



GANNAWARRA

Shire Council

Wednesday, 20 December 2023

6:00pm

Senior Citizens Centre

Kerang

AGENDA

Council Meeting

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Geoff Rollinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

1 WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Playing of the Welcome to Country video clip.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

We, the Councillors of the Shire of Gannawarra, declare that we will undertake the duties of the office of Councillor, in the best interests of our community, and faithfully, and impartially, carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in us, to the best of our skill and judgement.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting - 15 November 2023

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

General conflict of interest

Unless exempt under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) or regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor or member of Council staff has a general conflict of interest in a matter if an impartial, fair-minded person would consider that the person's private interests (as defined in Section 127(2) of the Act) could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

Material conflict of interest

Unless exempt under Section 129 of the *Local Government Act 2020* or regulation 7 of the Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020, a Councillor or member of Council staff has a material conflict of interest in respect of a matter if an affected person (as defined in Section 128(3) of the Act) would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

Disclosure of a conflict of interest

A Councillor who has a conflict of interest and is attending a meeting of the Council must make a full disclosure of that interest by either advising:

- a) the Council at the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting; or
- b) the Chief Executive Officer in writing before the meeting –

whether the interest is a general conflict of interest or a material conflict of interest; and the nature of the interest.

Note: If a Councillor advises the Chief Executive Officer of the details under b) above, the Councillor must make a disclosure of the class of interest only to the meeting immediately before the matter is considered at the meeting.

In accordance with Section 130 of the Act, a councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest in respect of a matter must exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to the matter, including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting, and any action in relation to the matter.

Failure to comply with Section 130 of the Act may result in a penalty of 120 penalty units

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 8 NOVEMBER TO 12 DECEMBER 2023

Author: Jodie Basile, Acting Executive Assistant to CEO

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1 Records of Councillor Briefings - 8 November to 12 December, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 8 November to 12 December 2023.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.

COUNCIL PLAN

Council Plan 2021-2025: Be a creative employer of choice through our adherence to good governance and our inclusive culture.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with Clause 32 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules, a written record of a meeting held under the auspices of Council is, as soon as practicable, reported at a meeting of the Council and incorporated in the minutes of that Council meeting.

The record must include:

1. The names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending
2. The matters considered
3. Any conflict-of-interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending
4. Whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest left the meeting.

CONSULTATION


Consultation with Councillors and staff has occurred to ensure the accuracy of the Councillor Briefing records.

CONCLUSION

To ensure compliance with Clause 32 of the Gannawarra Shire Council Governance Rules, it is recommended that Council note the Councillor Briefing records as attached to this report.

RECORD OF A COUNCILLOR BRIEFING



Type of Meeting	Councillor Briefing	
Date:	Monday 11 December, 2023	
Time:	9:00am – 4.00pm	
Location:	Council Chambers, Kerang	
In Attendance: (Councillors)	Cr Charlie Gillingham Cr Kelvin Burt Cr Travis Collier Cr Ross Stanton Cr Keith Link Cr Jane Ogden (left at 11.23am and returned at 1.32pm) Cr Garner Smith	
Apologies:	Nil	
In Attendance: (Officers)	Geoff Rollinson, Jodie Basile, Amanda Wilson, Wade Williams, Paul Fernee, Scott Bourne, Mesh Thomson, Kellie Burmeister, Leigh Hollingworth.	
In Attendance: (Other)		
Matters Discussed:	<p>Presentation – Library Service Update</p> <p>Review Draft December Council Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 Audit and Risk Committee – 14 November 2023 Meeting 7.2 Councillor Committee Memberships 2024/2025 7.3 Community Asset Committees 7.4 Expression of Interest Licence of Land – KIG Energy Pty Ltd 12.1 Awarding of Australia Day Awards – Confidential 6.1 Future of Building Department Functions – Confidential <p>Councillor Briefing Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Rates Collection 2.2 Budget 2024/2025 – Rating Options Update 2.3 Draft 10 Year Capital Works Program 2.4 Financial Plan 2.5 Community Event Group Funding 2.6 Building and Planning Activity Quarterly Update 2.7 2023/2024 Capex Update – December 2.8 Future Listing Report <p>Councillor Issues</p>	
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Councillor/Officer making disclosure	Councillor/Officer left meeting Yes/No
Nil		
Completed By:	Geoff Rollinson – Chief Executive Officer 	

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - 14 NOVEMBER, 2023 MEETING

Author: Phil Higgins, Finance Consultant

Authoriser: Amanda Wilson, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1 ARC Self-Assessment Survey to 30 September 2023

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:-

- 1) Receive and note the summary of the discussions of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 14 November 2023; and**
- 2) Accept the annual assessment of the Audit and Risk Committee's performance against the Charter.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) met on Tuesday, 14 November 2023. The focus of the ARC meeting was to undertake the annual review of the ARC performance against the Charter. Other reports related to financial, governance, compliance and risk management matters.

PURPOSE

This report outlines the actions of the ARC to meet its responsibilities to: - ensure compliance with Council policies; monitor financial performance; monitor risk and fraud control and overview the audit functions. This report complies with Section 54 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to review the ARC's performance against the Charter. This includes reporting on audit and risk issues as required by Section 54 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS

ARC Self-Assessment Survey to 30 September 2023.

DISCUSSION

Details of the 14 November 2023 ARC Meeting:

Member attendees:

John Campbell – Independent Member – Chair

Francis Crawley – Independent Member

Laura Conti - Independent Member

Cr Charlie Gillingham – Councillor Representative

Cr Garner Smith – Councillor Representative

Also in attendance:

Staff

Cr Ross Stanton – Mayor

Geoff Rollinson – Chief Executive Officer

Phil Higgins – Director Corporate Services

Apologies:

Alissa Harrower – Manager Governance

The following items were considered by the ARC at the meeting:

Report	Item for Discussion	Recommendation/Outcome
Quarterly Budget Report	The Quarterly Budget Report for the quarter ending 30 September 2023	The ARC received and noted the report.
Proposed 2024/2025 Budget Timetable	The framework for the preparation of the 2024/2025 budget was outlined including key processes, indicative timelines and key people involved in the preparation and compilation process.	
Risk Management Report	Council's current Risk Management Framework requires quarterly reporting to the ARC. The report examined risk management progress for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023.	
Outstanding Internal Audit Items – Past Issues Review and Update	The list of outstanding internal audit items was reviewed.	The ARC acknowledged the reviewed items and determined five items can be removed from the list.
Compliance with legislation and regulations	An update to September 2023 on compliance with legislation and regulations was provided.	The ARC received and noted the report.
Regulatory and Integrity Agency Reports	Various reports were considered including a review of Operation Sandon by IBAC.	
Audit and Risk Committee Evaluation	ARC has undertaken an annual evaluation of their performance	The ARC acknowledged the self-assessment survey and endorsed its presentation to Council
Audit and Risk Committee Charter Review	The ARC Charter underwent an annual review	The ARC Charter is to be re-considered at the next meeting to review proposed changes to the role of the committee over monitoring periodic management financial reports and performance statements.
Proposed ARC dates for 2023	Proposed dates were considered for the 2024 meetings to coincide with relevant Council reporting deadlines and finalisation of the financial statements and annual report.	The ARC meetings will be held at 8.30am on the following dates in 2024: 13 February, 7 May, 10 September, 12 November

Councillor Expenditure Report	A report of the expenses of Councillors and Delegated Committee Members was presented to the ARC for 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023.	The ARC received and noted the report.
Corporate Credit Card	Details of expenditure on credit cards and work related reimbursements for 1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023 was presented.	
Annual Work Plan (AWP)	The Charter documents the tasks to be completed by the ARC and how often the tasks are to be undertaken. This report updates the status of each requirement in the AWP.	The ARC received and noted the report. The Committee is to review a report on the strategic direction of the Internal Audit function at the next meeting.
Internal Control Environment (ICE) Plan	The ICE Plan is a rolling four year plan. The report reviewed the items listed for 2023.	Two policies / documents were reviewed.

Attached is the self-assessment survey of the ARC's performance against the ARC's Charter for the year ending 30 September 2023. This evaluation aims to cover the reporting requirements of Section 54 (4) and (5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

RELEVANT LAW

Section 53 and 54 *Local Government Act 2020*.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

The ARC was established by Council at its meeting on 19 August 2020.

