

Wednesday, 15 March 2017
7:00pm
Council Chambers
Kerang

# **AGENDA**

**Ordinary Council Meeting** 

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# 1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to take this time to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, and pay my respect to elders both past and present

# 2 OPENING DECLARATION

We, the Councillors of the Shire of Gannawarra, declare that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor, in the best interests of our community, and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

# 3 APOLOGIES

# 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

# **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts the mintues from the Ordinary Meeting - 15 February 2017 and the Special Meeting - 15 February 2017

# 5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Local Government Amendment (Councillor Conduct and Other Matters) Act 2008.

A Councillor, member of a special committee, or member of Council staff has a conflict of interest in a matter if he or she has a *direct interest* or an *indirect interest* in that matter.

A person <u>has a direct interest</u> in a matter if there is a likelihood that the benefits, obligations, opportunities or circumstances of the person would be directly altered if the matter is decided in a particular way. This includes where there is a likelihood that the person will receive a direct benefit or loss that can be measured in financial terms or that the residential amenity of the person will be directly affected if the matter is decided in a particular way.

A person has an *indirect interest* in a matter if the person has:

- a close association in the matter because a family member, a relative or a member of their household has a direct or indirect interest in the matter
- an indirect financial interest in the matter
- a conflicting duty although there are circumstances where a person does not have a indirect interest because of a conflicting duty
- received an 'applicable gift'
- become an interested party in the matter by initiating civil proceedings or becoming a party to civil proceedings in relation to the matter.

# Disclosure of conflict of interest

If a Councillor or member of a special committee has a conflict of interest in a matter which is to be or is likely to be considered at a meeting of the Council or special committee, the Councillor or member must:

 if he or she will be present at the meeting, make a full disclosure of that interest by advising of the <u>class</u> and <u>nature</u> of the interest to either –

- the Council or special committee immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting, or
- in writing to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Where the disclosure is made to the CEO in writing, the Councillor or member need only disclose the <u>class</u> of interest to the meeting, immediately before the matter is considered.
- <u>if he or she will not be present at the meeting</u>, make a full disclosure to the CEO or Chairperson of the meeting, in writing, of the class and nature of the interest. If a Chairperson is given a written disclosure, he or she must give the written disclosure to the CEO.
- The CEO must keep written disclosures in a secure place for 3 years after the date the Councillor or member of the special committee who made the disclosure ceases to be a Councillor or member, and destroy the written disclosure when the 3 year period expires.
- While the matter is being considered or any vote taken, the Councillor or member of a special committee with the conflict of interest must leave the room and notify the Mayor or Chairperson of the special committee he or she is doing so. The Mayor or Chairperson must notify the Councillor or member that he or she may return to the room after consideration of the matter and all votes have been cast.
- A CEO or Chairperson of a special committee must record in the minutes of the meeting the
  declaration of the conflict of interest, the class of the interest and, if the Councillor or
  member has disclosed the nature of the interest to the meeting, the nature of the interest.
- A failure by a Councillor or member to comply with section 79 of the Act may result in a penalty of up to 100 penalty units and disqualification under section 29(2) of the Act.

# **6** QUESTION TIME

Question Time at Council meetings enables an opportunity for members of the public in the gallery to address questions to the Council of the Shire of Gannawarra.

# **QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY**

- All questions are to be directed to the Chair.
- Members of the public may ask questions from the gallery and should provide their name (and organisation if relevant) at the beginning of their questions.
- There is a maximum number of 3 questions of up to 2 minutes each.
- Chair will respond or refer to Councillor or CEO.
- Sometimes a Councillor/officer may indicate that they require further time to research an answer. In this case, the answer will be provided in writing generally within 10 days.
- Where a question cannot be answered on the spot, the person is asked to write out their questions on a form provided to enable an accurate response to be prepared.
- Questions will be answered at the meeting, or later in writing, unless the Chairperson has determined that the relevant question relates to:
  - Personal matters
  - The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayers
  - Industrial matters
  - Contractual matters
  - Proposed developments
  - Legal advice

- Matters affecting the security of council property
- An issue outside the Gannawarra Shire Council core business
- Or any other matter which the Council considers would prejudice it or any person
- A matter which may disadvantage the Council or any other person
- Is defamatory, indecent, abusive or objectionable in language or substance
- Is repetitive of a question already answered (whether at the same or an earlier meeting)
- Is asked to embarrass an officer or another Councillor
- No debate or discussion of questions or answers shall be permitted and all questions and answers shall be as brief as possible.

