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FOR THE
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 AUGUST, 2015
AT 5.30PM

IN THE COUNCIL BOARD ROOM

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Dennis Patterson (Mayor)
Cr Fern Summer (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Dinny Adem
Cr Chris Hazelman
Cr Jenny Houlihan
Cr Les Oroszvary
Cr Kevin Ryan

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE
A THRIVING ECONOMY IN THE FOODBOWL OF VICTORIA WITH
EXCELLENT LIFESTYLES, INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE, A DIVERSE
COMMUNITY AND ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES

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RISK LEVEL MATRIX LEGEND

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (5)	Minor (4)	Moderate (3)	Major (2)	Catastrophic (1)
Almost Certain (A) Event expected to occur several times per year (i.e. Weekly)	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely (B) Will probably occur at some stage based on evidence of previous incidents (i.e. Monthly)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme
Possible (C) Not generally expected to occur but may under specific circumstances (i.e. Yearly)	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
Unlikely (D) Conceivable but not likely to occur under normal operations (i.e. 5-10 year period)	Insignificant	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
Rare (E) Only ever occurs under exceptional circumstances (i.e. +10 years)	Insignificant	Insignificant	Low	Moderate	High

Extreme CEO’s attention immediately required. Possibly avoid undertaking the activity OR implement new controls

High Director’s attention required. Consider suspending or ending activity OR implement additional controls

Moderate Manager’s attention required. Ensure that controls are in place and operating and management responsibility is agreed

Low Operational, manage through usual procedures and accountabilities

Insignificant Operational, add treatments where appropriate

PRESENT: Councillors Dennis Patterson, Fern Summer, Dinny Adem, Jenny Houlihan, Les Oroszvary, Chris Hazelman and Kevin Ryan.

OFFICERS: Chris Teitzel – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Steve Bowmaker – Director Infrastructure
Gerald Christou – Acting Director Sustainable Development
Kaye Thomson – Director Community
Ian Couper – Acting Director Business
Maree Martin – Official Minute Taker
Rebecca Bertone – Deputy Minute Taker

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We the Greater Shepparton City Council, begin today’s meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton. We pay respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture, and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

2. APOLOGIES

Nil received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors are required to disclose a “conflict of interest” in a decision if they would receive, or could reasonably be perceived as receiving a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 July 2015 and the Special Council Meeting held 4 August 2015 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Leave Arrangements

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Acting Team Leader Governance

Proof reader(s): Manager Corporate Performance

Approved by: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

The Acting Chief Executive Officer wishes to take leave for the period 18 September 2015 to 5 October 2015 (inclusive).

This report is advising Council of the proposed leave for information purposes, and recommends the appointment of another Acting Chief Executive Officer for this period.

Moved by Cr Adem

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council:

1. endorse the Acting Chief Executive Officer Chris Teitzel's leave arrangements from 18 September 2015 to 5 October 2015 (inclusive).
2. appoint Mr Johann Rajaratnam, Director Sustainable Development, as Acting Chief Executive Officer and delegate all powers of the Chief Executive Officer for the period 18 September 2015 to 5 October 2015 (inclusive).

CARRIED.

Background

As an employee of Council, the Chief Executive Officer and anyone acting in that role is entitled to annual leave and other approved forms of leave; however the granting of leave is somewhat different to other employees.

The leave of the Chief Executive Officer and anyone acting in that role must be approved by Council, and an Acting Chief Executive Officer must be appointed to carry out the day-to-day operations, as well as the statutory requirements of the position.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chris Teitzel seeks approval for annual leave for the period 18 September 2015 to 5 October 2015 (inclusive) during which time he will not be able to perform any of the duties associated with his position.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer is of the belief that there is a sufficiently experienced management team from which it is appropriate to make an appointment for someone to act in his role. It is for this reason; it is proposed that Johann Rajaratnam, Director Sustainable Development be appointed to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer during this period.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Leave Arrangements (continued)

Should these arrangements be acceptable to Council, it is necessary for Johann Rajaratnam, Director Sustainable Development to be provided with relevant authority to undertake the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

There are no strategic implications relative to this matter.

Risk Management

There have been no identified risks associated with the appointment of an Acting Chief Executive Officer, as all delegated powers are appointed to the Chief Executive Officer or any person acting in that position.

Policy Considerations

This report is consistent with the Exercise of Delegations Policy | 37.POL2.

Financial Implications

There are only minor financial implications to Council in respect of the Chief Executive Officer's leave as all leave entitlements are provided for within the adopted budget.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This report is consistent with Section 94A of the *Local Government Act 1989* – functions of the Chief Executive Officer.

Chief Executive Officer's Employment Contract.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts relevant to this matter.

Social Implications

There are no social implications relevant to this matter.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts relevant to this matter.

Consultation

Consultation has been conducted with the Mayor and the Executive Team

Strategic Links

There are no strategic links relevant to this matter.

Options for Consideration

1. Council could grant leave to the Acting Chief Executive Officer Chris Teitzel and appoint Mr Johann Rajaratnam, Director Sustainable Development as Acting Chief Executive Officer as per the recommendation.
2. Council could grant leave to the Acting Chief Executive Office Chris Teitzel and appoint an alternative person to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer. (Not Recommended).
3. Council could reject the leave application of the Chief Executive Officer. (Not Recommended).

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.1 Acting Chief Executive Officer - Leave Arrangements (continued)

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Council endorse the Acting Chief Executive Officers Chris Teitzel's leave arrangements as it is within the entitlements of the employment contract.

To ensure the organisations needs and statutory requirements are met, it is also necessary to appoint someone in the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer during this time. It is recommended that Mr Johann Rajaratnam, Director Sustainable Development is appointed to the role of Acting Chief Executive Officer.

Attachments

Nil

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.2 Councillor Representation on Committees

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Acting Team Leader Governance

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Approved by: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

As part of the Council's community consultation, communication and advocacy role, the Mayor, Councillors and officers are represented on various community organisations and government agency groups, as well as purpose groups appointed by the Council.

The purpose of this report is to appoint Cr Hazelman to various committees, to fill the vacancies created following the resignation of Cr Polan.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council appoint Cr Hazelman as a representative of the following Committees:

- Development Hearings Panel (substitute representative)
- Greater Shepparton Audit and Risk Management Committee
- Municipal Association of Victoria (substitute representative)
- Victorian Local Governance Association
- Shepparton Art Museum Advisory Committee.

CARRIED.

Background

While Councillor representation on committees is generally reviewed annually, the recent resignation of Cr Polan and the election of Cr Hazelman has prompted an additional review.

Cr Polan was appointed as a Councillor representative on the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Shepparton Art Museum Advisory Committee and the Victorian Local Government Association. He was also a substitute Councillor representative for the Development Hearings Panel and the Municipal Association of Victoria.

This report proposes that Cr Hazelman be appointed as the Councillor representative to these Committees, until such time as the annual review is undertaken.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The review of representation on committees is consistent with objective 31 – engage our community when making decisions.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.2 Councillor Representation on Committees (continued)

Risk Management

No risks associated with these appointments have been identified.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing council policies.

Financial Implications

The only financial implications associated with this proposal are the expenses associated with Cr Hazelman's attendance at Committee meetings and functions. All such expenses have budgetary provision.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This proposal conforms with all relevant legislation.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising from this proposal.

Social Implications

There are no social implications arising from this proposal.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts arising from this proposal.

Consultation

All Councillors and the Executive team have been consulted regarding the changes proposed in this report.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

There are no direct links to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy*.

b) Other strategic links

No other strategic links have been identified.

Options for Consideration

1. Council could choose to appoint Cr Hazelman to fill vacancies on all of the committees outlined in the recommendation. (Preferred option).
2. Councillors could choose not to appoint Cr Hazelman to some or all of the listed committees. This is not the recommended option as it would result in a vacancy on each of the committees and may cause non-compliance with the Committees Terms of Reference.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Cr Hazelman be appointed as a representative on each of the committees outlined in the recommendation. These appointments will fill current vacancies and maintain vital links between community representatives, key stakeholders and the Council.

Attachments

Nil

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.3 Murray Darling Association - Membership

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

The Murray Darling Association (MDA) is a peak body which has been representing Local Government, community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies across the Murray Darling Basin since 1944.

The MDA is made up of 12 regions with a total of 127 municipalities as members. Greater Shepparton City Council being the lead Council in region 2, however is not currently a financial member of the association.

This report proposes that Greater Shepparton City Council becomes a financial member of the MDA, and recommends the appointment of the Mayor and the Director Sustainable Development as representatives for our Council. These representatives will undertake an advocacy role in presenting the needs and priorities of our community to the board members of the MDA.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Chris Teitzel noted a correction to a position title referred to within the report.

Moved by Cr Ryan

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council:

1. authorise an organisational membership to the Murray Darling Association for a total cost of \$6,050.00 per annum (GST inclusive)
2. appoint the Mayor and the Director Sustainable Development as Councils representatives to the Murray Darling Association.
3. review the membership of the Murray Darling Association annually.

CARRIED.

Background

The MDA was founded in August 1944 as the Murray Valley Development League. The association is made up of local government municipalities, community groups, businesses, individuals and agencies in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia,

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.3 Murray Darling Association - Membership (continued)

and Victoria, with an interest in ensuring that the Murray Darling Basin continues as a viable and valuable asset for all Australians.

The association provides a forum for Local Government and community participation in major natural resource and policy issues affecting the Murray-Darling Basin through the following ways:

- sharing of information
- facilitating debates
- identifying community needs and priorities
- undertaking projects
- education initiatives
- promoting research.

The Commonwealth Government has made a commitment to recovering environmental water lost from our region and has identified the need to ensure the Murray-Darling Basin remains as Australia's primary food bowl as a key priority.

It is believed that forming a partnership with the MDA will strengthen our position when lobbying State and Federal Government on matters affecting our region and improve the likelihood of achieving successful outcomes for our community.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal supports the following key objectives of the Council Plan:

- 2.1 'Ensure the environment is a major priority in planning for the future'
- 5.2 'Develop stronger relationships between Council and State and Federal Governments, Local Government Sector and Non-Government partnerships to enhance our position.'

Risk Management

There is a risk that the lobbying efforts of Greater Shepparton as a Victorian Council will be diminished due to the MDA representing a number of states with competing interests.

Policy Considerations

There are no Policy implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications

The cost of annual membership is currently \$6050.00 including GST. Budget allowances has not been made to cover the cost of this membership at this stage but will be allocated through September Quarter review.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal / statutory implications associated with this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The MDA aims to 'represent local government and community views in the major natural resource management issues of the Murray Darling Basin and to influence the policies of governments as they relate to conservation and sustainable development within the Basin'.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.3 Murray Darling Association - Membership (continued)

Economic Impacts

It is anticipated that successful outcomes for our region could be achieved through our affiliation with the MDA, which would have a positive impact on our economic prosperity.

Consultation

Councillors and Executive have been briefed on the matter and officers believe that the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

2.4.1 'Water Quality and Quantity' – identified as one of the highest priorities and challenges facing the Greater Shepparton Community.

Options for Consideration

Councillors can determine to support the proposal of becoming a financial member of the MDA at a cost of \$6,050 per annum.

Councillors can determine to not support the proposal of becoming a financial member of the MDA and independently lobby the Federal Government on water issues.

If proceeding with membership, Councillors can choose to appoint the representatives as outlined in the recommendation, or propose an alternative Councillor and Officer to represent Greater Shepparton City Council.

Conclusion

As Greater Shepparton forms the heart of the Goulburn Valley food bowl, there are few councils with a greater interest in the effective management of our river system. It is therefore recommended that Councillors give careful consideration to membership of the MDA.

Attachments

Nil

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2015

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

To inform the Council of publicly advertised contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Managers under delegated authority of the Council during the period July 2015 to August 2015. The report also provides details of the status of requests for tenders that have not yet been awarded.

Moved by Cr Hazelman

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council notes the publicly advertised contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority and tenders that have been advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED.

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the CEO

Contract Number	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
1568	Construction of Mooroopna Community Storage Shed	Lump sum contract for the construction of the Mooroopna Community Storage Shed in the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, McLennan Street, Mooroopna in accordance with working drawings, engineering drawings, schedules and specification.	\$315,935.40	Crow Construction Pty Ltd

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
5.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2015 (continued)

Contract Number	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
1567	Construction of Consolidation of existing power at Mooroopna Recreation	Lump sum contract for the construction of consolidation of consumer mains at Mooroopna Recreation Reserve.	\$351,846.00	Watters Electrical
1570	Construction of Ferrari Park Toilet Upgrade	Lump sum contract for the construction of Ferrari Park Toilet Upgrade, in accordance with working drawings, engineering drawings, specifications & schedules	\$301,225.60	Crow Construction Pty Ltd

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Director

Contract Number	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
1616	Shepparton Sports Precinct - Purchase of Sand	Schedules of rates contract is for the purchase of sand root zone material for the Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct, Community Football Complex development.	\$131,092.50	S & A Crawford

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the Manager

Contract Number	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
1614	Shepparton Sports Precinct - Purchase of Irrigation Supplies	Schedule of rates contract is for the purchase of irrigation supplies.	\$84,834.20	Admoor Plumbing

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
5.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2015 (continued)
Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1601	Provision of Office Catering Services	Schedule of rates contract for the provision of Office Catering Services to buildings where Council services are being delivered. These include the Civic Centre, Doyles Road Complex, Business Centre and other community buildings throughout the municipality.	Tender closed 15 April 2015. This contract was approved at the July Council meeting and Contracts are currently being prepared.
1623	Shepparton Sports Stadium Redevelopment Functional Design	Lump sum contract for a qualified consultant to undertake the functional design and documentation for the Shepparton Sports Stadium Redevelopment.	Tender closed 6 May 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will be signed under delegation.
1375	Provision of Trade Services - Panel of Suppliers	Schedule of rates contract provision of labour, equipment and materials by suitably qualified and experienced tradespersons in the maintenance and upgrades of buildings and assets owned by Greater Shepparton City Council and used for the delivery of Council services.	Tender closed 13 May 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This will be awarded at the September Council Meeting.
1613	Design and Repair of Toolamba Bridge Repairs	Lump Sum contract is for the design and construction of repair works associated with the Toolamba Bridge over the Goulburn River.	Tender closed 3 June 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will be signed under delegation.
1615	Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct - Purchase Of Drainage Pipes	Schedule of rates contract for the purchase of drainage pipes for the Shepparton Community Sports Complex Development	Tender closed 1 July 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will be signed under delegation
1423	Media Advertising Services	Schedule of rates contract for the provision of Media Advertising Services for Greater Shepparton City Council.	Tender closed 1 July 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will go to the September Council Meeting.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2015 (continued)

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1620	Construction of Walkways and Pens at Saleyards	Lump sum contract for the design and construction of cattle selling and holding pens, buyers and auctioneers walkways and other works associated with the redevelopment of the Shepparton Sales Yards.	Tender closed 8 July 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will go to the September Council Meeting.
1445	Panel of Suppliers – Professional Consultancy Services	Schedule of rates contract for for the Provision of ongoing Engineering, Architecture, Surveying, Landfill & Geotechnical and Quantity Surveying Consultancy Services.	Tender closed 8 July 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will go to the October Council Meeting.
1597	Construction of Netball Courts and Lighting	Lump sum contract for the construction of netball courts and lighting as part of the Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct development	Tender closed 5 August 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will go to the September Council Meeting.
1621	Finance System Replacement	Lump sum contract for the supply and installation of a Financial Management System that fulfills the capabilities as detailed in its specification	Tender closes 26 August 2015. Tenders are currently being evaluated. This contract will go to the October Council Meeting.

Policy Considerations

Through the *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* the Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract up to the value of \$400,000 excluding GST.

The Council through the *Exercise of Delegations Policy* has delegated authority to the Directors to approve a contract up to the value of \$150,000 for goods and services and \$200,000 for works.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) establishes the requirements for tendering and entering into contracts.

Section 186(1) of the Act requires that before Council enters into a contract for the purchase of goods or services to the value of \$150,000 or more, or for the carrying out of works to the value of \$200,000 or more, it must give public notice of the purpose of the contract and invite tenders or expressions of interest from any person wishing to undertake the contract.

5. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

5.4 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - August 2015 (continued)

Conclusion

It is important that decisions and actions taken under delegation be properly documented and transparent in nature.

The report details the publicly advertised contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer, Directors and Managers under delegated authority of the Council during the period July 2015 to August 2015.

Attachments

Nil

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Acting Manager Parks, Sport and Recreation**

Approved by: Director Infrastructure

Executive Summary

The Shepparton Cycling Precinct Master Plan aims to provide strategic guidance for the future planning and development of the cycling precinct over the next 10 years.

The plan has identified 5 themes with a number of recommendations under each theme:

1. Use and Participation

- Establish a working group with representatives from all cycling disciplines in Shepparton to explore the development of a whole of sport model
- Facilitate planning sessions to increase the capacity of the clubs at the cycling precinct
- Undertake an integrated review of the current planning for and delivery of state, national and international BMX events in Shepparton
- Explore options for the grassed area inside the velodrome
- Work with Wanganui Park Secondary College to develop cycling and BMX programming and partnerships

2. Leasing and Management

- Review the current management arrangements for the cycling precinct

3. Integration and connections

- Explore better access to the Shepparton Cycling Club pavilion by the Shepparton BMX Club
- Improve path ways and visual connections between the pavilion and the BMX track
- Possibility of removal of 6ft fencing around the cycling precinct
- Replace the existing pavilion with a more centrally located multi use facility
- Develop better pathway connections within the whole sports precinct
- Do not proceed with recommendations in the broader sporting precinct plan for a storage shed on the south eastern corner of the precinct

4. Visual Appeal and Landscaping

- Establish a visual gateway on the vacant land on the southern corner of the cycling precinct
- Improve landscaping and canopy coverage throughout the cycling precinct
- If the precinct remains under lease agreement, work with the clubs to identify strategies for improving the landscape and maintenance levels.
- Replace existing timber posts at the BMX facility

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

5. Infrastructure Condition and Accessibility

- Repair/improve the retaining wall at the BMX start line
- Undertake works to the BMX track to ensure the track retains its capacity to host state, national and international level events
- Undertake improvement works on the velodrome including upgrade to lighting, upgrade to seating around the velodrome and upgrade the grassed area in the centre of the velodrome
- Address pedestrian safety and car parking constraints

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council approve the release of the draft Shepparton Cycling Precinct Master Plan for public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks, commencing on Wednesday 19 August 2015 and concluding on Wednesday 16 September 2015.

CARRIED.

Background

Council adopted the Greater Shepparton Cycling Strategy 2013 – 2017 in June 2014. The Strategy identified 42 recommended actions with a priority of high, medium or low. Responsibility for each recommendation was also attributed to a department of Council. The Parks, Sport and Recreation Department is responsible for Action 27 – Support the Shepparton Cycling Club to develop a business plan and a long term master plan for the velodrome and Action 30 – Support the Shepparton BMX Club to develop a business plan and a long term master plan for the BMX facility.

A joint Strategic Plan for the two cycling clubs was completed in November 2014. In January 2015 Michelle Read – Planning for Communities, commenced consultation in order to produce a Master Plan for the Shepparton Cycling Precinct.