OPTIONS

The option before Council relates to acceptance / or not of the self-assessment survey by the ARC and whether this meets compliance in accordance with the reporting requirements of Section 54 (4) and (5) of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The *Local Government Act 2020* gives the ARC a broader focus and a stronger emphasis on key responsibility areas in financial and performance reporting, internal control environment (ICE), risk management, fraud prevention, internal audit, external audit and compliance management risks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The three independent members on the ARC ensure that there is involvement by key community members.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The self-assessment survey conducted by the ARC involves reviewing current practices to analyse whether there is a better way of doing things, which reflects a continuous improvement approach.

COLLABORATION

Reports from various agencies were included in the agenda.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The ARC is operating within the adopted budget.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

A review of Council policies is a key component of the ICE Plan.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report will be considered in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

Audit & Risk Committee Self-Assessment Survey

Performance for the Year Ended 30 September 2023

Rating Scale	1 = Strongly Disagree	2 = Disagree	3 = Neutral	4 = Agree	5 = Strongly Agree	N/A = Not Applicable
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Your Ratings of Performance

Comments are expected from respondents in the spaces provided at the end of each section where Ratings of 1. or 2. are given. This will assist in the identification of opportunities for improvement. It is expected that all questions will be applicable, so use of N/A ratings should be avoided wherever possible.

ID	Questions	Ratings [Tick boxes as appropriate]					
		1	2	3	4	5	N/A
A. Audit Committee Charter							
1	The Charter clearly articulates the Committee's roles and responsibilities and provides it with the necessary authority to discharge them					X	
2	The Charter facilitates and supports the effective operation of the Committee					X	
3	During the past year, the Committee has adequately addressed all of its responsibilities as detailed in the Charter					X	
4	The Charter ensures the Committee is sufficiently independent from the management of Council					X	
Totals							
<u>Comments / Suggestions for Improvement</u> •							
B. Skills and Experience							
5	The Committee has the desired mix of skills to allow it to effectively discharge its responsibilities					X	
6	The Committee has been able to analyse and critically evaluate information presented to it by management					X	
7	There is a clear process that Committee members can follow to access advice and /or training to improve their skills and knowledge			X			
8	The Committee's collective skills are adequate in light of its responsibilities				X		
9	The Committee has responded appropriately where significant risks and/or control breakdowns have been brought to its attention					X	
10	The Committee has shown an openness to new ideas and different views in its deliberations				X		
11	The Committee has been sufficiently probing and challenging in its deliberations.				X		
Totals							
<u>Comments / Suggestions for Improvement</u> •							
C. Understanding the Business							
12	The Committee has an adequate understanding of Council's:						

ID	Questions	Ratings [Tick boxes as appropriate]					
		1	2	3	4	5	N/A
	- Risk management framework and risk profile				X		
	- Internal control framework to mitigate significant risks				X		
	- Financial and statutory reporting requirements					X	
	- Legislative compliance requirements				X		
13	The Committee receives appropriate briefings on:						
	- Current and emerging business risks				X		
	- Changes in financial reporting requirements					X	
	- Changes in performance reporting requirements					X	
	- Integrity Body reports				X		
	- Changes in the business/regulatory environment					X	
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for Improvement</u>							
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D. Meeting Administration and Conduct							
14	The Committee has had an appropriate number of meetings to properly discharge its responsibilities					X	
15	Agendas are structured to allow sufficient time to discuss all critical issues				X		
16	The Committee receives agendas and supporting papers in sufficient time prior to meetings			X			
17	Agendas and supporting papers are of sufficient clarity and quality to enable the Committee to make informed decisions				X		
18	Committee meetings are well run and productive				X		
19	Committee minutes are appropriately maintained and provided to Council on a timely basis				X		
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for improvement</u>							
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E. Communications with Council							
20	Committee communications to Council about its deliberations and decisions are appropriate.				X		
21	Committee reports to Council on its activities are appropriate				X		
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for improvement</u>							
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F. Management Commitment & Support							
22	Information and briefing papers presented by management meet the Committee's expectations in respect of:						
	- Council's risk profile and mitigating actions for key risks					X	
	- Maintenance of a strong internal control environment that is effective in mitigating key risks				X		
	- Management of Council's compliance and regulatory obligations					X	
	- Council's external reporting requirements					X	

ID	Questions	Ratings [Tick boxes as appropriate]					
		1	2	3	4	5	N/A
23	The Committee has a positive attitude to continuous improvement in its dealings with management					X	
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for improvement</u>							
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G. Internal Audit							
24	The Committee reviewed and approved the internal audit plan					X	
25	The Committee considered the adequacy of internal audit resources				X		
26	The Committee reviewed and approved any significant changes to the internal audit plan				X		
27	The Committee considered the performance of the internal audit function				X		
28	The Committee reviewed all internal audit reports and monitored management responses to recommendations				X		
29	The Committee reviewed the Internal Audit Charter to ensure that appropriate structures, authority, access and reporting arrangements are in place for the internal audit function				X		
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for improvement</u>							
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H. External Audit							
30	The Committee reviewed and approved the external audit plan					X	
31	The Committee reviewed external audit reports and management letters and monitored management responses to findings and recommendations made by external audit					X	
32	The Committee provided feedback on the performance of external audit					X	
	Totals						
<u>Comments / Suggestions for improvement</u>							
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I. Other Comments [Please phrase your comments as opportunities for improvement]							
Please note here any other comments you would like to make about the Committee's performance:							
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Grand Totals for all Responses							

7.2 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS 2023/2024**Author:** Jodie Basile, Acting Executive Assistant to CEO**Authoriser:** Amanda Wilson, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the list of Committee memberships, and Councillor delegates or representatives to each, for 2023/2024 as detailed in this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council holds financial memberships for various committees, both locally and regionally, in the interests of advocating for and on behalf of the community. Membership to these and a number of other committees provides for Councillors to act as a Council delegate or representative on behalf of the Gannawarra Shire Council.

The table below lists each committee and the proposed Councillor delegate or representative to each, for 2023/2024.

COUNCILLOR COMMITTEES 2023/2024	
COMMITTEE	COUNCILLOR
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA)	Cr Jane Ogden
Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC)	Cr Keith Link
Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)	Cr Travis Collier
Audit and Risk Committee (x 2)	Cr Charlie Gillingham and Cr Garner Smith
Murray River Group of Councils (MRGC)	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Cr Ross Stanton, Mayor
Transport Committee Role including Rail Freight Alliance and Road Transport	Cr Keith Link
Rural Councils Victoria	Cr Garner Smith
Timber Towns Victoria	Cr Garner Smith
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Kelvin Burt

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to review and adopt committee memberships and assign Councillor delegates or representatives to each for 2023/2024.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

DISCUSSION

Each year Council reviews its membership for various committees within and external to our municipality and nominates Councillor delegates or representatives to each. This allows Councillors to pursue an area in which they have an interest and/or expertise and to use this knowledge to enhance their contribution to the committees on which they serve.

2023/2024 Committee Memberships detailing the composition and purpose of each committee is attached to this report.

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

At its meeting on 16 November 2022 Council adopted a list of Committee memberships and Councillor representatives for 2022/2023.

OPTIONS

That Council determine 2023/2024 committee memberships and Councillor representation to each.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council is committed to advocating in the best interest of the community and region.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

This list of Committee's represented by a Councillor can be reviewed and updated by resolution of Council as required. Memberships can be added or removed to ensure the best interests and outcomes for the Gannawarra Community.

COLLABORATION

Councillors nominated as a Council representative on a number of Committee's regularly collaborate with other councils, Governments and statutory bodies.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The adopted 2023/2024 Annual Budget provides for expenses associated with memberships to, and Councillor representation on the various committees.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Each committee identified is governed by individual strategic plans and policies relevant to their charter and purpose.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021 – 2025:

- Achieve long-term financial and environmental sustainability.
- Improve the health, safety and wellbeing of our community through partnerships, services and programs.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report will be considered in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.

7.3 COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES

Author: Jodie Basile, Acting Executive Assistant to CEO

Authoriser: Amanda Wilson, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives and notes the report on activities and performance of its three Community Asset Committees being:

1. Quambatook Caravan Park Community Asset Committee
2. Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool Community Asset Committee
3. Community Halls Community Asset Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) provides for councils to establish Community Asset Committees for the purpose of managing community assets within the municipality and requires the CEO to submit an annual report to Council in relation to the activities and performance of Community Asset Committees.