# 7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

#### 7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS FEBRUARY 16 TO MARCH 15

Author: Eric Braslis, CEO

Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO

Attachments: 1 Assembly of Councillors Record Form - 20 February 2017

2 Assembly of Councillors Record Form - 27 February 2017

3 Assembly of Councillors Record Form - 07 March 2017

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the records of Assembly of Councillors from Thursday 16 February, 2017 to Wednesday 15 March, 2017.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To present to Council the Assembly of Councillors Record Forms – Monday 20 February 2017, Monday 27 February 2017 and Tuesday 7 March 2017.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

# **COUNCIL PLAN**

Council Plan 2013-2017 – Leadership and Governance – Compliance with legislative requirements.

# **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In accordance with Section 76A of the Local Government Act 1989 the definition of 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 or the following exercise of a delegated authority and which is either of the following:

- A meeting at which matters are considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision or the following exercise of a delegated authority and which is either of the following:
- 2. A meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Councillor is present.
- 3. If a meeting fits either of these types the procedures applying to an Assembly of Councillors must be complied with, irrespective of any name or description given to the committee or meeting. Not all gatherings or meetings at which Councillors are present will constitute Assembly of Councillors.

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# **CONSULTATION**

Consultation with Councillors and staff has occurred to ensure the accuracy of the Assemblies of Councillors records.

# **CONCLUSION**

To ensure compliance with Section 76A of the Local Government Act 1989 it is recommended that Council note the Assemblies of Councillors records as outlined in this report.

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# Assembly of Councillors Record Form

Date:	Monday, 20 February 2017		
Time:	8:30am - 5:00pm		
Location:	Club Barham, Barham NSW		
In Attendance: (Councillors)	Cr Brian Gibson, Cr Sonia Wright, Cr Charlie Gillingham, Cr Mark Arians, Cr Jodie Basile, Cr Lorraine Learmonth and Cr Steve Tasker		
Apologies			
In Attendance: (Officers)	Eric Braslis, Tom O'Reilly, Mandy Hutchinson, Geoff Rollinson, Katrina Thorne, Narelle O'Donoghue, Alissa Harrower, Kate Callow and Chris Kotur (external facilitator)		
Matters Discussed:	Council Plan 2017/2021		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Councillors)	Nil		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Officers)	Nil		
Completed By:	Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer		

This form MUST be completed by the attending Council Officer and returned immediately to Manager Governance for filing (See over for Explanation/Notes).

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# Assembly of Councillors Record Form

Date:	Monday, 27 February 2017		
Time:	5:30pm - 7:00pm		
Location:	Council Chambers, Kerang		
In Attendance:	Cr Brian Gibson, Cr Sonia Wright, Cr Charlie Gillingham, Cr Mark Arians, Cr Jodie		
(Councillors)	Basile, Cr Lorraine Learmonth and Cr Steve Tasker		
Apologies			
In Attendance: (Officers)	Eric Braslis, Tom O'Reilly, Mandy Hutchinson, Geoff Rollinson, Sid Hutchinson		
Matters Discussed:	Draft 2017/18 Rating Strategy		
	Draft 2017/18 Fees and Charges		
	Draft 2017/18 Cap X		
	Draft 2017/18 Budget		
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Conflict of Interest	Nil		
Disclosures (Councillors)			
Conflict of Interest	Nil		
Disclosures (Officers)			
Completed By:	Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer		

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# Assembly of Councillors Record Form