The following table outlines the recommendations in the Master Plan for the Shepparton Cycling Precinct. The recommendations have been grouped into 5 themes consistent with the assessment of the precinct. Each recommendation has been given a ranking. Careful consideration has been given to defining what constitutes a priority 1, 2 or 3. Consideration was given to allocating a timeframe, however instead it is proposed that a series of test points be used to determine the priority for each recommendation. These are outlined below:

Priority 1

- Will increase participation in BMX and Cycling by the local community
- Will help deliver a whole of sport approach to cycling
- Will improve the capacity and sustainability of the Cycling and BMX Clubs
- Will address fundamental safety concerns

Priority 2

- Will provide a springboard to facilitate other recommendations for the precinct
- Will address the aesthetic appeal of the Precinct
- Will improve connections to the broader sporting and community precinct
- Will facilitate partnerships and a multiuse approach to the precinct

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

Priority 3

- Will result in a fundamental change in the infrastructure provided in the cycling precinct
- Will address the needs of an individual cycling discipline
- Will provide an economic return for Greater Shepparton

The organisation or department responsible for ensuring the implementation of each recommendation – Greater Shepparton City Council (GSCC), Shepparton BMX Club (SBMXC) and Shepparton Cycling Club (SCC).

Recommendation	Priority	Responsibility	Cost
Use and Participation			
Establish a working group with representatives from all cycling disciplines in Shepparton to explore the development of a whole of sport model for cycling	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation & Active Living	\$5,000 Assumes external support provided
Facilitate one or more planning sessions with Shepparton Cycling and BMX Clubs, Cycling Victoria and Valley Sport, with focus upon identifying strategies to: help the clubs work together more consistently and strategically and increase the capacity of the two clubs	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$1,500 Assumes external support provided. Cost is per session
Undertake an integrated review of the current planning for and delivery of state, national and international BMX events in Shepparton	1	GSCC – Investment Attraction, Active Living SBMX and SCC	To be resourced internally by Council
Cease using the grassed area inside the velodrome track for equestrian activities, and explore options for it to be used for sports training and informal recreation	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	To be resourced internally by Council
Work with Wanganui Park Secondary College to develop cycling and BMX programming and partnership opportunities	2	SCC & SBMXC	To be resourced by the Cycling and BMX Clubs
Leasing and Management			
Review the current management arrangements and explore changing from lease to licence agreements between the BMX and Cycling Clubs and Council	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	To be resourced internally by Council

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

Integration and connections			
As an interim measure, facilitate better access to the Shepparton Cycling Club pavilion by the Shepparton BMX Club	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	Not applicable
As an interim measure, improve path ways and visual connections between the Shepparton Cycling pavilion and the BMX track	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$31,600 Pathway connection and replanting
Subject to the review of the current management arrangements for the precinct, explore the feasibility of removing the 6 foot high chain mesh fencing around the precinct	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$30,000 Removal of fence only
As a medium to long term measure, replace the existing pavilion with a centrally located multi use facility that can be shared by the Cycling and BMX Clubs and possibly serve as a central hub for all cycling disciplines in Shepparton	3	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$807,000
Develop pathway connects between the cycling precinct and other sporting facilities in the broader sporting precinct	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$25,440
DO NOT proceed with the recommendation in the master plan for the broader sports precinct ⁶ for a storage shed to be constructed at the south eastern end of the cycling precinct. (<i>Council officers recommend the storage shed location be reviewed.</i>)	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	Not applicable
Visual Appeal and Landscaping			
Establish a visual gateway on the vacant land at the south eastern corner if the cycling precinct that provides clear visual markers and planting to highlight the entry to the precinct	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation and Projects Department	\$30,000
Improve landscaping and canopy coverage throughout the cycling precinct, with focus upon areas surrounding the tracks	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$182,250
If the precinct remains under lease agreement, identify strategies for working with the cycling and BMX Clubs to improve the landscaping and maintenance levels around the precinct	2	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	Not applicable
Replace the timber post and rail fencing around the BMX track, ensuring the new fencing can be used for support for signage displays.	2	GSCC – Investment Attraction and SBMXC	\$38,110

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

Infrastructure Condition and Accessibility			
Repair/improve the retaining wall at the BMX start line to stop gravel washing onto the velodrome track	1	GSCC – Investment Attraction	\$5,000
Undertake works to the BMX track to ensure the track retains its capacity to host state, national and international level events includes replacement of berms, replacement of start hill to address safety concerns, upgrade to power supply, installation of lighting, construction of commentary tower, and new finish line.	1	GSCC – Investment Attraction and SBMXC	\$705,000 Council to seek advice from BMX track expert
Undertake improvement works on the velodrome including upgrade to lighting, upgrade to seating around the velodrome and upgrade the grassed area in the centre of the velodrome	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation and SCC	\$197,000
Address pedestrian safety and car parking constraints including providing defined car parking on the southern side of the cycling precinct, providing defined car park on the Department of Education land opposite the velodrome and providing planting and bollards to discourage vehicles parking along footpaths and central medium strip	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$389,955
As a short term measure provide accessible toilet and change room facility connect to existing pavilion	1	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation	\$30,000
Consider the feasibility of installing solar panels on the existing pavilion as a means of offsetting costs	3	GSCC – Parks, Sport and Recreation SBMXC & SCC	Subject to feasibility assessment
Provide security lighting throughout the precinct to assist in addressing problems associated with vandalism and help make the precinct safer for users at night time	1	GSCC – Infrastructure Dep.	\$150,000 for light poles. Power supply upgrade cost unknown
Improve the pathways and accessibility of the precinct for people with a mobility impairment and parents with prams	2	GSCC – Infrastructure Dep.	\$107,960

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Active and Engaged Community – We will improve liveability through social and recreational opportunities, a range of inclusive community services and activities, and valuing our diversity.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

We will provide and maintain urban and rural infrastructure to support the development and liveability of our communities.

Risk Management

There are no adverse risks associated with this project.

Policy Considerations

The Shepparton Cycling Precinct Master Plan supports Council's policy including the Greater Shepparton Council Plan 2013 – 2017 and the Greater Shepparton Strategy 2030.

Financial Implications

Responsibility for implementation of action items is identified in the master plan report. Should the master plan recommendations be endorsed by Council, costs associated with items will require financial consideration and commitments by relevant stakeholders.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Implementation of some recommendations, such as building works, will require statutory approvals.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Shepparton Cycling Precinct Master Plan considers environmental and sustainability impacts associated with each of the recommendations.

Social Implications

Improved access to facilities supporting current use, encouraging increased use and supporting increased social connection opportunities.

Economic Impacts

Planned facilities will ensure best value for money including assessment of need and sustainability of use into the future.

Consultation

Stakeholder Consultation has been undertaken with the Shepparton Cycling Club, Shepparton BMX Club, Cycling Victoria, Council Officers and the Wanganui Park Secondary College

Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken as part of the public exhibition period.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Consult	Wanganui Park Secondary College Council Officers	Individual meeting Individual Meetings
Involve	Cycling Victoria	Consult
Collaborate	Shepparton Cycling Club Shepparton BMX Club	Individual meetings

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.1 Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan (continued)

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

'Make Greater Shepparton the regional sporting capital of Victoria and a leading sporting destination.'

1. Pursue opportunities for Greater Shepparton to be the location for major sporting events.
2. Build partnerships with state bodies to enable Greater Shepparton to be Victoria's leading location for major events.
3. Continue to implement master plans that have been prepared for recreation reserves and sports facilities.
4. Review, adopt and implement the tourism and major events strategy to enable the breadth and quality of major events and tourism experiences to grow.

b) Other strategic links

1. Council Plan 2013-2017
2. Greater Shepparton Cycling Strategy 2013-2017
3. Sport 2050 Plan
4. Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy
5. 2006-2018 Greater Shepparton Play Strategy
6. North and South Shepparton Growth Corridors – Outline Development Plan Report (2003)
7. Cycling Victoria Strategic Plan 2013-2016
8. Tourism and Major Events Strategy 2011-2014

Options for Consideration

1. Do nothing – do not progress the master plan
2. Endorse the draft master plan to be placed on public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks – 19 August 2015 to 16 September 2015.

Conclusion

Council Officers are seeking endorsement for placing the draft Shepparton Cycling Precinct Master Plan document on public exhibition seeking stakeholder feedback.

A stakeholder consultation process for the draft plan will include information in the media, opportunity for feedback on Council's website and meetings with key stakeholder groups.

Feedback received through the public consultation process period will be considered and the Master Plan finalised seeking Council endorsement for the final plan.

Attachments

1. Draft Master Plan Report - Shepparton Cycling Precinct Page 108
2. Draft Shepparton Cycling Precinct - Long Term Masterplan Page 184

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.2 Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan for Endorsement

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Team Leader Sports Development and Strategic Planning

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Approved by: Director Infrastructure

Executive Summary

The Arcadia Recreation Reserve draft Master Plan was placed on public exhibition from 17 June to 15 July 2015.

The Arcadia Community Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management encouraged the community to provide input into the development of the plan.

Feedback from the public exhibition period was provided by the Arcadia Community Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management. This included disabled access car parks and pathway to the Community centre, additional landscaping and bollards.

The draft plan has been updated accordingly for Council's consideration.

The Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan aims to provide strategic guidance for the future planning and development of the reserve over the next 5 years.

The plan identifies the need to:

1. Install additional bollards for safety reasons
2. Develop new entrance and car park area
3. Undertake landscape works
4. Upgrade the toilet facility
5. Develop historical information boards
6. Extend CFA shed
7. Investigate opportunity for possible future recreation facilities
8. Investigate the opportunity for links with Greater Shepparton
9. Shade over playground.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council endorse the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

CARRIED.

Background

Council officers are seeking endorsement for the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.2 Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan for Endorsement (continued)

Public Exhibition

The Arcadia Recreation Reserve draft Master Plan was placed on public exhibition from 17 June to 15 July 2015.

The Arcadia Community Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management encouraged the community to provide input into the development of the plan.

Feedback from the public exhibition period was provided by the Arcadia Community Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management. This included disabled access car parks and pathway to the Community centre, additional landscaping and bollards.

The draft plan has been updated accordingly for Council's consideration.

The Master Plan Aim and Recommendations

The Arcadia Community Planning Group identified the need to develop a master plan for the Arcadia Recreation Reserve to guide development and priorities.

A draft plan master plan has been developed by Council officers in consultation with the Arcadia Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

An Action Plan has been prepared along with a site plan summarising key recommendations.

The master plan recommends:

1. Install additional bollards
 - Existing bollards are aged and in need of replacement.
 - Additional bollards are required to separate the car park area and the recreation space for safety reasons.
2. Develop new entrance and car park area
 - A separation between vehicles and the recreation space is required for safety reasons.
 - A more formalised car park is also recommended for safety reasons.
3. Undertake landscape works
 - Increase native plantings within the Reserve
 - Remove Peppercorn Trees
4. Upgrade the toilet facility
 - The current toilet facility is aged and difficult to access, particularly at night and in winter.
 - The facility does not respond to current accessibility guidelines.
5. Develop historical information boards
 - Develop boards containing historical information about the area
6. Extend CFA shed
 - Extend the CFA shed to house a new vehicle
7. Investigate opportunity for possible future recreation facilities
 - Walking tracks around town to and from the reserve
 - Youth recreation facilities such as skate park and basketball court
 - Fitness equipment
8. Investigate the opportunity for links with Greater Shepparton
 - Request a Council cow to be located at the Reserve.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.2 Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan for Endorsement (continued)

9. Shade over playground
- Investigate shade options for playground.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Active and Engaged Community – We will improve liveability through social and recreational opportunities, a range of inclusive community services and activities, and valuing our diversity.

We will provide and maintain urban and rural infrastructure to support the development and liveability of our communities.

Risk Management

There are no adverse risks associated with this project.

Policy Considerations

The Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan supports Council's policy including the Greater Shepparton Council Plan 2013 – 2017 and the Greater Shepparton Strategy 2030.

Financial Implications

Responsibility for implementation of action items is identified in the background report. Should the master plan recommendations be endorsed by Council, costs associated with items will require financial consideration and commitments by relevant stakeholders.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Implementation of some recommendations, such as building works, will require statutory approvals.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Upgraded toilets and kitchens with water saving connections.
Landscaping with native species.
Removal of declared weed species.

Social Implications

Improved access to facilities supporting current use, encouraging increased use and supporting increased social connection opportunities.

Economic Impacts

Planned facilities will ensure best value for money including assessment of need and sustainability of use into the future.

Consultation

Stakeholder Consultation has been undertaken with the Arcadia Community Planning Group and the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.

Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken as part of the public exhibition period.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.2 Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan for Endorsement (continued)

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Consult	Residents	Letter box drop
Involve	User groups	Individual meetings
Collaborate	Arcadia Planning Group and Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Individual meetings

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

'Make Greater Shepparton the regional sporting capital of Victoria and a leading sporting destination.'

1. Pursue opportunities for Greater Shepparton to be the location for major sporting events.
2. Build partnerships with state bodies to enable Greater Shepparton to be Victoria's leading location for major events.
3. Continue to implement master plans that have been prepared for recreation reserves and sports facilities.
4. Review, adopt and implement the tourism and major events strategy to enable the breadth and quality of major events and tourism experiences to grow.

b) Other strategic links

1. Council Plan
2. Greater Shepparton Cycling Strategy 2013-2017
3. Sport 2050 Plan
4. Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy
5. 2006-2018 Greater Shepparton Play Strategy
6. North and South Shepparton Growth Corridors – Outline Development Plan Report (2003)

Options for Consideration

1. Do nothing – do not endorse the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan
2. Endorse the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

Conclusion

Council Officers are seeking endorsement for the Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan.

The Arcadia Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and the Arcadia Community Planning Groups have been driving the development of this master plan to enable a coordinated and planned approach to the development of the Reserve.

Attachments

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| 1. Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan - July 2015 | Page 186 |
| 2. Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan (Summary) - Background Paper | Page 187 |
| 3. Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan - Action Plan | Page 188 |
| 4. Arcadia Recreation Reserve Car Parking Plan | Page 191 |

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Team Leader Landscaping and Native Open Space

Proof reader(s): Manager Parks, Sport and Recreation

Approved by: Director Infrastructure

Executive Summary

The term of committee membership for the Australian Botanic Garden Special Committee expired on the 19 March 2015.

This report recommends the appointment of three new committee members and the reappointment of three existing committee members to continue driving the development of the Australian Botanic garden site. Councillor Houlihan will continue on the committee as the Council representative.

Moved by Cr Houlihan

Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council having considered the nominations received for the Australian Botanic Garden Special Committee, appoint the following members for a two year term, commencing on Wednesday 19 August 2015 and concluding Wednesday 17 August 2017:

- Ed SCHOLL – existing member
- Karen KILGOUR – existing member
- Jill GRANT – existing member
- Audrey HURST
- Geoff DOBSON
- David CHEW

CARRIED.

Background

All current committee members were notified on the 24 June 2015 that membership had expired and Council would be seeking nominations with all existing members welcome to renominate. We received notification from two of the current members stating that they would not be renominating.

The public notice was placed in the Shepparton News on 3 July and 10 July 2015 with applications closing on Friday the 17 July 2015. The following applications were received,

- Ed SCHOLL
- Karen KILGOUR
- Jill GRANT
- Audrey HURST
- Geoff DOBSON
- David CHEW

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal supports the following goals from the Council Plan 2009-2017:

- Active and Engaged Community (Social)
- Quality Infrastructure (Built)
- High Performing Organisation (Leadership & Governance)
- Enhancing the Environment (Environment)

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Lack of communication between the committee and Council	C	4	Low	Minutes from monthly meetings are sent to Council. Council has identified a Liaison person for all correspondence to be directed to. All correspondence received and sent is stored in Trim. Councillor Houlihan also sits on the Committee as the Council Representative
Committee Members don't remain for term of office	C	4	Low	Current members and newly nominated members are highly committed to the development of the ABGS. Members along with the Council Representative make a total of 7 on the committee so if someone was to resign there would be no change. Big volunteer base that also could be drawn on if needed.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

No implications, an increase in budget allocation was approved by Council accepting the draft budget at the Special Council meeting on the 23 June 2015.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Legal/Statutory Implications

This proposal is consistent with the *Local Government Act 1989* and it is necessary to ensure compliance with this Act.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Nil, the development of the site will only positively impact the environment

Social Implications

Appointing community members to the committee will help build a sense of community as it increases stakeholder participation and pride in their local community

Economic Impacts

Nil

Consultation

Emails were sent to existing committee members encouraging them to reapply for a further term on the committee along with the nomination form. A public notice calling for applications from community members interested in going the committee was advertised in the Shepparton News on the Friday 3 and Friday the 10 July 2015. Current committee members have been very active encouraging members of the public to apply to be a part of committee.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep community members informed	Newspaper advertisements Council website Email current members
Consult	Inform current committee members	Email process along with nomination forms.
Involve	Seek interest from community members	State contact details of Council staff member who can discuss the role of committee and provide background of the ABGS
Collaborate	Feedback will be considered	All nominations will be recorded and considered
Empower	We will consider all nominations	Nominations that best benefit the committee for the continue development of the ABGS will be appointed

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

From the 2030 strategy, vision to accommodate more Shared Path Networks is linked to the development of this site along with the Municipality to have a Mosaic of Gardens across our region.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Options for Consideration

1. Do nothing, the community have been the main driver in the development of the Australian Botanic Garden Site, if we were to do nothing and dissolve the Special Committee the development of the site will be in jeopardy.

2. Appoint all five of the nominated community members to the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council appoint all six applicants to the Australian Botanic Garden Special Committee for the two year term commencing upon approval by Council.

Attachments

Nil

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.4 Contract 1558 - Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Projects Officer

Proof reader(s): Manager Projects, Projects Officer

Approved by: Director Infrastructure

Other: Manager Projects

Executive Summary

This contract is for the construction of Central Park Reserve Sewage Pump Station, Rising Main and upstream gravity sewer works. The pump station and rising main must be constructed in accordance with Goulburn Valley Water standards and by accredited GVW contractors at the Central Park Reserve, 85 Central Avenue, Shepparton East. This pump station is to collect all on-site wastewater streams and pump them to a designated GVW sewer.

Moved by Cr Oroszvary

Seconded by Cr Hazelman

That the Council:

1. accept the tender submitted by Girdwood Contracting Pty Ltd, for Contract #1558 Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station for the lump sum price of \$618,970 GST inclusive
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents.

CARRIED.

Background

The Central Park Recreation Reserve, Central Avenue, Shepparton East (Crown Allotment 60A Section D, Parish of Shepparton) wastewater and sewage is currently being serviced through a series septic tanks and pump systems that distributes the sewage effluent to a series of evaporation beds located within the Reserve.

This existing sewerage system cannot adequately keep up with the peak demand and the GSCC have been forced to arrange for sewage to be trucked from site to relieve the pressure on the existing system. There have been occasions when the existing septic tank system has failed and effluent has flowed out the evaporation beds.

Following discussions with GVW about possible solutions for this issue, GVW advised that they consider a pressure rising main with associated pump stations to service the Central Park Reserve would be an appropriate solution.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.4 Contract 1558 - Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station (continued)

Following the review of a number of alternative options GSCC decided the most practical option was to construct a new Pressure Sewerage Pump Station at the Reserve and discharge via a new 3950m Sewer Rising Main (SRM) to an existing maintenance pit that is located within the Midland Hwy Road Reserve opposite Davies Drive. A plan showing the possible alignment of this Sewer Rising Main is attached.

