



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 17 July 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, 17 JULY 2019 AT 6:30PM**

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

<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Tom O'Reilly</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
	<b>Lisa Clue</b>	<b>Manager Governance</b>

**Gallery: 12**

**Media: 1**

**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 Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 June, 2019 be confirmed.

**CARRIED**

## **5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Cr Steve Tasker declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.3, Koondrook Memorial Hall Site. A written disclosure was provided to the CEO prior to the meeting.

## **6 QUESTION TIME**

Ms Andrea Otto asked three questions relating to the community engagement process around the new Scoresby Street amenities block and the services Council provides to the homeless.

The Mayor and CEO provided responses and took one question on notice, advising a response will be provided within ten days.

Ms Carol Barton asked three questions relating to a proposed tree carving sculpture for Victoria Street, Kerang.

The Mayor and CEO provided a response.

## **7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

### **7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 26 JUNE, 2019 TO 16 JULY, 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 Steven Tasker

**That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 26 June, 2019 to 16 July, 2019.**

**CARRIED**

## **8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **8.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 12 JUNE, 2019 MEETING**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Gannawarra Shire Council Audit Committee met on Wednesday, 12 June, 2019. The Audit Committee was updated with the interim management letter from the External Audit for 2018/2019 and one internal audit undertaken by the Internal Auditor.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That Council note the recommendations and outcomes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 12 June, 2019.**

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 DRAFT ABUSE AND NEGLECT POLICY NO. 137**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Policy No. 137 Abuse and Neglect has been drafted to comply with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguard Commission, Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Commission for Children and Young People.

Approved providers are required to take a zero tolerance approach to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against, and exploitation, neglect and abuse of, children, frail aged people and people with a disability.

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sonia Wright

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

**That Council adopt Policy No. 137 – Abuse and Neglect.**

**CARRIED**

Cr Steve Tasker declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.3 and left the Chamber at 6:50pm.

### 8.3 KOONDROOK MEMORIAL HALL SITE

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to provide Council with information to make a decision in relation to acquiring the land which was previously occupied by the Koondrook Memorial Hall, for the purpose of developing an All Abilities Playground on the site in the future.

Council has received correspondence from the Koondrook Hall Committee Inc. (KHC) and Koondrook Development Committee Inc. (KDC) to acquire the site free of charge.

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Mark Arians  
Seconded: Cr Sonia Wright

#### That Council:

1. Purchase the former Koondrook Memorial Hall site land situated at 98 Main Street Koondrook and known as Lot 2 on Title Plan 679168H for a nominal amount of one dollar (\$1) and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal all relevant documents under delegation; and
2. Agrees to cover all costs in relation to the transfer of ownership of the land.

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#### DIVISION

Cr Arians called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Sonia Wright and Mark Arians

Against: Crs Brian Gibson, Charlie Gillingham and Jodie Basile

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson  
Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

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1. Purchase the former Koondrook Memorial Hall site land situated at 98 Main Street Koondrook and known as Lot 2 on Title Plan 679168H for a nominal amount of one dollar (\$1) and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and seal all relevant documents under delegation;
2. Agrees to cover all costs in relation to the transfer of ownership of the land;
3. Agrees to retain the land into the future as a public and community space; and
4. Acknowledges the advice from the Koondrook Development Committee Inc. (KDC) that the Koondrook Hall Committee Inc will transfer in excess of \$35,000 to the KDC, to be held in trust, for future investment works or seed funding for development on the site.

**EXTENSION OF SPEAKING TIME**

Moved: Cr Sonia Wright

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

**That Council grant Cr Sonia Wright an extension of time to complete her address to the meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

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**CARRIED**

**DIVISION**

Cr Arians called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Brian Gibson, Charlie Gillingham and Jodie Basile

Against: Crs Sonia Wright and Mark Arians

Cr Steve Tasker returned to the Chamber at 7:14pm.

## 8.4 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CEO

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Policy No. 133 - Appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officer requires Council to formally appoint an Acting CEO where the CEO has a period of continuous leave greater than four weeks. Given the CEO will be absent for a period of six weeks, this report provides for approval of annual leave for the CEO and the appointment of Stacy Williams, Director Community Wellbeing as the Acting CEO whilst the CEO is on annual leave.

### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Jodie Basile

**That Council:**

- 1. Approves annual leave for the Chief Executive Officer for the period Thursday, 29 August, 2019 to 14 October, 2019 inclusive.**
- 2. Appoints Stacy Williams, Director Community Wellbeing as the Acting Chief Executive Officer for the period Thursday, 29 August, 2019 to 14 October, 2019 inclusive.**

**CARRIED**

## 9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

## 10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

## 11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

## 12 DELEGATES REPORTS

### 12.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 26 JUNE, 2019 TO 16 JULY, 2019

#### Cr Lorraine Learmonth

28 June	Kerang Rotary Changeover Dinner – Kerang
3 July	Leitchville Progress Association Meeting – Leitchville
4 July	MAV Victorian Local Government Bill Forum – Melbourne
8 July	NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony – Kerang
14 July	Melbourne Cup Reception – Koondrook

#### Cr Sonia Wright

16 July	GRIP Conference Interview Follow-up – Cohuna Consolidated School
3 July	Leitchville Progress Meeting – Leitchville
15 July	Cohuna Progress Meeting – Cohuna

Cr Charlie Gillingham

8 July NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony – Kerang

Cr Steve Tasker

8 July NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony – Kerang  
 9 July Koondrook Development Meeting – Koondrook

Cr Brian Gibson

13 July Kerang Waterwonderland Deb Ball – Kerang

Cr Mark Arians

8 July NAIDOC Flag Raising Ceremony – Kerang

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Arians	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Wright
Ordinary Council Meeting (26 June)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council Briefing and Strategic Briefing (8 July)	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A

A = Apology

**13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 7:18pm.**

**The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 21 August 2019.**

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor  
 CHAIRPERSON**