Date:	Tuesday, 07 March 2017				
Time:	1:00pm - 5:30pm				
Location:	Council Chambers, Kerang				
In Attendance:	Cr Brian Gibson, Cr Sonia Wright, Cr Charlie Gillingham, Cr Mark Arians, Cr Jodie				
(Councillors)	Basile, Cr Lorraine Learmonth and Cr Steve Tasker				
Apologies	5 1 2 1 7 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1				
In Attendance: (Officers)	Eric Braslis, Tom O'Reilly, Mandy Hutchinson, Geoff Rollinson, Jo Haw, Alissa Harrower, Katrina Thorne, Sid Hutchinson				
Matters Discussed:	Policy No. 100 – Fraud and Corruption				
	Policy No. 107 - Protected Disclosure				
	Policy No. 102 - Community Grants				
	Policy No. 37 – Recreation Reserves – Assistance and Grants				
	Heavy Plant Replacement – Tender VP66385				
	Asset disposal – 152 Sleepy Lane, Kerang				
	Road Management Plan review				
	Council Plan 2017-2021 – Progress Update				
	Council Plan 2013-2017 Progress Report				
	GSC Style Guide Update				
	Aerodrome Hangar Rental Review				
	Asset Disposal – Various Council Properties				
	Transfer Station Update				
	Council Grants Update – March				
	Cohuna Nature Cruises				
	Audit Committee Member Update				
	2017/18 Cap X – Final Draft				
	2017/18 Fees and Charges – Final Draft				
	2017/18 Rating Strategy Options Update – Final Draft				
	Issuing of Permits to Burn				
	Mark Francis – Murray Regional Tourism Presentation				
Conflict of Interest	Nil				
Disclosures (Councillors)					
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Officers)	Nil				
Completed By:	Eric Braslis – Chief Executive Officer				

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# 8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

# 8.1 ASSET DISPOSAL - 152 SLEEPY LANE, KERANG

Author: Jo Haw, Manager Strategic Assets

Authoriser: Tom O'Reilly, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1 Aerial view - 152 Sleepy Lane, Kerang

2 Plan of Subdivision - 152 Sleepy Lane, Kerang

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **That Council:**

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer ("the CEO") to obtain a valuation for the site described as Lot 1 on PS747952A Parish of Kerang from a qualified Valuer in accordance with Sec. 130A(2) of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 to report on the value of the property.
- 2. Commence the statutory procedures to sell the land by public auction in accordance with Sec.189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- 3. Give public notice under 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 should no submissions be received.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

There is an opportunity for the Council owned property, described as Lot 1 on PS747952A Parish of Kerang which, in accordance with Sec. 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, is no longer required by Council for the purpose for which it was acquired, to be offered for sale.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2015 Council opportunistically purchased the property, of which this parcel formed part, to ensure that, should the Kerang aerodrome runway require extension in the future, Council could do so without having to acquire land at that time.

The portion of land required for the runway extension has been subdivided and incorporated into the broader Kerang aerodrome precinct. This property, which includes a three bedroom dwelling and 20 hectares of land not required for the runway extension, has been excised off and is now on a separate title to enable the sale, independent of the Kerang aerodrome.

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#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

Council Plan 2013-2017 - Sustainable Environments: Adopt appropriate planning mechanisms to support sustainable land use and development; Effective Leadership and Management: Council maximises its financial capability whilst paying close attention to risk factors and statutory requirements.

#### DISCUSSION

The property being offered for sale is twenty hectares in area and includes a three bedroom dwelling and outbuildings. The property has a water entitlement of five megalitres which will be sold with the property.

The property being offered for sale is surplus to the aerodrome extension requirements and provides Council with an opportunity to realise a financial benefit by selling the property to offset the initial purchase of the larger property.

Council must advertise its intention to sell the property and be open to receive submissions under Sec. 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for a period of 28 days. For Council to maximise the potential financial return, it could consider engaging a real estate agent to conduct the selling process.

The land is zoned "Farming Zone" (FZ) and it would be the responsibility of the purchaser to arrange re-zoning of the property if required to reflect the intended use after purchase.

#### **CONSULTATION**

There has been consultation within and between Council officers and further consultation will take place as a consequence of the Sec. 223 Public Notice if required.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

#### CONCLUSION

The property was purchased by Council as part of a larger parcel of land for the purpose of provision for Kerang aerodrome runway extensions in the future. The subject property has subsequently been subdivided with the intention of selling as it is unlikely that this property will be required by Council for any other purpose and the sale of the property would provide a financial benefit from the proposed disposal that would offset the initial purchase.