The proposed rising main and the sewer system has been designed to meet Goulburn Valley Water standards, on the basis that following construction the rising main will be owned and operated by Goulburn Valley Water, ie the system components external to the Central Park Reserve will be GVW's asset.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The provision of urban and rural infrastructure to enhance the performance of the municipality and facilitate growth.

Provide affordable and sustainable community infrastructure.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Injury or death	E	1	High	Traffic management plan to be submitted before construction activities. Job safety analysis to be submitted. Risk action plan to be developed
Environmental Damage	D	3	Moderate	Environmental management plan to be submitted before construction

Policy Considerations

Due to the cost of the project approval is to be given by council and recommended by the executive.

Financial Implications

	2015/2016 Approved Budget for this proposal*\$	This Proposal \$	Variance to Approved Budget \$	Comments
Revenue	\$562,700	\$562,700	\$0	The project has been identified as being over budget. Additional funding has been allocated to the project to deliver the required level of service.*

All figures are exclusive of GST

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.4 Contract 1558 - Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station **(continued)**

*Additional Funding being provided from unspent 14/15 Budget \$418.4k (advice provided by Finance) and the balance \$144.3k will be re-allocated from Council funds being re-directed from the Verney Rd Project which will have an additional capital injection of \$1.144.3M from R2R funding.

Legal/Statutory Implications

The proposal is consistent with the Local Government Act 1989.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

As part of the tender process, tenderers were evaluated on their commitment to the environment. They were required to declare if they had environmental certification under AS14000 2007, or to demonstrate they had company systems in place to ensure that they did not negatively impact on the environment.

Social Implications

Community health and wellbeing:

Recreation facilities, public health and safety implications

Economic Impacts

service provision:

Improved and upgraded access to sewerage and waste water

Consultation

Central Park Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep Informed	News letters Media Web site
Consult	Acknowledge and listen	Committee of management
Involve	Work together feedback is an input into decision making	Advisory committee Consultant Contractor
Collaborate	Feedback will be incorporated into decisions to maximum level possible	Participatory consultation and input

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Protect and maintain wastewater facilities in an environmentally sensitive way, through the application of a Waste Management Strategy.

Options for Consideration

Option 1 Do not proceed

Positives: Council could spend money on other projects.

Negative: Risk of health to the community

Option 2 Proceed.

Upgraded infrastructure for the community.

6. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

6.4 Contract 1558 - Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station (continued)

Possibility of future development, rising main has been designed to take larger flows for this purpose.

Conclusion

Due to the age, cost and capabilities of the existing septic system it is recommended to proceed with the contract. Currently it is posing a health risk to the community with on occasions overflowing.

The rising main has been designed to take extra flow to allow for future development of the site and which would appeal for future development of the local area. Goulburn Valley Water will take over the maintenance and ownership of the pump station and rising main once construction has been completed.

Attachments

Nil

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.1 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Annual Report & Membership

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Team Leader Community Strengthening

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Approved by: Director Community

Other: Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Support Person

Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee (GSWCAAC) was established by Greater Shepparton City Council in 2011 to promote women in leadership at all levels of decision making in Greater Shepparton. Since this time the Committee has undertaken many activities to promote women's participation. The GSWCAAC would like to present its 2014/2015 Annual Report to Council for their information and seek the endorsement of its new Committee members that have applied for membership, as per the GSWCAAC Terms of Reference.

Moved by Cr Adem

Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That the Council:

1. having considered the nominations received for appointment to the Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee, appoint the following members for a term of two years, commencing on Wednesday 19 August 2015 and concluding on Friday 30 June 2017:
 - Lyn Hewson – Community Member
 - Jo Fasano – Community Member
2. note the Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee's 2014/2015 Annual Report.

CARRIED.

Background

Greater Shepparton City Council officially endorsed its commitment to the Women's Charter in 2010 and an action plan followed. In 2011 an Advisory Committee was initiated and commenced with its first meeting being held on 4 November 2011. The Committee was officially endorsed by Council on 21 February 2012, and is known as the Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee (GSWCAAC).

Over the last two years the Committee membership has shifted from a committee heavily represented by Council based members to now having a majority of community representative members. This shift is a result of the work the GSWCAAC has done to raise its profile through several key projects.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.1 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Annual Report & Membership (continued)

This lift in profile means the GSWCAAC now has members with a diverse range of skills and backgrounds, and its list of 'friends' has increased to 134 – this represents a 244% increase in comparison to the previous financial year.

The GSWCAAC membership for 2014/2015 included:

- One Council Charter Champion – Councillor Dinny Adem
- Three representatives from Council
- Ten endorsed community members
- One Council appointed Support Person
- Six yet to be endorsed community members
- One yet to be endorsed Council member.

Throughout the 2014/2015 financial year the GSWCAAC:

- Received nine applications for membership, seven of which are yet to be endorsed including the two on this report.
- Received two resignations
- Had a change of Charter Champion from Cr Jenny Houlihan to Cr Dinny Adem.

At the end of the financial year the GSWCAAC was at capacity, as the maximum number of members (as per the Terms of Reference) is 20. This is the first time the GSWCAAC has achieved a full committee.

In the 2014/15 financial year the GSWCAAC utilised the skills of its membership base to drive the overall committee's activities by forming subcommittees. The following subcommittees were delegated responsibility by the GSWCAAC and reported back at each meeting on their progress:

- Victorian Honour Roll of Women sub-committee
- 'Women's Voices – Know the Line' Forum sub-committee
- International Women's Day sub-committee
- GSWCAAC Award sub-committee
- Movie night sub-committee
- Malala Day sub-committee
- Membership sub-committee.

Utilising these subcommittees allowed the members to allocate their time to projects they enjoyed and ensure the end result was cohesive and of quality. The subcommittee's also further utilised their skills to negotiate and enter into Memorandums Of Understanding to obtain in-kind support and funding for their initiatives providing great strength and sustainability to the initiatives of the committee.

In 2014/2015 the GSWCAAC focused on three main events – the 'Women's Voices – Know the Line' Forum, International Women's Day 2015, and a Refugee Week movie night. The GSWCAAC is also forward planning for a second movie event/forum in the second half of 2015 to raise awareness and educate the community on forced marriage.

The GSWCAAC believes that events such as these are a great way to reach a variety of audiences, provide information, knowledge, resources and strengthen community ties. They are also a way of gaining new members, and provide an opportunity for consultation.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.1 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Annual Report & Membership (continued)

In the first half of 2015 the GSWCAAC began a review of its 3x3 Action Plan. The 3x3 Action Plan focuses on the three principles of the Women's Charter: Gender Equity, Diversity, and Active Citizenship. By reviewing the 3x3 Action Plan the GSWCAAC aims to make the plan more relevant to the current community climate and set a guide to GSWCAAC business into the future. It is intended to present the Action Plan to Council for endorsement later this year.

Risk Management

Officers have not identified any moderate to extreme risk associated with this report.

Policy Considerations

Officers have not identified any current policy implications associated with this report. However it may be noted that the aim of the Committee is to support and promote women in leadership roles and all levels of decision-making in Greater Shepparton, including business or workplace positions, community groups or boards of management.

Financial Implications

	2014/2015 Adopted Budget \$	2014/2015 Actual \$	Comments
Revenue	\$0	(\$1,846)	Revenue includes ticket sales and funding agreement income
Expense	\$13,250	\$14,403	
Net Result	\$13,250	\$12,557	

* Amount shown in this column may equal one line item in budget or maybe a component of one budget line item.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Officers have not identified any Legal/Statutory implications associated with this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Officers have not identified any Environmental/Sustainability implications associated with this report.

Social Implications

The aim of the Committee is to support and promote women in leadership roles and all levels of decision-making in Greater Shepparton, including business or workplace positions, community groups or boards of management. GGSWCAAC has adopted a three point action plan focusing on Diversity, Active Citizenship and Gender Equity to guide the key strategic objectives of this Committee. This focus is on addressing social disadvantage and increasing women's participation.

Economic Impacts

The aim of the Committee is to support and promote women in leadership roles and all levels of decision-making in Greater Shepparton, including business or workplace positions. The GSWCAAC will continue to deliver information to the community that is aimed at informing, educating and supporting women in their pursuits – including participation in the workforce.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.1 Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Annual Report & Membership (continued)

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Involve	Evaluation of events.	Evaluation forms were available at GSWCAAC events to gauge audience feedback.
Empower	GSWCAAC is empowered to make decisions to inform Council on the operations of the Committee.	GSWCAAC has planned, implemented and evaluated its own events through 2014/2015 with the assistance of a Council support person and responsible Budget Officer.

Strategic Links

No strategic links have been identified in relation to this report.

Options for Consideration

Option One

That Council endorses the new Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee membership applications for:

- Lyn Hewson - Community Member
- Jo Fasano – Community Member

That Council note the Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee's 2014/2015 Annual Report.

This is the preferred option as it is supported by the Committee's adopted Terms of Reference and will provide ongoing strength to the Committee.

Option Two

Council do not endorse the new Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee membership applications or note the 2014/2015 Annual Report. This would not be the preferred option as it would not show Council's commitment to the actions of the GSWCAAC or its terms of reference as adopted by Council.

Conclusion

The Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee have compiled their 2014/2015 Annual Report to inform Council and the community of its operations throughout the previous year. The Committee has continued to undertake events to promote Diversity, Active Citizenship and Gender Equity in the community and looks forward to further developing these concepts and the way the GSWCAAC implements its principles. GSWCAAC is encouraged by the new Committee member applications that have been received and believes this will add further strength to the Committee's ongoing work.

Attachments

Women's Charter WCAAC Annual Report 2014/2015 Page 193

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Best Start Co-ordinator

Proof reader(s): Manager Children and Youth Services

Approved by: Director Community

Other: Best Start Project Officer

Executive Summary

The Best Start Program commenced in 2003 and this is the fifth Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan (BSEYP) submitted to Council. With an annual funding budget of approximately \$110,000 from the Department of Education and Training and a \$20,000 contribution from Council, the new five year plan sets out four priority outcome areas with various objectives and strategies to improve the learning, development and health outcomes of children, especially vulnerable children aged 0 to 6 years. These priority areas have been identified through consultation with services providers and community members.

The new plan is presented as a community document, one that can be read by managers and parents, and includes data and evidence to support the inclusion of specific Best Start indicators. It builds on the work of previous plans and links to other local initiatives such as Communities for Children and the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project. The BSEYP sits as a supporting document to Council's Municipal Health Plan, the Council Plan 2013-2017 and the Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy, and links to the overarching goals of the Children's and Youth Services department. Ownership of the plan and achievements of goals set is shared amongst the Best Start Partnership and related workgroups.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That Council endorse the draft Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 for public consultation for a four week period commencing on Wednesday 19 August 2015 until Wednesday 16 September 2015 prior to final adoption.

CARRIED.

Background

Best Start commenced in Greater Shepparton in 2003, funded by the state Government with the aim of improving long term outcomes for children aged 0 to 8 years. The Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 is the new five year plan which provides the strategic direction of the combined Best Start and Municipal Early Years Plan. It sets out four outcome areas with the aim to improve the development, learning and wellbeing outcomes of children, with a particular focus on vulnerable children in the zero to six year old age bracket. It builds on the work of previous plans and sets new challenges to respond to identified and agreed priorities through consultation with services providers and community members.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 (continued)

Best Start is funded by the state Government at approximately \$110,000 per year with a contribution from Council of \$20,000 in recognition of the Municipal Early Years Plan component of the combined strategic plan.

Over the past 4 years Best Start has also strengthened working relationships with other local initiatives such as Communities for Children and the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project, to ensure we are working together to achieve the best outcomes for our children. The Best Start Partnership is recognised as the local expert early years forum to consult on and advocate for the children, families and early years services

The Department of Education and Training has recently undertaken a review of the Best Start program and identified key indicators all sites are required to focus on. These are improving access to Maternal and Child Health and kindergarten services, these are included in our plan as key priority areas and continue on from the extensive work in these areas from the last plan.

Prior to adoption by Council, the draft BSEYP will be released for public consultation. The draft document will be uploaded to the GSCC's website and advertised in local media and children's services communications to reach the highest possible number of local stakeholders.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Council Plan 2013-2017

Strategic Goal 1 – Active and engaged Communities

Goal 1.1 Continue to enhance Community Capacity Building

Goal 1.2 Develop and implement a strategy for improving education opportunities for all ages.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Funding for Best Start ceases	D	2	Moderate	Seek funding from other sources to continue critical work. Consider what can continue (what is sustainable) without external funding and can become core business of other services.
Council ceases financial contribution	D	3	Moderate	Present to Council the various impacts and outcomes of the program for the financial investment.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 (continued)

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Council doesn't agree to continue as the fund holder / facilitator for Best Start	D	3	Moderate	<p>Discuss / present to Council the importance of the early years and reasons why Council needs to be a leader in this area.</p> <p>Consider the outcomes / success of the program and the good publicity Council receives being associated with Best Start.</p> <p>Identify another local agency to be the fund holder of the program.</p>

Policy Considerations

The Best Start Early Years Plan is informed by a range of key policy resources including:

- Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework
- Early Years Strategic Plan, Improving Outcomes for all Victorian Children 2014-2020
- Municipal Early Years Planning Framework 2011
- Victoria's vulnerable children – our shared responsibility May 2013

Financial Implications

	2015/2016 Approved Budget for this proposal*\$	This Proposal \$	Variance to Approved Budget \$	Comments
Revenue	\$130,000	\$650,000	0	Annual Best Start contribution is approx. \$110,000 (\$550,000 for the 5 year plan) and \$20,000 from Council (\$100,000 over 5 years).
Expense	\$130,000	\$650,000	0	
Net Result	0	0	0	

* Amount shown in this column may equal one line item in budget or maybe a component of one budget line item.

Legal/Statutory Implications

No legal implications but Greater Shepparton City Council, as the fund holder for Best Start, does have a contract with the Department of Education and Training to expend annual funding through the implementation of the Best Start Early Years Plan.

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Activities within the Best Start Early Years Plan consider the environmental and sustainability impacts which may contribute to the future environment our children will grow up in, and how these can be lessened. An example of this is the promotion of breastfeeding, engagement in quality early childhood services which teach children and families about the importance of environmental sustainability and making Greater Shepparton a child and family friendly community.

Social Implications

Best Start promotes the importance of the early years and encourages parents, service providers and the community to support children's physical and social development, learning and health to ensure they reach their full potential and become confident, positive contributors to our community. Our children are our future employees, employers and leaders of the community. Social and emotional competence has been identified by Best Start as a key priority area for this plan and to work with early years staff and parents to support children's social and emotional wellbeing.

Promotion of the early years also encourages the broader community to be involved in this area, and identify where they can make a contribution or impact. As a community we have a social responsibility to keep our children safe and support their growth and development.

Economic Impacts

For a relatively small budget, Best Start achieves a great deal with a strong focus on system change and sustainability. Research tells us that investment in the early years is critical if we are to make a difference to the long term outcomes of children, and that you get 'bigger bang for your buck' investing here as a preventative measure rather than in later, teenage and adult years, as a reactive measure to issues. The current sum used to explain this is for every \$1 invested in the early years is equivalent to \$17 in early adulthood years.

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Community members, parents and service providers	Evaluation reports, newsletters
Consult	Community members and service providers – what are the key priorities for our community and impacting on the development of our children? Feedback reflected in the plan	Meetings, surveys, workshops
Involve	Service providers – involved in the development of strategies to implement to meet objectives and goals of the plan	Meetings and workshops

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 (continued)

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Collaborate	With service providers and community members on the various reference groups and workgroups to oversee implementation of the plan. Links with other initiatives to leverage resources and gain greater outputs / impact.	Development of action plans and meetings
Empower	Families and service providers to support children, especially vulnerable children to reach their full potential.	Implementation of plan, programs and strategies. Evaluation of the plan.

The draft BSEYP will be released for final community consultation following the endorsement of the GSCC Executive and prior to the final presentation to Council.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Links with 'Community Life' section of the strategy, including the 'achievements in 20 years' such as:
 - More opportunities to learn
 - No pockets of disadvantage
 - People feel safe and happy
 - Services are for all communities
 - Child friendly neighbourhood design
- Children's services are also reviewed in the strategy and Best Start is mentioned under this category.

b) Other strategic links

- Council Plan 2013 – 2017 – links to 'Active and Engaged Communities' including objective 1.1, 1.2 and 1.4.
- Council Municipal Health Plan – includes links to some of the work of Best Start such as our breastfeeding action area.
- State of Greater Shepparton's Children Report 2014 – partly funded by Best Start and information used to provide the evidence for inclusion of specific indicators in the new plan.
- Best Start Partnership links with other initiatives such as Communities for Children and Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project – recognised by both as the local early years expert forum.

Options for Consideration

- To endorse the Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 and recommend it proceed to final community consultation prior to presentation to Council for adoption
- To request changes / additions to the Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 before it proceeds the final community consultation prior to presentation to Council for adoption

7. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

7.2 Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 (continued)

Conclusion

The Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 will guide the work of the Greater Shepparton Early Years Partnership for the next 5 years, with a focus on the priority areas identified through the consultation process and building on the work of the previous plan. It details the policy documents which have informed our direction and the links to various Council strategic plans. There is a shared responsibility and ownership of the plan, with the Best Start Partnership responsible for the strategic direction and the reference groups and workgroups overseeing the implementation of strategies and activities to meet the goals and outcomes of the plan. There is a strong commitment to quality data collection and evaluation (an evaluation framework will be developed and Program Logic used), to ensure we can measure impact and outcome of the various activities in the plan, and to display to other sites our areas of success.

Attachments

Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 for Community Consultation Page 215

8. BUSINESS DIRECTORATE

8.1 July 2015 Monthly Financial Report

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Team Leader Corporate Accounting

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Approved by: Acting Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

The report presents Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the first month ended 31 July 2015.

Moved by Cr Oroszvary

Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council receive and note the July 2015 Monthly Financial Report.

CARRIED.

Background

The Draft 2015/2016 Budget was prepared by Council on 28 April 2015. Public notice was given on 1 May 2015 and submissions invited until 29 May 2015. Council considered all submissions received and adopted the 2015/2016 Budget at a Special Council Meeting on 23 June 2015. The 2015/2016 Budget provided for an accounting surplus of \$9.11 million with revenue of \$125.15 million and expenditure of \$116.04 million. The 2015/2016 Budget also provided for capital works of \$40.10 million.

Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget is presented to Council on a monthly basis.

The July 2015 Monthly Financial Report incorporates the following sections which are presented for Council's consideration:

- Financial Report
- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement
- Operating Budget
- Capital Budget
- Investment Summary
- Rates Debtors Report
- Sundry Debtors Report
- Councillor Expense Report

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The report is consistent with the leadership and governance goal "High Performing Organisation" as included in the *Council Plan 2013-2017*.

8. BUSINESS DIRECTORATE

8.1 July 2015 Monthly Financial Report (continued)

Risk Management

No risks have been identified in providing this financial report.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 137 of the *Local Government Act 1989* provides that Council maintain a budgeting and reporting framework that is consistent with the principles of sound financial management. In addition Section 138 requires that at least every 3 months a statement comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date is presented to the Council at a Council meeting which is open to the public. This report satisfies that requirement.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

No Environmental or Sustainability impacts have been identified.

Social Implications

No Social implications have been identified.

Economic Impacts

No Economic impacts have been identified.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Options for Consideration

This report is for information purposes only and does not present any options for consideration.

