



**GANNAWARRA
SHIRE COUNCIL**

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

5.30 pm

Kerang Council Chambers

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KERANG
WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016 - 5.30 PM**

PRESENT: Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Yarran Ward), Cr Neville Goulding (Yarran Ward), Cr Oscar Aertssen (Murray Ward), Cr Keith den Houting (Patchell Ward), Cr Neil Gannon (Avoca Ward) and Cr Mark Arians (Patchell Ward).

IN ATTENDANCE: Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer, Tom O’Reilly – Director Corporate Services, Geoff Rollinson – Director Infrastructure Services, Mandy Hutchinson – Director Community Wellbeing, Lisa Clue – Manager Governance, Penny Scanlan – Youth Development Officer, Emma Carter – Gannawarra Youth Council.

Media: 1

Gallery: 3

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, and paid her respect to elders both past and present.

2 OPENING PRAYER

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Prayer.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Brian Gibson (Patchell Ward)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neil Gannon

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council accept the apology.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gannon

That Council adopt the Minutes from the Ordinary Council Meeting held 22 June 2016 and the Special Council Meeting held 22 June 2016..

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Conflicts of Interest were declared at the meeting.

6 QUESTION TIME

No questions were asked from the gallery.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS RECORD FORM

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Assembly of Councillors Record Form – Tuesday 12 July 2016 is presented to Council.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Keith den Houting

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillors from 23 June 2016 to 15 July 2016.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 152 SLEEPY LANE, KERANG - PROPOSED PROPERTY DISPOSAL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval from Council to offer the property owned by Council at 152 Sleepy Lane, Kerang described on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision as Lot 2 on TP535919S Parish of Kerang for sale by private treaty in accordance with Sec 189 and Sec 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (“the CEO”) to obtain a valuation for the site described as Lot 2 on TP535919S Parish of Kerang from a qualified Valuer as specified under Section 130A(2) of the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* to report on the value of the land.**
- 2. Commence the statutory procedures to sell the land by private treaty in accordance with Sec.189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.**
- 3. Give public notice under Sec. 82A and Sec.223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (“the statutory advertising”) of the proposed sale of the property in the appropriate newspapers and on Council’s website.**
- 4. Authorise the CEO to enter into a Contract of Sale, on terms satisfactory to the CEO (“the Contract of Sale”). The Contract of Sale will include, but not be limited to all existing services, covenants, easements and encumbrances (if any) located on the property being adequately protected and remaining in place.**

CARRIED

8.2 GANNAWARRA CREATIVE ARTS AND ACTIVATION STRATEGY 2016 -2020 - ADOPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Gannawarra Creative Arts and Activation Strategy 2016 – 2020 (CAAS) for adoption by Council. The CAAS was presented to Council at its Ordinary Meeting of May 2016, and was deferred so that further review and consideration of Councillor comments could be undertaken. Subsequently, revisions have been carried out to the Strategy – these are detailed in the ‘Consultation’ section of this report.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council adopt the Gannawarra Creative Arts and Activation Strategy 2016 – 2020.

CARRIED

8.3 CUSTOMER CHARTER - QUARTERLY REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Customer Service Charter is an important element of the development of a customer focused approach to service delivery and is reported against quarterly to ensure staff are maintaining a high standard of service and implementing new processes to ensure standards are continually achieved.

The report details the 41 standards which make up the Charter with results showing 39 standards having been met for the April to June quarter.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Neville Goulding

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

That Council receive and note the Customer Service Charter Quarterly report, April to June 2016.

CARRIED

8.4 POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY 2016- 2020- ADOPTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gannawarra Shire Positive Ageing Strategy 2016-2020 highlights Council's commitment to recognising and respecting the significant contribution older people play in creating vibrant and viable communities.

A strong commitment to continue to strengthen partnerships between Council, service providers and the community puts the Gannawarra Shire in good stead to engage a holistic approach to active and positive ageing.

Planning for the projected change in demographics expected over the next decade enables existing strengths to be recognised, provides a vital platform for seeking assistance to address the challenges, and ensures that Gannawarra is in a position to embrace the opportunities that an ageing population presents.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gannon

That Council adopt the Gannawarra Shire Positive Ageing Strategy 2016-2020.

CARRIED

8.5 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT JULY 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present to Council the outcomes from the Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neville Goulding

That Council note the recommendations and outcomes of the Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5 July 2016.

CARRIED

8.6 ENGAGE! UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Engage! Grant has provided both Gannawarra Youth Council and Gannawarra Shire Council to deliver some exciting youth led programs and opportunities. The three key areas where work has been completed is in Youth volunteering, the development of Council's recently endorse Children and Youth Strategy and Youth participation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Keith den Houting

That Council receive the Engage! update report and note the contents.