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# 152 Sleepy Lane, Kerang

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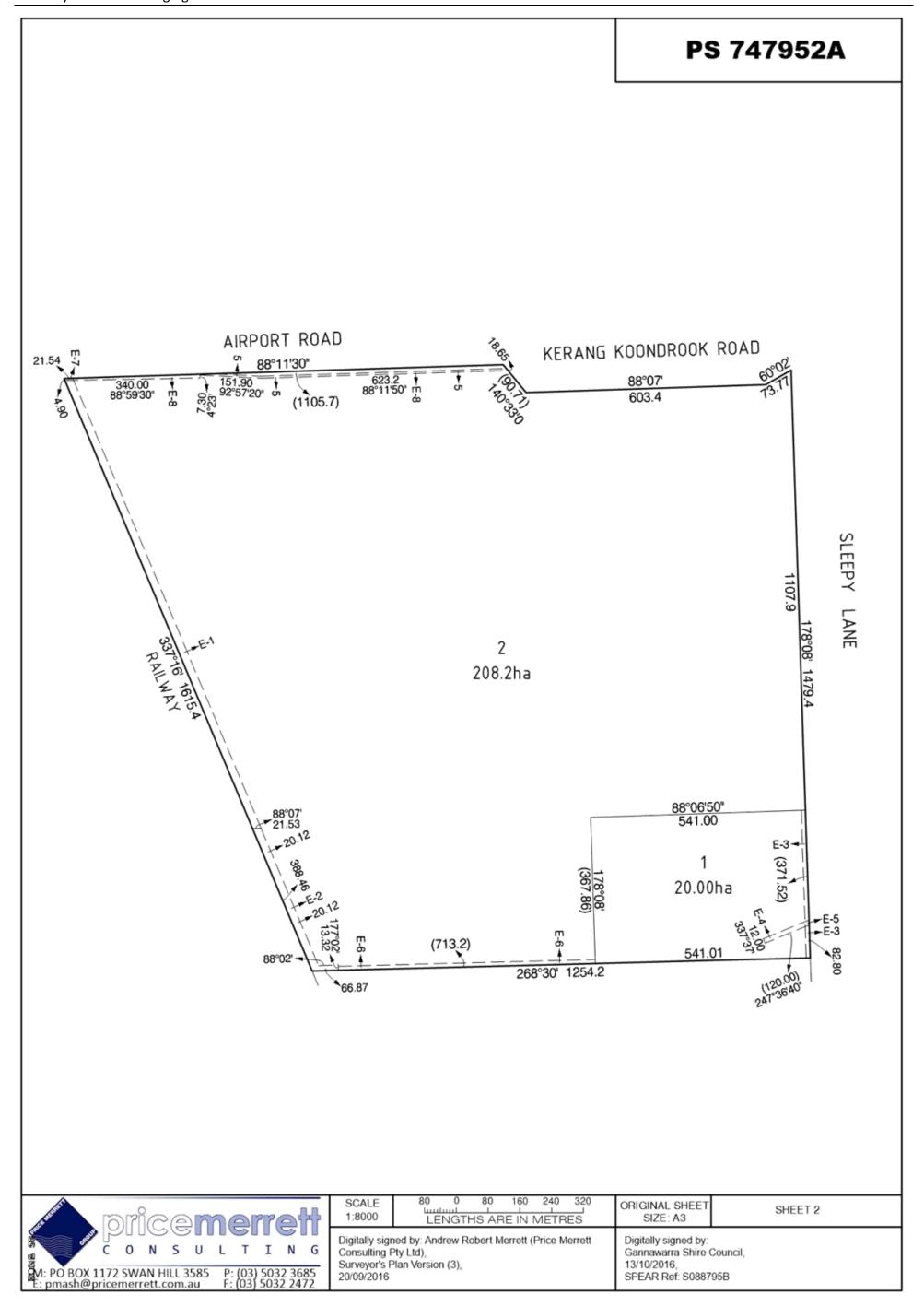
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# 8.2 ASSET DISPOSAL - 34-40 SCORESBY STREET, KERANG

Author: Jo Haw, Manager Strategic Assets

Authoriser: Tom O'Reilly, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1 Title Plan 2 - 34-40 Scoresby Street, Kerang