Conclusion

The report provides details of Council's financial performance compared to the budget for the first month ended 31 July 2015.

Attachments

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9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.1 Festive Decorations Advisory Committee 2015-2017

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Approved by: Director Sustainable Development

Executive Summary

The Festive Decorations Advisory Committee advises Council on the utilisation of budget allocations for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the annual festive decorations. The committee comprises up to seven members representative of the community for a two year term. The current committee's term expired 18 June 2015. A call for nominations was published in the Shepparton News Public Notices section. New applications have been received from three community members.

The Festive Decorations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference have been reviewed; a minor change is required regarding departmental names due to the amalgamation of the Recreation Department and the Parks Department which is now the Sport, Recreation and Parks Department.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council:

1. having considered the applications received for appointment to the Festive Decorations Advisory Committee, appoint the following members for a term of two years commencing on Wednesday 19 August 2015 and concluding on Wednesday 17 August 2017:
 - Jill Ines-Irons
 - Shelley Sutton
 - Shelley Davis
2. adopt the amended Terms of Reference.

CARRIED.

Background

On the 17 June, 2011 Council resolved to issue guidelines for a Festive Decorations Advisory Committee and to call for the appointment of up to seven community members to assist in the utilisation of budget allocations for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the annual festive decorations. The community members nominated and appointed to the committee would represent the wider community for a term of two years. The current committee were appointed by Council on 18 June 2013.

As stated in the Terms of Reference, the Council is required to call for nominations to fill the vacant community positions by way of public notice in the Shepparton News.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.1 Festive Decorations Advisory Committee 2015-2017 (continued)

In 2015 nominations were received from three community members, one being from a committee member seeking reappointment and the balance of nominations from new interested persons. Appointed committee members will be required for a two year term.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Council Plan

This proposal supports the following objectives of the Council Plan 2013-2017:

Goal 1: Active and Engaged Communities (Social)

Objective 5 – Embrace and strengthen cultural harmony and diversity

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
The adherence to local governance by appointed community members.	Unlikely	Moderate	Moderate	Ensure the appointed departmental representatives from GSCC provide support and guidance in the area of local governance.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with Council policy with either of the recommendations presented for consideration within this report.

Financial Implications

No financial implications are associated with the recommendations within this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Recommendations outlined in the report are consistent with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts associated with recommendations within this report.

Social Implications

Through the establishment of the Festive Decorations Advisory Committee and the subsequent appointment of community members, we seek to provide the community with an opportunity to play a significant and positive role in ensuring Greater Shepparton has a distinct festive atmosphere. A sense of community can be achieved through the participation of community members if they feel they have actively influenced decisions made within the committee as well as a feeling of personal achievement at the completion of the Festive activities.

Economic Impacts

The recommendation to appoint community members to the Festive Decorations Advisory committee will not have a direct impact on the local economy.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.1 Festive Decorations Advisory Committee 2015-2017 (continued)

It should be noted however that festive decorations project enhances the general atmosphere within Greater Shepparton during the festive period, which assists in stimulating the local economy by generating tourism and encourages local Christmas related purchases.

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	An advertisement was placed in the public section of the Shepparton News. Council's website and social media pages were used to actively promote the call for nominations. We also reached out via GV Young Professionals, Shepparton Chamber of Commerce and Shepparton Show Me databases.	Newspaper Advertisement Email Website Social Media

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

There are no direct links to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy*.

Options for Consideration

The Council could choose to not accept the nominations from the three community members.

The Council could request further advertising and engaging of the community in an effort to obtain more nominations for consideration.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Councillors note the recommendation contained within this report and adopt accordingly.

Attachments

Festive Decorations Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2015-2017 Page 274

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.2 Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Graduate Strategic Planner Amendments

Proof reader(s): Principal Strategic Planner, Manager Planning

Approved by: Director Sustainable Development

Other: Team Leader Strategic Planning

Executive Summary

An objective of the Municipal Strategic Statement at Clause 21.06-5 (Commercial/Activity Centres) of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (Planning Scheme) is “to have a hierarchy of viable activity centres”. The *Planning Scheme Review Report 2014*, adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2014, identified the “need to complete” a Commercial Activity Centre Strategy. The completion of this strategy is also an objective of the *Greater Shepparton City Council: Council Plan 2013-2017*, as well as an action in the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006*.

The *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015* (Draft Strategy) has been prepared by Essential Economics Pty Ltd. The purpose of the Draft Strategy is to ensure that Shepparton Central Business District (CBD) remains the primary focus for retail and commercial investment in the region. The Draft Strategy also provides guidance on the level of growth that can be supported in the municipality’s sub-regional, neighbourhood, and local centres.

The Draft Strategy has been informed by an extensive consultation program with a variety of key stakeholders, Council departments and the general public. Additionally, the Draft Strategy undertook an in-depth economic and demographic analysis to project the future retail and commercial needs of the Municipality and broader region over the next fifteen years.

Council officers intend to release the Draft Strategy formally for public comment. Essential Economics Pty Ltd will consider any feedback received during this consultation phase and prepare the Final Strategy.

The Final Strategy will inform a subsequent planning scheme amendment. Additionally, it will be used to progress the development and economic viability of the Municipality’s commercial activity centres, while maintaining the primacy of the Shepparton CBD.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.2 Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy (continued)

Moved by Cr Hazelman
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council:

1. endorse the *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015* to be released for public consultation for a period of four weeks commencing on Monday 24 August 2015 and concluding on Monday 14 September 2015.
2. note that Council officers will report any feedback, comments and submissions received through public consultation to the Council, prior to presenting the Strategy at a future Council meeting for adoption.

CARRIED.

Background

The preparation of the *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015* has the following strategic justification:

- An objective of the Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS) at Clause 21.06-5 (Commercial/Activity Centres) of the Planning Scheme is “to have a hierarchy of viable activity centres”;
- A strategy of the *Greater Shepparton City Council: Council Plan 2013-2017* is to “develop, adopt and commence implementation of a Retail Strategy”;
- An action of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)* is to “undertake a Retail/Commercial Floorspace Strategy to investigate the potential additional floor space with an economic impact assessment on the expansion of the centres relative to population projections”; and
- The *Planning Scheme Review Report 2014*, adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2014, identified the ‘need to complete’ a Commercial Activity Centre Strategy.

Council engaged Essential Economics Pty Ltd on 4 June 2014 to complete a Commercial Activity Centres Strategy. Essential Economic Pty Ltd was appointed in accordance with Council’s procurement policy. The decision making process involved the appointment of an evaluation panel and a selection process.

The main objective of the Draft Strategy is to preserve the Shepparton CBD as the primary activity centre for retail and commercial activities in the region. A key instrument in achieving this objective is the commercial activity centre hierarchy contained in the MSS at Clause 21.06-5 (Commercial/Activity Centres) of the Planning Scheme. The Draft Strategy proposes to amend this hierarchy to reflect the current and future commercial needs of the growing Municipality and region.

The Draft Strategy identifies the relationship between economic activity, population levels, demographics and social sustainability of activity centres. By understanding these relationships, the Draft Strategy provides guidance on the level, type and timing of growth that can be supported in each activity centre without compromising the role and function of the Shepparton CBD.

Additionally, the Draft Strategy suggests a planning policy framework to respond the unintended consequences resulting from the introduction of the new Commercial Zones in the Victorian Planning Provisions in 2013.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.2 Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy (continued)

The Draft Strategy has been informed by an extensive consultation program with a variety of key stakeholders, Council departments and the general public. Specifically the consultation process included:

- A call for submission from the general public;
- Meetings with retailers, developers, shopping centre owners and trader group representatives;
- Meetings with The Committee for Greater Shepparton, Shepparton Show Me Committee and the Shepparton Chamber of Commerce;
- Two community workshops;
- Engagement with Council's Planning and Investment Attraction Departments;
- A briefing with Councillors;
- An online business survey; and
- A household telephone survey, with 500 participants from across the Municipality and region.

Essential Economic Pty Ltd used the information and data collected during the consultation phase to undertake an in-depth economic and demographic analysis to project the future retail and commercial needs of the Municipality and broader region over the next fifteen years.

Council officers intend to release the Draft Strategy for public comment. Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd will consider any feedback received during this consultation phase and prepare the Final Strategy.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The Draft Strategy is consistent with the vision and strategic goals of the *Greater Shepparton City Council: Council Plan 2013-2017*. In particular, it implements the following:

- Goal 3: *Economic Prosperity*
- Objective 2: *Ensure retail strategies deliver appropriate outcomes for the community.*
- Strategy: *Develop, adopt and commence implementation of a Retail Strategy.*

Risk Management

There are no adverse risks associated with releasing the Draft Strategy for public consultation.

Policy Considerations

The Draft Strategy supports existing Council policy including *The Greater Shepparton City Council: Council Plan 2013-2017* and the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006*.

Financial Implications

The recommendation does not have any financial or budgetary implications for Council. A budget allocation was included in the adopted budget for the 2014-'15 financial year to complete the project.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with the Draft Strategy comply with the legislative requirements. The Draft Strategy has been prepared in accordance with the Planning Scheme and Council's Engagement Strategy.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.2 Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no adverse environmental impacts associated with releasing the Draft Strategy for public comment.

Social Implications

The Draft Strategy will provide positive social benefits. If the recommendations contained in the Draft Strategy are implemented through a future planning scheme amendment, the role and viability of the Shepparton CBD will be strengthened while supporting an appropriate level of growth in the Municipality's sub-regional, neighbourhood and local centres.

There are no adverse social impacts associated with releasing the Draft Strategy for public comment.

Economic Impacts

The Draft Strategy will provide positive economic benefits. If the recommendations contained in the Draft Strategy are implemented through a future planning scheme amendment, there is an opportunity for the expansion of a number of activity centres, which would create employment opportunities and have a positive impact upon the local economy.

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with releasing the Draft Strategy for public comment.

Consultation

The consultation process is a vital aspect of the project. An extensive consultation exercise has already been undertaken. This has involved:

- A call for submission from the general public;
- Meetings with retailers, developers, shopping centre owners and trader group representatives;
- Meetings with The Committee for Greater Shepparton, Shepparton Show Me Committee and the Shepparton Chamber of Commerce;
- Two community workshops;
- Engagement with Council's Planning and Investment Attraction Departments;
- A briefing with Councillors;
- An online business survey; and
- A household telephone survey, with 500 participants from across the Municipality and region.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

An action of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006* is to "undertake a Retail/Commercial Floorspace Strategy to investigate the potential additional floor space with an economic impact assessment on the expansion of the centres relative to population projections". The implementation of the recommendations of the *Commercial Activity Centres Strategy* will assist in achieving the vision of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006*.

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9.2 Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy (continued)

Options for Consideration

1. Note the *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015*, release it for public consultation and consultation and note that officers will report any feedback, comments and submissions received from the public prior to a final decision being made to adopt the final draft of the *Commercial Activity Centres Strategy*; or
2. Do not note the *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015* or release it for public consultation.

Conclusion

The *Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy, June 2015* has been prepared by Essential Economics Pty Ltd. The purpose of the Draft Strategy is to ensure that Shepparton CBD remains the primary focus for retail and commercial investment in the region. The Draft Strategy will also provide guidance on the appropriate level of growth that can be supported in the municipality's sub-regional, neighbourhood and local centres.

Council officers request that Council now release the Draft Strategy for public comment. Essential Economics Pty Ltd will consider any feedback received during the consultation phase and prepare the Final Strategy. The Final Strategy will inform a subsequent planning scheme amendment.

Attachments

Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy (July 2015) Page 278

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Other: Principal Strategic Planner

Executive Summary

Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme proposes to rezone land at 10 Orchard Court and 275 Old Dookie Road, Grahamvale from the Farming Zone to the Low Density Residential Zone.

The amendment was exhibited from 7 May 2015 to 9 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Twelve submissions have been received by Council (see *Attachment 1 – Submissions Recorder*). Of these, five objected to or requested changes to the proposed amendment. Seven submissions were received from referral authorities, none of which raised any objections to the proposed amendment.

The main concerns raised in submissions include:

- Traffic and access;
- Drainage;
- Sewerage; and
- Covenants.

Council officers have met with all submitters to discuss the concerns raised in the submissions. At this stage, five submissions are unable to be resolved. These submissions are discussed in detail in the body of this report. An Independent Planning Panel is required to consider these submissions.

An Independent Planning Panel has been appointed by the Minister for Planning. The Panel Hearing will be held on 20 August 2015.

It is recommended that Council notes Council officers' position at the upcoming Independent Planning Panel Hearing as outlined in this report.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That, with regard to submissions received for Amendment C182 the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme, Council:

1. note Council Officers' response outlined in this report for presentation to an Independent Planning Panel; and
2. note that Council officers may exercise discretion to best achieve the general position adopted by Council.

CARRIED.

Background

Council has received a request to rezone land at Dobson's Estate from the Farming Zone to the Low Density Residential Zone. A planning scheme amendment is required to rezone this land.

The amendment applies to two adjoining parcels of land known as 10 Orchard Court, (being Lot 10 on LP128818) and 275 Old Dookie Road, Grahamvale (being Lot 2 on LP115406).

The land is approximately eight hectares in total and is at the south eastern corner of Dobson's Estate. The land is currently in the Farming Zone (Schedule 1) and is not affected by any overlays (see *Figure 1 – Zone Map* and *Figure 2 – Locality Plan*). The remainder of Dobson's Estate is within the Low Density Residential Zone and has largely been developed for low density residential purposes.

The amendment proposes to rezone land at 10 Orchard Court and 275 Old Dookie Road, Grahamvale from the Farming Zone (Schedule 1) to the Low Density Residential Zone (see *Attachment 2 – Exhibited Documentation*).

The subject land is within the settlement boundary for Shepparton and has been identified for 'potential low density' in the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* (GSHS) and at Clause 21.04 of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. An amendment to rezone the land to Low Density Residential Zone is necessary to implement the recommendations of the GSHS.

The provisions of the Low Density Residential Zone will allow subdivision of the land to a minimum lot size of 4,000m² for unserviced lots. This will complement the existing low density residential character of this area.

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9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Figure 1 – Zone Map

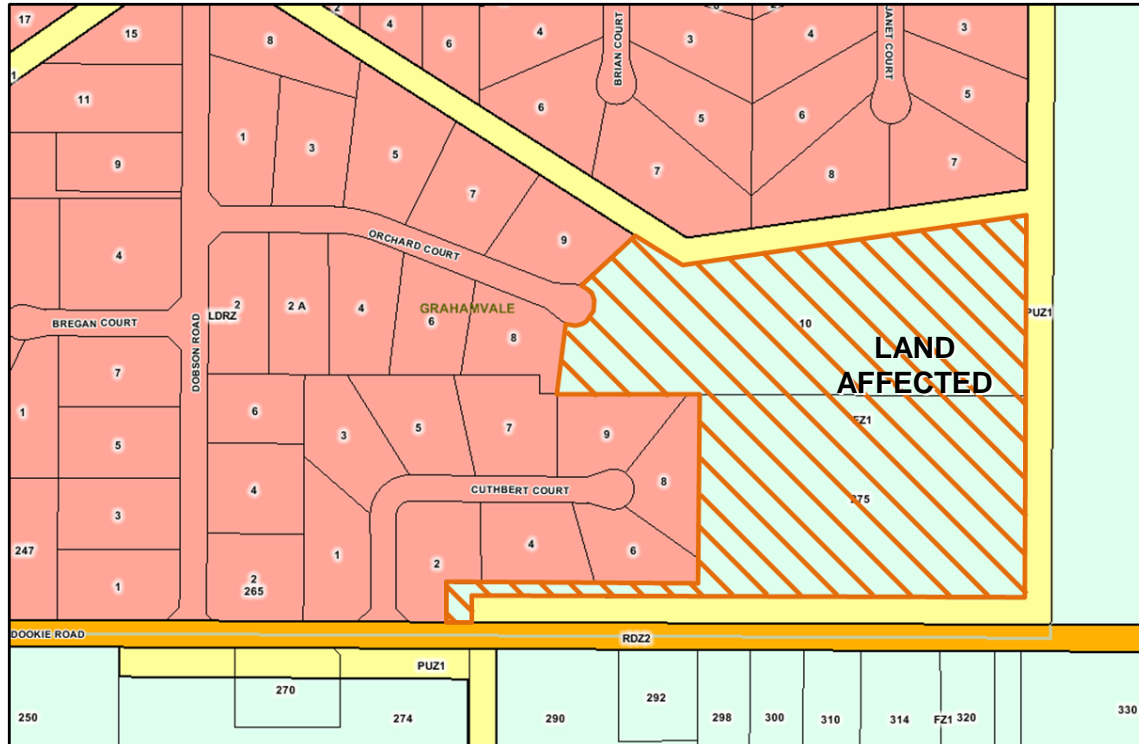
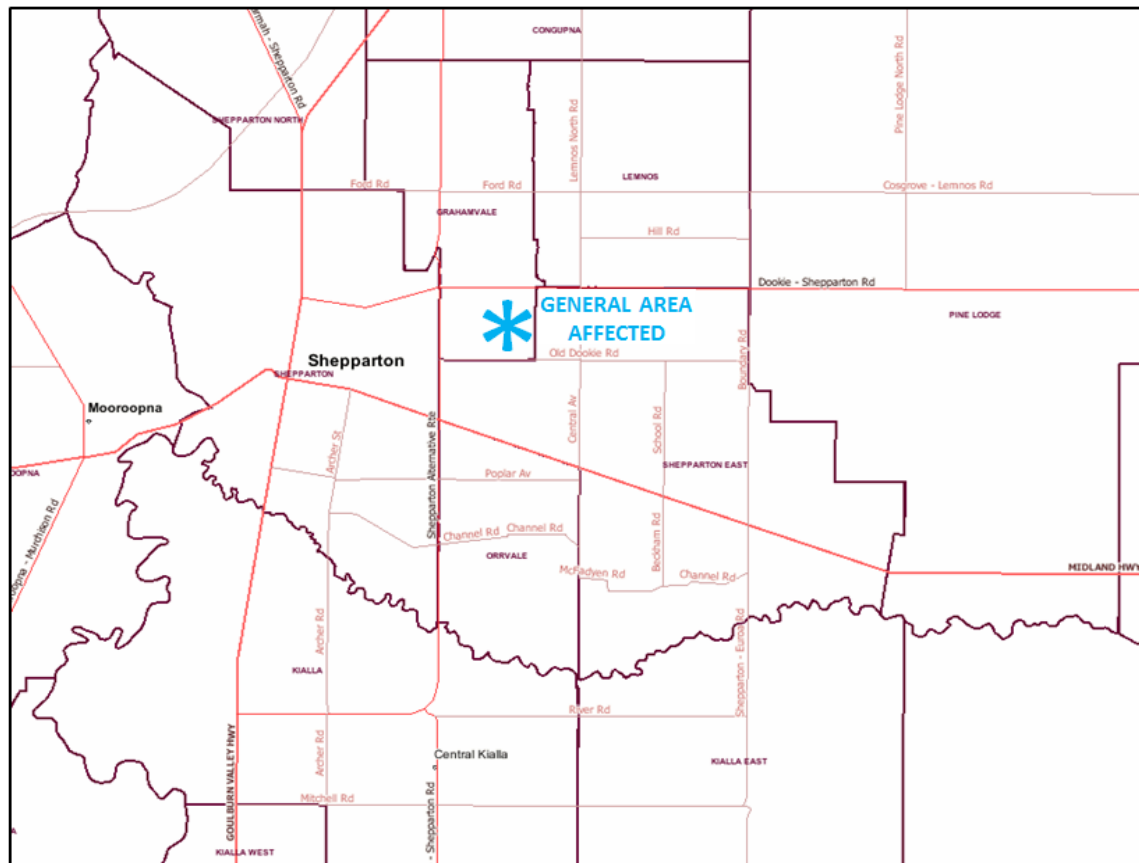


Figure 2 – Locality Plan



9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Exhibition

The amendment was exhibited in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for four weeks. This included the following:

- Letters sent to owners and occupiers of land directly affected on 4 May 2015;
- Letters sent to relevant referral authorities on 4 May 2015;
- Letters sent to prescribed Ministers on 4 May 2015;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette on 7 May 2015;
- Notice in the Shepparton News on 5 May 2015;
- Notice on Greater Shepparton City Council website;
- Notice on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Copy of exhibition documentation in the foyer of the Council offices at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

The exhibition period closed on 9 June 2015.

