan, research and advocate for the future

- For our community to have access to quality and exciting arts and cultural experiences
- For the representation of our cultural heritage and story
- That build a unique creative hub in the centre of the city through the delivery of exciting spaces, engaging programs and opportunities for all our residents, community members and visitors

We will create and deliver

- Engaging public art that helps to make our city and rural communities more vibrant

We will focus on our business

- To make sure that our Performing Arts Centre and Art Gallery offer diverse events

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

Celebrating our arts, culture and heritage in 2030...

- The Rural City of Wangaratta is renowned as the cultural centre of North East Victoria.
- Public art is a central part of our urban streetscapes, parks and gardens and rural areas, promoting life, colour, vibrancy and difference.

b) Other strategic links

Wangaratta Project – CBD masterplan

Arts, Culture, Events & Activation Portfolio

Big Ideas

- Expand and intensify the arts and cultural precinct
- Celebrate the place of textiles in Wangaratta's story in new street art, exhibitions and programs throughout the city

- Find many ways to support emergent, temporary, interactive and informal art forms

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
No endorsed policy exists; public art is developed at an ad hoc rate; opportunities are missed and public art within the Rural City of Wangaratta stagnates	Extremely	The amenity of the areas is not improved; social and cultural opportunities are missed; community members lose pride in their city	High	The Public Art Policy guides the Public Art Strategy and public art is acquired to an agreed plan.
The current policy isn't updated - public art stagnates as the Acquisitions Committee is not reviewed and revived.	Extremely	The amenity of the areas is not improved; social and cultural opportunities are missed; community members lose pride in their city	High	The Public Art Policy guides the Public Art Strategy and public art is acquired to an agreed plan.

Consultation/Communication

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Tools/Techniques
Inform	Invite members of the community to apply to join the Public Art Acquisitions Committee (in line with the application criteria)	Advertise in the local media
Consult	Reconvene and establish the Public Art Acquisitions Committee	Accept applications from community members
Involve	As above	
Collaborate	As Above	
Empower	As Above	

The Policy underwent significant rewrite in 2005 and minor review in 2012. It has been adopted by the sitting Council in each of these years. The current revision tidies up roles and responsibilities post the 2015 Council staff restructure and clearly lays out the membership of the Acquisitions Committee. Council's Arts,

Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee have been included in the current review and have provided input into the Policy.

Outline of revised changes and edits are:

- Change title of Officer – Manager of Cultural Services – to Gallery Director
- Additional requirements of Acquisitions Committee – added are:
 - The committee will also include a current practitioner of sculpture or public art (*this may require engaging an individual outside of the Rural City but within the region of the North East of Victoria*)
 - The committee will also include an individual with either architectural or landscape architectural design qualifications and or background
- Under Key Guidelines removal of the reference to ‘indigenous artist’ :

The Public Art Collection is to be representative of historical and contemporary art from Australia, particularly attention should be directed towards the Collection area of works of sculpture and site specific public art by living national artists (including Indigenous artists).

Changed to

The Public Art Collection is to be representative of historical and contemporary art from Australia, particularly attention should be directed towards the Collection area of works of sculpture and site specific public art by living national artists.

This ensures no separating of whether an artist’s identifies as indigenous or other, as there should be no separation.

- Under Key Guidelines / Change of reference to ‘*early indigenous art*’ –to our First Nations stories and history.

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

Conclusion

In order for Public Art engagement to take place within the Rural City of Wangaratta, it is important that the 2005 Public Art Policy is reviewed and updated. The review has included changes around:

- Change of title for council officer responsible
- Additional requirements for the reconvening of the Public Art Acquisitions Committee

Once the Policy has been accepted in its new format, this will allow for an acquisitions committee to be formed and Council Officers to progress and find opportunities to engage the Public Art elements required in future projects.

Attachments

- 1 RURAL CITY OF WANGARATTA - PUBLIC ART POLICY 

14.3 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Community and Recreation Officer
File No: I19/33

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 a number of Special Committees of Management (COM) where representatives are new or re-nominating upon expiry of their term on a COM.

In accordance with the staggered process which is undertaken each year, nominations for special committees have been called for the Whitfield Recreation Reserve, Whorouly Public Hall and Whorouly Memorial Park.

The Special Committees of Council have been delegated by Council the responsibility to manage, promote and maintain the facilities under their control.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor H Bussell/Councillor A Fitzpatrick)

That Council:

Appoints as representatives to the Section 86 Special Committees of Management.

Carried

Background

Council has 15 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 the Instrument of Delegation. All committee charters establish a minimum required number of positions but allow for larger membership if there is an interest from community members to serve. These nominations represent either new nominees resulting from resignations, re-nominations due to membership terms expiring or additional interest from local community members.

When membership terms expire the nomination process is advertised in local media, through rural newsletters and via community word-of-mouth.