2 Title Plan 1 - 34-40 Scoresby Street, Kerang

3 Aerial View - 34-40 Scoresby Street, Kerang

4 Street View - 34-40 Scoresby Street, Kerang

# **RECOMMENDATION**

#### That Council:

- Authorise the Chief Executive Officer ("the CEO") to obtain a valuation for the site described as Lot 1 on TP402591U (Volume 06986 Folio 150) and Lot 1 on TP395670G (Volume 05058 Folio 419) from a qualified Valuer as specified under Section 13DA(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 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.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Council owned vacant land at 34-40 Scoresby Street, Kerang known as the old Maternal and Child Health centre site and described as Lot 1 on TP402591U (Volume 06986 Folio 150) and Lot 1 on TP395670G (Volume 05058 Folio 419) has remained unused since the removal of the buildings in October 2010. The property is surplus to Council's requirements and is no longer required for the purpose for which it was acquired.

The land is zoned as "Commercial 1" under the Gannawarra Shire Planning Scheme and would not require rezoning for the purpose of the sale of the land.

The process to offer the property for sale, in accordance with Sec. 189 and Sec. 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, is that Council is required to publicly advertise its intention to sell the land, thereby inviting submissions or objections in relation to the sale. Should no submissions be received, Council can then advertise the property for sale by private treaty, expression of interest or via a tender process.

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The property has been in Council ownership for a very long time and forms part of a portfolio of assets that have been identified as being surplus to requirements. An opportunity exists for Council to sell the property and realise a financial benefit for the community in the short term, and provide an opportunity for a business operator to establish a business on the site that would create an increase in rate revenue for Council, provide employment to service the business and assist in the activation of the CBD precinct.

#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

Council Plan 2013-2017: Leadership and Governance - Demonstrate commitment to strong Corporate Governance and ethical behaviour

Council Plan 2013-2017: Assets and Infrastructure - Rationalise and dispose of inefficient and/or unnecessary assets.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The property has remained unoccupied since 2010 and is surplus to Council requirements. The sale of, and the subsequent development of the property would add value to the Scoresby Street precinct and potentially provide an opportunity for increased rate revenue for Council and potentially increase employment opportunities when a business is established on the site.

#### CONSULTATION

There has been consultation within and between Council officers and Councillors.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

#### **CONCLUSION**

In order to commence a process to sell the land at 34-40 Scoresby Street Kerang and described as Lot 1 on TP402591U (Volume 06986 Folio 150) and Lot 1 on TP395670G (Volume 05058 Folio 419) Council must give public notice of its intention to sell the land, consider any submissions or objections relating to the proposed sale and obtain a valuation for the land prior to selling the property.

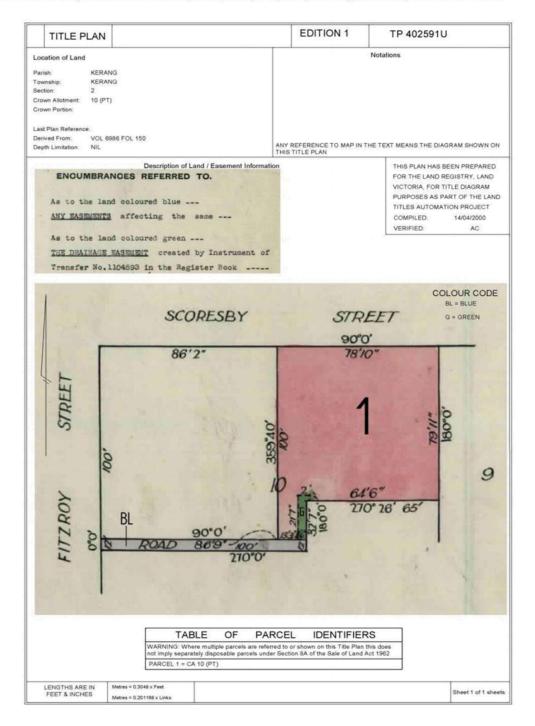
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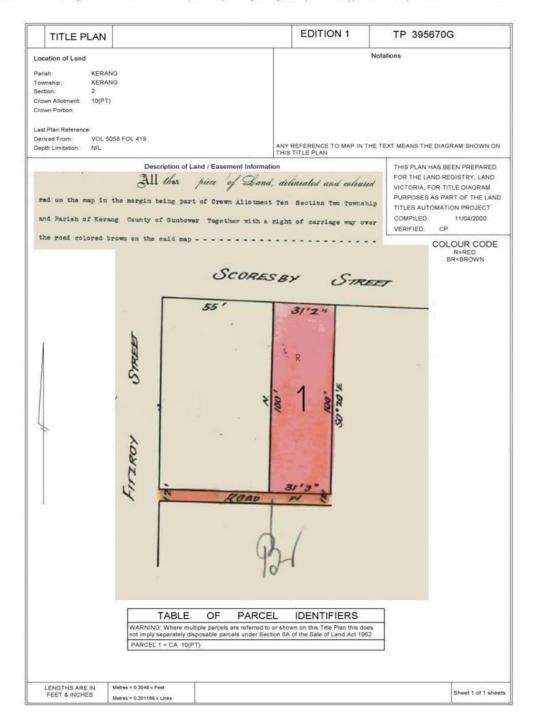
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#### 8.3 COUNCIL POLICIES - REVIEW

