



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 26 June 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, 26 JUNE 2019 AT 6:30PM**

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| 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 |

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| IN ATTENDANCE: | Tom O'Reilly | Chief Executive Officer |
| | Lisa Clue | Manager Governance |
| | Gallery: 10 | |
| | 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 Brian Gibson

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 May 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Sonia Wright declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.2, Domestic Animal Management Plan – Annual Review. A written disclosure was provided to the CEO prior to the meeting.

6 QUESTION TIME

Ms Andrea Otto asked three questions regarding the removal of the shower at the Scoresby Street public conveniences – the Mayor and CEO provided responses.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 15 MAY, 2019 TO 25 JUNE, 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson
Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 15 May, 2019 to 26 June, 2019.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

8.1 ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2019/2020 BUDGET

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has prepared the Proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 in accordance with Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. In addition, Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* gives a person the right to make a submission on a Proposed Annual Budget. Council must, if requested as part of that submission, provide the person with the opportunity to be heard in support of the submission. Four (4) submissions were received, however no submitters requested to be heard by Council in support of their submission.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sonia Wright
Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council, having advertised the Proposed Annual Budget 2019/2020 and having considered all submissions received in respect of such Budget, resolves;

- 1. To adopt as presented the Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Budget 2019/2020 for the purpose of Section 127 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, with the following adjustment:**
 - 1.1 Grants – Operating be adjusted to reflect a 50% advance payment of the 2019/2020 Victorian Grants Commission payment received in June, 2019 and an increase in the indicative grant, net adjustment in income \$2.757 million;**

- 1.2 Grants – Operating be adjusted to reflect a 50% advance payment of the future year grants from 2020/2021 Victorian Grants Commission payment received in June, 2020, net adjustment in income \$2.913 million;
 - 1.3 Grants - Capital Carry Over projects component of income to be received in 2019/2020 rather than 2018/2019– net adjustment in income \$1.395 million;
 - 1.4 Operating Expenditure - funding received in 2018/2019 for School Readiness and Walk to School programs, program delivery costs to be shown in 2019/20 – net adjustment in expenses \$30,000;
 - 1.5 Capital Works – Additional capital works projects carried over for Quambatook Levee \$210,000 and Information Communication Technology \$100,000 – net adjustment in capital expenditure \$310,000;
 - 1.6 Grants Capital – Carry Over project Quambatook Levee income to be received in 2019/2020 rather than 2018/2019– net adjustment in income \$50,000;
 - 1.7 Rates – Income increased due to supplementary rates received after the draft budget placed on public display – increase in Operating Income \$40,000.
2. That \$12,902,000 be declared as the amount which Council intends to raise by general rates (or annual service charge later described in this resolution), which amount is calculated as follows:

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| General Rates | \$10,367,000 |
| Municipal Charge | \$633,000 |
| Waste & Recyclables Collection | \$1,902,000 |

- 3. That a General Rate be declared for the period commencing on 1 July, 2019 and concluding on 30 June, 2020.
- 4. That it be further declared that, subject to paragraph 5 of this Part, the General Rate be raised by the application of a uniform rate.
- 5. That a percentage of 0.6330% be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate (which percentage may be alternatively expressed as 0.006330 cents in the \$).
- 6. That it be confirmed that the General Rate for all rateable land within the municipal district be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land by that percentage (so that the amount payable be 0.006330 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value).
- 7. That it be recorded that Council considers that a differential rate will provide equitable distribution of the rate burden across all levels of the community.
 - 7.1 That a differential rate be declared for that rateable land having the characteristics specified below which will form the criteria for the differential rate so declared:

- 7.1.1** Dryland Farm Rate to apply to all properties which satisfy the meaning of 'farm land' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and which are not in declared irrigation districts.
- 7.1.2** Irrigation District Farm Rate to apply to all properties which satisfy the meaning of 'farm land' as defined in the *Valuation of Land Act 1960* and which are greater than 10HA in declared irrigation districts.
- 7.1.3** Commercial/Industrial land to all properties used primarily for commercial/industrial purposes.
- 7.2** That the differential rate be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land categorised in 7.1 by the percentage indicated on the following table:
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| Dryland Farm | 0.4342% |
| Irrigation District Farm | 0.5455% |
| Commercial/Industrial | 0.6506% |
| Cultural and Recreational | 0.3165% |
- 7.3** It be further recorded that the objectives of the differential rate is to provide equitable distribution of the rate burden across all levels of the community.
- 8.** That an annual service charge be declared for the period commencing on 1 July, 2019 and concluding on 30 June, 2020;
- 8.1** That the annual service charge be declared for the collection and disposal of domestic refuse within the municipal district and the collection, transportation and receival charge for recyclable materials;
- 8.2** That the annual service charge be the sum of \$502 per 240 litre domestic garbage bin and 240 litre recycling service and \$350 per 120 litre domestic garbage bin and 240 litre recycling service for each rateable property (or part) in respect of which an annual service charge may be levied within the Shire and where a service is available and \$502 per 240 litre domestic garbage bin and 240 litre recycling service and \$350 per 120 litre domestic garbage bin and 240 litre recycling service for each residential property (or part) in respect of which an annual service charge may be levied for properties within the townships of Kerang, Cohuna, Leitchville, Koondrook, Quambatook, Murrabit, Mystic Park and Lalbert; and
- 8.3** That the following criteria be the criteria which forms the basis of the annual service charge so declared:
- 8.4** That the annual service charge apply to each rateable residential property other than vacant land within the townships listed above and other properties by agreement and that where more than one bin is required, the charge be based on the above charges multiplied by the number of bins.