This report relates to the activities and performance of Council's three Community Asset Committees in 2021/22, being the Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool Community Asset Committee, the Quambatook Caravan Park Community Asset Committee and the Community Halls Community Asset Committee.

PURPOSE

This report summarises activities and performance of Council's three Community Asset Committees during 2021/22 in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

DISCUSSION

In August 2020, Council established, and appointed members to the following Community Asset Committees in accordance with section 65 of the Act:

1. Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool Community Asset Committee
2. Quambatook Caravan Park Community Asset Committee
3. Community Halls Community Asset Committee.

Each of the committees had previously been managing the respective community assets in accordance with section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

In accordance with section 47 of the Act, the CEO delegated a range of powers, duties and functions to members of the Community Asset Committees to facilitate management of each community asset.

Council acknowledges and appreciates the commitment of these community volunteers in supporting the management of these important community assets.

For the purpose of this report, Community Asset Committee 'activities' are summaries of general information and feedback provided by the committees, whilst 'performance' has been assessed against the respective powers, duties and functions formally delegated to members by the CEO.

Quambatook Caravan Park Community Asset Committee

Activities:

Quambatook Caravan Park patron numbers continued to increase after being impacted by COVID-19 restrictions with the park completely booked out a number of times throughout the year.

The Committee continued to undertake maintenance and improvements where possible including the installation of a television in the camp kitchen and improved lighting outside the camp kitchen area.

Performance:

The Committee has been able to operate within the powers, duties and functions delegated to its members, holding its AGM and a number of general meetings throughout the year. The Committee meet and keep in regular contact with Council staff who provide guidance and support as required.

The Committee also successfully completed the schedule of work requirements as per the Residential Tenancies (Caravan Parks and Movable Dwellings Registration and Standards) Regulations 2010.

At its July meeting, the Committee remembered and formally acknowledged the late Trevor Bennett's contribution to the Caravan Park and the Committee over many years.

Leitchville War Memorial Swimming Pool Community Asset Committee:

Activities:

The combination of COVID restrictions and changes to Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations and Water Quality Guidelines provided additional, significant challenges to the Committee's preparation for the 2021/22 season and resulted in a delay in opening the Leitchville pool by several weeks.

Council officers provided support to the Committee to complete a number of the tasks required to ensure compliance with the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations and Water Quality Guidelines, and to prepare for the 2021/22 season.

The Committee was able to maintain an adequate number of qualified lifeguards to support operation of the pool over both seasons and successfully navigated operational changes required to comply with COVID restrictions and directions.

Performance:

Although challenging with a small Committee, it has successfully been able to operate within the powers, duties and functions delegated to its members, holding its AGM and regular general meetings.

Whilst there were some issues with pool plant and water quality leading to a delayed opening, the Committee satisfactorily combatted these issues.

Community Halls Community Asset Committee:

Activities:

Like so many other facilities, Council's community halls continued to be impacted by COVID restrictions in the first half of 2021/22, resulting in decreased usage and revenue during this period.

At the most recent meeting of the Community Halls Community Asset Committee, held on 25 September 2022, members reported a positive increase in usage during the second half of 2021/22, with a number of regular hirers returning and an increase in ad-hoc event bookings across a number of the facilities. Events included monthly dinners, community meetings, Christmas functions, luncheons, graduations, old time dance and jazz high tea.

The Sub-Committees, which manage the day to day operations of each of the halls, have been active in ensuring regular maintenance of the halls are undertaken with a number of improvements being made including a new sprinkler system and table tops at the Murrabit Hall and barbeque shelter and photo board wall at the Myall Hall. Five of the six halls have now been fitted with a community accessible defibrillator.

Committee Chair, Cr Burt provides a delegate report to Council on Committee activities following each Committee meeting.

Performance:

The Committee has operated within the powers, duties and functions delegated to its members during this period, with all required meetings held.

RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

At its meeting on 19 August 2020, Council established, and appointed members to the three Community Asset Committees.

OPTIONS

This report is a requirement of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Community Asset Committees provide services that enhances the social fabric in our communities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The make up of these committees adds to the community's involvement in the planning and decision making on services in the community.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable

COLLABORATION

Not applicable

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Not applicable

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Gannawarra Shire Council Plan 2021 – 2025 – Goal 1 Liveability

Improve the health, safety and wellbeing of our community through partnerships, services and programs.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report will be considered in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

7.4 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LICENCE OF LAND: KIG ENERGY PTY LTD

Author: Wade Williams, Director Infrastructure and Development

Authoriser: Wade Williams, Director Infrastructure and Development

Attachments:

- 1** Submission to EOI
- 2** Behind the meter information
- 3** May 2020 Council Report

RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- 1. Accept the Kig Energy Pty Ltd submission to the 2023 Expression of interest to seek suitably qualified energy companies for the development of power generation and storage facilities on two parcels of land Council managed land:**
 - (a) 14 Airport Road, Kerang 3579 Lot 2 Ps747952 & Lot 1 LP77293 – Kerang Aerodrome**
 - (b) 197 Kerang Murrabit Road, Kerang 3579 CA 3d & CA 3C Sec B PP2862 – Kerang Transfer Station**
- 2. Note that at a future Council meeting Kig Energy Pty Ltd will be required to:**
 - (a) Submit a report to Council proposing to enter into a formal agreement with KIG Energy Pty Ltd, subject to Council approval.**
 - (b) Ensure that KIG Energy Pty Ltd has satisfied all planning approvals required for their development at the identified locations as specified in the Expression of Interest submission.**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process conducted in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020. The EOI sought suitably qualified energy companies for the development of power generation and storage facilities on two parcels of land: 14 Airport Road, Kerang 3579 Lot 2 Ps747952 & Lot 1 LP77293 and 197 Kerang Murrabit Road, Kerang 3579 CA 3d & CA 3C Sec B PP2862.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the EOI received from Kig Energy PTY LTD for licence of land at 14 Airport Road, Kerang, and 197 Kerang Murrabit Road, Kerang. The intended use being the development of small-scale solar energy generation facilities.

ATTACHMENTS

Kig Energy Submission to the EOI

Kig Energy Behind the Meter Information

Kig Energy May 2020 Council Report

In 2019, Kig Energy approached Council with a proposal to licence Council-owned and managed land that was deemed unsuitable for Council development. Since the initial inquiry, Council has been actively collaborating with Kig Energy to identify suitable locations and develop a comprehensive proposal for the establishment of small-scale solar energy generation facilities.

The first Micro Grid, situated at 14 Airport Road (Kerang Airport), is designed to be a 4.99MW Solar Generation Facility accompanied by 5MW/10MWh Battery Storage. The second site, located at 197 Kerang Murrabit Road near the Kerang Council Transfer Station, will feature a 1MW Solar Generation Facility with 1MW/2MWh Battery Storage.

Council is approached regularly by proponents looking to develop and invest in the municipality. The Council Plan 2021-2025 sets out the strategic objectives of this current Council particularly around economic diversity growth and prosperity. Council Plan strategies include to “*Generate additional revenue through new energy infrastructure and commercially viable services*” along with “*the implementation of new energy infrastructure and energy projects.*” The proposal presented by KIG Energy Pty Ltd is in accord with the strategic indicators of the Council Plan objectives.



Kerang Aerodrome

Section 115 Lease Land under the Local Government Act 2020.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable.

OPTIONS

1. Council can choose to accept the proposal.
2. Reject the proposal.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The project's repurposing of underutilized land for small-scale solar energy generation aligns with the council's commitment to environmental responsibility, contributing to reduced carbon emissions and supporting broader sustainability goals outlined in regional, state, and national plans.

The proposed energy facilities are intended to provide lower cost power options for customers in Kerang. The reduced price is achieved by avoiding network transmission costs and by hosting a low cost, low maintenance solar and battery system.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council officers advertised a "notice of intention" to inform the community of the intending proposal and advertised for expressions of interest in July 2023. The Kerang airport proposal had previously been to Council in May 2020. The micro grid proposal has also been promoted in Councils newsletter.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

There's an ongoing effort to repurpose underutilized Council-owned land for small-scale solar energy generation on areas traditionally deemed unsuitable for development.

