



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 15 December 2021

6:30pm

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2021 AT 6:30PM**

PRESENT:

Cr Charlie Gillingham (Mayor)	Avoca Ward
Cr Jane Ogden (Deputy Mayor)	Patchell Ward
Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
Cr Travis Collier	Patchell Ward
Cr Garner Smith	Yarran Ward
Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward
Cr Ross Stanton	Murray Ward

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive Officer
Manager Governance

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Gannawarra Welcome to Country video was played as the Acknowledgement of Country.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

6.44 pm - The Chair, Mayor Gillingham adjourned the meeting to consider a motion from Cr Smith to amend the Minutes.

6.52 pm - The meeting resumed.

The Chair, Mayor Gillingham rejected a motion from Cr Smith to amend the Minutes.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That the ruling of the Mayor on Cr Smith's motion to alter the Minutes be dissented from.

LOST

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Smith, Burt and Link

Against: Crs Stanton, Gillingham, Collier and Ogden

Cr Smith requested his objection to this motion be recorded in the Minutes.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 November 2021 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Stanton, Gillingham, Collier and Ogden

Against: Crs Smith, Burt and Link

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 10 NOVEMBER TO 7 DECEMBER 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents to Council written records of Councillor Briefings in accordance with Clause 31 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings from 10 November to 7 December 2021.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW - POLICY NO. 109 - PROCUREMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council Policy No. 109 – Procurement was originally adopted by Council in 2009 in line with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires Council to *prepare and adopt a Procurement Policy which specifies the principles, processes and procedures applying in respect of the purchase of goods and service by the Council, including the carrying out of works*.

The Policy has been reviewed in collaboration with the Loddon Mallee Regional Procurement Excellence Network (Loddon Mallee RPEN).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council endorse recently reviewed Council Policy No. 109 - Procurement.

CARRIED

7.2 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW - POLICY NO. 117 - COMPLAINT HANDLING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 107(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) requires councils to *develop the first complaints policy under this section within six months of the commencement of this section*, being 31 December 2021.

Existing Council Policy No. 117 – Complaint Handling (including Unreasonable Complainant Conduct) has recently been reviewed in accordance with the Act and considering the recently released Victorian Ombudsman’s publication ‘Councils and complaints - A good practice guide 2nd edition’.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council endorse recently reviewed Policy No. 117 – Complaint Handling (including Unreasonable Complainant Conduct).

CARRIED

7.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - 9 NOVEMBER, 2021 MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) met on Tuesday, 9 November, 2021. The focus of the ARC meeting was to review the year end outcomes for the ARC as detailed in the Charter. Other reports reviewed included the Financial Statements, Financial Plan, draft Procurement Policy and various reports from agencies on relevant governance, compliance and risk management matters.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Council receive and note the summary of the discussions of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 9 November, 2021.

CARRIED

7.4 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE EVALUATION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) have undertaken an annual evaluation of their performance and are reporting this evaluation to Council. The evaluation utilised a self-assessment survey and the results from the ARC Work Plan and Internal Control Environment (ICE) Plan to conduct the evaluation. The evaluation highlights that the ARC met the requirements of the ARC Charter for the 2020/2021 year.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council acknowledge the Audit and Risk Committee evaluation.

CARRIED

7.5 DRAFT COUNCIL POLICY NO. 146 - CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTION**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The draft Gannawarra Shire Council Policy No. 146 - Climate Change Adaption demonstrates Council's commitment to the environment and sets long term goals for environmental sustainability.

The Policy sets environmental goals for the delivery of Council's services and applies to all Gannawarra Shire Council Councillors, staff, contractors and volunteers, undertaking Council work related duties that impact directly or in-directly on the environment.

The Policy will be supported by Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council adopt draft Policy No. 146 - Climate Change.

CARRIED

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Stanton, Gillingham, Collier and Ogden

Against: Crs Smith, Burt and Link

7.6 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT P20.060 – NOTICE OF DECISION TO APPROVE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is being presented to Council to determine a planning application for the use and development of land for a broiler farm (with a capacity of 800,000 birds) and associated buildings and works in accordance with the endorsed plan at 8511 Murray Valley Highway, Kerang East.

The application was advertised to surrounding property owners and occupiers and one written objection was received.