Nominations for the Section 86 committees are completed on an approved form which requests the reasons which have motivated the nomination and the provision of previous experience.

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 Instrument of Delegation.

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 COM's are able to be exercised legally.

Social

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

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

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

2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

We are sustainable:

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.

We are established:

We will plan, research and advocate for the future, on behalf of our groups and committees to ensure that they have the resources and knowledge to do the things they need to do.

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.
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 the community.
Collaborate	Feedback will be incorporated into decisions as far as possible	Council collaborates with its committees prior to making decisions that relate to 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

Council has reviewed the nominations received for the appointment of members to the relevant COM's. Endorsing this report will delegate the management, function and duties of the activities and facilities under the COM's and will uphold Council's requirements under the Act.

Attachments

- 1 Nominations to Council Committees - Confidential

15. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

15.1 NATURE STRIP LANDSCAPING POLICY

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Manager Infrastructure Planning and Delivery
File Name: ASSETS AND INFRASTRUCTURE - TREES - NATURE STRIPS
File No: I19/29

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 adopting the Nature Strip Landscaping Policy.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor K Clarke OAM/Councillor H Benton)

Abstained: Councillor M Currie

That Council adopt the Nature Strip Landscaping Policy to form part of Council's Works within Road Reserves application process.

Carried

Background

Rural City of Wangaratta (Council) occasionally receives requests from residents and businesses for permission to landscape the nature strip or footpath adjacent to their house or business.

More frequently complaints are received from other parties about plantings or other landscaping works that have been undertaken without permission. These unapproved works can cause problems with drainage, sight distances for road users and the safety of pedestrians.

Council encourages property owners and occupiers to recognise the value of nature strips and to take pride in maintaining them.

The attached policy is intended to ensure that, if nature strips are modified, they are landscaped and maintained in a way that:

- Minimises risk to the community;

- Provides for the unobstructed and safe flow of pedestrian and vehicle traffic;
 - Provides access for deliveries and utility service providers;
 - Allows kerbside parking of vehicles and door opening space;
 - Complements the existing streetscape; and
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- Complies with any planning overlay.

Owners and occupiers are not required to obtain a permit if:

- they propose to plant or maintain only grass on the nature strip; or
- the nature strip is located on a road in a rural area.

It is intended that applications for Nature Strip landscaping will be managed as part of the Works within Road Reserves application process.

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

Legal advice on the Nature Strip Policy was sought and received from Maddocks.

Council's Local Law No. 1

Social

Appropriately landscaped and maintained nature strips minimises risk to the community and add to the appearance and presentation of streetscapes within the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Drainage issues are minimised by having appropriately landscaped and maintained nature strips.

2017 – 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

This report supports the 2017-2021 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Established

What we do everyday

We respond to the requests of our community to ensure our infrastructure is safe and well maintained

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

N/A

b) Other strategic links

N/A

Risk Management

There is currently a reputational risk to Council as there is no strong position on landscaping of nature strips. The much greater risk is damage to assets and injury to people possibly caused by inappropriate landscaping.

These risks will continue if this policy is not adopted.

Consultation/Communication

Community consultation was undertaken for a period of 28 days with two written submissions received; submissions supported the planting out of nature strips by landholders. Two internal stakeholder meetings were held resulting in one small change.

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

Conclusion

The Nature Strip Landscaping Policy has been out for community and internal consultation and reviewed by legal representatives Maddocks and is now ready for Council consideration for adoption.

Attachments

- 1 Nature Strip Landscaping Policy - May 2019 

16. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

16.1 AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Business Investment & Development Officer
File Name:
File No: I19/35

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 request council to adopt the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.

The Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan is a document drafted by Pitt & Sherry capturing amendments to the overall layout and design of the Wangaratta Aerodrome precinct and should be read in conjunction with the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.

As part of the process to prepare the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan consultation meetings were held with key stakeholders and users of the Wangaratta Aerodrome precinct to discuss, develop and propose changes to the development design and layout represented in the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.

RESOLUTION:

(Moved: Councillor H Benton/Councillor H Bussell)

Abstained: Councillor M Currie

That Council:

1. Adopt the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017

Carried

Background

The Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017 was prepared to ensure best-management practices and sound land use development in addressing the

diverse aviation and community interests of the Aerodrome precinct. It is a strategic document that provides long term direction and guidelines for the future development of the Wangaratta Aerodrome Precinct.

From the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017, it was identified that a detailed infrastructure development and design plan was needed to implement the developments and changes required within the precinct.

Requests for quotations to prepare a detailed Infrastructure Development Plan were targeted at qualified aeronautical engineering and design companies as this project is seen as a specialist area which requires specific knowledge of aerodromes, aeronautical statutory and legal requirements for construction of runways, hangars and infrastructure associated with aerodromes.

The successful applicant, Pitt & Sherry has developed the detailed Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan after consultation meetings with key stakeholders and users of the Wangaratta Aerodrome and council officers.

The Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan is to be read in conjunction with the master plan as it takes the general concept of the Master Plan layouts and adds technical detail in accordance with the current standards.

The plan identifies areas for enhancement and future development including industrial land development, commercial and recreational hangars, relocation of refuelling facility and the strengthening / widening of taxi areas and runway.

Stages of works proposed by the infrastructure development plan are summarised in Attachment 3.

Implications

Policy Considerations

That the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan is adopted as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.

Financial/Economic Implications

Future development at the Aerodrome will require funding from Council and where possible grants.

Legal/Statutory

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

Social

The Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017 recognises the airport as a valuable community and economic asset with strong connections to stakeholders, community and visitors.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

All new infrastructure and development at the Aerodrome will be bound to existing environmental and sustainable best practice.

2017 - 2021 Council Plan (2018 Revision)

This report supports the 2017-21 Council Plan:

Goal

We are Growing

We will plan, research and advocate for the future:

For the investment of new business development within the municipality.

To facilitate considered planning and development in line with long term strategic objectives for the sustainability of our community and environment.

We will focus on our business:

Ensuring we are responsive, clear and active in the development of our municipality.

To ensure that we understand and plan for the long term opportunities, challenges and priorities that face our growth potential.

The non-negotiables

We encourage considered investment in the development of new, and the growth of our existing, industries and businesses.

Strategic Links

a) Rural City of Wangaratta 2030 Community Vision

b) Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017

Risk Management

Should the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan not be adopted as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017 and implemented, council risks the Aerodrome not complying with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) current and future requirements which will have implications on the use of the Aerodrome.

Funding already obtained from Federal Government to develop Stage 1 of the Wangaratta Airport development will be at risk.

Consultation/Communication

Consultation sessions have been held with key stakeholders and users of the Wangaratta Aerodrome, Council officers and representatives of Pitt & Sherry.

The sessions involved the key stakeholders in developing and evolving the layout and designs represented in the Wangaratta Airport Master Plan 2017 which has resulted in the development of the detailed Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan.

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

Options for Consideration

Option 1: *Recommended*

Council adopts the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.

Option 2: *Not Recommended*

Council does not adopt the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017.




Conclusion

The Wangaratta Aerodrome precinct is a key asset of the Rural City of Wangaratta that provides economic and social services to the area.

The Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development plan provides a clear and long term planning framework for developing key infrastructure and assists in the future application of capital grants.

Adopting the Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan as an amendment to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017 will enable ongoing development at the airport, business investment and ensure the longevity and viability of this important community asset.

Attachments

- 1 Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017 
- 2 Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan (Supplement to the Wangaratta Aerodrome Master Plan 2017) 
- 3 Summary of staged work - Wangaratta Airport Infrastructure Development Plan 

Public Questions

Please follow link [18 June 2019 Council Meeting Video](#) and refer to minutes 39:01 to 41:00 for public questions and responses related to Item 16.1 Airport Infrastructure Development Report.

17. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

18. ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

19. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

19.1 RECORD OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS & ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meeting Type: Ordinary Council Meeting
Date of Meeting: 18 June 2019
Author: Executive Assistant - Corporate Services & Councillors
File Name: Assemblies of Councillors
File No: I19/44

Executive Summary

Assembly of Councillors

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:

1. the names of all Councillors and members of the Council staff attending;
2. the matters considered;
3. any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending; and
4. 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
13 May 2019	Councillor Briefing Forum	Attachment
20 May 2019	Councillor Briefing Forum	Attachment
27 May 2019	Councillor Briefing Forum	Attachment
3 June 2019	Councillor Briefing Forum	Attachment
11 June 2019	Councillor Briefing Forum	Attachment

Advisory Committee Meetings:

Minutes of the following Advisory Committee Meetings are reported to Councillors for information (refer attachments).

1. Place Naming Committee
2. Audit Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION:









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

That Council

- 1. Receives the reports of Assemblies of Councillors.***
- 2. Notes the minutes of these Advisory Committees.***

Carried

Attachments

- 1 Assembly of Councillors - Councillors Briefing Forum - 20190513 
- 2 Assembly of Councillors - Councillors Briefing Forum - 20190520 
- 3 Assembly of Councillors - Councillors Briefing Forum - 20190527 
- 4 Assembly of Councillors - Councillors Briefing Forum - 20190603 
- 5 Assembly of Councillors - Councillor Briefing Forum - 20190611 
- 6 Place Naming Committee - Minutes - 21 May 2019 
- 7 Audit Advisory Committee - Minutes - 11 September 2018 
- 8 Audit Advisory Committee - Minutes - 6 December 2018 

20. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

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

Please follow link [18 June 2019 Council Meeting Video](#) and refer to minutes 43:36 to 58:09 for public questions and responses related to Item 22. Public Question Time.

23. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil

24. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 7.00pm.