COLLABORATION

Council has worked with Kig Energy on an innovative project using Council-owned or managed land typically seen as unsuitable for development. The goal is to repurpose underused land for small-scale solar energy generation facilities.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The council will be compensated for the licensed site through rental payments determined by a market rental review procedure.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021 - 2025 Growing Gannawarra

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy

Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Gannawarra 2025

Gannawarra future scan

Loddon Mallee North Regional Growth Plan

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Council Plan 2021 - 2025 Growing Gannawarra

Goal 2 - Growth: Facilitate the implementation of new energy infrastructure and energy projects.

Goal 3 – Sustainability: Generate additional revenue through new energy infrastructure and commercially viable services

Support community resilience through climate adaptation, clean energy, environmental sustainability and waste management programs.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This matter will be discussed in an open Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report declares that they have no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.



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Sunday, 2 July 2023

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✉: council@gsc.vic.gov.au
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Reference: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LICENCE OF LAND– Published in the Gannawarra Times | Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Attention: Mr. Geoff Rollinson – CEO of Gannawarra Shire Council

Dear Mr. Geoff Rollinson,

In respect to the Notice to Licence Land as published in the Gannawarra Times | Tuesday, June 27, 2023;
the sites nominated:

- 14 Airport Road Kerang; Title Description: LOT 2 PS747952 (LOTS PT1&2 TP535919 [CA 23&PT24 SEC C] &
- LOT 1 LP77293 [CA PT25 SEC C]) KERANG | 197 Kerang-Murrabit Road, Kerang 3579; CA 3D & 3C
Sec B PP2862 Parish of Kerang Crown Land

KIG Energy Pty Ltd (KIG) in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act 2020, formally registers its interest to Licence the following parcels of Land at:

1. 14 Airport Road Kerang; Title Description: LOT 2 PS747952 (LOTS PT1&2 TP535919 [CA 23&PT24 SEC C] &
 - a. Approximate requirements are 30-35 Acres
2. LOT 1 LP77293 [CA PT25 SEC C]) KERANG | 197 Kerang-Murrabit Road, Kerang 3579; CA 3D & 3C
Sec B PP2862 Parish of Kerang Crown Land
 - a. Approximate requirements are initially 8-10 Acres

KIG's intention is the Development of the KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrids with Storage at both Sites (A small-scale solar energy generation facility and storage) although with different configurations.



With respect to the site 14 Airport Road Kerang (Kerang Airport); based on the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 15 July 2020, at the Council Town Hall; item 7.4 Kerang Aerodrome – Lease | and the matters raised by the then Councillors which KIG has addressed with its Re-Deployable MicroGrid with Storage infrastructure.

This ensures that Council and Community Assets are not necessarily disturbed or impacted by excessive earthworks and allows the Assets of the Council and Community to be returned to the initial state without much complication or cost, which was an important issue that was raised on Wednesday, 15 July 2020 Council Meeting.

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Yours sincerely,



Greg Fonti Chairman
KIG Energy Pty Ltd

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Gannawarra Times Tuesday, June 27, 2023

ANNAMARRA Times Community Classifieds Ph: (03) 5452 1733 Fax: (03) 5452 1603 E: classifieds@gannawarratimes.com.au						
DEATH NOTICES Margaret Agnes 'Margie' McArthur 18-3-1935 - 17-6-2023 Passed away peacefully at Sandigo Hospice. Loved wife of Colin (dec) for 62 years. Loved mother and mother-in-law of John (dec) and Cazzie, Karyn and Daniel, Neil and Donna, and Maria. Loved Mumma of Geoff, Jackie, Ella, and Billy. xx Forever in our hearts. A Private Funeral Service will be held. WILLIAM FARREN Funeral Directors Ph. 95 541 5277	DEATH NOTICES  Norma Elizabeth Sheridan (nee Lee) 5-5-1905 - 18-6-2023 Loving wife of Brian (dec). Loving mother of Dubia and Gary (dec). Loving Nan of Marley. Loved Great Nan of Alyssa and Williams. A Private Funeral Service has been held. A.A. ADAMS Funeral Directors Ph. 95 541 5277	TRIBUTES Margaret Ritchie What fun we had together! Sincere sympathy to Margie's families. — Digger Baulch's clan.	IN MEMORIAM  Kevin Michael Mannix 8-7-1946 - 26-6-2019 Deeply loved and sadly missed husband, father, father-in-law and Pa. Love Gwen and family. We hold your smile and memory in our hearts and there you will remain. To walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.	USED VEHICLES HONDA CIVIC  2013 Hatch VTEC manual M113, 135,000kms. One local owner. (ZVW-307). \$11,500 Phone 0417 346 752 Classifieds Email classifieds@gannawarratimes.com.au	CARAVANS NOVA BRAVO  2015. 20ft. Excellent condition, solar, 2x batteries, shower, toilet, Dometic 3 way fridge, large table which converts to bed, queen bed, 2x gas bottles. Reg 004-511. \$52,000 ONO Phone 0482 901 609	WANTED TO SELL VEGGIE BOXES 4 x raised veggie boxes, different sizes. \$50 - \$75 each. Phone 0439 391 960
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SITUATIONS VACANT  POOLES ACCOUNTANTS & TAX SPECIALISTS Pooles Accountants are seeking to employ a RECEPTIONIST/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER KERANG OFFICE Part time Our practice is committed to providing superior accounting and taxation services to a wide range of farming and business clients.						

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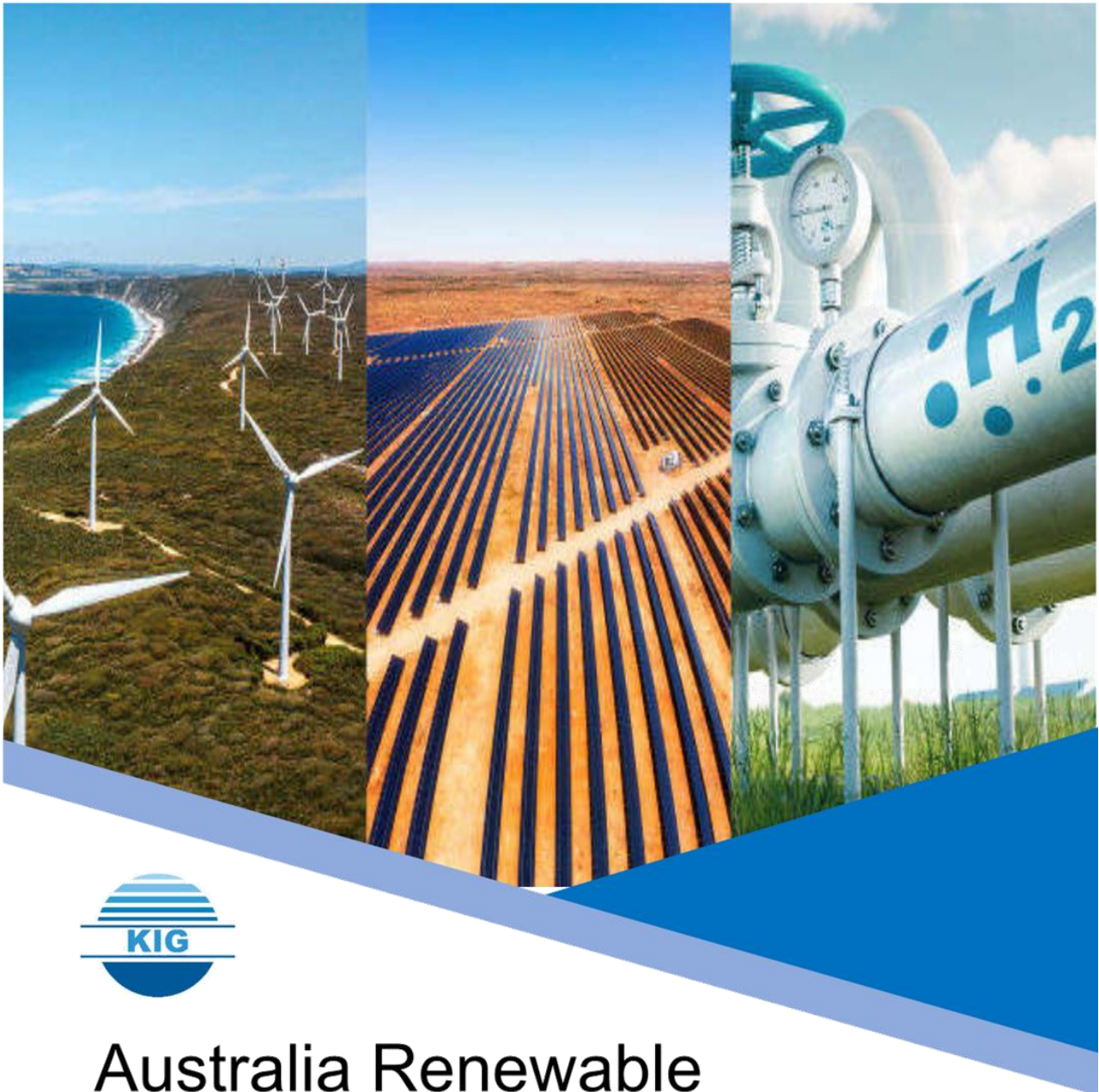
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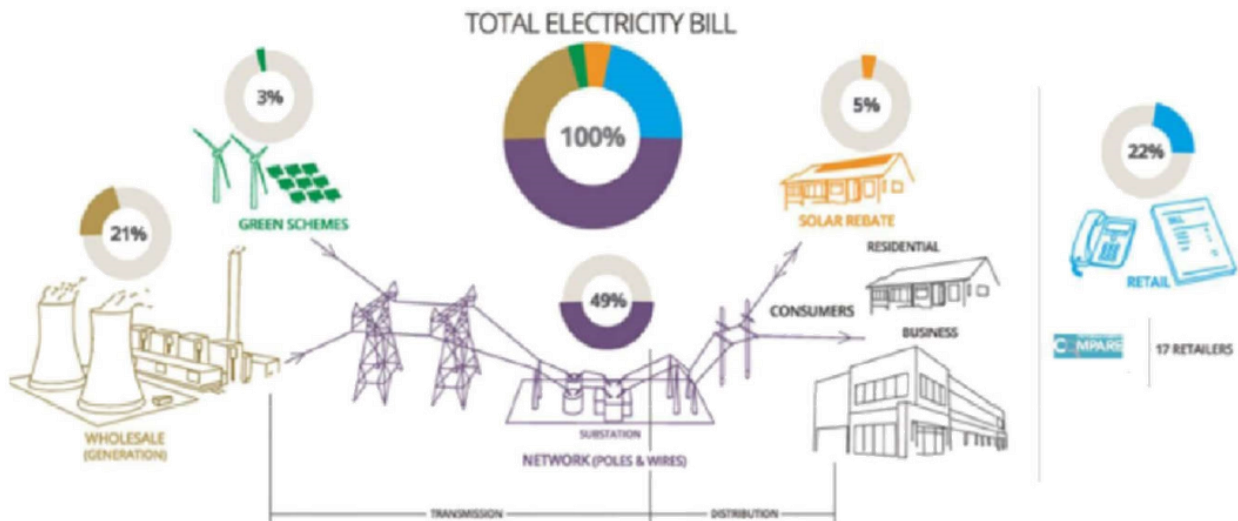
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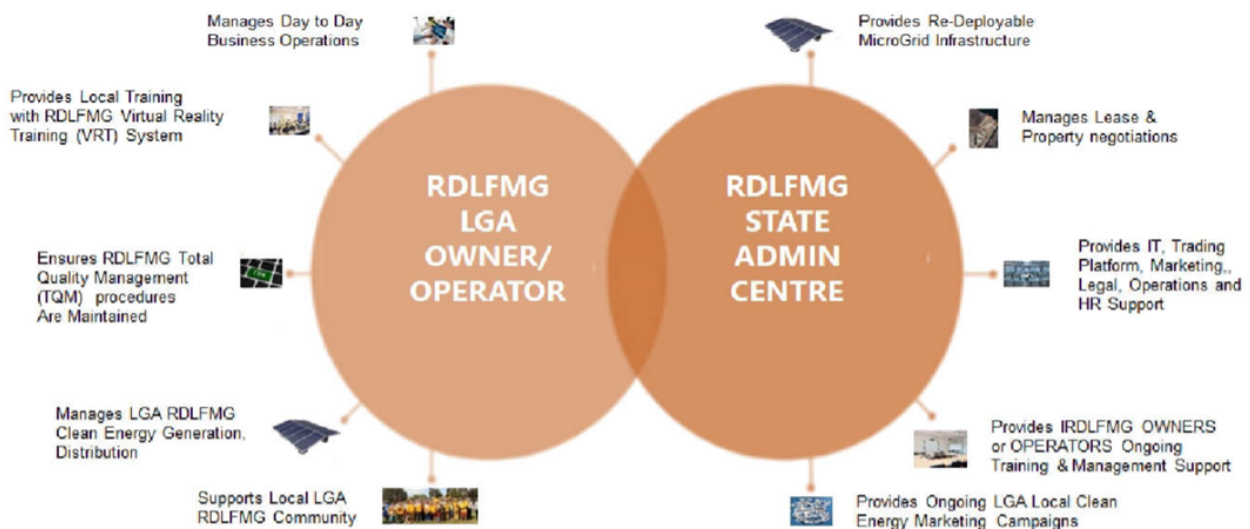
4.95MW

Kerang Airport
Kerang, Victoria

10MWh

**REDUCES THE
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LOCALLY**

KIG RE-DEPLOYABLE LANDFILL MICROGRID (RDLFMG) LOCAL RENEWABLE ENERGY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY





KIG 1MWac Re-Deployable MicroGrid

Company: KIG Energy Pty Ltd
Project No: Landfill Project – LFMG-1
Project Manager: Greg Fonti
Budget: MicroGrid as a Service (MaaS)
Sponsor: KIG Energy Pty Ltd
Start Date: 04-04-2022

BACKGROUND

Ratepayers own MSW Closed Landfill Sites, which generally lack reuse opportunities due to the **TOXIC** nature of the MSW Sites and the ongoing release of **GREENHOUSE GASES (GHG)**, Ratepayers and residents in Regional, Rural and Isolated Areas are **Energy Poor** do not have access to:

- Reliable **Clean Energy**
- Affordable **Clean Energy**
- Sustainable **Clean Energy**

OBJECTIVES

The proposed **KIG Re-Deployable Landfill MicroGrid** will utilise the closed MSW Landfill site to:

- Generate Reliable **Clean Energy**
- Deliver Affordable **Clean Energy**

A **KIG Re-Deployable Landfill MicroGrid** will utilise a **Community Asset** to ensure the Community is no longer **Energy Poor**.

PROJECT STRATEGY

APPROACH



Provide 1 x 1MW KIG Re-Deployable Utility Solar MicroGrid on a Landfill Site with advantage of:

- No Major Earth works
- No Trenching
- No Ground Penetration
- No Compacting of Ground

MILESTONES



04-07-22 Milestone 1 Landfill – Site Visit
 31-08-22 Milestone 2 Finalise Project Details
 15-06-23 Milestone 3 Begin Project Deployment Planning
 30-08-23 Milestone 4 Project Deployment
 01-10-23 GO LIVE

DELIVERABLES



1 x KIG 1MWp Re-Deployable Solar MicroGrid
 1 x KIG 1/2MWh Community Battery Storage Solution
 1 x KIG MicroGrid Management System
 Optional : 4 Bay Hydrogen Vehicle filling Station
 Optional : Virtual Power Plant Management

Delay due to Devasting Floods – 6 Oct.2022 - 13Jan 2023

All Components comply The Australian Government's Modern Slavery Act 2018 (the Act)



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PROJECT FACT SHEET

KIG RE-DEPLOYABLE AIRPORT MICROGRID

KERANG - VICTORIA

PROJECT STRATEGY

APPROACH



Provide 1 x 4.99MW KIG Re-Deployable Utility Solar MicroGrid on a Landfill Site with advantage of:

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- No Trenching
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- No Compacting of Ground

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 31-08-22 Milestone 2 Finalise Project Details
 01-10-23 Milestone 3 Begin Project Deployment Planning
 30-12-23 Milestone 4 Project Deployment
 01-04-24 GO LIVE

DELIVERABLES



1 x KIG 4.99MWp Re-Deployable Solar MicroGrid
 1 x KIG 5/10MWh Community Battery Storage Solution
 1 x KIG MicroGrid Management System
 Optional : 4 Bay Hydrogen Vehicle filling Station
 Optional : Virtual Power Plant Management

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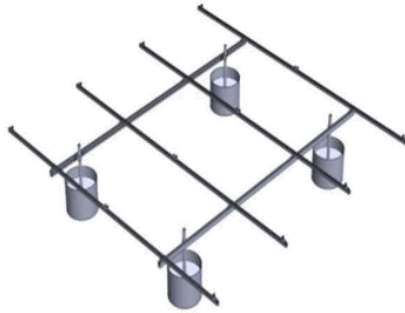
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KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrids are intended for nameplate sizes ranging from 1MW to 4.95MW. This figure has the highest generation potential. Due to the Victorian current Regulation VC 161 Amendment, KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrids are now designed to a nameplate size of 1MW in Victoria.