The proposal is considered to be appropriate for the site and consistent with the provisions of the Gannawarra Planning Scheme. The application has therefore been recommended for approval.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council approve Planning Application P20.060 for the use and development of a land for a broiler farm (with a farm capacity of 800,000 birds) and associated buildings and works in accordance with the endorsed plan subject to the following conditions:

1. Amended Plans

Before the use and development starts, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application but modified to show:

- a) A detailed, fully dimensioned plan of the site.**
- b) Fully dimensioned elevation plans of the proposed buildings and infrastructure.**
- c) Landscaping plans as required by Condition 13.**
- d) Environmental Management Plan as required by Condition 16.**

2. Layout not to be Altered

Use and layout of the site and the size of the proposed development and works detailed in the specifications and as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered or modified without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority except where specifically varied by conditions of this permit.

3. Environmental Health Officer

- a) All wastewater and stormwater must be retained onsite.**
- b) Odour must be controlled to ensure that it does not cause a nuisance.**
- c) The proposed amenity blocks must be serviced by septic tank systems capable of retaining all wastewater within the boundaries of the properties in a hygienic manner.**
- d) The septic tanks must be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Australia Standard AS/NZ 1547:2000 On-site domestic wastewater management and EPA Publication Code of Practice – Onsite Wastewater Management, July 2016.**

4. Amenity

The use and development of the site must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:

- a) Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land;
- b) Appearance of any building, works or materials;
- c) Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, wastewater, waste products, grit or oil;
- d) Presence of vermin.

5. **Drainage**

All stormwater and surface water discharging from the site, buildings and works must be retained onsite to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

6. **Surfacing**

All driveways and vehicle movement areas associated with the layer hen facility must be constructed, drained and surfaced with an all-weather material and treated to prevent dust causing loss of amenity to the neighbourhood to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

7. **No Mud on Roads**

Appropriate measures must be implemented throughout the construction stage of the development to rectify and/or minimise mud, crushed rock or other debris being carried onto public roads from the subject land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

8. **Damage to Roads**

Any damage to Council or Roads Corporation assets, ie roads, table drains, etc must be repaired at the cost of the applicant to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

9. **Road Upgrading**

Prior to the development commencing, the developer must either upgrade Hebb Road, or otherwise pay an equivalent contribution for Council to complete the works to access major standard. Works must incorporate subgrade establishment and all weather pavement to the development access point from the Kerang-Macorna Road intersection and the installation of a 'Dry Weather Road Only' sign at the termination of the gravel surface. The road must be constructed to Council and IDM specifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and in consultation with Council Engineering Department. Once the development is completed, the road must be free from potholes, ruts and corrugations and be generally in 'as new' condition.

10. **Defects Liability**

A 12 month defect liability period will apply from the completion of the development for the roadworks. The developer must arrange for a final inspection to be undertaken with Council Engineering Staff at least four (4) weeks prior to the expiration date of this defect liability period.

11. **External Appearance**

The external walls of the buildings must be clad in colorbond steel or other non-reflective material to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

12. **Control of Light Spill**

External lighting must be designed, baffled and located so as to prevent any adverse effect on adjoining land to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

13. **Landscape Plan Required**

Prior to the plans being endorsed, a landscape plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided. The plan must include a

10 metre vegetation buffer around the perimeter of the site that will provide screening for all surrounding properties. The landscaping plan must consist of indigenous trees and shrubs and ensure an effective visual screen to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

14. Completion of Landscaping

Before the use/occupation of the development starts or by such later date as approved by the Responsible Authority in writing, the landscaping works shown on the endorsed plans must be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

15. Landscaping Maintenance

The landscaping shown on the endorsed plans must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Any dead, diseased or damaged plants are to be replaced within twelve months.

16. Environmental Management Plan

Prior to the use and development commencing, an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the EMP will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The use and development must at all times be undertaken in accordance with the endorsed Environmental Management Plan.

17. Signage

Details of any proposed signage must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority prior to the use coming into operation.

