



GANNAWARRA
Shire Council

Council Meeting

MINUTES

Wednesday, 20 March 2024

6:00 PM

Kerang Senior Citizen Community Rooms

Kerang

Order Of Business

1	Acknowledgement of Country	3
2	Opening Declaration.....	3
3	Apologies	3
4	Confirmation of Minutes	3
5	Declaration of Conflict of Interest	4
6	Briefing Sessions.....	4
6.1	Records of Councillor Briefings - 7 February 2024 to 5 March 2024	4
7	Business Reports for Decision	5
7.1	Quarterly Budget Report - Quarter Ending 31 December 2023	5
7.2	Audit and Risk Committee - 13 February 2024 Meeting.....	5
7.3	G11-2023 Glasshouse @ Gannawarra	6

**MINUTES OF GANNAWARRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE KERANG SENIOR CITIZEN COMMUNITY ROOMS, KERANG
ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

Gallery: 2

Media: 0

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the Welcome to Country.

2 OPENING DECLARATION

The Deputy Mayor read the Opening Declaration.

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Travis Collier – Patchell Ward

Cr Jane Ogden – Patchell Ward on an approved leave of absence from 1 March 2024 to 31 May 2024.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Keith Link

That the minutes of the Gannawarra Council Meeting held on 21 February 2024 be confirmed, subject to the following amendment:

- That under item 7.1 – Quarterly Budget Report – Quarter Ending 31 December 2023, that statement Cr Garner Smith moved an amendment to the original recommendation as follows: resolution be changed to motion.

CARRIED

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

6 BRIEFING SESSIONS

6.1 RECORDS OF COUNCILLOR BRIEFINGS - 7 FEBRUARY 2024 TO 5 MARCH 2024

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 Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council note the records of Councillor Briefings 7 February 2024 to 5 March 2024.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

7.1 QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT - QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The financial position of the Council remains stable.

Income shows a forecasted variance of (\$3.503m) and a \$1.504m variance for expenditure. The budgeted Operating Result of \$30.298 million surplus will decrease by \$15.751 million to an anticipated Operating Result of \$14.547 million surplus. This decrease is due to the deferral of grant income anticipated to be recognised into 2023/24 and reduced capital grants for flood works.

Council's Capital Works program is progressing with an anticipated variation in scheduled works of \$12.629 million. The adopted capital budget for 2023/24 is \$38.691 million and it is expected to decrease to \$26.062 million by 30 June 2024. This decrease is due to the reduction in expected expenditure due to secondary assessment of initial Rapid Impact Assessment of flood works.

At 31 December 2023 Council is anticipating an underlying result deficit of \$3.468 million. Taking into account the \$3.4m advance payment of the Victorian Grants Commission that was recognised in 2022/23, Council's 30 June 2024 underlying result would reduce to a \$0.068 deficit.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council receive and note the report outlining the 2023/2024 Quarterly Budget Report as at 31 December 2023.

CARRIED

7.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - 13 FEBRUARY 2024 MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) met on Tuesday, 13 February 2024. The agenda included reports related to financial, governance, compliance, and risk management matters.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

Seconded: Cr Charlie Gillingham

That Council receive and note the summary of the discussions of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 13 February 2024.

CARRIED

7.3 G11-2023 GLASSHOUSE @ GANNAWARRA

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has sought tenders for construction of the Glasshouse @ Gannawarra building at the Sir John Gorton Library in Kerang. Upon reviewing the submissions, it is apparent that the current budget allocation is insufficient to enable the project to be completed. While some items have been removed, or substituted with cheaper alternatives to reduce costs, there is a shortfall in funding of \$842,000.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Charlie Gillingham

Seconded: Cr Kelvin Burt

That Council:

- 1. Allocate funding of \$842,000 through Council's Capital Works budget to allow completion of the Glasshouse @ Gannawarra project.**
- 2. Award contract G11-2023 Glasshouse @ Gannawarra to RTM Constructions Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount of \$2,774,719.55 excluding GST, not subject to rise and fall.**

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

That Council:

- 1. Change the capital works program to enable the completion of the Glasshouse @ Gannawarra project ahead of the Kerang pool upgrade in the 10 year Capital Works budget;**
- 2. Request a report at the next Council meeting of funding options to build the Cohuna pool;**
- 3. Request a report on the progress in designing a new pool at Cohuna and allocating funds of \$842,000 through Council's capital works budget; and**
- 4. Award contract G11-2023 Glasshouse @ Gannawarra to RTM Constructions Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount of \$2,774,719.55 excluding GST, not subject to rise and fall.**

NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR UNDER CLAUSE 54(e) AS IT IS NOT RELEVANT TO AN ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA AND HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED AS URGENT BUSINESS IN THE AGENDA

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

That Council minutes contain the motion of Cr Garner Smith that state:

That Council:

1. **Change the capital works program to enable the completion of the Glasshouse @ Gannawarra project ahead of the Kerang pool upgrade in the 10 year Capital Works budget;**
2. **Request a report at the next Council meeting of funding options to build the Cohuna pool;**
3. **Request a report on the progress in designing a new pool at Cohuna and allocating funds of \$842,000 through Council's capital works budget; and**
4. **Award contract G11-2023 Glasshouse @ Gannawarra to RTM Constructions Pty Ltd for the lump sum amount of \$2,774,719.55 excluding GST, not subject to rise and fall.**

PROCEDURAL MOTION PUT TO THE VOTE**For: 2**

- Cr Garner Smith
- Cr Keith Link

Against: 3

- Cr Ross Stanton
- Cr Charlie Gingham
- Cr Kelvin Burt

CR GARNER SMITH CALLED FOR A DIVISION**LOST****ALTERNATE MOTION**

Moved: Cr Garner Smith

That Council:

1. **Place the Glasshouse @ Gannawarra Project on hold and request a report into redirecting the Council contribution from the Glasshouse Project of \$1,567,000 to drainage upgrade projects in Kerang.**

NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR UNDER CLAUSE 54(e) AS IT IS NOT RELEVANT TO AN ITEM OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA AND HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED AS URGENT BUSINESS IN THE AGENDA

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved: Cr Keith Link

That Council:

1. Lay this item on the table for a month;

**NOT ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS ORIGINAL MOTION WAS ALREADY ON THE TABLE WITH
A MOVER AND A SECONDER**

After discussion, Cr Link left the meeting at 6.36pm and Cr Garner Smith left at 6.37pm and the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6.40pm due to lack of a quorum.

The Meeting closed at 6.40pm.

The Minutes of this Meeting were confirmed at the Meeting of the Gannawarra Shire Council held on 17 April 2024.

**Mayor Ross Stanton
CHAIR**

Unconfirmed Minutes