Submissions

Twelve submissions were received by Council (see *Attachment 1 – Submissions Recorder*).

Seven of these submissions were received from referral authorities who did not object to or request changes to the proposed amendment. These referral authorities are:

- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
- APA Group;
- Environment Protection Authority (Victoria);
- Goulburn Valley Water;
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- Goulburn-Murray Water; and
- Public Transport Victoria.

These submissions are not considered to be objections and are not required to be referred to an Independent Planning Panel.

Five submissions either objected to or requested changes to the proposed combined amendment/permit (see *Figure 3 – Locations of Submitters*).

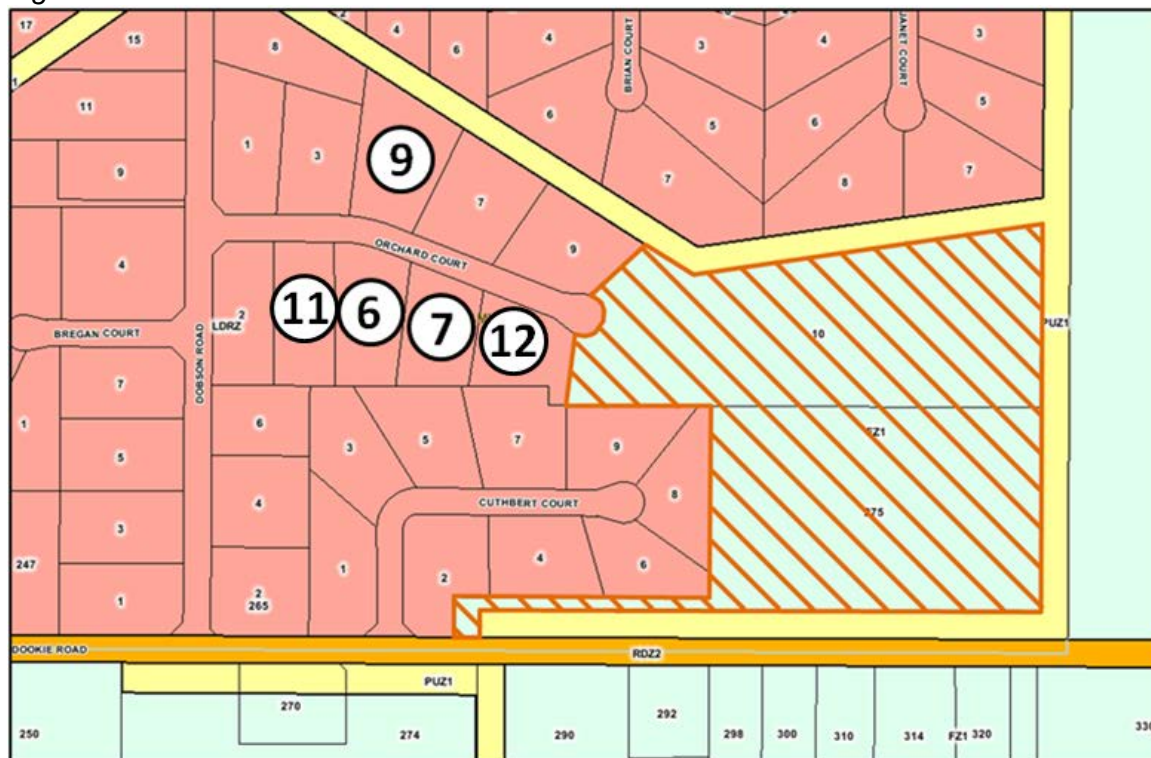
The main concerns raised in submissions include:

- Traffic and access;
- Drainage;
- Sewerage; and
- Covenants.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Figure 3 – Locations of Submitters



Traffic and access

Submission Nos. 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 raise concerns regarding the potential impacts of increased traffic and the way in which the development will be accessed in the future.

The submissions object to any access to the land from the existing Orchard Court, being an extension of the cul-de-sac or changing it to a through-road with an additional access at Old Dookie Road.

Council officers' position:

Lot layouts and access details are not required at this stage of the development process. Traffic and access solutions will be finalised at the subsequent planning permit/subdivision stage if the rezoning proceeds. At this stage, Council's Development Engineering Team have indicated that a second access point is preferred at Old Dookie Road to reduce risks associated with emergency access.

Drainage

Submission Nos. 7 and 12 raise drainage concerns and Submission 7 queries whether Council will require the future development to assist in the resolution of existing drainage issues in Dobson's Estate.

Council officers' position:

The drainage solution will be finalised during the subsequent planning permit/subdivision stage if the rezoning proceeds. However, the proposed development will be required to manage all stormwater on-site with no off-site impacts. The drainage solution for the proposed development must meet the standards included in the Infrastructure Design Manual.

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9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Current drainage requirements will ensure that any development of the site will not exacerbate existing drainage issues. The future development of this site cannot be expected to resolve existing drainage issues in Dobson's Estate.

Sewerage

Submission Nos. 6 and 7 raise issues regarding the lack of reticulated sewerage in the Dobson's Estate area and query when reticulated sewerage will be extended to the area.

Council officers' position:

The land is not currently within the sewer district for the municipality. A land capability assessment has been provided, which confirms that effluent can be treated on-site. Future sewerage plans should not prevent the potential development of the land.

Covenants

Submission No. 9 states that the Shire of Shepparton imposed covenants on all residences, which, among other things, ban light industry. The submission states that these restrictions have been and are being breached. The submitters believe that the proposed rezoning is a further breach of the original Shire of Shepparton plans for the amenity of Dobson's Estate.

Council officers' position:

The breaching of any covenants is a legal/enforcement issue and should not prevent the future development of the land. Council officers have reviewed the covenants on the Certificates of Title and believe that the proposed rezoning does not breach any existing covenants.

The submissions cannot be resolved and have been referred to an Independent Planning Panel for consideration.

An Independent Planning Panel has been appointed by the Minister for Planning. The Panel Hearing will be held on 20 August 2015.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The proposed amendment is supported by the *Council Plan 2013-2017* as follows:

Goal 4: Quality Infrastructure (Built)

Objective 3: Encourage sustainable municipal growth and development.

Risk Management

The primary risk associated with the proposed combined amendment/permit is not meeting the timelines required by *Ministerial Direction No. 15 "The Planning Scheme Amendment Process"*. This Ministerial Direction requires each stage of the planning scheme amendment process to be undertaken within set timeframes.

In accordance with Ministerial Direction No. 15, Council must request the appointment of an Independent Planning Panel under Part 8 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* within 40 business days of the closing date for submissions, unless a Panel is not required. To meet this timeframe, an Independent Planning Panel has been requested by Council officers under delegation. It is recommended that Council endorses Council officers' position prior to the upcoming Independent Planning Panel Hearing.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Policy Considerations

The proposed amendment does not conflict with any existing Council policies. The proposed amendment supports Council's policies for providing additional zones residential land in accordance with the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011*.

Financial Implications

The costs associated with the proposed combined amendment/permit must be met by the proponent, being Onleys Consulting Pty Ltd on behalf of landowners A & D Shaholli. This includes the cost of an Independent Planning Panel.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this planning scheme amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). The amendment has been assessed in accordance with the Act and the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. The assessment is considered to accord with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (the Charter). No human rights have been negatively impacted upon throughout the process.

The Charter recognises that reasonable restrictions may be placed on the use and development of land, and that there may on occasion be reasonable and acceptable offsite impacts on others. Provided these issues are properly considered, it would be a rare and exceptional case where the exercise of a planning decision in accordance with the regulatory framework is not Charter compatible.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Rezoning the subject land from the Farming Zone to the Low Density Residential Zone will allow it to be developed with unserviced lots of a minimum subdivision size of 4,000m². This will achieve an appropriate outcome for land that now adjoins low density residential development on two sides.

The displacement of irrigation farming land by urban expansion has been strategically addressed within the GSHS. A settlement boundary has been established with an overall strategy of containment for the regional city. The subject land is within the settlement boundary. The containment strategy is necessary to protect the significant agricultural base of the economy from the negative impact of scattered unplanned rural residential development.

The rezoning will facilitate the use and development of the subject site for low density residential purposes. This is consistent with the aims of maintaining and improving the quality of the local environment by encouraging a consolidation of land use with adjoining and adjacent low density residential development. The subject land is abutted on two sides by land already developed for low density residential purposes. As such, there will be no significant loss to the municipality's natural environmental.

There are no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with this amendment.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Social Implications

The proximity of residential land use makes productive farming on the subject land very difficult. The subject land is better suited to low density residential use. Therefore the use and development of this site as an integrated residential estate will assist in reducing pressure on economically viable agricultural land to the east of Shepparton, and will assist in protecting the valuable economic contribution that agriculture and the farming sector make to the local, regional and state economy.

There are no significant adverse social implications associated with this amendment.

Economic Impacts

An increase in residential development in this area, in close proximity to the Shepparton Urban Area, will increase the number of people utilising existing services and facilities in the Dobson's Estate area. This will make these facilities more financially viable and encourage new investment in the town. The subject land is also within close proximity to social services, infrastructure and entertainment provided in the Shepparton Urban Area, thus providing another sustainable diversified housing option.

There are no significant adverse economic implications associated with this amendment.

Consultation

The amendment was exhibited in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* for four weeks. This included the following:

- Letters sent to owners and occupiers of land directly affected on 4 May 2015;
- Letters sent to relevant referral authorities on 4 May 2015;
- Letters sent to prescribed Ministers on 4 May 2015;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette on 7 May 2015;
- Notice in the Shepparton News on 5 May 2015;
- Notice on Greater Shepparton City Council website;
- Notice on Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Copy of exhibition documentation in the foyer of the Council offices at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton.

The exhibition period closed on 9 June 2015.

Submissions are discussed in detail in the "Background" section of this report.

Council officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

Direction 1: Settlement and Housing

Commitment to growth within a consolidated and sustainable development program.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.3 Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Options for Consideration

1. Note Council officers' position at an Independent Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C183 (combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit) to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (preferred); or
2. Do not note Council officers' position at an Independent Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C183 (combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit) to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and form an alternative position; or
3. Abandon Amendment C183 (combined planning scheme amendment and planning permit) to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme proposes to rezone land at 10 Orchard Court and 275 Old Dookie Road, Grahamvale from the Farming Zone (Schedule 1) to the Low Density Residential Zone.

The amendment was exhibited from 7 May 2015 to 9 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Twelve submissions have been received by Council. Of these, five objected to or requested changes to the proposed amendment.

Council officers have met with all submitters to discuss the concerns raised in the submissions.

At this stage, five submissions are unable to be resolved. The matter has been referred to an Independent Planning Panel for consideration.

An Independent Planning Panel has been appointed by the Minister for Planning. The Panel Hearing will be held on 20 August 2015.

It is recommended that Council notes Council officers' position at the upcoming Independent Planning Panel Hearing as outlined in this report.

Attachments

1. Submissions Recorder Page 444
2. Exhibited Documentation Page 445

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

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Executive Summary

Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme proposes to give formal recognition to the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Amendment C112 was exhibited from 9 October 2014 to 8 December 2014. Thirty one submissions were received by Council. The majority of these submissions supported the proposed amendment.

A Panel Hearing was held on 20 and 22 May 2015. The Independent Planning Panel Report was received on 17 June 2015. Council is now required to consider the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel Report and make a decision on the amendment.

The Panel Report recommends that Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme be adopted as exhibited, subject to the following recommendations:

1. Include the revised Clauses 21.07 and 21.09 as shown in the appendices of the Panel Report.
2. The amendment should not be adopted unless and until the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association issues a revised version of the Infrastructure Design Manual that:
 - a) Responds to the changes sought in submissions; and
 - b) Expresses all relevant standards and guidelines as 'discretionary'.

The abovementioned changes are summarised below.

- Clause 21.07 has been revised in response to concerns raised in submissions to ensure the document provides guidelines only, rather than including mandatory requirements. The revised Clause 21.07 is more focused and repetitive content has been removed.
- Clause 21.09 has been revised to ensure the correct version of the IDM is included in the planning scheme.
- The IDM has been reviewed by the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association and a revised IDM, being Version 4.4, has been issued. Version 4.4 of the IDM removes all mandatory requirements and expresses standards and guidelines as discretionary. This revised version of the IDM also incorporates technical changes made to the document due to concerns raised in submissions.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

The amendment has been through exhibition, consideration of submissions and panel processes in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Council officers have reviewed the Panel Report and agree with the Independent Planning Panel's recommendations. The amendment has been revised accordingly and the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association has issued a revised IDM in accordance with the Panel's recommendations.

Council officers now request that Council adopt the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel, adopt Amendment C112 with the changes recommended by the Panel; and resolve to submit the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

The Minister for Planning has also appointed an Advisory Committee under Section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider the implementation of the IDM through other planning schemes across the state. As a result of the Advisory Committee process, other Councils may be able to include the IDM within their respective planning schemes using a streamlined planning scheme amendment process.

The appointment of an Advisory Committee does not impact on Greater Shepparton City Council's planning scheme amendment to implement the IDM.

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That, having considered the Independent Planning Panel Report for Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme, in accordance with Section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), Council:

1. adopt the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel for Amendment C112 as outlined in their Panel Report dated 17 June 2015;
2. adopt Amendment C112 with the changes recommended by the Independent Planning Panel in accordance with Section 29 of the Act; and
3. submit Amendment C112 to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.

CARRIED.

Background

Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme proposes to give formal recognition to the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Greater Shepparton City Council has been using the IDM since 2007. The IDM is designed to clearly document and standardise Council's requirements for the design and development of municipal infrastructure. It aims to expedite Council's engineering approvals and ensure that minimum design criteria are met in regard to the design and construction of municipal infrastructure regardless of whether it is constructed by a Council or a developer.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Amendment C112 was exhibited from 9 October 2014 to 8 December 2014. Thirty one submissions were received by Council. The majority of these submissions supported the proposed amendment.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 17 February 2015, Council considered submissions received and resolved to endorse Council officers' position at the Independent Planning Panel Hearing and the Advisory Committee Hearing (see *Attachment 1 – Extract from February Ordinary Council Meeting minutes*).

A Panel Hearing was held on 20 and 22 May 2015. The Independent Planning Panel Report was received on 17 June 2015 (see *Attachment 2 – Panel Report*).

The Panel Report recommended that Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme be adopted as exhibited, subject to the following changes:

1. Include the revised Clauses 21.07 and 21.09 as shown in the appendices of the Panel Report.
2. The amendment should not be adopted unless and until the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association issues a revised version of the Infrastructure Design Manual that:
 - a) Responds to the changes sought in submissions; and
 - b) Expresses all relevant standards and guidelines as 'discretionary'.

The above mentioned changes are summarised below.

- Clause 21.07 has been revised in response to concerns raised in submissions to ensure the document provides guidelines only, rather than including mandatory requirements. The revised Clause 21.07 is more focused and repetitive content has been removed.
- Clause 21.09 has been revised to ensure the correct version of the IDM is included in the planning scheme.
- The IDM has been reviewed by the Local Government Infrastructure Design Association and a revised IDM, being Version 4.4, has been issued. Version 4.4 of the IDM removes all mandatory requirements and expresses standards and guidelines as discretionary. This revised version of the IDM also incorporates technical changes made to the document due to concerns raised in submissions.

Council officers have reviewed the Panel Report and agree with the Independent Planning Panel's recommendations. The amendment documentation has been revised accordingly (see *Attachment 3 – Post-Exhibition Amendment Documentation*). The Local Government Infrastructure Design Association has issued a revised IDM in accordance with the Panel's recommendations.

Council is now required to consider the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel and must make a determination on the amendment. Council officers request that Council adopt the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel, adopt Amendment C112 with the changes recommended by the Panel, and resolve to submit the amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

The Minister for Planning has also appointed an Advisory Committee under Section 151 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to consider the implementation of the IDM through other planning schemes across the state. As a result of the Advisory Committee process, other Councils may be able to include the IDM within their respective planning schemes using a streamlined planning scheme amendment process.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The proposed amendment is supported by the *Council Plan 2013-2017* as follows:
Strategic Goal No. 4: Quality Infrastructure (Built)

4.1 Ensure the community has access to high quality facilities.

4.2 Ensure the community has access to appropriate transportation infrastructure.

Risk Management

In accordance with Section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), Council is required to consider the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel before deciding whether or not to adopt the amendment.

Council is not required to adopt the recommendations of the Panel under the Act. As the Panel is appointed by the Minister for Planning and is required to make recommendations based on net community benefit in the interests of all Victorians, it is possible that not accepting the Panel's recommendations could result in the amendment not receiving approval from the Minister for Planning. This would result in unnecessary financial and resource costs for Council.

Policy Considerations

The proposed amendment does not conflict with any existing Council policies. The proposed amendment supports Council's policies on sustainable development.

Financial Implications

Council is required to meet the costs incurred by an Independent Planning Panel and Advisory Committee Hearing. These costs were accounted for in the 2014/15 Planning Panels budget.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this planning scheme amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). The amendment has been assessed in accordance with the Act and the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. The assessment is considered to accord with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (the Charter). No human rights have been negatively impacted upon throughout the process.

The Charter recognises that reasonable restrictions may be placed on the use and development of land, and that there may on occasion be reasonable and acceptable offsite impacts on others. Provided these issues are properly considered, it would be a rare and exceptional case where the exercise of a planning decision in accordance with the regulatory framework is not Charter compatible.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The amendment will have positive environmental effects. The IDM provides design criteria for future development to ensure that development does not impact negatively on the environment and is undertaken in an environmentally sustainable manner.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Social Implications

The IDM is designed to clearly document and standardise Council's requirements for the design and development of municipal infrastructure. It also aims to expedite Council's engineering approvals and ensure that minimum design criteria are met in regard to the design and construction of municipal infrastructure. The social effects of this amendment are considered to be beneficial to both Council and the community.

Economic Impacts

The inclusion of the revised IDM in the planning scheme will provide certainty around the requirements for the provision of infrastructure. This will improve efficiency in planning processes and lead to a reduction in financial implications and greater surety at development stage. The proposed amendment is considered to have significant economic benefit to Council and the community.

Consultation

Amendment C112 was exhibited in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This included the following:

- Notice in the Shepparton News;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette;
- Letters to referral authorities across the state (approximately 100 letters);
- Letters to prescribed Ministers;
- Letters to stakeholders of the IDM across the state (over 500 letters);
- Six 'consultation workshops' held in the following centres:
 - Horsham;
 - Warrnambool;
 - Bendigo;
 - Wangaratta;
 - Geelong; and
 - Morwell (La Trobe).
- Notice on the Greater Shepparton City Council Website; and
- Notice on the former Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure website.