Author: Alissa Harrower, Governance and Compliance Coordinator

Authoriser: Tom O'Reilly, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1 Policy No. 100 - Fraud and Corruption (under separate cover)

2 Policy No. 107 - Protected Disclosure (under separate cover)

3 Policy No. 107 - Protected Disclosure Procedure (under separate cover)

4 Policy No. 102 - Community Grants (under separate cover)

5 Policy No. 37 - Sport and Recreation Assistance and Grants (under

separate cover)

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the following reviewed policies:

- (a) Policy No. 100 Fraud and Corruption
- (b) Policy No. 107 Protected Disclosure and Protected Disclosure Procedure
- (c) Policy No. 102 Community Grants
- (d) Policy No. 37 Recreational Reserves Assistance and Grants

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council Officers undertake regular reviews of Council policies to ensure they are up to date and reflective of current practices. This report details the following policies which have been reviewed:

- Policy No. 100 Fraud and Corruption
- Policy No. 107 Protected Disclosure
- Policy No. 102 Community Grants
- Policy No. 37 Recreational Reserves Assistance and Grants

#### **BACKGROUND**

Council Officers undertake regular reviews of Council policies to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that they are reflective of current practice. In most instances, the policy is updated and presented to Council for endorsement.

#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

Council Plan 2013-2017 - Effective Leadership and Management: Council maximises its financial capability whilst paying close attention to risk factors and statutory requirements

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011.

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# **DISCUSSION**

Policy No	Policy Name	Comments
100	Fraud and Corruption	Early in 2016, the Integrity and Accountability Legislation Amendment (A Stronger System) Bill 2015 was passed. This Bill made a number of important changes to the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011. The changes strengthen Victoria's accountability and integrity systems and strengthen the ability of the IBAC to detect and investigate allegations of corruption and misconduct in the public sector. One of the changes which came into effect on 1 December 2016 was a new requirement for relevant principal officers of public bodies (Chief Executive Officer) to mandatorily notify IBAC of suspected corrupt conduct under Section 57 of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011.
107	Protected Disclosure	Council's Protected Disclosure Policy, Procedure and the Fraud and Corruption Policy have each had the addition of the following information to reflect the new requirement of the CEO:  In addition to this, the Chief Executive Officer, will automatically notify the Independent Broad-based Anticorruption Commission Victoria, of any matter that he or she suspects, on reasonable grounds, involves corrupt conduct (Protected Disclosure and Fraud and Corruption Policies)
		Under the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011's mandatory notification is required by the Chief Executive Officer of any matter that he or she suspects, on reasonable grounds, involves corrupt conduct. Protected Disclosure Procedure – Paragraph 5.1
		A mandatory notification of suspected corrupt conduct by the Chief Executive Officer, as required by the Independent Broadbased Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011, may also be deemed a Protected Disclosure". Protected Disclosure Procedure - Paragraph 6.1
102	Community Grants	The provision of community grants through Council went through a review process a number of years ago and was streamlined to become one program, which was open for applications twice a year. This change is now reflected in the reviewed policy.