18. Goulburn Murray Water

- a) **The development must be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the *Victorian Code for Broiler Farms, 2009* (including 2018 amendments).**
- b) **The broiler sheds must be located at least 50m from Goulburn Murray Water channels 5/4/7/2 and 4/7/2 and Goulburn Murray Water drain 1/4 with a buffer strip of vegetation established and maintained between the sheds and the channel or drain.**
- c) **All construction and on-going activities on the site must follow sediment control principles as outlined in EPA Publication 275, *Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control* (EPA, 1991). All soil removed during construction of the dams must be reused, stabilised or vegetated on-site to ensure that no sediment can be transported off-site.**
- d) **The floors of the sheds must be constructed with an impervious surface such as concrete or of clay compacted to achieve a design permeability of 1×10^{-9} m/sec. The shed must be designed to ensure that all litter can be retained within the shed until removal is required.**
- e) **Stormwater and drainage from hard stand areas and the areas around the sheds must be directed to a retention dam which must be designed with a capacity and freeboard to enable the run-off from a 1 in 10 year storm to be retained. Any overflow from the dam must not cause erosion. Stormwater from catchment unrelated to the development area must be directed to the retention dam.**
- f) **The retention dam must be lined with an impervious liner and if clay is used it must be compacted to a seepage rate of not greater than 1×10^{-9} m/sec. The dam must be operated to a minimum level to ensure the liner does not dry out and crack. There must be no discharge of water from the dam to any Goulburn Murray Water channels or drains.**
- g) **No contaminated run-off containing any waste material from the sheds must be allowed to enter the retention dam or any Goulburn Murray Water channels or drains or be discharged off-site.**

- h) Contaminated litter removed from the sheds must be transported off-site by an approved contractor to an approved site.
- i) There must be no spent litter from the sheds stockpiled on the site. Any temporary storage areas for wet litter must have an impermeable base and burning to ensure contamination run-off does not discharge from the temporary storage area.
- j) All dead birds must be disposed of off-site or managed on-site to the satisfaction of the Environment Protection Authority.
- k) All wastewater from the proposed manager-s residence and amenities buildings must be treated and disposed of using EPA approved systems, installed, operated and maintained in compliance with the relevant EPA Code of Practice and Certificate of Conformity.
- l) All wastewater disposal areas must be located at least 60m from any dams and Goulburn Murray Water channels or drains.
- m) The wastewater disposal areas must be kept free of all infrastructure including buildings, driveways, tanks and service trenching and must be planted with appropriate vegetation to maximise their performance. Stormwater must be diverted away.
- n) Any chemicals stored onsite must be kept in accordance with the EPA Publication 1698 *Liquid Storage and Handling Guidelines* (June 2018).

19. Coliban Water

- a) The owner is required to enter into Coliban Water's Agreement for Supply of Water as water will be made available to this development under the terms and conditions of this agreement.
- b) All Coliban Water assets with the development, both existing and proposed, are to be protected by an easement in favour of Coliban Regional Water Corporation.

20. North Central Catchment Management Authority

- a) No runoff from the site may be permitted to enter any designated waterway. Prior to the commencement of works, detailed engineering plans and computations must be supplied to the North Central CMA that demonstrates the following:
 - i. The internal drains and dam(s) must be designed to hold runoff from the site from storm events up to and including the 10% AEP storm event.
 - ii. Banks surrounding the site must prevent flood water from entering the site.
- b) The proposed sheds, feed silos and other buildings at the northern site must be constructed on earthen fill pads with finished surface levels no lower than 600mm above the natural surface level at the centre of the northern site.
- c) Prior to the commencement of works, design plans of the proposed all weather access track from Murray Valley Highway to the northern site must be provided to the Responsible Authority and the North Central CMA for approval. The finished surface level of the track must be no lower than 78.0 metres AHD and must be designed to ensure any drainage paths are preserved.
- d) Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Responsible Authority and the North Central CMA, the proposed development must not reduce the available flood storage on the site. A cut and fill balance ratio of 1.3:1 must be achieved for land within the flood prone area of the site. That is, the volume of cut shall exceed fill by 30%. Any proposed cut must be self-draining. Prior to the commencement of works detailed plans and computations demonstrating how this condition will be achieved must be provided to the North Central CMA for approval.

Note - Flood advice for the 1% AEP probability (100 year ARI) have not been determined for this area under the *Water Act 1989*. However, information available at North Central CMA indicates that in the event of a 1% AEP flood event it is likely that the property

may be subject to inundation from Calivil Creek and Pyramid Creek.

21. Department of Transport

- a) No more than a single point of vehicular access is to be constructed from the subject land to the Murray Valley Highway.
- b) Prior to the start of any construction in the subject land the following must be designed and constructed using the Head, Transport for Victoria (Head, TfV)'s prequalified contractors/consultants to the written satisfaction and at no cost to the Head, TfV;
 - i. The existing unsealed access to the Murray Valley Highway from the subject land must be sealed and works must be in accordance with the design for 'TYPICAL ACCESS TO RURAL PROPERTIES' designed for 26 metre B-Double Vehicle Type as shown on Drawing No: GD4010 (Refer VicRoads website).
 - ii. A sealed Rural Type Basic Right-turn Treatment (BAR – for 26-metre-long-B-double and 110km/h designed speed) with full depth sealed shoulder must be provided on the Murray Valley Highway at this access point, generally in accordance with Figure A6 of the AUSTRROADS publication "Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersections and Crossings – General: - 2021.
 - iii. Flag lighting in accordance with AS 1158 – Lighting for roads and public spaces must be provided on the Murray Valley Highway at this access location.
 - iv. Truck Entering signs must be provided on both approaches on the Murray Valley Highway.