The exhibition period was open for two months and submissions closed on 8 December 2014.

Council officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Direction 5: Infrastructure

"The provision and restructure of urban and rural infrastructure to enhance the performance of the municipality and facilitate growth."

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.4 Adoption of Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Options for Consideration

In accordance with Section 27 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act), Council must consider the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel before deciding whether or not to adopt the amendment. Council may:

- abandon the Amendment under Section 28 of the Act; or
- adopt the Amendment under Section 29 of the Act.

If adopted, Council may then submit the amendment to the Minister for approval under Section 31 of the Act.

Conclusion

Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme proposes to give formal recognition to the Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Amendment C112 was exhibited from 9 October 2014 to 8 December 2014. Thirty one submissions were received by Council. The majority of these submissions supported the proposed amendment.

A Panel Hearing was held on 20 and 22 May 2015. The Independent Planning Panel Report was received on 17 June 2015. Council is now required to consider the recommendations of the Independent Planning Panel Report and make a decision on the amendment.

It is recommended that the Independent Planning Panel's Report be considered by Council and that the amendment, including the Panel's recommendations, is adopted and submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Attachments

1. Extract from February Ordinary Council Meeting minutes Page 455
2. Panel Report Page 506
3. Post-Exhibition Amendment Documentation Page 540

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

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Executive Summary

Council officers have prepared Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (Planning Scheme). The proposed Amendment seeks to correct errors and anomalies in the Planning Scheme. As a result of these anomalies, the mechanisms of the planning process have created situations that are clearly in error and/or conflict with the intent of the provisions in the Planning Scheme.

The proposed Amendment is an outcome of the *Planning Scheme Review Report 2014* that was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2014.

The proposed Amendment generally applies to all land within the City of Greater Shepparton (see Attachment 1 – *Explanatory Report* for a list of land parcels directly affected by the proposed Amendment).

The proposed Amendment proposes to correct spelling errors and incorrectly identified centres and roads within the Planning Scheme, to remove redundant overlays, to rezone land into a variety of land use zones and to fix mapping anomalies within the zone and overlay mapping in the Planning Scheme.

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 14 May 2015 to 15 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Five submissions were received by Council. These submissions were received from referral authorities, none of which raised any objections to the proposed Amendment. The proposed Amendment does not conflict with any existing Council Policies. The proposal will not result in any negative social, economic or environmental impacts. The correction of these errors and anomalies will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the Municipality.

All stages of the planning scheme amendment process, including preparation, authorisation, exhibition and consideration of submissions have now been completed.

Council is now required to adopt the Amendment prior to the Amendment being submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Following approval, the Amendment will be published in the Victorian Government Gazette, at which point it will be included in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

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9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ryan

That the Council:

1. adopt Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act); and
2. submit Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31 of the Act.

CARRIED.

Background

Council officers have been progressively reviewing existing errors and anomalies in the Planning Scheme. Proposed Amendment C179 is an outcome of the *Planning Scheme Review Report 2014* that was adopted by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 October 2014.

The proposed Amendment seeks to correct a number of these errors and anomalies through the removal of redundant overlays, improvement of clarity within overlays, correction of mapping errors, rezoning of incorrectly zoned land parcels, introduction and relaxation of provisions, and correction of a number of spelling and identification errors.

Specifically, the Amendment proposes to:

1. make changes to the Municipal Strategic Statement at Clause 21.06-5 (Commercial/Activity Centres) to correct the name of two centres within the Activity Centres Hierarchy;
2. correct spelling and grammatical errors contained within the Planning Scheme at Clause 37.01 (Schedule 4 to the Special Use Zone) and Clause 43.02 (Schedule 7 to the Design and Development Overlay);
3. amend Clause 43.04 (Schedule 17 to the Development Plan Overlay) to relax provisions in the Planning Scheme to allow the Responsible Authority to use discretion when determining which plans, surveys and other provisions are required to accompany an application for a development plan;
4. amend Clause 44.04 (Schedule to the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay) to revise the wording of the permit exemptions included in the schedule. The proposed revisions will remove unnecessary repetition and improve the clarity of these permit exemptions. The amendment does not propose to introduce any new controls within this Schedule;
5. amend Clause 45.01 (Schedule to the Public Acquisition Overlay) (PAO 2, 4, 10, 11, 13-16) to reflect the correct name for the 'Acquiring Authority' and to remove PAO8 from this schedule. In addition, the Amendment proposes to remove Public Acquisition Overlays (PAOs) from land that has already been acquired and remove the Design and Development Overlays (DDOs) from the entrance to the Finborough Estate in Mooroopna as this land has been developed;
6. amend the Schedule to Clause 52.05-5 (Advertising Signs) to introduce land and conditions into the Schedule. The purpose of this addition is to relax the provisions that control advertising signs for specific lands zoned Public Use Zone (PUZ) – Schedule 6, which would otherwise be prohibited from installing certain types of advertising signs;

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9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

7. correct several mapping errors that are present in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. The Urban Floodway Zone (UFZ) has been incorrectly mapped over a number of land parcels. The Amendment seeks to rezone those parcels that are incorrectly mapped and apply the Floodway Overlay (FO) to ensure flooding considerations are met in any future development proposal;
8. apply the PUZ to land now in public ownership and apply an appropriate zone for lands once in public ownership, which are now in private ownership; and
9. correct the application of flood controls at the GV Link site. Amendment C34 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme applied the Special Use Zone – Schedule 6 (SUZ6) to the entire GV Link site. As part of this process, the amendment erroneously removed the UFZ from a portion of the land. The Amendment seeks to apply the FO to the land previously included in the UFZ to ensure appropriate planning controls apply to the site. This will ensure that future development proposals will not negatively impact upon the free passage and temporary storage of floodwater on the land.

The correction of these errors and anomalies will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the Municipality.

Submissions

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 14 May 2015 to 15 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Five submissions were received by Council. These were received from referral authorities, none of which raised any objections to the proposed Amendment. These authorities are:

- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority;
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning;
- Goulburn Valley Water;
- Goulburn-Murray Water; and
- Public Transport Victoria.

No changes are required to be made to the proposed Amendment documentation to address these submissions.

Council is now required to adopt the Amendment prior to the Amendment being submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Following approval, the Amendment will be published in the Victorian Government Gazette, at which point it will be included in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The proposed amendment will correct a number of errors and anomalies in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. This will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the Municipality.

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9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Risk Management

There are no risks associated with adopting this amendment as it corrects identified anomalies in the Planning Scheme and will implement the objectives of planning in Victoria by providing sound, strategic and coordinated planning of the use and development of land in the municipality as required by Section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

There are continued risks, however, if this amendment is not adopted by the Council and approved by the Minister as there are numerous errors and anomalies that have created situations that are unjust, clearly in error and/or conflict with the obvious intent of the provisions in the scheme

An additional risk is associated with the Planning Scheme Amendment not meeting the timelines required through Ministerial Direction No. 15 'The Planning Scheme Amendment Process'. This Ministerial Direction requires each stage of the planning scheme amendment process to be undertaken within set timeframes.

In accordance with Ministerial Direction No. 15, Council must make a decision on the Amendment within 60 business days of the closing date of submissions. Following this, the Amendment must be submitted to the Minister for Planning within 10 business days of the date the amendment is adopted by Council.

Policy Considerations

The proposed Amendment does not conflict with any Council policy and better implements the objectives of the Municipal Strategic Statement by correcting existing errors and anomalies in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Financial Implications

The *Planning and Environment (Fees) regulations 2000* sets the statutory fees for the preparation, exhibition and adoption of planning scheme amendments. The Council is the proponent of this Amendment and is responsible for all costs associated with the amendment process.

No submissions have been received which require consideration by an Independent Planning Panel, which has reduced the costs for Council.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this planning scheme amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). The amendment has been assessed in accordance with the Act and the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

The assessment is considered to accord with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (the Charter). No human rights have been negatively impacted upon throughout the process.

The Charter recognises that reasonable restrictions may be placed on the use and development of land, and that there may on occasion be reasonable and acceptable offsite impacts on others. Provided these issues are properly considered, it would be a rare and exceptional case where the exercise of a planning decision in accordance with the regulatory framework is not Charter compatible.

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9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The proposed amendment will not have any significant detrimental environmental effects. The proposed amendment is correctional in nature and will not result in any direct changes to land use or built form outcomes.

There are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the Amendment.

Social Implications

The proposed Amendment will have positive social effects as it reduces the need for landowners to apply for planning permits on land that is incorrectly included in an overlay or zone. The proposed amendment will ensure a net community benefit by enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

There are no adverse social impacts associated with the Amendment.

Economic Impacts

The amendment should have positive economic effects as it will reduce the need for landowners to apply for planning permits for buildings or works on land that is incorrectly included in an overlay or land use zone, and will facilitate development of land that is included in an overlay with existing restrictive mandatory controls.

The proposed Amendment will ensure a net community benefit by enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with the Amendment.

Consultation

Amendment C179 was exhibited in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This included the following:

- Notice in the Shepparton News on 12 May 2015;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette on 14 May 2015;
- Letters to affected landowners and occupiers on 11 May 2015;
- Letters to relevant referral authorities on 11 May 2015;
- Letters to prescribed ministers on 11 May 2015;
- Documentation on display at the Council officers at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton;
- Documentation on display at the Tatura Library at 12-16 Casey Road, Tatura;
- Documentation available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Documentation available on the Greater Shepparton City Council website.

The proposed Amendment was exhibited for four weeks and submissions closed on 15 June 2015. Submissions are discussed in detail in the 'Background' section of this report.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

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9.5 Adoption of Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (continued)

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

Owing to the fact that this amendment mainly proposes to correct a number of zoning and overlay errors and anomalies within the Planning Scheme, there are no specific strategic directions that specifically support this amendment. However, as the amendment proposes to remove a number of redundant overlays, correction of mapping errors and the rezoning of incorrectly zoned land parcels, it will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the municipality. This approach is strongly supported by the *Greater Shepparton 2030 – Strategy Plan*.

Options for Consideration

1. Adopt Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and refer it to the Minister for Planning for approval; or
2. Abandon Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

Proposed Amendment C179 seeks to correct existing errors and anomalies in the Planning Scheme. These errors and anomalies are creating situations that are clearly in error and/or conflict with the obvious intent of the provisions of the Planning Scheme. The correction of these errors and anomalies will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the Municipality.

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 14 May 2015 to 15 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Five submissions were received by Council, none of which raised any objections to the proposed Amendment.

The proposed Amendment is consistent with the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and does not conflict with any existing Council policies. The proposal will not result in any negative social, economic or environmental impacts.

All stages of the planning scheme amendment process, including preparation, authorisation, exhibition and consideration of submissions have now been completed.

Council is now required to adopt the Amendment prior to the Amendment being submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval. Following approval, the amendment will be published in the Victorian Government Gazette, at which point it will be included in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Attachments

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9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

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Executive Summary

Proposed Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (Planning Scheme) seeks to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO20) to part of the land at 420A Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton North (Lot 1 on TP 629638). The land is occupied by Adornato Sand and Gravel Supplies Pty Ltd, as shown on *Figure One – Locality Plan* and *Figure Two – Aerial Photograph* below. The land is included within the North Growth Corridor.

The Amendment seeks to implement a Council resolution made at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 October 2009. Council resolved to “consent to the Council officers commencing the planning scheme amendment process to acquire land in the north growth corridor for drainage reserves and areas of public open space”. Following this resolution, Council officers sought to acquire those parcels of land identified for stormwater, drainage and open space purposes within the Corridor through negotiation.

The preference of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, at the time, was that the application of a Public Acquisition Overlay should only be used as a last resort when negotiation had failed. Unfortunately, negotiation with the land owners of 420a Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton has not been successful and the application of a Public Acquisition Overlay is now required to facilitate the acquisition of this land.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Figure One – Locality Plan (land identified with a red star)

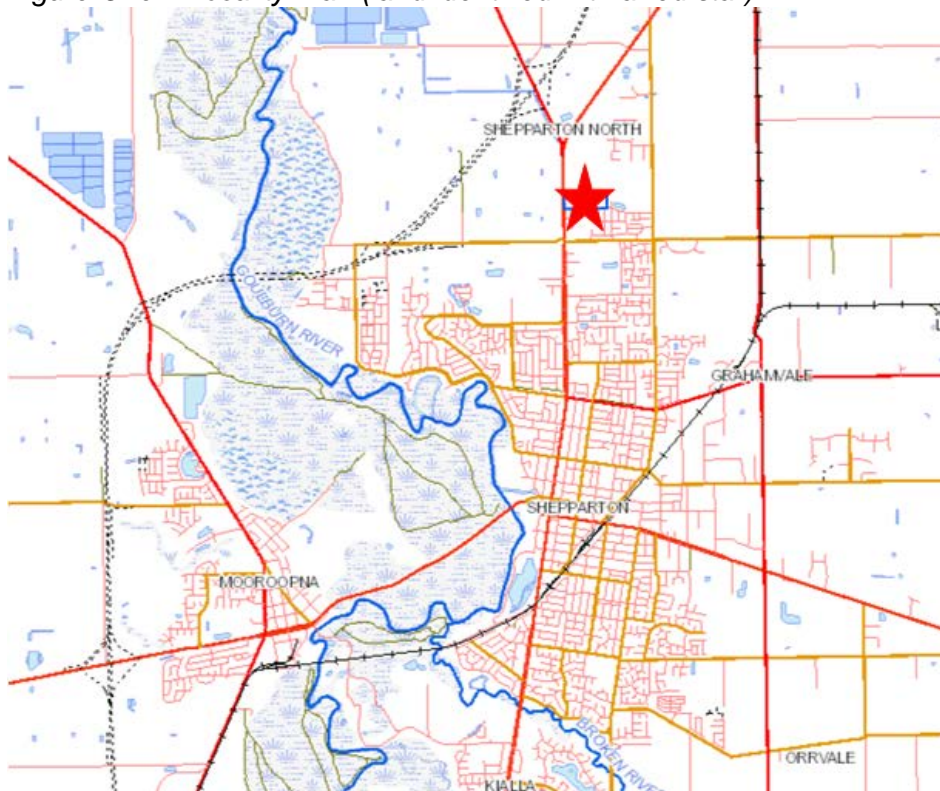
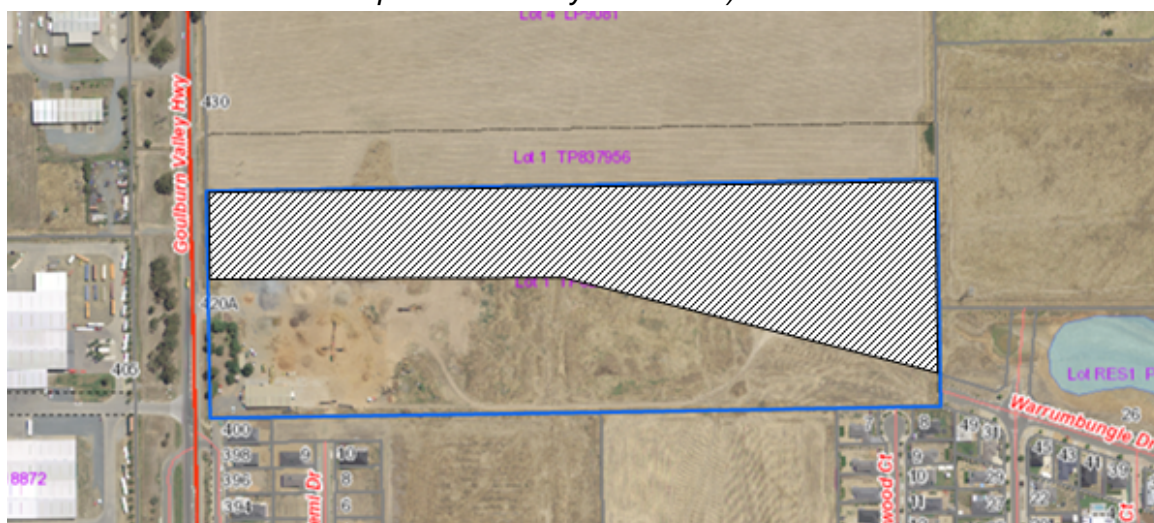


Figure Two – Aerial Photograph (total landholding outlined in blue and land proposed to be included in the Public Acquisition Overlay is hatched)



The proposed Amendment seeks to facilitate the future acquisition of land required to provide the ultimate stormwater drainage infrastructure envisaged for the North Growth Corridor in accordance with the approved the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Outline Development Plan 2003* and the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Development Contributions Plan 2003*.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 28 May 2015 to 29 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act).

Nine submissions were received by Council. Of these, three submissions objected to the proposed planning scheme amendment (see *Attachment 1 – Submissions Recorder*)

The main concerns raised in these three submissions include:

- Information on the requirements and location for stormwater and drainage management within the area. Alternative stormwater management proposals are sought;
- Objects to the inclusion of the land in the Amendment;
- Considers that too much land is proposed to be included in the Public Acquisition Overlay;
- Seeks information on what infrastructure has been funded by already-collected development contributions within the North Growth Corridor;
- Drainage impacts on neighbouring land;
- Impacts on the operation of the existing business on the land and job creation generally; and
- How the land valuation and the level of compensation is calculated.

Council officers have met with each submitter to discuss the concerns raised in these submissions. Council officers supplied each submitter with the additional information requested in the submissions. Council officers are proposing to reduce the extent of the Public Acquisition Overlay applying to the land; however, it has not been possible to satisfy all of the concerns raised in these submissions. It is recommended that the submissions be referred to an Independent Planning Panel for consideration.

It is also recommended that Council note Council officers' position at the upcoming Independent Planning Panel Hearing as outlined in the response to submissions section of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That, with regard to submissions received for Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme, Council:

1. note Council Officers' response outlined in this Report for presentation to an Independent Planning Panel; and
2. note that Council officers may exercise discretion to best achieve the general position adopted by Council.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

**Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Hazelman**

That, with regard to submissions received for Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme, Council:

1. note that an Independent Planning Panel has been appointed to consider submissions to the Amendment;
2. note that, on 14 August 2015, all submissions have been resolved following the circulation of a revised plan of subdivision (Drawing No. 300340UD00 REV2) that has further reduced the extent of the proposed Public Acquisition Overlay; and
3. note that this reduced Public Acquisition Overlay outlined on Drawing No. 300340UD00 REV2 is Council and the submitters' positions to the Independent Planning Panel.

CARRIED.