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37	Recreational Reserves – Assistance and Grants	This policy has been reviewed and updated with Department name changes and funding program name changes as relevant to reflect the current environment.
		Additional information as also been included into this policy to reflect the requirements of the application process for Sporting Clubs in order to apply to Council for support in lodging submissions.

# **CONSULTATION**

Council's Executive Leadership Team and Management Team have been involved in the review process.

# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

# **CONCLUSION**

This report has addressed recently reviewed policies for the consideration of Council to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that they are reflective of current practice.

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#### 8.4 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN – ENDORSE TO EXHIBIT

Author: Geoff Rollinson, Director Infrastructure Services

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments: 1 Draft Road Management Plan (under separate cover)

#### RECOMMENDATION

#### **That Council:**

1. Commence the review of the Road Management Plan.

2. Place a notice in the Government Gazette and local newspapers advising of the review of the Road Management Plan.

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has a statutory requirement to review its Road Management Plan within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later.

The purpose of the Road Management Plan is to establish a management system to assist the Council to meet its Road Management Act duties based on its policy and operational objectives and having regard to available resources. The Road Management Plan sets out Council's statutory requirements in relation to inspection repair and maintenance of Council roads and does not set out levels of service required by the road user.

Council offices have undertaken a review of Councils current Road Management Plan and seek Council approval to publicly advise the reviewed and amended document to the public for comment as set out in the *Road Management Act 2004*.

The draft Road Management Plan must be made available for 28 days for submissions to be made and a notice placed in the Government Gazette. Any person who is aggrieved by the proposed amended plan may make a submission to Council within the 28 day period. Council officers will review any submissions and present the draft Road Management Plan to Council for endorsement.

#### **BACKGROUND**

As a road authority, Council has a duty of care to road users and the community to maintain all public roads for which it is responsible in a safe condition and to specified maintenance standards having regard to relevant government transport and other policies, and available funds. The original Road Management Plan was adopted by Council on 22 December 2004, reviewed in 2009 and 2013.

The purpose of a Road Management Plan as defined by the Road Management Act 2004 is:

- 1. To establish a management system for the road management functions of a road authority which is based on policy and operational objectives and available resources; and
- 2. To set the relevant standards and relation to the discharge of duties in the performance of these road management functions.

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It is important to note that the Road Management Plan sets out Council's statutory requirements in relation to inspection, repair and maintenance of Council roads. These functions and requirements are separate to the desired levels of service and standards of construction specified in the underlying Asset Management Plans.

#### **POLICY CONTEXT**

The Road Management Plan specifies that among other requirements, inspections, schedules, maintenance and repair for Council's road infrastructure must maintain the infrastructure at an appropriate standard.

Data collection and analysis continues to improve since the adoption of the original plan in 2004, along with the generation and adoption of a number of other asset management plans.

It is considered appropriate that during the review of the Road Management Plan, other "Asset Management Plans" be considered.

# **DISCUSSION**

The Road Management (General) Regulations 2005 require that a municipal Council must conduct a review of its Road Management Plan within the period referred to in section 125(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1989, being within 6 months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later.

In conducting a review of the road management plan a road authority (Council) must ensure that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and classes of roads to which the plan applies, are appropriate.

# **CONSULTATION**

The review of the Road Management Plan will be undertaken in consultation with relevant Council Officers and subject matter experts.

As part of the review process public notices must be published in the Government Gazette and newspapers advising of the review process and provide the opportunity for public comment in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

# **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

# **CONCLUSION**

Council has a statutory requirement to review its Road Management Plan within six months after each general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is the later. To meet this requirement, Council is required to publish in the Government Gazette and local newspapers that Council is reviewing its Road Management Plan and where copies of the reviewed and amended Road Management Plan are available.

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# 9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

# 10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

# 11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

# 12 DELEGATES REPORTS

# 12.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

Acknowledgment of Kelsey Corrie, Coordinator Community Health, recently awarded the Environmental Health Professional's Australia Young Environmental Health Officer of the Year.