CARRIED

8.7 PLASTIC BAG FREE POLICY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councillor Goulding requested a report to be presented to Council to consider the introduction of a Plastic Bag Free Policy based on a request from Plastic Bag Free Victoria (PBFV) asking Council to join the Surf Coast Shire Council and Moreland City Council by implementing a policy that bans the distribution of single use plastic items at events held on Council's land. PBFV has requested that Council consider the introduction of a policy, before the upcoming Council elections in October. Further information on PBFV's campaign can be found at www.plasticbagfreevictoria.org

RECOMMENDATION

That Council consult with and seek feedback from the community on a proposal to introduce a Plastic Bag Free policy for events held on Council land.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Keith den Houting

Seconded: Cr Oscar Aertssen

That Council

- 1. Develop a Plastic Bag Free policy for Council owned or controlled land to be considered at the August Ordinary Meeting of Council.**
- 2. Consult with and seek feedback from the community on a proposal to introduce a Plastic Bag Free Policy for any part of the Gannawarra Shire that is not already plastic bag free.**

CARRIED

8.8 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the results from the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey which was conducted over a five-week period from 11 March – 15 April 2016.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Oscar Aertssen

Seconded: Cr Neil Gannon

That Council;

- 1. Receive the 2016 Community Satisfaction Survey for our Shire.**
- 2. Acknowledge that results across the Local Government sector have declined, a reflection associated with the much publicised rate capping and the poor media image cast upon Councils.**
- 3. Appreciates that the Shire continues to perform significantly higher than both the State-wide and Small Rural Shires average and ranks significantly higher than the State-wide averages for all of the 12 individual service areas.**
- 4. Recognises that the Shire can improve on its performance with increased leadership, a clearer direction and vision and a more collaborative approach with and on behalf of the community.**

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 DELEGATES REPORTS**12.1 DELEGATES REPORT - THURSDAY 23 JUNE TO WEDNESDAY 20 JULY****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Delegate Reports for Thursday 23 June to Wednesday 20 July.

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

23 June	MAV Rural & Regional Planning Conference – Bendigo
24 June	MAV Rural & Regional Planning Conference - Bendigo Cohuna Debutante Ball
25 June	Frame by Frame Gannawarra Refugee Support – Kerang
26 June	Volunteer Cohuna Gateway
27 June	ABC Interview
28 June	Murrabit Lions Club Changeover Dinner
1 July	Kerang Rotary Club Changeover Dinner
4 July	Dairy Coffee Morning Meeting – Model Aircraft members Cohuna
6 July	Meeting – Brett Hosking and Cr Neil Gannon - Quambatook Quambatook Lions Club Changeover Dinner
7 July	NAIDOC BBQ – Kerang
8 July	St Kilda Film Festival – Cohuna
9 July	Kerang Waterland Debutante Ball
11 July	MAV Standing for Council Info Session – Kerang Guest Speaker – Probus Cohuna
12 July	Council Briefing Session – Kerang
13 July	Arts Workshop – Kerang
14 July	Citizenship Ceremony - Kerang
16 July	Kerang Waterland Debutante Ball
18 July	Cohuna Progress Association Meeting
19 July	Senior Advisory Meeting Lake Charm Lions Club Changeover Dinner
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting – Kerang Regional Futures Summit - Bendigo

Cr Neville Goulding

12 July	Council Briefing Session - Kerang
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

Cr Neil Gannon

6 July	Quambatook Lions Club Changeover Dinner Meeting – Brett Hosking and Mayor - Quambatook
12 July	Council Briefing Session – Kerang
14 July	Racecourse Lake visit with CEO & G. Rollinson
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

Cr Oscar Aertssen

23 June	WIN TV Interview – re Youth
28 June	Murrabit Lions Club Changeover Dinner
12 July	Council Briefing Session - Kerang
14 July	Citizenship Ceremony - Kerang
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

Cr Keith den Houting

5 July	Audit Committee Meeting - Kerang
12 July	Council Briefing Session – Kerang
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

Cr Mark Arians

1 July	Kerang Rotary Club Changeover Dinner
12 July	Council Briefing Session – Kerang
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

Cr Brian Gibson

7 July	MEMPC Meeting - Kerang
12 July	Council Briefing Session – Kerang
15 July	Steering Committee Meeting, Regional Floodplain Management
20 July	Ordinary Council Meeting - Kerang

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.41 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 17 August 2016.

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CR LORRAINE LEARMONTH - MAYOR