Background

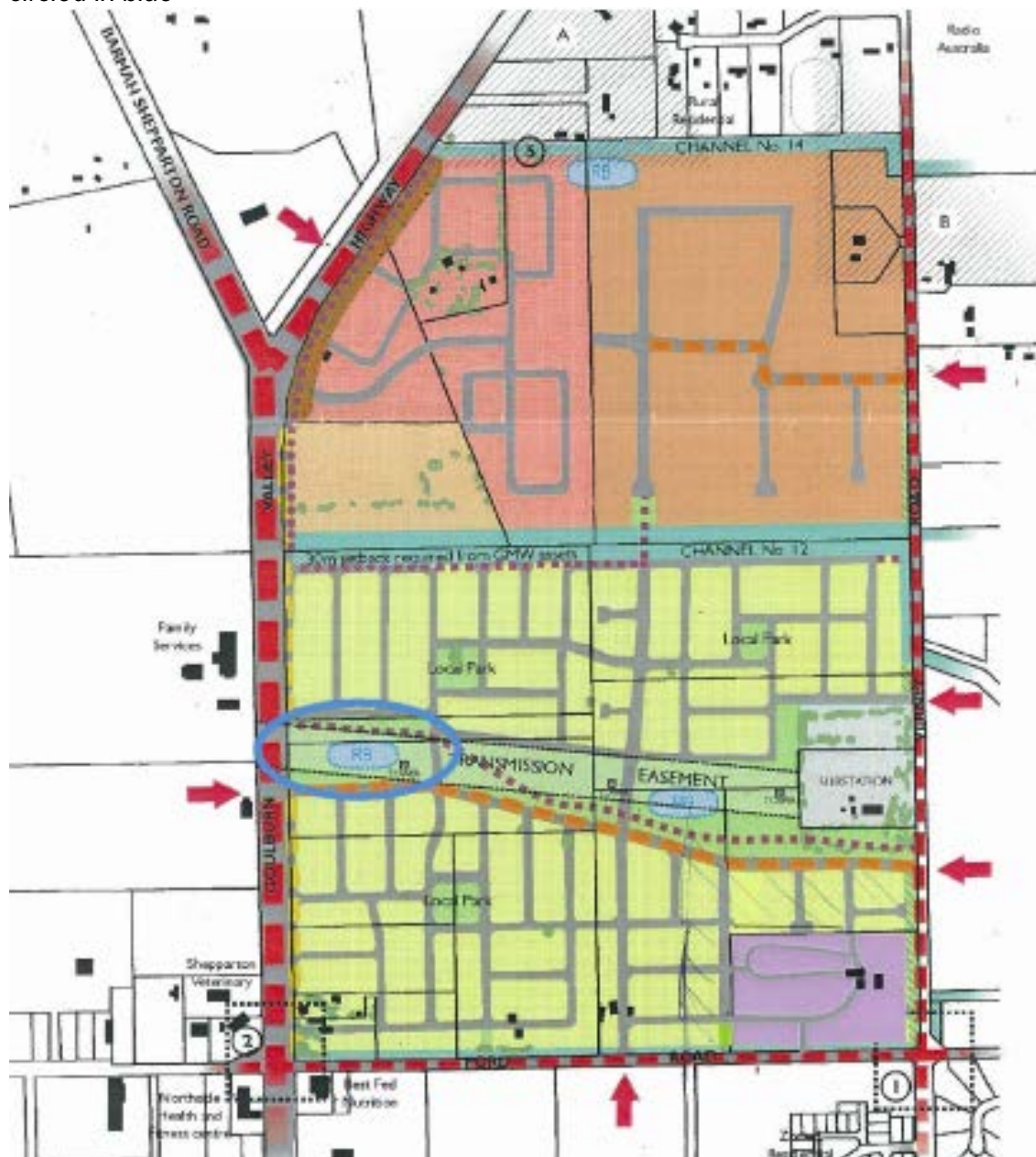
The *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Outline Development Plan 2003* (ODP) and the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Development Contributions Plan 2003* (DCP) for Shepparton North and South Growth Corridors were included in the Planning Scheme as part of Amendment C11 (see Figure Three – *Approved Development Plan for the North Growth Corridor*).

These Plans established a coordinated approach to the development of the North Growth Corridor and the requirement for development to contribute to the cost of the infrastructure included in the Development Contributions Plan.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Figure Three – Approved Development Plan for the North Growth Corridor (landholding circled in blue)



The Corridor was deemed to possess demanding drainage issues and a number of options were considered in arriving at the preferred Drainage Strategy included in the ODP and DCP. It was considered that a “consolidated drainage detention scheme” was the most appropriate solution. This Drainage Strategy provides for a central public open space and drainage corridor aligned in an east-west orientation under the existing transmission lines. This area is intended to be used for the purpose of passive recreation, drainage, and the storage and treatment of stormwater.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

The Strategy recognised that the land required to construct this open space and drainage corridor was contained in a number of ownerships that may only be released in stages. As a consequence, the design of the ultimate stormwater and drainage infrastructure allows for it to be built progressively as development occurs adjacent to this area.

The DCP includes the following costs to construct this infrastructure:

- \$1,038,117 for drainage works (2003 dollars); and
- \$894,762 for wetland costs (2003 dollars).

No allowance was made for land acquisition in the DCP as it envisaged this land being vested or acquired by Council. To fund this, the DCP recommended that the public open space levy at Clause 52.01 *Public Open Space Contribution and Subdivision* of the Planning Scheme should be used to contribute to the costs of acquiring the land as part of the land would be used and developed as public open space. The eastern half of the open space and drainage corridor has already been vested to or been acquired by Council as development has progressed. The western section remains to be acquired and is the subject of this Amendment. To date, approximately \$140,000 has been collected in lieu of the provision of public open space within the Corridor. This money may also be used for land acquisition purposes that seek to realise the ultimate stormwater and drainage infrastructure within the Corridor.

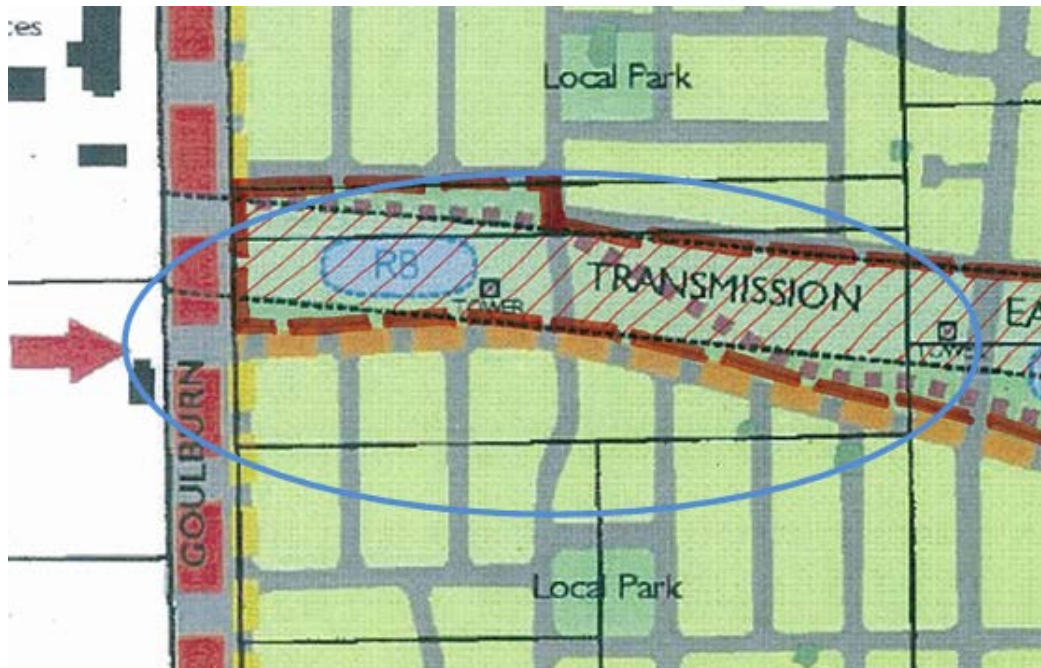
Residential development commenced in the mid-2000s to the south-east of the Corridor at the “Connolly Park” residential development and the Rumbalara Aged Care Facility. Development has continued in a westerly direction towards the Goulburn Valley Highway and has recently commenced at the “North Side” residential development directly to the south of the Amendment lands at 420a Goulburn Valley Highway. The existing stormwater drainage infrastructure within the southern portion of the Corridor discharges into an existing Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) drain along the Goulburn Valley Highway. There is an agreement in place with G-MW to allow this to continue on an interim basis until the ultimate drainage infrastructure envisaged by the ODP and DCP has been provided in the Corridor. This is a temporary solution and it is not expected that G-MW will continue to support this arrangement in the future.

The land at 420A Goulburn Valley Highway has been identified for residential development to the south. The northern half of the land located underneath the transmission lines has been identified to provide stormwater drainage infrastructure and open space (see Figure Four – *Extract from the Approved Development Plan for the North Growth Corridor (landholding outlined in blue)*). A temporary retardation basin has recently been constructed on the eastern section of this land to satisfy the drainage needs of the residential areas of the “North Side” and “Connolly Park” residential developments to the south. Council officers are proposing to acquire that portion of land at 420A Goulburn Valley Highway required to facilitate the realisation of the ultimate retardation, treatment and discharge of stormwater drainage infrastructure required to support the continued future residential development in the Corridor.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Figure Four – Extract from the Approved Development Plan for the North Growth Corridor (landholding circled in blue)



To support residential development, developers to the south have entered into an agreement with the land owners of the subject site to construct a temporary retardation basin on the eastern portion of the Amendment lands. An accompanying easement and balance pipe connect this temporary basin to the existing retardation basin within the Corridor further to the east (see Figure Five: *Aerial Photograph of the southern area of the North Growth Corridor*). For development to continue in the Corridor there is a need to realise the ultimate stormwater and drainage infrastructure within the Corridor and for Council to control these lands. This need has been highlighted by the flooding events that occurred in this area in February 2012.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

A Public Acquisition Overlay must be applied to the land to allow for the acquisition of this land in accordance with the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*. The *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986* requires the land to be placed within a Public Acquisition Overlay before the land can be formally acquired.

Proposed Amendment C181 seeks to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay to that part of the land required to facilitate the realisation of the ultimate retardation, treatment and discharge of stormwater drainage infrastructure for the Corridor. The ultimate stormwater drainage infrastructure works proposed will be in accordance with the approved ODP and DCP for the North Growth Corridor.

Submissions

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 28 May 2015 to 29 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This included the following:

- Notice in the Shepparton News on 26 May 2015;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette on 28 May 2015;
- Letters to affected landowners and occupiers on 25 May 2015;
- Letters to relevant referral authorities on 25 May 2015;
- Letters to prescribed ministers on 25 May 2015;
- Documentation on display at the Council officers at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton;
- Documentation available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Documentation available on the Greater Shepparton City Council website.

The exhibition period closed on 29 June 2015. Nine submissions were received by Council (see *Attachment 1 – Submissions Recorder*). Of these, three submissions objected to the proposed planning scheme amendment. The main concerns raised in these three submissions include:

- Information on the requirements and location for stormwater and drainage management within the area. Alternative stormwater management proposals are sought;
- Objects to the inclusion of the land in the Amendment;
- Considers that too much land is proposed to be included in the Public Acquisition Overlay;
- Seeks information on what infrastructure has been funded by already-collected development contributions within the North Growth Corridor;
- Drainage impacts on neighbouring land;
- Impacts on the operation of the existing business on the land and job creation generally; and
- How the land valuation and the level of compensation is calculated.

Council officers have met with each submitter to discuss the concerns raised in these submissions. Council officers supplied each submitter with the additional information requested in the submissions. Council officers are proposing to reduce the extent of the Public Acquisition Overlay applying to the land; however, it has not been possible to satisfy all of the concerns raised in these submissions. An Independent Planning Panel is required to consider these submissions.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Officers' Position at an Independent Planning Panel

Council officers request the views of the Independent Planning Panel on the concerns raised in submissions. Council officers' position at

1. The adopted *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Outline Development Plan 2003* and the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Development Contributions Plan 2003* were included in the Planning Scheme as part of Amendment C11.
2. The ultimate stormwater drainage infrastructure works proposed will be in accordance with the approved Outline Development Plan and Development Contributions Plan prepared for the North Growth Corridor. A number of options were considered in arriving at the preferred Drainage Strategy for the Corridor. The Strategy provides for a central public open space and drainage corridor aligned in an east-west orientation under the existing transmission lines. This area is intended to be used for the purpose of passive recreation, drainage, and the storage and treatment of stormwater. These complementary uses make an efficient use of land sterilised from development by the presence of the transmission lines.
3. The Amendment land at 420A Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton has been identified for residential development to the south. The northern half of the land located underneath the transmission lines has been identified to provide stormwater drainage infrastructure and open space.
4. A temporary stormwater basin has already been constructed on the land. The acquisition of the land will facilitate the realisation of the ultimate stormwater and drainage infrastructure required to service existing and proposed residential developments in the Corridor.
5. The ultimate stormwater and drainage infrastructure are required to serve the existing and proposed residential areas within the Corridor.
6. The application of the Public Acquisition Overlay to part of 420A Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton will aid in the realisation of the ultimate stormwater drainage infrastructure works.
7. Development contributions have been received and are being spent on infrastructure in accordance with Schedule 1 to the Development Contributions Plan Overlay at Clause 45.06 *Development Contributions Plan Overlay* of the Planning Scheme.
8. All aspects of land acquisition and compensation, including land valuation, will be undertaken in accordance with the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*. Any future acquisition of the land will compensate the land owners for any impact on their business operations.
9. Council officers are proposing to reduce the extent of the proposed Public Acquisition Overlay as a Post-Exhibition change to reflect that outlined in Figures Six and Seven: *Exhibited PAO20 Map and Proposed Reduced Post-Exhibition PAO20 Map*.

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Figure Six: *Exhibited PAO20 Map*

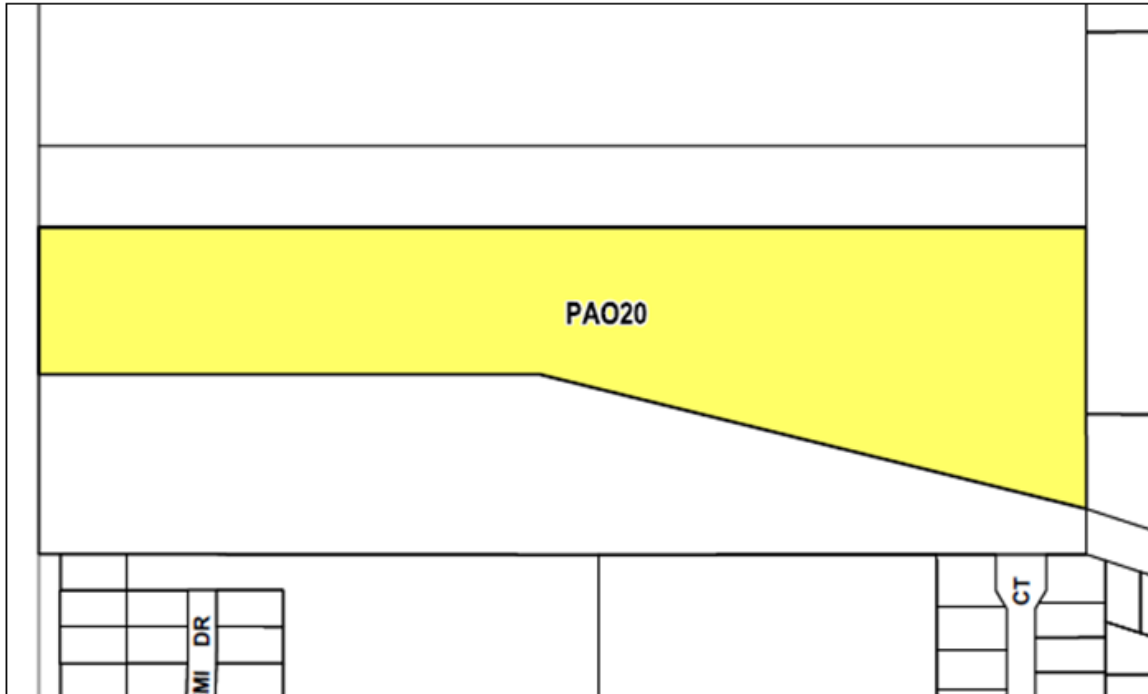
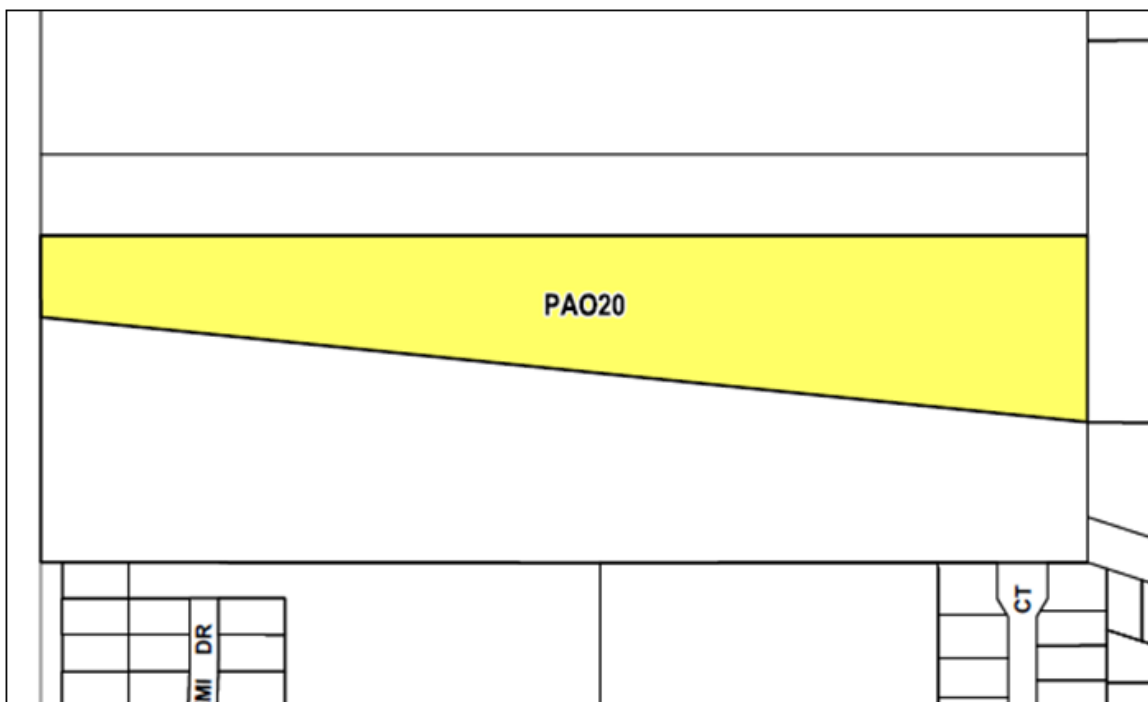


Figure Seven: *Proposed Reduced Post-Exhibition PAO20 Map*

It is recommended that Council endorses Council officers' position at the upcoming Independent Planning Panel Hearing.



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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The proposed amendment is supported by the *Council Plan 2013-2017* as follows:

- Goal 1: *Active and Engaged Communities (Social)*
- Objective 3: *Ensure liveability options are always considered in our decision making activities.*
- Goal 4: *Quality Infrastructure (Built)*
- Objective 3: *Encourage sustainable municipal growth and development.*

Risk Management

The primary risk associated with the planning scheme amendment is not meeting the timelines required by *Ministerial Direction No. 15 "The Planning Scheme Amendment Process"*. This Ministerial Direction requires each stage of the planning scheme amendment process to be undertaken within set timeframes.

In accordance with Ministerial Direction No. 15, Council must now make a decision on the Amendment within 60 business days of the closing date of submissions. Following this, the Amendment must be abandoned or referred to an Independent Planning Panel to consider those submissions that cannot be satisfied. Following the receipt of the Panel Report, Council will be required to consider the Panel's recommendations before deciding on the Amendment.

Policy Considerations

The proposed Amendment does not conflict with any existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

The *Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2000* sets the statutory fees for the preparation, exhibition and adoption of planning scheme amendments. Council is the proponent of this Amendment and is responsible for all costs associated with the amendment process.

If Council resolves to refer the submissions to an Independent Planning Panel for consideration, Council will need to meet the costs incurred by the Panel. These costs were accounted for in the 2015/'16 Planning Panels budget.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this planning scheme amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the Act. The amendment has been assessed in accordance with the Act and the Planning Scheme. The assessment is considered to accord with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (the Charter). No human rights have been negatively impacted upon throughout the process.

The Charter recognises that reasonable restrictions may be placed on the use and development of land, and that there may on occasion be reasonable and acceptable offsite impacts on others. Provided these issues are properly considered, it would be a rare and exceptional case where the exercise of a planning decision in accordance with the regulatory framework is not Charter compatible.

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9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The proposed amendment will result in positive environmental outcomes as the realisation of the ultimate open space and stormwater drainage infrastructure in the Corridor will enhance water quality and reduce nutrient load prior to its discharge into the G-MW drainage system. Stormwater treatment will occur via a series of wetlands, designed and constructed to reflect natural ecological processes.

The land affected by the proposed Amendment does not appear to have any significant environmental attributes; therefore, applying a Public Acquisition Overlay to the land is unlikely to have any adverse environmental effects.

Social Implications

The proposed Amendment will have positive social benefits for the residents of the Corridor and the wider community. The realisation of the ultimate open space and stormwater drainage infrastructure will have positive social effects. The area beneath the transmission lines will be provided with a meaningful use, contributing to the amenity and liveability of this area.

There are no significant adverse social implications associated with this Amendment.

Economic Impacts

The proposed Amendment will have positive economic effects by stimulating the development of the remaining areas of the Corridor by realising the ultimate open space and stormwater drainage infrastructure. These works will be appropriately designed and constructed so that they enhance the amenity of the Corridor. Amenity, proximity to open space and provision of appropriate infrastructure are key economic drivers for development.

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with this Amendment.

Consultation

Amendment C181 was exhibited in accordance with the Act. This included the following:

- Notice in the Shepparton News on 26 May 2015;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette on 28 May 2015;
- Letters to affected landowners and occupiers on 25 May 2015;
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- Documentation on display at the Council officers at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton;
- Documentation available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Documentation available on the Greater Shepparton City Council website.

The exhibition period was open for four weeks and submissions closed on 29 June 2015. Submissions are discussed in detail in the 'Background' section of this Report.

Council officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

9. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

9.6 Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme - Consideration of Submissions (continued)

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

Direction 1: Settlement and Housing

Commitment to growth within a consolidated and sustainable development framework.

Direction 5: Infrastructure

The provision and restructure of urban and rural infrastructure to enhance the performance of the municipality and facilitate growth.

b) Other strategic links

Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Outline Development Plan 2003 and the Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Development Contributions Plan 2003.

The realisation of the ultimate open space and stormwater drainage infrastructure within the North Growth Corridor is envisaged by the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Outline Development Plan 2003* and the *Shepparton North and South Growth Corridor Development Contributions Plan 2003*.

Options for Consideration

1. Note Council officers' position at an Independent Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (preferred); or
2. Do not endorse Council officers' position at an Independent Planning Panel Hearing for Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and form an alternative position; or
3. Abandon Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Conclusion

Proposed Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme seeks to apply the Public Acquisition Overlay (PAO20) to part of the land at 420A Goulburn Valley Highway, Shepparton North. The proposed Amendment seeks to facilitate the future acquisition of land required to realise the ultimate stormwater drainage infrastructure envisaged for the North Growth Corridor.

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 28 May 2015 to 29 June 2015 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). Nine submissions were received by Council. Of these, three submissions objected to the proposed planning scheme amendment.

Amendment C181 is to be heard by an Independent Planning Panel for consideration of submissions. Council is to note Council officers' position at the Panel Hearing.

Attachments

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10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

10.1 Assemblies of Councillors

Record in accordance with section 80A(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989*

Councillor Briefing Session – 30 June 2015		
Councillors	Cr Patterson (Chair), Cr Adem, Cr Houlihan, Cr Oroszvary, Cr Polan and Cr Ryan.	
Officers:	Gavin Cator, Johann Rajaratnam, Kaye Thomson, Marilyn Howley, Colin Kalms, Ronan Murphy, Sam Kemp, Michael MacDonagh, Tim Watson, Andrew Dainton, Amanda Tingay, Kate Montgomery, Louise Dwyer and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items)	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Investigation of Car Part Recycling in the Commercial 2 Zone	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Adem (partial) Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary (partial) Cr Polan (partial) Cr Ryan (partial)
2.	Discussion Paper – Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
3.	Amendment C180 – Consideration of Submissions	Cr Patterson (Chair) (partial) Cr Adem (partial) Cr Houlihan (partial) Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan (Chair) Cr Ryan
4.	Proposed Amendment C185 – Tatura North East	Cr Patterson (Chair) (partial) Cr Adem (partial) Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan (Chair) Cr Ryan
5.	Combined Planning Permit and Planning Scheme Amendment C183 – Consideration of Submissions	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
6.	Use of Land for Backpackers Accommodation	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
7.	Proposed Demolition of Toilets at Queens Gardens	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan (partial)
8.	A 40 Metre High Telecommunications Tower	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan (partial)
9.	Greater Shepparton Womens Charter Alliance Advisory Committee - Membership	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
10.	Universal Access and Inclusion Plan 2013-2017	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
11.	Victoria Park Lake Caravan Park	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
12.	Shepparton Art Museum	Cr Patterson (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Polan Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil.	

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Councillor Briefing Session – 7 July 2015		
Councillors	Cr Patterson (Chair), Cr Summer, Cr Adem, Cr Hazelman, Cr Houlihan, Cr Oroszvary and Cr Ryan.	
Officers:	Chris Teitzel, Johann Rajaratnam, Kaye Thomson, Marilyn Howley, Sally Rose, Belinda Whitelaw, Karen Dexter, Fiona LeGassick, Matt Innes-Irons, Sharlene Still and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items)	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
2.	Application to Construct a 5 Meter High Shed on Boundary Abutting a Council Reserve	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
3.	Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
4.	Audit and Risk Management Committee - Remuneration	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
5.	Councillor Representation on Committees	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
6.	Review of Council Plan	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
7.	Federal Government Funding for Road Projects	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
8.	China Desk	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
9.	Marriage Equality	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil.	

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Councillor Briefing Session – 14 July 2015		
Councillors	Cr Patterson (Chair), Cr Summer, Cr Adem, Cr Hazelman, Cr Houlihan, Cr Oroszvary and Cr Ryan.	
Officers:	Chris Teitzel, Johann Rajaratnam, Marilyn Howley, Kelli Halden, Geraldine Christou, Deanne McNair, Colin Kalms, Michael MacDonagh, Jess Watt and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items)	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Greater Shepparton Regional Sports Precinct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract 1611 – Earthworks and Drainage • Contract 1624 – Roads, Car Parking and Playing Fields 	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
2.	Festive Decorations Advisory Committee – Appointment of Members 2015-2017	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
3.	Adoption of Amendment C162 (Industrial Land Review) to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem (partial) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan (partial) Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
4.	Supreme Court Decision – D'Agostino	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem (partial) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan (partial) Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
5.	Contract 1554 – Catering Services to Riverlinks Venues	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
6.	Review of Draft Agenda – 21 July 3015 Ordinary Council Meeting	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
7.	New Organics Waste Service – Roll Out	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil.	

Councillor Briefing Session – 21 July 2015

Councillors	Cr Patterson (Chair), Cr Summer, Cr Adem, Cr Hazelman, Cr Houlihan and Cr Ryan.	
Officers:	Chris Teitzel, Johann Rajaratnam, Steve Bowmaker, Kaye Thomson, Amanda Tingay, Kate Montgomery, Karen Dexter, Mike Freeman, Marilyn Howley, Sharlene Still and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items)	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee Annual Report and Membership	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan (partial)

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
2.	Future of Victoria Lake Caravan Park	Cr Patterson(Chair) (partial) Cr Summer (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan (partial)
3.	A 40 Metre High Telecommunications Tower	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan
4.	Petrol Station	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan
5.	Welsford Street Upgrade	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan
6.	Procurement Guidelines	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil.	

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee - 24 July 2015		
Councillors:	Cr Dinny Adem	
Officers:	Kate Montgomery, Emma Hofmeyer, Michelle Bertoli	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present at Discussion
1	Welcome/acknowledgement	Nil
2	Conflicts of interest	Cr Adem
3	Review previous minutes	Cr Adem
4	Correspondence in and out	Cr Adem
5	Media – articles about the Women's Charter Committee in the last month	Cr Adem
6	Budget –budget estimates for GSWCAAC 2015/2016	Cr Adem
7	Next Council meeting date	Cr Adem
8	Committee Memberships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New applications • Reapplications • Friends 	Cr Dinny Adem
9	Love and Marriage in Kabul movie and Malala Day debrief	Cr Dinny Adem
10	Women's Charter Award guidelines	Cr Dinny Adem
11	10thousandgirl financial literacy event planning and partnership	Cr Dinny Adem
12	Community Leadership Program – Women's Shed project and partnership possibility	Cr Dinny Adem
13	Shepparton Festival EOI	Cr Dinny Adem

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
14	Victorian Honour Roll of Women	Cr Dinny Adem
15	Forced Marriage forum planning	Cr Dinny Adem
16	Family violence march	Cr Dinny Adem
17	Tolerance Day planning	Cr Dinny Adem
18	Women's Charter Action Plan and the active citizenship survey	Cr Dinny Adem
19	Family Violence – busting the myth	Cr Dinny Adem

Councillor Briefing Session – 28 July 2015

Councillors	Cr Patterson (Chair), Cr Summer, Cr Adem, Cr Hazelman, Cr Houlihan and Cr Oroszvary.	
Officers:	Chris Teitzel, Steve Bowmaker, Kaye Thomson, Colin Kalms, Geraldine Christou, Sam Kemp, Ian Boyle, Michael Carrafa, Michael MacDonagh, Mel Sporry, Heath Chasemore, Stacey Cole, Sharlene Still and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items)	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Draft Commercial Activity Centres Strategy	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
2.	Amendment C181 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
3.	Amendment C182 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
4.	Amendment C112 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
5.	Amendment C179 to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
6.	GV Equine and Greyhound Precinct – Flood Overlay	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Oroszvary
7.	Arcadia Recreation Reserve Master Plan	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer (partial) Cr Adem (partial) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
8.	Shepparton Cycling Precinct Draft Master Plan	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
9.	Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
10.	Murray Darling Association	Cr Patterson(Chair) Cr Summer Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary
11.	Councillor Representation on Committees	Cr Summer (Chair) Cr Adem Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary

10. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

10.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil.	

**Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Adem**

That the Council note the record of Assemblies of Councillors.

CARRIED.

11. TABLED MOTIONS

Nil Received

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES

Nil Received

13. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES
13.1 Cr Houlihan's Report on Special Committees and Advisory Committees

Name of Committee	Date of Meeting Attended	Key Items
Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Special Committee	22/7/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for the ABGS Committee have closed. Includes people with wide range of appropriate knowledge and skills. • Approval of draft ABGS page to be added to Greater Shepparton Council's Website. • Friends' Group President presented a progress report on the Long-neck Turtle garden they are constructing. • Landscape Designer Alex Lee's visit to the gardens to inspect progress and discuss the next garden to be constructed; The Refugee Garden' • Planning of the Interpretive Signage for each garden and plant species across the entire site has commenced.
Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee	3/08/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Tirana Walk Mural organized. • Information presented about the Rose Garden in the Queen's Gardens, which was re-dedicated in 1991 to honour the role of 7 local Women's organizations • Information about places associated with our Rural Heritage is being further developed. These will be considered for inclusion in the GS Heritage Study Stage 3. • A Master Class on the establishment and history of Mooroopna was conducted by John Gray.

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Adem

That Cr Houlihan's report on Special Committees and Advisory Committees report be noted.

CARRIED.

14. NOTICE OF MOTION, AMENDMENT OR RESCISSION

14.1 Notice of Motion - Cr Summer 9/2015

Cr Summer withdrew her notice of motion.

That Council officers are requested to prepare a business case for investing in partial or full lighting of the Telstra Tower.

15. DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

Nil Received

16. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

16.1 Councillors Community Interaction and Briefing Program

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council officers and others who are contracted to provide advice or services to the Council must disclose any conflicts of interests they have before any advice they provide is considered. Disclosures must be in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer and must specify the type and nature of the conflict.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Councillors' Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 July 2015 to 31 July 2015, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

Cr Dennis Patterson

- South End Shepparton | Turning of the Sod – Property Development
- Cricket Victoria | Regional Forum
- Murray Darling Association | Region 2 Meeting
- Bowls Victoria | Under 18's v Wellington
- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative | NAIDOC Week Breakfast and Welcoming
- The Hon Scott Ryan | Tour of Arthur Dickman Childcare Centre
- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- The Hon Heidi Victoria | Tour of Shepparton Art Museum
- Dungala Kaiela Oration | Defining the Goulburn Murray
- Citizenship Ceremony
- VEC Countback
- Neighbouring Councils Meeting
- RiverConnect | Community Consultation
- The Fairley Foundation Trustees | Morning Tea
- LaTrobe University | The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP - Lecture
- LaTrobe University and Fairley Shepparton | VIP Dinner
- 2Cool4School | Graduation Ceremony
- Monster Energy Motorcross Nationals
- Radio Interview with Wade | Star FM
- University of Melbourne | Launch of Renewed Bachelor of Agriculture
- Basin Plan Strategy Meeting
- Consul-General of Japan | Luncheon
- AFL Goulburn Murray | Partners Thank You Evening
- The Hon David Hodgett | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Victoria Lake Caravan Park | Site Tour
- Greater Shepparton Small Business Festival | Launch Event
- The Hon John Eren | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- The Hon John Eren | Funding Announcement at Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club
- The Hon John Eren | Funding Announcement at Mooroopna Recreation Reserve
- The Hon Ben Carroll | CCTV Meeting with Shepparton Police
- All Aboard Shepparton | Public Consultation Workshop
- Gallery Kaiela | Morning Tea

16. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

16.1 Councillors Community Interaction and Briefing Program (continued)

Cr Fern Summer

- Interview with Johan Harbord & John Gray | One FM
- Positive Aging Committee | Committee Meeting
- VEC Countback
- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Nerdmania | Welcome
- Ms Georgie Crozier | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- LaTrobe University | The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP - Lecture
- Victoria Lake Caravan | Site Tour
- Disability Advisory Committee | Committee Meeting
- The Hon David Hodgett | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Greater Shepparton Small Business Festival | Launch Event
- The Hon John Eren | Funding Announcement at Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club
- The Hon John Eren | Funding Announcement at Mooroopna Recreation Reserve
- All Aboard Shepparton | Public Consultation Workshop

Cr Dinny Adem

- Burundian Community | Independence Celebration
- Waratah Lodge| Shepparton Villages 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative | NAIDOC Week Breakfast and Welcoming
- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- Ms Georgie Crozier | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee | Malala Day Screening of Love and Marriage in Kabul
- VEC Countback
- The Fairley Foundation Trustees | Morning Tea
- Shepparton Saleyards Meeting
- La Trobe University Meeting
- LaTrobe University | The Hon Andrew Robb AO MP - Lecture
- Shepparton Show Me | Committee Meeting
- Development Hearings Panel | Site Inspection
- Development Hearings Panel | Meeting
- Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee | Committee Meeting
- Consul-General of Japan | Luncheon
- The Hon David Hodgett | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Greater Shepparton Small Business Festival | Launch Event
- The Hon John Eren | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Gallery Kaiela | Morning Tea

Cr Jenny Houlihan

- Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative | NAIDOC Week Breakfast and Welcoming
- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- VEC Countback
- Deakin Reserve Meeting
- ABGS Meeting
- Waratah Lodge 25th Anniversary Celebrations
- Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
- Bangerang Family Day
- Jobs4YU2 Youth Leadership Program

16. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

16.1 Councillors Community Interaction and Briefing Program (continued)

- “All Aboard” Shepparton – Public Consultation Workshop
- Dungala Kaiela Oration | Defining the Goulburn Murray
- Shepparton Theatre Arts Group | Forty and Fabulous
- Ms Georgie Crozier | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- The Hon David Hodgett | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Greater Shepparton Small Business Festival | Launch Event
- The Hon John Eren | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- Gallery Kaiela | Morning Tea

Cr Chris Hazelman

- The Fairley Foundation Trustees | Morning Tea
- The Hon John Eren | Meet and Greet with Councillors and Executive
- The Hon Ben Carroll | CCTV Meeting with Shepparton Police
- Gallery Kaiela | Morning Tea

Cr Les Oroszvary

- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- Victoria Lake Caravan Park | Site Tour
- The Hon Ben Carroll | CCTV Meeting with Shepparton Police

Cr Kevin Ryan

- The Hon Scott Ryan | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- Cobbers Capers Function
- VEC Countback
- Ms Georgie Crozier | Meet and Greet with Councillors & Executive
- Tatura Lions Club | Changeover Dinner
- Shepparton Saleyards Meeting
- Health and Wellbeing Action Committee | Committee Meeting
- Sir Murray Bouchier Memorial | Committee Meeting

Cr Ryan noted a correction to the title of an event he attended, being the ‘Tatura Lions Club | Changeover Dinner’.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the summary of the Councillors’ community interaction and briefing program be received.

CARRIED.

Attachments

Nil

17. URGENT AND OTHER BUSINESS NOT INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

Nil Received.

18. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil Received.

19. CONFIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

19.1 Designation of Confidentiality of Information

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Hazelman

That the Council, in accordance with section 77(2)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) designates as confidential all documents used to prepare the following agenda item 6.4: Central Park Sewer Rising Main and Pump Station, previously designated by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate in writing as confidential under section 77(2)(c) of the Act. This document relates to a contractual matter, which is a relevant ground applying under section 89(2)(d) of the Act.

CARRIED.

19.2 Designation of Confidentiality of Information

Moved by Cr Ryan
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. pursuant to sections 89(2)(h) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, close the meeting to members of the public and declare the following matter as confidential:
 - Audit and Risk Management Committee – Remuneration
2. Upon the meeting being re-opened to the public, the chairperson may announce any resolution as a consequence of confidential discussions.

CARRIED.

19.3 Audit and Risk Management Committee - Remuneration

19. CONFIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

19.4 Reopening of the Council Meeting to Members of the Public

Upon reopening the meeting to the members of the public, the Mayor announced the following resolution in relation to confidential agenda item 19.3 – Audit and Risk Management Committee – Remuneration.

Moved by Cr Ryan

Seconded by Cr Oroszvary

That the Council resolve:

1. that the remuneration for the Audit and Risk Management external independent Committee members is:
 - a) \$850 per meeting per external committee member as attended
 - b) \$1,075 per meeting is paid to the Committee Chair as attended
2. That the remuneration levels take effect from 19 August 2015 and be reviewed again in August 2016.

CARRIED.

Cr Adem called a division.

Those voting in favour of the motion: Cr Patterson, Cr Oroszvary, Cr Hazelman, Cr Houlihan and Cr Ryan.

Those voting against the motion: Cr Summer and Cr Adem.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.35PM