# 12.2 DELEGATES REPORT - THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY TO WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH

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Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO

Attachments: Nil

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Delegate Reports from Thursday 16 February to Wednesday 15 March

Cr Brian Gibson	
16 Feb	MixxFM Radio Interview
17 Feb	Official Opening of Australia Will Be There Exhibition – Kerang
	LMCLP Official Launch for 2017
21 Feb	MAV Emergency Management Session
	Meeting with CEO
	Murray Basin Rail Project meeting
22 Feb	Kerang Progress meeting
	Filming of Announcement for Queens Baton
23 Feb	KCC Principal meeting
	Summer Reading Club- Presentation of Certificates
28 Feb	Meeting with CEO
01 Mar	Koondrook Memorial Hall Committee meeting
	Development of Goods Shed in Koondrook – meeting with Geoff Molin
	MRGC Members Dinner – Swan Hill
02 Mar	MRGC Meeting – Swan Hill
03 Mar	Council plan meeting with staff
	Launch of 'Be Cool in Gannawarra' media campaign and video - Kerang
06 Mar	Macorna Community Profile meeting and Recreation Reserve meeting
	Murrabit Community Plan meeting
07 Mar	Meeting with CEO
	Audit Committee Meeting
09 Mar	NBN Developers meeting
	New CEO Murray Goulburn meeting – Cohuna
14 Mar	Meeting with CEO
	Presentation with St Marys and St Joseph's students
	Launch of 9 News Program – Bendigo
15 Mar	Kerang Lakes Development Committee meeting

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22 Feb Kerang Progress Association meeting

Kerang Historical Society AGM

06 Mar Kerang Expo Meeting 04 Mar Koondrook concert

14 Mar Kerang Agricultural Society meeting Kerang Progress Association meeting

Cr Jodie Basile

16 Feb Flying Doctor Telepath Launch – Kerang
07 Mar Audit Committee Meeting - Kerang

14 Mar Kerang Progress Community Profile Discussion

Cr Charlie Gillingham

22 Feb Regional Floodplain Management Strategy – Huntly
28 Feb Kerang Lakes Community Development Group
08 Mar Quambatook Community Development Group
15 Mar Kerang Lakes Community Development Group

<u>Cr Lorraine Learmonth</u>

16 Feb Flying Doctor Telepath Launch – Kerang

17 Feb Official Opening of Australia Will Be There Exhibition – Kerang

Community Leadership Loddon Murray Launch - Newbridge

19 Feb Gateway Volunteer - Cohuna

23 Feb NCCMA Community Reference meeting – Cohuna

27 Feb Loddon Mallee Waste regional group meeting – Swan Hill

01 Mar Leitchville Progress Association meeting

02 Mar CVAF Acc Ag Breakfast – Bendigo

03 Mar Launch of 'Be Cool in Gannawarra' media campaign and video - Kerang

04 Mar Bridge to Bridge and Gateway volunteer – Cohuna

05 Mar Regional Lions Youth of the Year – Kerang

06 Mar Community Plan Meeting with Cohuna Progress

CCLLEN Annual Meeting – Echuca

08 Mar International Women's Day – Cohuna

Elder's meeting – Kerang

14 Mar Leitchville community Profile meeting

Cr Steve Tasker

06 Mar Murrabit Community Profile meeting – Murrabit

08 Mar Koondrook Development Committee re community profile

14 Mar Koondrook Development Committee

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<u>Cr</u>	<u>Sonia</u>	<u>Wright</u>

13 Feb	Welcome Lunch with Richmond FC – Kerang
15 Feb	Youth Council Future Direction Meeting
16 Feb	Flying Doctor telepath Launch - Kerang
17 Feb	Official Opening of Australia Will Be There Exhibition – Kerang
22 Feb	CVGA Meeting - Kerang
23 Feb	Next Gen Community Events Planning Meeting – Cohuna
6 Mar	Community Plan Meeting with Cohuna Progress
9 Mar	Planning Public Spaces MAV Development Day - Melbourne

This table represents attendances by two or more Councillors at the following Council functions:

		Councillor (✓)						
Function Attended	Gibson	Arians	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Wright	
Council Plan Development Day (20 Feb)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Council Strategic Briefing Meeting (27 Feb)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Council Briefing Meeting (7 Mar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Councillor Only Meeting (15 Mar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ordinary Council Meeting (15 Mar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Council Planning Session (15 Mar)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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# 13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil