



**GANNAWARRA**  
*Shire Council*

**Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, 29 June 2022**

**10:00am**

**Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

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**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
ON WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2022 AT 10:00AM**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

Cr Kelvin Burt was noted as an apology.

**4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2022/2023 BUDGET

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has prepared the Proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). After actioning the Communications Plan, feedback was received from two people for the Proposed Budget 2022/2023 which are presented for consideration.

#### MOTION

Moved: Cr Jane Ogden

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council, having advertised the Proposed Annual Budget 2022/2023 and having considered all feedback received in respect of such Budget, resolves;

1. To adopt as presented the Gannawarra Shire Council Annual Budget 2022/2023 for the purpose of Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, with the following adjustments:
  - 1.1 Capital Works – Carry over projects that are already funded with this component of the works to be completed in 2022/2023 rather than 2021/2022 for:-
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**2. That \$14,026,000 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	\$11,260,000
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Waste & Recyclables Collection	\$2,115,000

- 3. That a General Rate be declared for the period commencing on 1 July, 2022 and concluding on 30 June, 2023.**
- 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 0.4990% be specified as the percentage of the uniform rate (which percentage may be alternatively expressed as 0.004990 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 0.004990 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.**
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- 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
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**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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**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.**

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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.
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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 2022/2023.
15. That Council respond to the feedback provided to the Proposed Budget 2022/2023.

#### AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Garner Smith  
Seconded: Cr Keith Link

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16. That Council request a report containing the details within the Budget for:
  - a) the NDIS Service;
  - b) Koondrook Glamping;
  - c) Operational Materials and Services;to be supplied to Council's July briefing.

LOST

**RESOLUTION**

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Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

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**CARRIED**

The Meeting closed at 10:32am.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 20 July 2022.

Mayor Charlie Gillingham  
CHAIRPERSON