

AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 18 May 2021

Council Boardroom

COUNCILLORS

Cr Kim O'Keeffe (Mayor)
Cr Robert Priestly (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Seema Abdullah
Cr Anthony Brophy
Cr Geoffrey Dobson
Cr Greg James
Cr Shane Sali
Cr Sam Spinks
Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**A G E N D A
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR KIM O'KEEFFE
MAYOR**

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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 (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

Extreme Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

High Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

Medium Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

Low Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

PRESENT:

1 Welcome to Country

To be presented by Cr James on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family groups.

2 Acknowledgement

“We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the recommendations contained in this Agenda gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

Nil Received.

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

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

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the 20 April 2021 Council Meeting and the 11 May 2021 Additional Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

9.1 Petition for Lights and Upgrade at Shepparton Skatepark

Summary

A petition containing 149 signatures has been received by Council, “asking for lights to be put in at the Shepparton skatepark, and for a new skatepark or current skatepark upgrade with more adult sized ramps as well.”

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the petition titled ‘Petition for Lights and Upgrade at Shepparton Skatepark’ in accordance with Governance Rule 80.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Youth Strategy Update 2020 and Future Directions

Author Youth Development Coordinator
Approved by Director Community
Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. note the achievements of the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy over the past twelve months; and**
- 2. note the proposed future direction of the Youth Committee.**

Executive Summary

This report provides details of the actions and outcomes of the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan which were achieved during 2020. These achievements were delivered despite the challenges of engagement and program delivery presented due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Furthermore, the report also highlights a recent internal Departmental review of Council's Youth Services which identified a number of key recommendations aimed at strengthening engagement with young people and partners to provide a greater alignment with the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2019-23.

A key deliverable identified from the review included the renaming of the team to 'Youth Development' and the establishment of a new Youth Committee which will enable an environment that fosters Committee identity and provides a direct link to implementation of the Youth Strategy and alignment with other Council policies and strategies. The Youth Committee will be a platform for young people's voices to be heard and to upskill in areas such as leadership, resilience, advocacy, partnerships and connection.

Report Detail

The below list showcases the key achievement/s of each priority area Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2019-23 Year 2, please refer to Attachment 1 for a full copy of the review.

1. To be loved, healthy and safe
 - The delivery of the Word and Mouth Live series in partnership with Riverlinks provided a platform for over 100 young performers to showcase their skills and talents via an online platform that engaged viewers from a local, state, national and international level. The program provided an avenue for connection and engagement during a time of extreme isolation and disconnection.
2. To have access to material basics
 - Youth SPOTS have been completed in Murchison, Toolamba, Dookie, Tallygaroopna, Undera, Katandra West and Congupna. Young people in each community were engaged in the design of their respective SPOTS. The SPOTS provide a recreational space for young people with a variety of activation facilities including parkour, skate, scooter and bike spaces and bucket swings. Murchison and Toolamba spaces also provide free Wi-Fi.
3. To learn and develop skills
 - Young people participated in the following opportunities to develop and learn new skills, including:
 - Three-day Orientation Program for Word and Mouth Youth Committee, including Level 1 First Aid
 - Furphy Literary Awards
 - Local COVID-19 safe campaign featuring young people
 - Nelson Mandela Youth Summit
 - Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement
 - 16 Days of Activism
 - Word and Mouth Live series, including upskilling of a young person to be the MC for each event
 - Facilitated a partnership to enable workshops within Greater Shepparton Secondary Schools for young school leavers to make application for the Working for Victoria program.
4. To have a voice
 - The Youth Development Team and Environmental Team worked closely to promote and engage young people in the Shepparton Statement through:
 - Creating links between the Statement and curriculum opportunities within the education sector.
 - Encouraging and support young people to have voice on climate change at a local, state, national and international levels through the provision of access to conferences and webinars.
 - Supporting a young person to the attended the Australian Youth for International Climate Engagement online conference.
 - Developing a plan for a portfolio focussing on climate change and environmental issues as part of the 2021 Greater Shepparton Youth Committee.
 - Working with the Waste Resource and RiverConnect Education Teams to develop curriculum and a process for school groups to participate in education sessions at the Cosgrove Resource Centre.
 - The Word and Mouth Committee continued to meet via video platforming during the COVID-19 restrictions. A feature of the meetings was Council officers and youth agency staff as guest speakers aimed at providing connection to community.

5. To be part of a community
 - As a direct result of young people identifying a lack of positive messages that allow the promotion of kindness and reflection within our community during 2020, the youth team worked with The Berry Street School and the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project to design kindness decals that were install in across all areas of our community. Young people designed the quotes for the decal, voted on the top five, approved design of the artwork and undertook the install of the decals.
6. To engage the youth sector
 - The Youth Development Coordinator met with youth and community partners to build upon new and existing collaborative partnerships for young people to be engaged in a range of youth and community programs and activities.

