



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 August 2023

6:00pm

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 AUGUST 2023 AT 6:00PM**

PRESENT:

Cr Charlie Gillingham (Mayor)	Avoca Ward
Cr Kelvin Burt	Patchell Ward
Cr Ross Stanton	Murray Ward
Cr Garner Smith	Yarran Ward
Cr Keith Link	Yarran Ward

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

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

2 OPENING DECLARATION

Cr Kelvin Burt read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Jane Ogden and Cr Travis Collier were noted as apologies.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 July 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Kelvin Burt declared a General Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 7.3.

Cr Charlie Gillingham declared a Material Conflict of Interest in relation to Item 7.5.

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 12 JULY TO 8 AUGUST 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.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kelvin Burt

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 12 July to 8 August 2023.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - INDEPENDENT MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Independent Audit Committee member and current Chair, John Campbell's term on the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) expires on 1 September 2023.

In accordance with the ARC Charter, independent members are appointed by Council to the Committee, which acts in its capacity by monitoring, reviewing, endorsing and advising on matters as set out in its Charter.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council reappoint John Campbell to the position of Independent Member of Gannawarra Shire Council's Audit and Risk Committee with his term to expire on 1 September 2026.

CARRIED

7.2 GOVERNANCE RULES REVIEW

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is required to develop, adopt and keep in force Governance Rules, pursuant to Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). The Governance Rules also incorporate Council's Election Period Policy.

The Governance Rules were last reviewed and endorsed by Council at the August 2022 Council meeting. Since then, a number of required changes have been identified. These changes are presented to Council for endorsement to commence a community engagement process. A final report to present any feedback from the community and to consider a final version of the Governance Rules for adoption will be presented to the September 2023 Council meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the amendments proposed to Council's Governance Rules as attached to this report for community feedback; and**
- 2. Receives a report at the September 2023 Council meeting to consider the proposed final reviewed Governance Rules.**

CARRIED

Cr Kelvin Burt left the room at 6:08pm.

7.3 TENDER G04-2023 WET AND DRY PLANT HIRE AND MINOR CIVIL WORKS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval from Council to appoint all received tenders for G04-2023 Wet and Dry Plant Hire and Minor Civil Works to a panel for a period of three years subject to rise and fall.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Garner Smith

That Council

1. Appoint the following panel of Contractors as shown in Table 1 at the rates submitted for a period of three years subject to rise and fall for G04-2023 Wet and Dry Plant Hire and Minor Civil Works.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, on behalf of Council to execute the documents required to finalise the panel of contractors.

Table 1 – List of Contractors

Berne Fleming Civil	Joudi Enterprises
Bild Infrastructure	Kevin O'Brien Excavations
Bott Earthmoving	Luxton Plant Hire
Boyall Nicholds	Niet Plant Hire
Brooks Hire Service	Nev Murray Excavations
Cleanaway	Ontrack Rentals
Coates Hire Operations	Pipe Doctor Australia
Coburns Earthmoving	Porter Plant
Conplant	Proquip Rental & Sales
Danspec Civil	Rollers Australia
Earthworks Civil & Construction	Total Drain Cleaning Services
East West Grab Hire	Triple J Plant Hire
Gleeson Excavations	Waddys Concrete
Grampians Excavations	Whitfield Excavations
Green Care Mulching	J & CA Wickham
Guiney Excavations	Wilkinson Earthworks
JMM Earthmoving & Construction	Yellow Hire

CARRIED

Cr Kelvin Burt returned to the room at 6:09pm.

7.4 PETITION - REQUEST TO COMPLETE REPAIRS TO UNNAMED ROAD CONNECTING PRATT ROAD TO ROBERTSON ROAD / WEST ROAD AND GRADING ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition requesting for Council to complete repairs to unnamed road connecting Pratt Road to Robertson Road / West Road and undertake grading annually has been received by Council.

As per clause 104 of the Governance Rules, a petition or joint letter presented to Council must lay on the table until the next meeting of the Council and no motion, other than to receive the petition or joint letter may be accepted by the Chairperson, unless the Council agrees to deal with it earlier.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Ross Stanton

That Council receive the petition requesting to complete repairs to unnamed road connecting Pratt Road to Robertson Road / West Road and undertake grading on an annual basis.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Cr Keith Link take the Chair for Item 7.5.

CARRIED

Cr Charlie Gillingham left the room at 6:11pm.

7.5 GANNAWARRA URBAN GROWTH STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gannawarra Urban Growth Strategy will support future rezoning of residential and industrial land in Cohuna, Kerang, the Kerang Lakes and Koondrook by undertaking an evidence-based assessment of urban land supply and demand, to prepare population forecasts, and reconcile them within a set of implementable strategic planning directions that are consistent with State, regional and local policies.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Ross Stanton

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council adopt the final draft of the Gannawarra Urban Growth Strategy.

CARRIED

Cr Charlie Gillingham returned to the room at 6:14pm and resumed the Chair.

7.6 VNI WEST

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Energy was first raised as a potential economic generator back in 2010 as a way of making use of existing infrastructure to benefit the community and landowners. VNI West is the driver for 80% of the energy projects proposed and there will be significant financial benefits for landowners, community and Council. The projects will also provide economic benefits to accommodation, hospitality, retail and construction services and assist the local area to grow and prosper. Kerang has had transmission infrastructure since the mid 1960's and the community and farmers accept this as part of the local landscape that has had no adverse impacts.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That Council receive and note the report on VNI West.

CARRIED

8 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 QUESTION TIME

Author	Question	Response
Di	<p>Biosecurity The disposal of dead animals. Will deceased animals be placed in a confined/ contained mortality area? What preventative measures will be in place to address the following?</p> <p>a)vermin (rats) b)Scavenger birds(ibis,raptors) c)predator animals(foxes)</p>	<p>The report prepared as part of the planning application stated that mortalities will be managed by composting within the manure stockpile area. It is understood that the permit applicant will be preparing a biosecurity plan that is consistent with the National Biosecurity Manual for Beef Cattle Feedlots.</p>

Author	Question	Response
	Did the property have any flooding in the recent flooding events? 2010-2011 2022-2023 Or any other previous flooding event? Can NCCMA provide information please?	It is understood that the property did not flood in 2022. NCCMA noted in their response that in the event of a 1% AEP flood event it is unlikely that the property would be subject to inundation from any designated waterway.

11 DELEGATES REPORTS

11.1 DELEGATES REPORTS

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

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

Councillors gave verbal updates on attendance at meeting to which they are the appointed delegate.

82 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6:42pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 20 September 2023.

**Mayor Charlie Gillingham
CHAIRPERSON**