



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

## **Council Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 16 June 2021**

**6:30pm**

**Senior Citizens Centre**

**Kerang**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, KERANG  
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2021 AT 6:30PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive Officer  
Acting Manager Governance

**Gallery:** Nil

**Media:** Nil

**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**

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

**That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 May 2021 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED**

**5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **6 BRIEFING SESSIONS**

### **6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 12 MAY TO 8 JUNE 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 Kelvin Burt

**That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings from 11 May to 8 June 2021.**

**CARRIED**

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **7.1 COUNCIL POLICY REVIEW**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council officers undertake regular reviews of Council policies to ensure compliance with relevant legislation and that they are reflective of current practices. This report addresses the following policies which have recently been reviewed:

- Policy No. 035 – Community Activities on Footpaths
- Policy No. 109 – Procurement

#### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the following reviewed policies:**
  - **Policy No. 035 – Community Activities on Footpaths**
  - **Policy No. 109 – Procurement**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make amendments to the documents to correct any minor drafting errors that do not materially alter the intent of the policies.**

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

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**CARRIED**

**7.2 POLICY REVIEW - POLICY NO. 140 - COVID-19 HARDSHIP****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In response to the potential impact that Coronavirus (COVID-19) was likely to have on our local businesses and employment, Council adopted Policy No. 140 – COVID-19 Hardship in April 2020. The policy was put in place for six months. The policy was extended in September, 2020 up until March 2021, and extended again in March to June 2021. It was amended in December 2020 to broaden the policy parameters to include assistance to commercial ratepayers who have paid multiple waste charges during periods where their business was shut down due to the imposed lock down restrictions.

**RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Travis Collier

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

**That Council extend the operations of Policy No. 140 – COVID-19 Hardship until a further review on or before 30 September 2021.**

**CARRIED**

### 7.3 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Until such time that the Minister for Local Government requests the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration Tribunal) to make a determination on allowances for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, Council is required to undertake its own review and determination in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* (the 1989 Act).

At its April 2021 meeting, Council resolved to give public notice of its intention to fix the Councillor allowance at the maximum levels of \$21,049 per annum and the Mayoral allowance at \$62,884 per annum, and apply an amount equivalent to the 9.5 per cent superannuation guarantee to each. Public notice has now been given, and one submission was received during the submission period.

Having complied with relevant sections of the 1989 Act, and following consideration of the submission received, Council may now determine and adopt Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

**That Council maintain the existing maximum level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances which are currently fixed at:**

- 1. Councillor allowance - \$21,049 per annum and an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee of 9.5 per cent of the relevant allowance, equating to \$23,048 until 30 June 2021, and 10 per cent of the relevant allowance, equating to \$23,253 from 1 July 2021.**
- 2. Mayoral allowance - \$62,884 per annum and an amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee of 9.5 per cent of the relevant allowance, equating to \$68,857 until 30 June 2021, and 10 per cent of the relevant allowance, equating to \$69,172 from 1 July 2021.**

#### AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

**That the Mayoral allowance be \$50,000, that we have a Deputy Mayoral allowance of \$25,000 and that the Ward Councillors receive \$16,000.**

LOST

#### RESOLUTION

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Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

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**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm due to live streaming technical difficulties.

Meeting resumed at 7:10pm.



## **7.4 ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2021/2022 BUDGET**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has prepared the Proposed Annual Budget 2021/2022 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). After actioning the Communications Plan, 14 submissions were received for the Proposed Budget 2021/2022 which are presented for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council, having advertised the Proposed Annual Budget 2021/2022 and having considered all submissions received in respect of such Budget, resolves;**

**1. To adopt as presented the Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Budget 2021/2022 for the purpose of Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, with the following adjustments:**

**1.1 Capital Works – projects that are already funded with this component of the works to be completed in 2021/2022 rather than 2020/2021 for:-**

- Street light upgrades \$90K;
- Tate Drive Industrial Estate \$229K; and
- Light Vehicles \$44K;

**1.2 Operating Income - Adjustments to the following income items for:-**

- Rates and Charges – increased supplementary valuations which have increased the rates income by \$32K for 2021/2022 based on a 1.5% rate increase; and
- Interest on rates – increased flexible payment arrangements will reduce this item by \$32K in 2021/2022;

**1.3 Operating Expenditure - Adjustments to the following expenditure items for:-**

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- Council Induction – no change to the 2021/2022 budget. Future year budgets reduced to highlight the need for this funding following elections;
- Superannuation – no change to the 2021/2022 budget. Future year budgets need to factor in the proposed increase in the superannuation levy.

**1.4 Grant Funded Operating Projects – no net change to the total comprehensive result. Individual changes for 2021/2022 are:-**

- Operating Grants – the Working for Victoria project grant will increase by \$133K;
- Employee costs – increased costs in 2021/2022 of \$133K for the Working for Victoria project.

**1.5 Differential Rates – the principles in the Revenue and Rating Plan to be included in section 4.1.1(n) Differential Rates.**

**2. That \$13,545,000 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:**

General Rates	\$10,865,000
Municipal Charge	\$646,000
Waste & Recyclables Collection	\$2,034,000

3. That a General Rate be declared for the period commencing on 1 July, 2021 and concluding on 30 June, 2022.
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 0.6019% be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate (which percentage may be alternatively expressed as 0.006019 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 0.006019 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 is any land which is:-
      - Occupied for the principal purpose of carrying out the manufacture or production of, or trade in, goods or services; or
      - Unoccupied but zoned commercial or industrial under the Gannawarra Planning Scheme.
  - 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:
 

Dryland Farm	0.3879%
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10. That the rates and charges must be paid:
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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 0.003010 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value.
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 2020.
14. That Council adopts the Capital Works Plan for 2021/2022.

## AMENDMENT

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Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

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**14. That Council adopts the Capital Works Plan for 2021/2022.**

**15. That we have a 0% rate increase for this 12 months.**

**LOST**

## **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

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**10.1 In full by 15 February, 2022; or**

**10.2 By four equal instalments by the following dates: 30 September, 2021, 30 November, 2021, 28 February, 2022 and 31 May, 2022.**

**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 0.003010 cents in the \$ of the Capital Improved Value.**

**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 2020.**

**14. That Council adopts the Capital Works Plan for 2021/2022.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 ADOPTION OF THE REVENUE AND RATING PLAN**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to prepare and adopt a Revenue and Rating Plan by 30 June 2021 for a period of at least the next four financial years. The draft plan was presented and approved to be placed for public consultation on 21 April 2021. Post consultation, the plan is presented to Council for adoption.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Jane Ogden

**That Council after considering the submission on the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan, adopt the Revenue and Rating Plan, including the alterations to the definitions of Commercial / Industrial land, Farmland Irrigation and Farmland (dryland) contained in this report.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.6 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Each incoming municipal council must review its Road Management Plan during the same period as it is preparing its Council Plan. Councils have until the 31 October 2021 to prepare their Council Plan.

The purpose of the Road Management Plan is to establish a management system to assist the Council to meet its Road Management Act duties based on its policy and operational objectives and having regard to available resources. The Road Management Plan sets out Council's statutory requirements in relation to inspection repair and maintenance of Council roads and does not set out levels of service required by the road user. Levels of service are set out in Council's Asset Management Plans which are due for review in the coming months.

Council officers have undertaken a review of Council's current Road Management Plan and will now give notice to seek public comment as set out in the Road Management Regulations 2016.

The Draft Road Management Plan must be made available for 28 days for submissions to be made and a notice placed in the Government Gazette. Any person who wishes to make a submission on the Draft Road Management Plan may make a submission to Council within the 28 day period. Council officers will review any submissions and present the draft Road Management Plan to Council for endorsement in September.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

**That Council note the statutory review of Council's Road Management Plan has commenced.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.7 G02-2021 MURRABIT TOWNSHIP STORM WATER PROJECT**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council officers have completed a tendering and evaluation process and recommend the appointment of S&R Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd as the successful tenderer for the construction of the Murrabit Township Storm Water Project. The project will install underground drainage infrastructure at Murrabit to improve community amenity and reduce health risks from mosquito borne diseases.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

**That Council award tender G02-2021 for the Murrabit Township Storm Water Project to S&R Engineering and Construction Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount, not subject to rise and fall, of \$997,779.47 excluding GST.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.8 G03-2021 WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has sought tenders from appropriately qualified and experienced contractors for the collection, bulk transport and disposal/processing of waste and recycling from both kerbside and public place bins. Kerbside services currently include General Waste, Comingled Recycling and Garden Waste. Council will introduce a kerbside glass recycling collection service in July 2023 and a kerbside food organics garden organics service in 2027.

The existing Waste and Recycling Collection Contract CP212 ceases in August 2021.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

#### **That Council**

- 1. Accept the tender submitted by Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd G03-2021 – Waste and Recycling Collection Services.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the final terms and conditions and execute the contract with Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) Pty Ltd within the scope of the advertised tender.**
- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to exercise any future extension options of this contract in accordance with the contract terms and conditions.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.9 G04-2021 KERANG CHILDREN'S CENTRE EXTENSION**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has sought tenders from appropriately qualified and experienced contractors for the building addition works at the Kerang Children's Centre. The project, which is funded by the Department of Education, will see facility improvements and expansion allowing Council to provide government funded 3 year old kindergarten.

The extension will be added to the northern side of the building at 2 Murray St, Kerang.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

**That Council award the contract G04-2021, for the Kerang Children's Centre Extensions project to David Knight Building Services for the lump sum amount, not subject to rise and fall, of \$602,000.00 excluding GST.**

**CARRIED**

## **7.10 G05-2021 KERANG CBD STAGE 2**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Kerang CBD Stage 2 Project received funding of \$1.318 million from the Federal Government's Local Roads Community Infrastructure Program.

Council officers have completed a tendering and evaluation process and recommend the appointment of The Trustee for Rankin Earthworks Civil & Construction as the successful tenderer for the development of Kerang CBD Stage 2.

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

**That Council award tender G05-2021 for the Kerang CBD Stage 2 to The Trustee for Rankin Earthworks Civil & Construction for the lump sum amount, not subject to rise and fall, of \$914,418.44 excluding GST.**

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm due to live streaming technical difficulties.

Meeting resumed at 7:45pm.

## **7.11 DRAFT 2021 - 2025 COUNCIL PLAN AND YEAR ONE ACTION PLAN**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council is required to prepare the following in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*:

- A four-year Council Plan by 31 October 2021 as per Section 90 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
- A Community Vision in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices.

This report provides Council with the opportunity to consider the draft 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, Community Vision and Year One Action Plan prior to its release for public exhibition.

The draft 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, Community Vision and Year One Action Plan also incorporates the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan that identifies goals and strategies based on evidence for creating a local community in which people can achieve maximum health and wellbeing. A Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan is a requirement of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

### **MOTION**

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

#### **That Council**

- 1. Endorse the draft 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, Community Vision and Year One Action Plan for public exhibition**
- 2. Invite feedback from the public over a 5 week period, commencing Thursday 17 June 2021.**

### **AMENDMENT**

Moved: Cr Keith Link

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

#### **That Council**

- 1. Endorse the draft 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, Community Vision and Year One Action Plan for public exhibition**
- 2. Invite feedback from the public over a 5 week period, commencing Thursday 17 June 2021.**
- 3. Explore the possibilities of a Regional Community Wellbeing Centre and Cohuna Aquatic Centre.**

**LOST**

### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

#### **That Council**

1. **Endorse the draft 2021 – 2025 Council Plan, Community Vision and Year One Action Plan for public exhibition**
2. **Invite feedback from the public over a 5 week period, commencing Thursday 17 June 2021.**

**CARRIED**

## **8 URGENT ITEMS**

Nil

## **9 NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 77**

#### **RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Travis Collier

**That the Gannawarra Council call on the Victorian State Government to assess any restrictions due to COVID-19 to be assessed on a Shire basis with input from the local Council.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - 78**

#### **MOTION**

**“That Council receive a report regarding a requested review of the Governance Rules”**

Councillor Garner Smith requested an Amendment to the Motion to read:

**“That Gannwarra Councillors conduct a review of the Governance Rules prior to calling on a report on Governance Rules.”**

The Mayor rejected Councillor Smith’s amendment as it would contravene Council’s Governance Rules.

The Motion lapsed.

## **10 QUESTION TIME**

Nil

## 11 DELEGATES REPORTS

### 11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

<b>Association</b>	<b>Appointed Council Delegate</b>
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

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 they are the appointed delegate.

## 12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 8:23pm.**

**The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 21 July 2021.**

**Mayor Charlie Gillingham**  
**CHAIRPERSON**