One of the next significant initiatives of the newly named Youth Development Team will be the establishment of a Youth Committee. The purpose of the Greater Shepparton Youth Committee will be to provide a youth voice to the Greater Shepparton City Council. The Committee will work collaboratively to develop initiatives and actions that represent and respond to the voice of young people and that align with the key priorities of the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2019-23.

Commencing on 1 July 2021, Officers will commence the recruitment of members via an expression of interest process. Membership will comprise of a junior committee with a maximum of 6 young people aged between 12 to 17 years (at the time of applying) and a senior committee with a maximum of 6 young people aged 18 to 25 years (at the time of applying). Applicants must live, work or study within Greater Shepparton. These committee members will be renewed on an annual basis to encourage greater youth engagement and the diversity in members and knowledge.

The Committee members will be supported by a Youth Development Officer, and members will be invited to contribute to:

- Providing a youth voice into the development and delivery of Council policies, programs and activities.
- Leading and partnering on the implementation of the Greater Shepparton City Council Youth Strategy.
- Leading and partnering on youth consultation within the community.
- Making and leading recommendations to Council, peak youth organisations, government bodies and community partners on strategies to address youth issues.
- Providing a platform for upskilling of young people to increase their participation within all areas of community life including participating in these activities themselves.
- Actively promoting and working on the objectives of the Committee.

The Youth Committee is not a formal advisory Committee to Council and will develop a Terms of Reference as one of their first tasks, based on the Youth Committee Expectations, Roles and Objectives as per attachment 2.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

1.5 Council is high performing; customer focused and is marked by great people and quality outcomes.

1.7 Council advocates on issues, priorities and needs that matter to our community in partnership with key stakeholders.

1.8 Consultation that is transparent, robust and accessible, and clear, consistent and timely communication provided to inform, educate and engage with the community.

1.9 Service standards and service delivery models are realistic and meet community expectations and demand while being financially viable and in line with Council's core business.

SOCIAL

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.1 Greater Shepparton is a welcoming, inclusive and safe place for all.

2.2 Our community is supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing.

2.3 Lifelong learning is valued and fostered in our community.

2.4 Social and cultural, educational and employment opportunities are created to enable children, young people, individuals and families to actively participate in their community.

2.5 Creativity and participation in arts and culture is nurtured and encouraged.

2.6 Volunteering is promoted and encouraged along with other measures to improve community resilience.

2.10 Council demonstrates strong regional and local partnership efforts across health and wellbeing.

ECONOMIC

Build a thriving, resilient economy where Greater Shepparton is recognised as a competitive place to invest and grow business.

3.1 The Greater Shepparton economy is prosperous, high value and a focus of choice for business, investment and employment.

Risk Management

The review of youth services has been undertaken with a risk management lens and with a focus on the implementation of the Child Safe Standards and other relevant Council policies and procedures.

Policy Considerations

A review of the relevant policies and procedures in relation to working with young people has been conducted. As a result, new procedures have been developed that align with the Child Safe Standards and align with the Greater Shepparton City Council Volunteer Policies and Procedures.

Financial Implications

There are financial implications associated with this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

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

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The linkage with the Shepparton Statement has provided young people in Greater Shepparton with the opportunity to engage in advocacy with regards to environmental issues.

Social Implications

The engagement and promotion of youth through activations as a part of the Youth Strategy and the committee have provided opportunity for emerging leaders to advocate on behalf of young people within Greater Shepparton and coordinate and lead activations that provide connection and engagement between youth and the broader community.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

Youth and community partners were engaged to provide input into the review of the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan, together with reviewing the current committee structure and direction, in line with best practice.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

b) Other strategic links

- Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan
- Greater Shepparton Council Plan
- Greater Shepparton Safety Strategy
- Greater Shepparton Health Plan
- Greater Shepparton Volunteer Strategy
- Shepparton Statement

Conclusion

An internal evaluation of youth services within Council has provided the opportunity to review and reflect upon the achievements of the Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan.

As Officers commence the third year of actioning the priorities of the Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2019-23, establishment of a Youth Committee will be key to its implementation.

Attachments

- Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy & Action Plan Review 2020
- Youth Committee Expectations, Roles and Objectives

10.2 Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame - Revision of Nominee Guidelines for Council Adoption

Author Team Leader - Healthy Communities
 Approved by Director Community
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. **endorse the recommended changes to the guidelines for the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame - Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll for Criteria 1b), Criteria 5 and Criteria 6;**
2. **not endorse the recommended removal of Criteria 3. “A nominee shall not be considered for induction in the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame until after a two (2) year waiting period post retirement from their respective representative level” for the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame - Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll;**
3. **endorse the recommended changes to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame - Honour Roll Criteria 1.d);**
4. **endorse the recommended changes to Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame – Junior Honour Roll Criteria 1.a); and**
5. **endorse the recommended changes to Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame – Junior Honour Roll: Criteria 1.c).**

Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee is recommending changes to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame guidelines for each of the three levels of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame – the Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll.

