



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Ordinary Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 October 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, 16 OCTOBER 2019 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:	Cr Lorraine Learmonth (Mayor)	Yarran Ward
	Cr Sonia Wright	Yarran 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
	Lisa Clue	Manager Governance

Gallery: 9

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

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jodie Basile

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That the apology received from Cr Steve Tasker be accepted.

CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 September, 2019 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Charlie Gillingham declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Item 8.1 Community Events Grants and Item 8.2 Community Support Grants. A written disclosure was provided to the CEO prior to the meeting.

Cr Jodie Basile declared a direct Conflict of Interest Item 8.2 Community Support Grants. A written disclosure was provided to the CEO prior to the meeting.

6 QUESTION TIME

Ms Andrea Otto asked three questions relating to Council's intended consultation and engagement regarding the \$1M Drought Infrastructure Grant, Council's position on the proposed flight school in Cohuna and the increase in salaries of key management personnel.

The Mayor and CEO provided a response to all questions.

Ms Narelle Stone representing the Cohuna Swimming Club asked a question relating to the future of the Cohuna pool.

The Mayor and CEO provided a response to the question.

7 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

7.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS 18 SEPTEMBER, 2019 TO 15 OCTOBER, 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 Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Sonia Wright

That Council note the records of Assembly of Councillors from 18 September, 2019 to 15 October, 2019.

CARRIED

8 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

Cr Charlie Gillingham declared an indirect Conflict of Interest by close association in relation to Items 8.1 and 8.2 and left the Chamber at 6:44pm.

8.1 COMMUNITY EVENTS GRANTS 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019 Council Community Grants program closed for applications on 31 August, 2019.

A total of eight applications were received for the Community Events category with seven deemed eligible against the grant criteria to be assessed for recommendation.

Council officers have undertaken an assessment of the applications submitted. This assessment has included the eligibility criteria set by Council within the grant guidelines, weighting of eligible projects against the application requirements and how projects align with Council's 2017-2021 Council Plan, Community Profiles and other strategies.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of eligible applications received in the 2019 Community Events Grants Program and seek approval of applications totalling \$18,000.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council

- 1. Approve allocation of the 2019 Council Community Events Grants, totalling \$18,000.**
- 2. Endorse reviewed and updated Community Grant guidelines for the 2020 Community Events Grants program.**

CARRIED

Cr Jodie Basile declared a direct Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 8.2 and left the Chamber at 6:49pm.

8.2 COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANTS 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2019 Council Community Grants program closed for applications on 31 August, 2019.

A total of 38 applications were received for the Community Support category, with 25 deemed eligible against the grant criteria to be assessed for recommendation.

Council officers have undertaken an assessment of the applications submitted. This assessment has included the eligibility criteria set by Council within the grant guidelines, weighting of eligible projects against the application requirements and how projects align with Council's 2017-2021 Council Plan, Community Profiles and other strategies.

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of eligible applications received in the 2019 Community Support Grants Program and seek approval of applications totalling \$64,500.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Sonia Wright

Seconded: Cr Mark Arians

That Council

- 1. Approve allocation of the 2019 Council Community Support Grants, totalling \$64,500.**
- 2. Endorse reviewed and updated Community Grant guidelines for the 2020 Community Support Grants program.**

CARRIED

Crs Charlie Gillingham and Jodie Basile returned to the Chamber at 6:51pm.

8.3 2019 ANNUAL REPORT - RECEIVE AND NOTE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gannawarra Shire Council 2019 Annual Report has been completed. The Independent Auditor's Reports for both the 2018/19 Financial Statements and 2018/19 Performance Statement were received on 23 September, 2019. A copy of the report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 26 September, 2019. The report meets the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* and public notice has been given in accordance with the Act that the report will be received by Council at this meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Brian Gibson

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council

- 1. Receive the 2019 Gannawarra Shire Annual Report and note that it was submitted to the Local Government Minister prior to 30 September, 2019.**
- 2. Make the 2019 Gannawarra Shire Annual Report publically available and provide a copy to the State Library of Victoria.**

CARRIED

8.4 INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Strategy is a key document to digitally transform the organisation. The outcomes of the strategy are to provide reliable and accessible services to our staff, so that they can assist our community in doing business with the Council easily.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Mark Arians

Seconded: Cr Sonia Wright

That Council adopt the Information and Communication Technology Strategy.

CARRIED

9 INFORMATION REPORTS

Nil

10 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 DELEGATES REPORTS**12.1 DELEGATES REPORTS - 18 SEPTEMBER, 2019 TO 15 OCTOBER, 2019**Cr Lorraine Learmonth

18 September	Picasso and His Dog – Kerang
19 September	Rail Freight Alliance Meeting – Melbourne
20 September	Social Meal - Cohuna
23 September	Meeting with Neville Goulding to discuss Kow Swamp – Kerang
24 September	Kerang Lakes Community Development Committee Meeting – Lake Charm
25 September	2019 National Police Remembrance Day – Kerang
1 October	Social Meal – Quambatook
2 October	Leitchville Progress Association Meeting – Leitchville
3 October	Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ – Kerang
4 October	Independent Murray Darling Basin Socioeconomic Panel Meeting – Cohuna
8 October	Social Lunch – Lalbert
	Australian Citizenship Ceremony – Kerang
9 October	5 Ways to Wellbeing Walk and Talk Event – Kerang
	Seniors Concert – Kerang
10 October	Premier’s Sustainability Awards – Melbourne
11 October	Energising Regional Australia Conference – Bendigo
14 October	Meeting with Campaspe Shire Council to discuss Kow Swamp – Leitchville
15 October	Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee Meeting – Kerang

Cr Sonia Wright

2 October	Leitchville Progress Association Meeting – Leitchville
3 October	Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ - Kerang

Cr Charlie Gillingham

24 September	Kerang Lakes Community Development Committee Meeting – Lake Charm
3 October	Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ - Kerang
14 October	Quambatook Community Resource Centre Committee AGM – Quambatook

Cr Mark Arians

25 September Kerang Progress Association Meeting – Kerang
 3 October Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ - Kerang
 11 October National Local Government Councillors Mental Health Conference – Melbourne
 15 October ‘Bear Hide’ Golden Rivers Art Group Exhibition – Kerang

Cr Brian Gibson

19 September MAV Transport and Infrastructure Committee Meeting – Melbourne
 3 October Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ – Kerang
 9 October 5 Ways to Wellbeing Walk and Talk Event – Kerang
 15 October Gannawarra Community Resilience Committee Meeting – Kerang

Cr Jodie Basile

3 October Workshop ‘Bullying and inappropriate conduct in the workplace’ - Kerang

This table represents attendances at Council meetings and briefings:

Function Attended	Councillor (✓)						
	Gibson	Arians	Basile	Gillingham	Learmonth	Tasker	Wright
Ordinary Council Meeting (18 September)	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Council Briefing and Strategic Briefing (7 October)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓

A = Apology

13 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 7:02pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 20 November, 2019.

**Cr Lorraine Learmonth - Mayor
 CHAIRPERSON**