- 8.5 That the annual service charge be the sum of \$55 per 240 litre domestic green waste bin for each rateable property (or part) in respect of which an annual service charge may be levied within the Shire where the service is provided.**
- 9. That an annual municipal charge be declared for the period commencing 1 July, 2019 and concluding on 30 June, 2020;**
- 9.1 That the annual municipal charge be declared for the provision of Council administrative support services within the Shire of Gannawarra;**
- 9.2 That the annual municipal charge be the sum of \$100 for each property in respect of which an annual municipal charge may be levied; and**
- 9.3 That the following criteria be the criteria which forms the basis of the annual municipal charge so declared that the annual municipal charge apply to each rateable property within the Shire of Gannawarra.**
- 10. That the rates and charges must be paid:**
- 10.1 In full by 17 February, 2020; or**
- 10.2 By four equal instalments by the following dates: 30 September, 2019, 2 December, 2019, 28 February, 2020 and 1 June, 2020.**
- 11. That in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the rate of interest which is payable on the rates and charges which have not been paid on or before the dates specified is currently set at 10% per annum from the date the rates and charges are declared.**
- 12. In accordance with Section 4(4) of the *Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963*, that the rate for all rateable properties within the municipal district that meet the definition of cultural and recreation land be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each rateable land by 50% of the general rate percentage so that the amount payable be 0.003165 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value. For organisations that meet the definition as prescribed in the *Cultural and Recreation Lands Act 1963*:**
- 13. The Director Corporate Services of Council be authorised to levy and recover the general rates and annual service charges described earlier in this resolution in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.**
- 13.1 That Council adopts the Capital Works Plan for 2019/2020.**

CARRIED

Cr Sonia Wright declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.2 and left the Chamber at 6:52pm.

8.2 DOMESTIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT PLAN - ANNUAL REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to review the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAM Plan) on an annual basis and report on the performance measures against the evaluations/targets identified in the current DAM Plan.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council note the annual review of the Domestic Animal Management Plan.

CARRIED

Cr Sonia Wright returned to the Chamber at 6:56pm.

8.3 2019 COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Local Government Victoria (LGV) coordinates a State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey throughout Victorian local government areas. The main objectives of the survey are to assess the performance of councils across a range of measures and to seek insight into the ways to provide improved or more efficient service delivery. The survey also provides councils with a means to fulfil some statutory reporting requirements. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the results from the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey for Gannawarra Shire conducted over a three week period from 5 February 2019.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sonia Wright

Seconded: Cr Brian Gibson

That Council receive the 2019 Community Satisfaction Survey for Gannawarra Shire.

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 DELEGATES REPORTS

12.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 15 MAY, 2019 TO 25 JUNE, 2019

Cr Lorraine Learmonth

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| 1 June | Gannawarra Refugee Art Exhibition – Kerang |
| 2 June | Kerang Lions Club Dedication of Memorial Wall – Kerang |
| 5 June | Murray River Group of Councils Mayors & CEOs Dinner – Cobram |
| 6 June | Murray River Group of Councils Mayors & CEOs Meeting – Cobram Leitchville Lions Club Changeover Dinner – Leitchville |
| 7 June | Loddon Campaspe Councils Meeting – Daylesford |
| 11 June | Koondrook Development Committee Meeting – Koondrook |
| 13 June | Regional Roads Strategy Workshop – Bendigo Kerang Lions Changeover Dinner – Kerang |
| 14 June | Celebration of Completion for Gannawarra Energy Storage System – Kerang |
| 16 – 19 June | National General Assembly of Local Government – Canberra |
| 21 June | Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group Meeting – Melbourne |
| 25 June | Murrabit Lions Changeover Dinner – Murrabit |

Cr Sonia Wright

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| 16 May | Councillor Resilience Workshop – Melbourne |
| 22 May | Understanding Council Finances Workshop – Wycheproof |
| 29 May | Combined Progress Association Meeting – Murrabit |
| 12 June | Audit Committee Meeting – Kerang |

Cr Charlie Gillingham

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| 20 May | School Transition in Gannawarra Official Booklet Launch – Murrabit |
| 24 May | Interview with MixxFM re National Reconciliation Week |
| 25 May | Interview with Triple M Bendigo re National Reconciliation Week |
| 29 May | National Reconciliation Week Walk and Ceremony – Kerang |
| 12 June | Audit Committee Meeting – Kerang |
| 26 June | Kerang Lakes Community Development Meeting – Lake Charm |

Cr Steve Tasker

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| 29 May | Combined Progress Association Meeting – Murrabit |
| 11 June | Koondrook Development Meeting – Koondrook |

Cr Brian Gibson

16 June Council Proposed 2019/2020 Budget Social Media Video Recording – Kerang
 Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Board Meeting – Kerang
 18 June Re-opening of Kerang Family Ten Pin Bowls – Kerang
 30-31 May MAV Rural and Regional Planning Conference – Ballarat
 2 June Kerang Lions Club Dedication of Memorial Wall – Kerang
 20 June MAV Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Melbourne

Cr Jodie Basile

18 June Re-opening of Kerang Family Ten Pin Bowls – Kerang
 30-31 May MAV Rural and Regional Planning Conference – Ballarat

Cr Mark Arians

17 May Debutante Ball – Kerang
 29 May Gannawarra Refugee Support Group Meeting – Kerang
 Combined Progress Association Meeting – Murrabit
 1 June Gannawarra Refugee Art Exhibition – Kerang

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

| Function Attended | Councillor (✓) | | | | | | |
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| | Gibson | Arians | Basile | Gillingham | Learmonth | Tasker | Wright |
| Ordinary Council Meeting (15 May) | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Council Briefing and Strategic Briefing (11 June) | ✓ | X | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | A |

A = Apology
 X = Absent

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7:04pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 17 July 2019.

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth – Mayor
 CHAIRPERSON**