However, due to its novel modular architecture, the 1MW KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrids may be rapidly scaled up to a 4.95MW nameplate size.

Description	The KIG Re-Deployable Landfill MicroGrid is to be located close to the City of Kerang in North West Victoria on a closed Landfill Site owned by the Gannawarra Shire Council.
Regulator	Australian Energy Regulator (AER)
Regulatory Status	Regulated under the National Electricity Law and National Electricity Rules. Designated below 5MWp and 1MWp complies with VC 161 Amendment
Required documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Planning – VC 161 Amendment • Adherence Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline August 2019 KIG has developed a Checklist that covers all areas. • Clause 53.13 (Renewable energy facility – other than wind energy facility) must be considered by the responsible authority, as appropriate, before deciding on an application. • EPA Victoria Approval
Transmission and Distribution Designation as a: Behind-the-Meter Infrastructure	<p>In the Guidelines to Generator Exemptions and Classification of Generating Units: National Electricity Market, AEMO states: "Most generating systems with a total nameplate rating of less than 5MW when fully connected to a transmission or distribution system are unlikely to have such an impact or cause a material degradation in the quality of supply to other Network Users".</p> <p>All KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrids are under the 5MW threshold.</p>
Local Manufacturing	The KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrid incorporate Innovative Australian design and manufacturing as well as a MicroGrid Management System that provides a trading platform for Local Energy Trading.



KIG-Landfill MicroGrid incorporating Solpod Technology - using pour-on-site Concrete Ballast

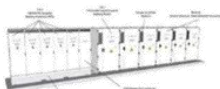
LANDFILL MICROGRID FACT SHEET

The **KIG Re-Deployable Landfill MicroGrid** utilises Australian developed Technology to solve Global Environment Problems such as Methane Gas and Greenhouse Gas Emissions whilst addressing the Major issues of Landfills. **An Australian Solution for a Global Issue.** Components comply with Modern Slavery Act 2018



SOLPOD

- Modular, prefabricated mounting solution
- Highly durable and versatile for local conditions in Australia
- Low re-deployment costs
- Patents Pending



EVOPOWER

The Turn-Key Inverter + Battery + MVA Transformer + MV Switchgear + BMS on Skids Solution designed to work with 22kV Infrastructure is an Australian first and being on a Skid allows for a total Re-Deployable Solution.



SIEMENS

SICHARGE D – the future of DC fast charging
Dynamic and flexible, the SICHARGE D compact charger (IEC standard) offers numerous built-in opportunities. Take advantage of Siemens technology and ease your decision process – and build a future-ready charging infrastructure.



DID YOU KNOW?

KIG Re-Deployable Landfill Microgrid is:

- Fully Re-Deployable
- No Major Earthworks
- No Compacting of Ground
- No Ground Penetration
- No Trenching
- Australian Technology
- Utilises Local Companies
- Creates Local Jobs



SWINBURNE

Swinburne (SUT) is a large and culturally diverse organisation with a desire to innovate and bring about positive change:

- Internationally recognised university
- Real-world industry connections
- High-quality research and teaching
- Cutting-edge facilities



KIG

KIG Energy Pty Ltd established in 2016 is developing with Swinburne:

- MicroGrid Management System (MMS)
- Transactive Distributed Resources Management System (TDRMS)
 - Energy Trading
 - VPP Management

Developed A Funding Option with a local Australian Finance Company



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Gannawarra Shire Council – Kerang Closed Landfill



No Ground Penetration
No Major Earthworks
No Trenching
No Capping Disturbance
No Compacting of Ground
Prefabricated Solar Array
Rapid Deployment
Low Deployment
Cost



**KIG LANDFILL
MICROGRID**



Artist Impression what a KIG Re-Deployable MicroGrid would look like on an actual Landfill Site



Hanwha Convergence



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Enabling a 6★ LOCAL ENERGY RESILIENCE RATING

FOR



WHAT THE STARS MEAN

- ★ Basic Grid Connection or off grid system
- ★ Energy Efficiency: 6 Star or more Home Energy Rating
- ★ Extra Level of Grid Connection e.g. Community MicroGrid
- ★ Back-up Generation or Storage – Community / Household
- ★ Portable Generation or Storage



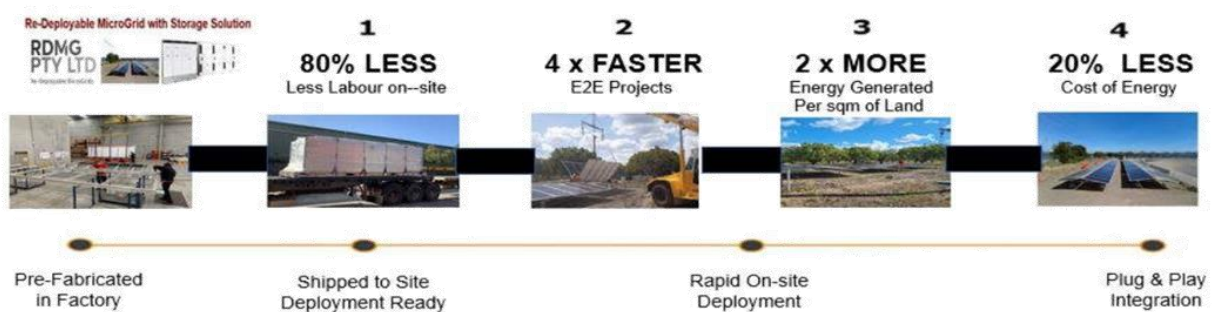
EXAMPLES

- ★ Basic Grid Connection or off grid system
- ★★ As per 1 star | 6 star home efficiency rating (or off-grid system including battery and genset)
- ★★★ As per 2 stars | plus Islandable Solar System (off-grid system including battery / genset)
- ★★★★ As per 3 stars | plus connection to Islandable Community MicroGrid
- ★★★★★ As per 4 stars | plus Community Generation and Storage
- ★★★★★ As per 4 stars | plus Community Generation and Storage
- ★★★★★ As per 5 stars | plus access to portable generation and storage – EVCS / V2H