Notes:

- No work must be commenced in, on, under or over the road reserve without having first obtaining all necessary approvals under the Road Management Act 2004, the Road Safety Act 1986, and any other relevant acts or regulations created under those Acts.
- The discharge of any concentrated drainage onto the Murray Valley Highway road reserve is not permitted unless approved in writing by Head, Transport for Victoria (Head, TfV).
- Please forward details marked attention to Paul Diss on: nr.mailbox@roads.vic.gov.au.

22. Agriculture Victoria

The use and development of land for a broiler farm must comply with the *Victorian Code for Broiler Farms 2009 (plus 2018 amendments)*.

23. Powercor

- a) Any buildings must comply with the clearances required by Electricity Safety (Installations) Regulations.
- b) Any construction works must comply with Energy Safe Victoria's "No Go Zone" rules.
- c) Keep the easement land clear of any buildings or structures whatsoever.
- d) The applicant shall negotiate for an electricity supply to the development in accordance with the Distributor's requirements and standards.

Notes: Extension, augmentation or rearrangement of the Distributor's electrical assets may be required to make such supplies available, with the cost of such works generally borne by the applicant.

- e) The applicant shall ensure that existing and proposed buildings and electrical installations on the subject land are compliant with the Victorian Service and Installation Rules (VSIR).

Notes: Where electrical works are required to achieve VSIR compliance, a registered electrical contractor must be engaged to undertake such works.

- f) The applicant shall establish easements, for all existing Distributor electric lines where easements have not been otherwise provided on the land and for any new powerlines to service the lots or adjust the positioning of existing easements.

Notes:

- Existing easements may need to be amended to meet the Distributor's requirements.
- Easements required by the Distributor shall be specified on the subdivision and show the Purpose, Origin and the In Favour of party as follows:

Easement Reference	Purpose	Width (Metres)	Origin	Land Benefited / In Favour Of
	Power Line		Section 88 – Electricity Industry Act 200	Powercor Australia Ltd

24. Time for Stating and Completion

This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

- The development and use is/are not started within two years of the date of this permit.
- The development is not completed within five years of the date of this permit.

The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires or within three months afterwards.

NOTE 1: A BUILDING PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY BUILDING WORKS.

NOTE 2: ALL BUILDING WORKS MUST COMPLY WITH THE VICTORIAN BUILDING REGULATIONS.

NOTE 3: ANY WORKS REQUIRED WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVE MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S "ROAD OPENING HANDBOOK". ANY NEW VEHICLE CROSSING OR ALTERATION TO EXISTING CROSSINGS MUST BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S "ROAD OPENING HANDBOOK". A "ROAD OPENING PERMIT" MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO ANY WORKS BEING UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVE.

NOTE 4: ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE

WORKS MUST CEASE IMMEDIATELY UPON THE DISCOVERY OF ANY ABORIGINAL CULTURAL MATERIAL, AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS VICTORIA MUST BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY SUCH DISCOVERY AT GPO BOX 2392V, MELBOURNE 3001 OR ON (TELEPHONE) 1300 551 380.

IF ANY SUSPECTED HUMAN REMAINS ARE FOUND, WORK IN THE AREA MUST CEASE AND THE VICTORIA POLICE AND THE STATE CORONER'S OFFICER MUST BE INFORMED OF THE DISCOVERY WITHOUT DELAY. THE STATE CORONER'S OFFICE CAN BE CONTACTED AT ANY TIME ON TELEPHONE (03) 9684 4444.

IF THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS TO SUSPECT THAT THE REMAINS ARE ABORIGINAL, THE DISCOVERY SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED TO ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS VICTORIA ON (TELEPHONE) 1300 88 544 OR (03) 9208 3287 AND THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 2 OF PART 2 OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 2006 WILL APPLY.

OFFICERS OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS VICTORIA SHALL BE PERMITTED ACCESS TO THE SITE AT ANY REASONABLE TIME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MONITORING ADHERENCE TO CONDITIONS ABOVE.

