



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 21 August 2019

6:30pm

Council Chambers

Kerang

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 21 AUGUST 2019 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:	Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Mayor)	Yarran Ward
	Cr Sonia Wright	Yarran Ward
	Cr Steven Tasker	Murray Ward
	Cr Charlie Gillingham (Deputy Mayor)	Avoca Ward
	Cr Mark Arians	Patchell Ward
	Cr Jodie Basile	Patchell Ward
	Cr Brian Gibson	Patchell Ward

IN ATTENDANCE:	Tom O’Reilly	Chief Executive Officer
	Alissa Harrower	Governance and Compliance Coordinator

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land and paid her respects to Elders both past and present.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson
Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 July, 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 QUESTION TIME

Ms Andrea Otto asked three questions relating to Council's Governance and Meeting Procedures. The Mayor and CEO provided a response.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 17 JULY, 2019 TO 20 AUGUST, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Assembly of Councillors in accordance with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Sonia Wright

That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 17 July, 2019 to 20 August, 2019.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 CEO PERFORMANCE AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has requested a report on the CEO Performance Review and Remuneration issues. A review was undertaken of the small rural, neighbouring and some larger councils to gauge their current practices.

The pending change to the *Local Government Act 1989*, could have a profound effect on industry best practice on this issue.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Sonia Wright

That Council receive and note this report.

CARRIED

8.2 DELEGATION UPDATE - COUNCIL TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL STAFF

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Gannawarra Shire Council has functions and duties which it must perform and powers which it may exercise, pursuant to the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) as well as a range of other Acts. Section 98 of the Act allows for Council to delegate certain powers, duties or function to members of staff rather than having all functions and duties dealt with by Council resolution.

Delegations are regularly reviewed to reflect changes in legislation, regulations and Council's organisational structure.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council, in the exercise of powers conferred by section 98(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) and the other legislation referred to in the attached instrument of delegation to members of Council staff, resolve that;

1. **There be delegated to the members of Council staff holding, acting in or performing the duties of the offices or positions referred to in the attached *Instrument of Delegation to members of Council staff*, the powers, duties and functions set out in the instrument, subject to the conditions and limitations specified in that instrument.**
2. **The instrument comes into force immediately the common seal of Council is affixed to the instrument.**
3. **On the coming into force of the instrument all previous delegations to members of Council staff (other than the Chief Executive Officer) are revoked.**
4. **The duties and functions set out in the instrument must be performed, and the powers set out in the instruments must be executed, in accordance with any guidelines or policies of Council that it may from time to time adopt.**

CARRIED

8.3 DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2019-2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Draft Gannawarra Economic Development Strategy 2019-2024 sets out a five year vision for the Gannawarra economy whilst also providing guidance for Council and internal and external stakeholders.

The Gannawarra Economic Development Strategy 2019-2024 draws on the Council Plan 2017-2020 to capture the strategic directions of Council and community, while analysing the current economic climate to determine strategic actions aimed at maximising the economic value of the Gannawarra.

Over recent years local economic circumstances have changed considerably with issues relating to water policy and pricing, climate variability, demographic changes, agricultural volatility and the changing patterns of retail consumers. The updated strategy highlights the natural strengths of the local area and how these built and environmental assets can be better utilised to diversify and stimulate the local economy. .

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Mark Arians

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council endorse the Draft Gannawarra Economic Development Strategy 2019-2024 for public comment for 42 days commencing Thursday, 22 August and closing, 5pm, Thursday, 3 October.

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 17 JULY, 2019 TO 20 AUGUST, 2019

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

19 July	Calder Highway Improvement Committee Meeting – Bendigo
20 July	Waterwonderland Deb Ball – Kerang
21 July	Dairy Shindig Lunch – Cohuna
22 July	Kerang RSL Auxiliary 80 th Birthday Lunch – Kerang
	GRIP Conference Interview Follow-up – Leitchville Primary School
24 July	Loddon Mallee Waste and Resources Recovery Group Board Meeting – Melbourne

Cr Lorraine Learmonth cont.

26 July	Installation of New Leadership Team for Gannawarra Cluster Anglican Church – Kerang
27 July	Old Time Dance Club Ball – Kerang
31 July	Council Study Tour – Darwin
1-2 August	LG Professionals National Congress – Darwin
7 August	Leitchville Progress Association Annual General Meeting – Leitchville
8 August	Social Meal – Leitchville Senior Advisory Group Meeting – Leitchville
9 August	Loddon Campaspe Council Meeting – Castlemaine MAV Rural North Central Regional Meeting – Castlemaine
13 August	Koondrook Progress Association Meeting – Koondrook Cohuna Seniors Annual General Meeting – Cohuna
15 August	MAV Environment Meeting – Melbourne
16 August	Loddon Mallee Waste and Resources Recovery Group Board Meeting – Melbourne
20 August	Gannawarra Community Resilience Meeting – Kerang

Cr Sonia Wright

26-28 July	MAV Councillor Development Weekend – Ballarat
1-2 August	Social Enterprise Workshop – Cohuna\
19 August	Cohuna Progress Association Meeting & Cohuna Progress Youth Forum – Cohuna

Cr Steve Tasker

9 August	Koondrook Seniors Meeting – Koondrook
13 August	Koondrook Development Committee Meeting – Koondrook

Cr Brian Gibson

18 July	GRIP Conference Interview Follow-up – Kerang South Primary School
23 July	GRIP Conference Interview Follow-up – Kerang Christian College
9 August	MAV Emergency Management Committee Meeting – Melbourne
15 August	Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board Meeting – Ararat
20 August	Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee Meeting – Kerang

Cr Jodie Basile

22 July	Kerang RSL Auxiliary 80 th Birthday Lunch – Kerang
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Cr Mark Arians

24 July	Kerang Progress Association Meeting – Kerang
26-28 July	MAV Councillor Development Weekend – Ballarat

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Arians	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Wright
Ordinary Council Meeting (17 July)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council Briefing and Strategic Briefing (12 August)	A	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓

A = Apology

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6:53pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 18 September, 2019.

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor
CHAIRPERSON**