Re-Deployable MicroGrid with Storage Solution

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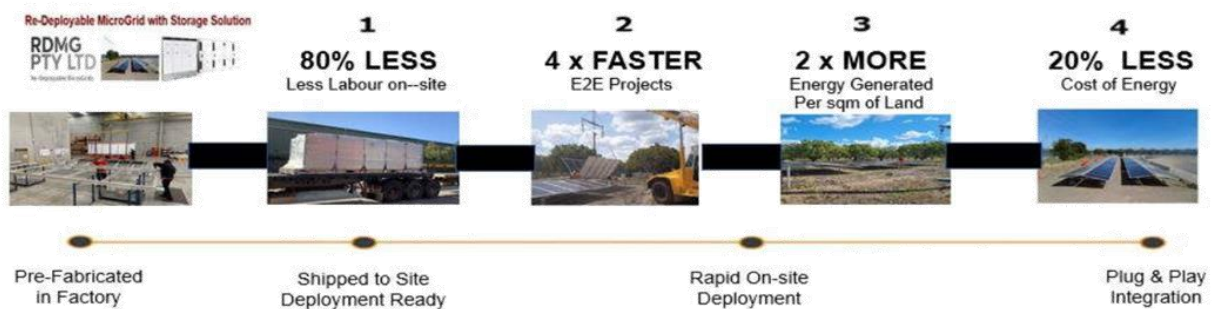
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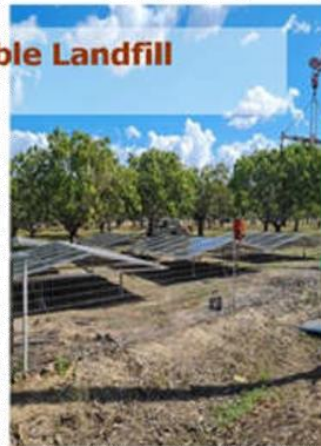
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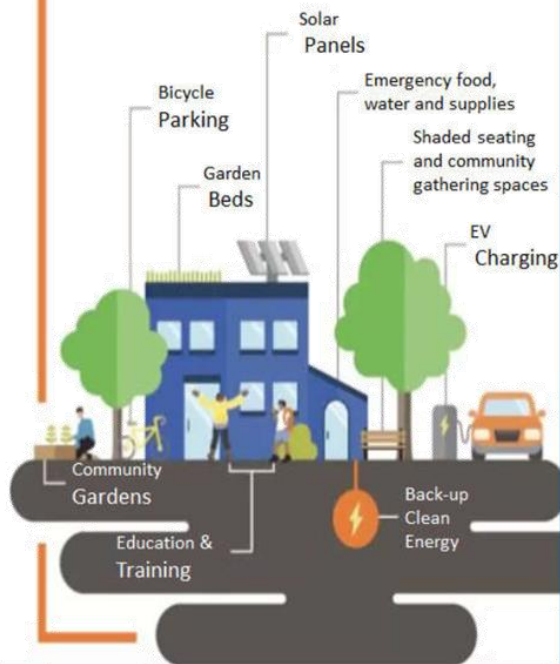
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No Compacting of Ground
Prefabricated Array
Low Deployment
Cost

**KIG LANDFILL
MICROGRID**



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- 1MW per week with only 4 people
- Only 4 people per Team
- Minimal time on site
- Prefabricated off-site
- Streamlined, Rapid Deployment on site
- Integrated Cable Management and earthing
- Does not affect Landfill Capping

SIMPLE

- Modular Prefabricated Pods
- Pre-wired, Plug & Play
- No Major Earthworks required
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- Suitable for most ground types
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Re-Deployable MicroGrid with Storage Solution



1

80% LESS
Less Labour on-site



Pre-Fabricated
in Factory

2

4 x FASTER
E2E Projects



Rapid On-site
Deployment

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2 x MORE
Energy Generated
Per sqm of Land



4

20% LESS
Cost of Energy



Plug & Play
Integration

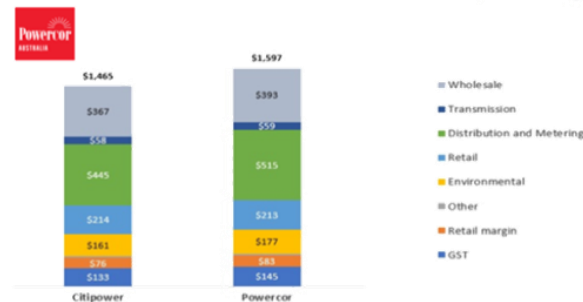
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KIG RDMG & BATTERY

Behind-the-meter (BTM) generation in the Australian NEM can affect network charges locally by reducing the need for electricity from the grid.

Residential Victorian Default Offer based on 4,800kWh pa



Residential	Annual kWh	Days	Daily kWh	Bill Total					Residential	Annual kWh	Days	Daily kWh	Bill Total				
Residential	4,800	366	13	\$ 1,597.00	\$ 0.33	Percentage	Default Offer		Residential	4,800	366	13	\$ 1,597.00	\$ 0.33	Percentage	Default Offer	
Wholesale & Transmission				\$ 393.00	\$ 0.08	25%	✓		Wholesale & Transmission				\$ 393.00	\$ 0.04	12%	✓	
Distribution and Metering				\$ 59.00	\$ 0.01	4%	✓		Distribution and Metering				\$ 59.00	\$ 0.01	4%	✓	
Retail				\$ 213.00	\$ 0.04	13%	✓		Retail				\$ 213.00	\$ 0.03	9%	✓	
Environmental				\$ 177.00	\$ 0.04	11%	✓		Environmental				\$ -	\$ -	0%	✓	
Other				\$ 527.00	\$ 0.11	33%	✗		Other				\$ 527.00	\$ 0.11	33%	✗	
Retail Margin				\$ 83.00	\$ 0.02	5%	✓		Retail Margin				\$ 83.00	\$ 0.02	5%	✓	
GST				\$ 145.00	\$ 0.03	9%	✓		GST				\$ 74.80	\$ 0.02	5%	✓	
				\$ 1,597.00		100%							\$ 748.00	\$ 0.22	68%		

Background: Microgrid Proposal

- 4.99MW Solar Generation Facility with 5MW/10MWh Battery Storage at Kerang Airport.
 - 1MW Solar Generation Facility with 1MW/2 MWh Battery Storage at Kerang closed Landfill
1. Retail Operations in Kerang
 - KIG as BTM operator provides managed services power directly to Kerang Customers via the distribution network.
 2. Retailer Status
 - Clarification: KIG functions as a Managed Services Energy Provider (Retailer) in the Distribution of Generated Power.
 3. Competitive Pricing
 - KIG as a Managed Services Provider Electricity Pricing will be 25% -30% lower than the current retail price.
 4. Cost efficiency achieved through strategic planning and technological advancements.
 - Exclusion of Network Charges (See attached pricing table)
 - Clear breakdown of pricing, excluding network charges.
 5. Background: Removal of network charges contributes to cost reduction.
 6. Reliability in Varied Conditions
 - Cloudy Days: Battery storage compensates for reduced solar output, ensuring continuous supply.
 - 4 Days of Rain: Robust design ensures adaptability to weather variations.
 - Solar panels can generate power in indirect sunlight, remaining operational during cloudy or rainy conditions. Rain aids efficiency by cleaning away dust, and in areas with net metering,
 - Excess energy during sunny hours can offset at nighttime and low-capacity periods.
 7. System Security and Operational Assurance
 - Commitment to a reliable system to meet Council and customer expectations.
 - Ongoing monitoring and maintenance to ensure seamless operations.
 - Mitigation measures outlined to prevent disruptions and assure Council.

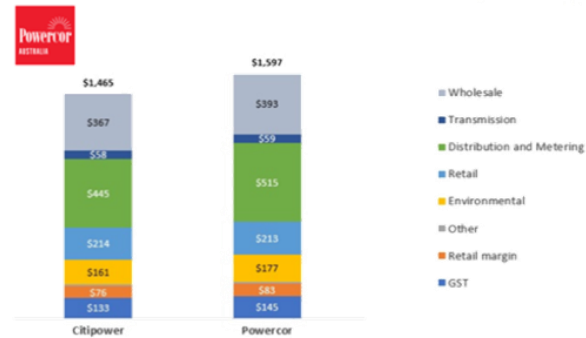


KIG RDMG & BATTERY





8. Price Stability Projections
 - o Anticipation of stable pricing post-setup.
 - Managed Services Contracts are 10 year by 10 year Locked Pricing
 - o Low operational costs post-installation.
 - Systems have very few moving parts therefore the maintenance costs are low
9. Clear explanation of factors contributing to pricing projections.