ALL ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE, THAT IS, ABORIGINAL PLACES, ABORIGINAL OBJECTS AND ABORIGINAL HUMAN REMAINS, IS PROTECTED UNDER THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 2006. IT IS

AN OFFENCE TO DO AN ACT THAT WILL HARM ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE OR IS LIKELY TO HARM ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE.

PLEASE NOTE THAT UNDER THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 2006 ANY WORKS INVOLVING HIGH IMPACT ACTIVITIES LOCATED WITHIN 200 METRES OF A CULTURALLY SENSITIVE AREA, WILL REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE KIND OF ACTIVITIES THAT TRIGGER A CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN PLEASE REFER TO THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE REGULATIONS 2007 OR FOLLOW THE WEB LINK TO [HTTP://WWW.AAV.NRMS.NET.AU/AAVQUESTION1.ASPX](http://www.aav.nrms.net.au/AAVQUESTION1.ASPX).

CARRIED

7.7 DRAFT AQUATIC STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over the past 15 months, Council has been developing the Gannawarra Aquatic Strategy with consultancy firm Otium Planning Group. Council endorsed an option for the development of the draft Aquatic Strategy at its September 2021 Council Meeting. With the Draft Aquatic Strategy and an Engagement Plan developed, Council's endorsement is sought for the draft Aquatic Strategy document and to commence the engagement process in early 2022.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That the Gannawarra Council not take the Draft Aquatic Strategy for public consultation.

LOST

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Smith and Link

Against: Crs Stanton, Collier, Gillingham and Ogden

Abstained: Cr Burt

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

That Council

1. Endorse the Draft Aquatic Strategy and Engagement Plan for community consultation.

CARRIED

Cr Smith called for a Division

In Favour: Crs Stanton, Gillingham, Collier and Ogden

Against: Crs Smith, Burt and Link

7.8 AGED CARE - PACKAGED MEALS FUNDING INCREASE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Packaged Meals Program is a service offered through our current suite of community services, funded by Commonwealth Government for people over the age of 65 years.

In September 2021, the Commonwealth Government notified Gannawarra Shire Council of a funding increase for packaged meals. As a goodwill gesture, rather than Council retain this increase, this report seeks to pass this additional funding to all clients, by reducing the current fees by \$3.00 per meal effective from 1 January 2022.

Proposed Fee Schedule:

Description	Current Client Fee	Proposed Client Fee
One Course Meal	\$10.00	\$7.00
Two Course Meal	\$11.00	\$8.00
Three Course Meal	\$12.00	\$9.00

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

That Council adopt the amended 2021/2022 Fees and Charges Schedule for Commonwealth Home Support Program Packaged Meals, effective 1 January 2022 as detailed in this report.

CARRIED

8 URGENT ITEMS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

8.09 pm – Cr Smith disconnected from the meeting and could not be seen or heard.

8.09 pm – Cr Smith could be seen and heard with Cr Link on Cr Link's video screen.

10 QUESTION TIME

Nil

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

Association	Appointed Council Delegate
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Stanton
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Burt
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Mayor
Loddon Mallee Waste and Resource Recovery Group (LMWRRG) Forum	Cr Ogden
Municipal Association of Victoria	Cr Collier
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Link
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Mayor
Rail Freight Alliance	Cr Stanton
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Smith
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr Smith

NB: * Audit and Risk Committee - no delegate report is required as the Audit and Risk Committee formally reports back separately to Council in accord with the Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

Councillors gave verbal updates on attendance at meetings to which there are the appointed delegate.

8.12 pm - Cr Link was removed from the meeting for disrespectful behaviour.

Because Cr Link was removed from the meeting, and his screen was being shared with Cr Smith, Cr Smith could no longer be seen or heard.

8.15 pm – Cr Burt left his screen and could not be seen or heard. Cr Smith was able to be seen and heard on Cr Burt’s screen.

8.21 pm – The Mayor requested Cr Burt’s video link be disconnected to remove Cr Smith and Cr Burt from the meeting for disrespectful behaviour.

8.21 pm – Cr Ogden briefly lost connection to the meeting due to a technical fault.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act):

12.1 Awarding of 2022 Australia Day Awards

This matter is considered to be confidential as defined by section 3(1) of the Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personal information.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council moves out of Closed Council into Open Council.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 8:27pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 16 February 2022.

Mayor Charlie Gillingham

CHAIR