Residential Victorian Default Offer based on 4,800kWh pa

Residential	Annual kWh	Days	Daily Kwh	Bill Total						Annual kWh	Days	Daily Kwh	Bill Total							KIG RDMG BATTERY
Residential	4,800	366	13	\$ 1,597.00	\$ 0.33	Percentage	Default Offer			Residential	4,800	366	13	\$1,597.00	\$ 0.33	Percentage	Default Offer			
Wholesale & Transmission				\$ 393.00	\$ 0.08	25%	✓			Wholesale & Transmission				\$ 393.00	\$ 0.04	12%	✓			
Distribution and Metering				\$ 59.00	\$ 0.01	4%	✓			Distribution and Metering				\$ 59.00	\$ 0.01	4%	✓			
Retail				\$ 213.00	\$ 0.04	13%	✓			Retail				\$ 213.00	\$ 0.03	9%	✓			
Environmental				\$ 177.00	\$ 0.04	11%	✓			Environmental				\$ -		0%				
Other				\$ 527.00	\$ 0.11	33%	✗			Other				\$ 527.00	\$ 0.11	33%	✗			
Retail Margin				\$ 83.00	\$ 0.02	5%	✓			Retail Margin				\$ 83.00	\$ 0.02	5%	✓			
GST				\$ 145.00	\$ 0.03	9%	✓			GST				\$ 74.80	\$ 0.02	5%	✓			
				\$1,597.00		100%								New Bill		\$ 748.00	\$ 0.22	68%		



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7.5 KERANG AERODROME - PROPOSED LEASE

Author: Wade Williams, Manager Projects and Property
Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Director Infrastructure and Development
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to:

1. Give public notice of a proposal to lease a 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome site for the purpose of constructing, commissioning and operating a 5 MW Solar Micro Grid, in accordance with section 190 (3) of the Local Government Act 1989.
2. Invite submissions on the proposed lease in accordance with sections 190(4) and 192(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
3. Consider all submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, at the July 2020 Ordinary meeting of Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been approached by KIG Energy Pty Ltd to seek approval from Council to lease 12 hectares within the Kerang Aerodrome land for the purpose of construction, commissioning and operating a 5 MW Solar Micro Grid.

KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University made a presentation to a Council briefing session in April, 2019. At this briefing session both parties outlined their proposal and benefits of such a project.

The *Local Government Act 1989* is quite clear on the process required by Council on the leasing of land. Sections 190, *Restriction on power to lease land*. Section 192, *Use of land for another purpose* and Section 223 *Right to make a submission* must be adhered to if Council resolves to commence the process of leasing any council land.

BACKGROUND

KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University made a presentation to a Council briefing session in April, 2019. At this meeting both KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University representatives outlined and presented their proposal to build a 5 MW Solar Micro Grid in close proximity to a town within the Gannawarra Shire.

A Micro Grid is small power generation plant connected to the broader electricity network. The Micro Grid can be 'off the grid' and produce power through renewable energy which can then be on sold to the local community. KIG Energy Pty Ltd are proposing to erect fixed solar panels within this particular proposal.

KIG Energy Pty Ltd has written to Council seeking Council approval to commence the statutory process to lease a 12 hectare parcel of the Kerang Aerodrome land for the proposed Micro Grid. The land parcel identified as a possible location for the Micro Grid is positioned in the south eastern

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corner of the aerodrome land. The proposed term of the lease is to be 30 years and the rental offer put to Council is \$36,000 GST inclusive per annum with an increase of 3% on the anniversary of the commencement date.

The Kerang Aerodrome is positioned on the south side of Airport Road with direct access from this roadway. It is approximately 3 kilometres south east of Kerang Post Office and abuts the Kerang-Bendigo railway line along its western side boundary. The land has additional road frontage along its eastern boundary to Sleepy Lane and part of its northern boundary is to Airport Road and the Kerang-Koondrook Road.

All building development is positioned at the north western end and close to Airport Road frontage. The proposed parcel of approximately 12 hectares is to be positioned in the south east corner. This land is generally level and is protected by the Kerang Township Levee. There are some old borrow pits from the levee works located in this area.

This parcel of land is disused and has not been actively occupied nor has it been earning any recurring income other than for some minor agricultural activities in recent times.

The design, development, siting, and positioning of the proposed Micro Grid must be considered in conjunction with the continuing use of the Airport.

POLICY CONTEXT

The *Local Government Act 1989* is quite clear on the process required by Council on the leasing of land. Sections 190, *Restriction on power to lease land*. Section 192, *Use of land for another purpose* and Section 223 *Right to make a submission* must be adhered to if Council resolves to commence process of leasing council land.

The proposal will be subject to planning approval and referral authority conditions and a change of use or zoning for the duration of that use or the term of the lease. Referral Authorities in particular, the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) will have a number of conditions given the close proximity to the Kerang Aerodrome.

Council will be required to enter into a building or improving lease with the lessee. Such a lease will need to be constructed by a legal professional to include appropriate performance clauses and "Make Good Provisions" at the end of the term of the lease to ensure there is no additional cost to Council in site rehabilitation.

DISCUSSION

Council is approached regularly by proponents looking to develop and invest in the municipality. The Council Plan 2017-2021 sets out the strategic objectives of this current Council particularly around economic diversity growth and prosperity. Council Plan strategies include to "Create business opportunities to increase Councils revenue" along with "Support and advocate for sustainable and renewable energy industries within the Shire". The proposal presented by KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University is in accord with the strategic indicators of the Council Plan objectives. However it is imperative that the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989* are followed and that the Council consider community input via the Section 223 submission process as provided for in the Act.

The proposed term of the lease is 30 years and the rental offer put to Council is \$36,000 GST inclusive per annum with an increase of 3% on the anniversary of the commencement date. Council will not control, manage, maintain or operate this proposed Micro Grid facility in any way during the lease term. All costs associated with building and constructing the Micro Grid facility will be the

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responsibility of KIG Energy Pty Ltd as will be their obligation to rehabilitate the land to its original state at the end of the 30 Year lease term.

CONSULTATION

KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University made a presentation to a Council briefing session in April 2019. Since this meeting Council Officers have been liaising with KIG Energy Pty representatives on various aspects of the proposal. Council Officers have sought legal advice regarding lease documentation, land valuation, planning requirements and *Local Government Act 1989* requirements. Most importantly, consultation will be with the community as provided for via the Section 223 public submission process as provided for in the Act. If Council resolves to commence the statutory process Council will consult with the community and will bring a report back to the July Council meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 80B of the *Local Government Act 1989*, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council Officers are regularly approached by interested parties to create business opportunities and develop renewable energy industries within the municipality. KIG Energy Pty Ltd and Swinburne University expressed an interest in entering into a building or improving lease with the Gannawarra Shire on a 12 hectare parcel of unused, unproductive land in the corner of the Kerang Aerodrome paddock for a lease term of 30 years.

The 12 hectare parcel of land is currently unproductive and if made available for lease would present an opportunity for Council to increase its revenue from this land and create some local employment. However, Council will be required to work within all relevant Acts and legislation if it should resolve to commence the process to lease the 12 hectare parcel of land within the Kerang Aerodrome.

8 URGENT BUSINESS**9 NOTICES OF MOTION****9.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - 89**

Author: Councillor Garner Smith

Authoriser Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

I, Councillor Garner Smith, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 20 December 2023, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That the Gannawarra Shire Council

- **Request a report from Council officers on the estimated impact to tourism in Gannawarra due to the repeated flooding of the Gunbower Forest.**

10 QUESTION TIME

Question Time provides an opportunity for members of the public to submit questions, in advance, to gain a response at the Council meeting.

QUESTIONS FROM THE GALLERY

Completed Question Time forms must be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer via email council@gsc.vic.gov.au no later than 8:30am on the day prior to the Council meeting.

A maximum number of two questions may be submitted in writing by any one person.

Questions will be read by the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer.

The Mayor or Chief Executive Officer may indicate that they require further time to research an answer. In this case, an answer will be provided in writing generally within ten (10) business days.

Questions will be answered at the meeting, or later in writing, unless the Mayor or Chief Executive Officer has determined that the relevant question seeks confidential information defined in Section 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* such as:

- Council business information
- security information
- land use planning information
- law enforcement information
- legal privileged information
- personal information
- private commercial information
- confidential meeting information
- internal arbitration information
- Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information
- an issue outside the Gannawarra Shire Council core business

or if the question is:

- defamatory, indecent, abusive or objectionable in language or substance
- repetitive of a question already answered (whether at the same or an earlier meeting)
- asked to embarrass a Councillor or Council officer.

No debate or discussion of questions or answers shall be permitted and all questions and answers shall be as brief as possible.

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

Author: Jodie Basile, Acting Executive Assistant to CEO

Authoriser: Geoff Rollinson, Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has memberships with peak Local Government associations, local and regional forums along with statutory committees. Some memberships require that a Councillor be appointed to act as a delegate to formally represent Council, typically in a voting capacity. This Agenda item provides an opportunity for Council appointed delegates to present a verbal update on any pertinent matters arising from Council's membership on the following associations.

Association	Appointed Council Delegate
Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Stanton
Community Halls Community Asset Committee	Cr Burt
Loddon Campaspe Group of Councils	Mayor
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.

12 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

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 2024 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.