The changes listed below have been discussed and recommended by the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee.

Recommended changes to the guidelines for the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame across all three levels – Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll include;

- Criteria 1.b) currently states *“The Nominee must have: participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years”*.
 - The committee propose to add an exception to this criterion that states *“consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis where a nominated sport was not/is not available within the municipality.”*

- Criteria 3 currently states *“A nominee shall not be considered for induction in the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame until after a two (2) year waiting period post retirement from their respective representative level.”*
 - The committee recommend to delete this criterion on the basis that it is a lengthy time to wait to induct a nominee given induction ceremonies will be held every four years. A sports person could be waiting eight – 10 years before being recognised for their achievements at an official induction ceremony. The guidelines adopted by Council as proposed by the committee in 2016 included a four (4) year waiting period post retirement from their sport, which was reduced to a two (2) year waiting period in 2018. Benchmarking has been completed against Sports Hall of Fame across Australia and Internationally, all have a waiting period post retirement from the highest level of competition between 2 – 5 years that provides a needed perspective on a sports person's career.
 - **Note** – In relation to Criteria 3, officers recommend retaining the two (2) year waiting period. This, based on maintaining consistency with other Hall of Fame initiatives across many sports and the protection it provides Council from inducting a sportsperson who may fall fowl of World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) rules in the later stages of their career.
 - Further, in the event of a death or other unforeseen circumstances, the committee can recommend to Council to waive the waiting period based on Criteria 6 (see below) of the guidelines that states *“The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.”*

- Criteria 5 currently states *“All nominations will be considered every four (4) years.”*
 - The committee propose to change this to *“Nominations will be called for and considered every two (2) years”*

- Criteria 6 currently states *“The selection committee reserves the right to apply reasonable flexibility when considering each nomination.”*
 - The committee propose to change the word “reasonable” with “practical” to read *“The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.”*

Recommended changes to the guidelines specifically for Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Honour Roll level;

- Criteria 1.d) currently states *“The Nominee must have: made a contribution to their sport at the National or State representative level.”*
 - The committee propose to change this to *“The nominee must have made a notable contribution to their sport(s) at State and/or regional and/or the highest level within the Greater Shepparton municipality.”*

Recommended changes to the guidelines specifically for Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Junior Honour Roll level;

- Criteria 1.a) currently states “The Nominee must have: resided within the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years.”
 - The committee propose to change this to “*The Nominee and their family must have resided within the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years.*”
- Criteria 1.c) currently states “The Nominee must have: competed successfully in junior competition at the Australian representative level.”
 - The committee propose to change this to “*The nominee must have competed successfully in junior competition at the International, National or State representative level.*”

Report Detail

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame is to preserve, celebrate and showcase the history and heritage of sports excellence and achievement of Greater Shepparton residents.

These achievements include participation and success in sport at an Australian representative, national or international level. Participation and success in sport includes players and athletes, coaches and officials, administrators and others who have made a significant contribution to their sport.

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee was formed in 2016 to establish, then oversee the Sports Hall of Fame for the Greater Shepparton region, recommend inductees to Council and celebrate their achievements through an official induction ceremony.

Members of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee include Cr Geoff Dobson (chair), Cr Anthony Brophy, Darryl Butcher, Don Kilgour, Margo Koskelainen, David Quinn, Peter Holland, David Booth and Belinda Conna.

Since its inception, the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee have worked to establish the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame that consists of three levels – Hall of Fame, Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll each with set eligibility criteria and delivered the following induction ceremony events:

- Friday 4 August 2017 – Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony captured sporting history and inducted 27 sports people who made a significant contribution to their sport at the Australian representative level.
- Friday 31 August 2018 – Visual Display Event. The Sports Hall of Fame inaugural inductees’ photos and career highlights are displayed on the wall in Eastbank.
- Friday 16 August 2019 – Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Honour Roll and Junior Honour Roll induction ceremony held. Honour Roll inductees (19) being those who made a contribution to their sport at the National or State representative level. Junior Honour Roll inductees (4) being those who competed successfully in junior competition at the Australian representative level.

The next induction ceremony inducting sports people into all three levels of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame is scheduled for Friday 6 August 2021 at Riverlinks Eastbank.

Now that each of the three levels of the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame are established, subsequent induction ceremonies will be held every four years, inducting sports people into all three levels of the Sports Hall of Fame.

An induction ceremony held every four year's is based on aligning with an Olympiad year, the World anti-Doping Agency Code (WADA) and ensuring there are a sufficient number of inductees to warrant an official induction ceremony.

All Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame inductees are celebrated online via Council's website including a photo and career highlights of each inductee
<https://greatershepparton.com.au/community/neighbourhoods/awards/sports-hall-of-fame/sports-hall-of-fame-online>

A public call for nominations was held from Friday 6 November 2020 to Friday 4 December 2020. The nomination form and guidelines were available via Council's website
<https://greatershepparton.com.au/community/neighbourhoods/awards/sports-hall-of-fame/shof-nominations> for community members to make an online nomination and also hard copies were available at Council's main office during this time. A call for nominations was promoted via Council's website, social media platforms and via the Shepparton News.

The guidelines used to call for public nominations to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame were as follows:

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Sports Hall of Fame" category:

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. resided in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
 - b. participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years
 - c. competed in open age competition
 - d. at least made a significant contribution to their sport at the Australian representative level
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. A Nominee shall not be considered for induction into the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame until after a two (2) year waiting period post retirement from the Australian representative level of competition. **
4. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
5. All nominations will be considered every four (4) years.
6. The selection committee reserves the right to apply reasonable flexibility when considering each nomination.

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Honour Roll" category:

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. resided in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
 - b. participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years
 - c. competed in open age competition
 - d. made a contribution to their sport at the National or State representative level.
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. A Nominee shall not be considered for induction into the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame – Sports Honour Roll until after a two (2) year waiting period post retirement from National or State representation. **
4. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
5. All nominations will be considered every four (4) years.

6. The selection committee reserves the right to apply reasonable flexibility when considering each nomination.

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Junior Honour Roll" category, Junior participation is governed by each specific Sports Organisation.

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. Resided within the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
 - b. Participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years
 - c. Competed successfully in junior competition at the Australian representative level. **
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. A Nominee shall not be considered for induction into the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame until after a two (2) year waiting period from the Australian representative level of competition. **
4. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
5. All nominations will be considered every four (4) years.
6. The selection committee reserves the right to apply reasonable flexibility when considering each nomination.

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee is recommending changes to the guidelines for each of the three levels of the Sports Hall of Fame to be adopted by Council. Highlighted changes to the guidelines are summarised in the Executive Summary of this report.

****Note** – Officers recommend the retention of the two (2) year waiting period post retirement for the highest level of participation for all categories and the current definition of 1(c) for the Junior Honour Roll for reasons of maintaining the integrity of the awards as the highest recognition afforded to sporting excellence in Greater Shepparton now and in the future.

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Sports Hall of Fame" category:

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. resided in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
 - b. participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years. Wider implication will be considered on a case-by-case basis where a nominated sport was not/is not played within the municipality.
 - c. competed in open age competition
 - d. at least made a significant contribution to their sport at the Australian representative level
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
4. All nominations will be called for and considered every two (2) years.
5. The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Honour Roll" category:

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. resided in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least 10 years
 - b. participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years. Wider implication will be considered on a case-by-case basis where a nominated sport was not/is not played within the municipality.
 - c. competed in open age competition

- d. made a notable contribution to their sport(s) at the State and/or regional and/or the highest level within the Greater Shepparton municipality.
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
4. All nominations will be called for and considered every two (2) years.
5. The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.

To be eligible for nomination for induction into the "Junior Honour Roll" category, Junior participation is governed by each specific Sports Organisation.

1. The Nominee must have:
 - a. The nominee and their family resided within the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years
 - b. Participated in their sport in the City of Greater Shepparton for at least five (5) years. Wider implication will be considered on a case-by-case basis where a nominated sport was not/is not played within the municipality.
 - c. Competed successfully in junior competition at the State, National or International representative level.
 - d. Been selected in an a State or Australian team
2. The Selection Committee will consider, in addition to a Nominee's individual achievements, that person's integrity, sportsmanship and character.
3. Any person or organisation may submit a nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee.
4. All nominations will be called for and considered every two (2) years.
5. The selection committee reserves the right to apply practical flexibility when considering each nomination.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

SOCIAL

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.2 Our community is supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing.

Risk Management

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee is working on developing a revocation of awards policy to be presented to Council for adoption, following Council's adoption of the changes to the guidelines as specified in this report.

A potential risk to removing a criterion specifying a 'waiting period' is the inability for Greater Shepparton City Council to acknowledge and celebrate all of the nominees sporting achievements or know whether the sports person has brought their sport(s) into disrepute.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policy.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications that have been identified with this project.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal/statutory implications that have been identified with this project.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no conflicts with environmental/sustainability impacts.

Social Implications

The concept of a Sports Hall of Fame has a range of positive social implications including:

Sense of Community – Connecting with others through the social medium of sport is a great way to acknowledge sporting achievements and inspire community members to participate in sport and recreation, overcome obstacles and provide a sense of motivation to achieve a high standard.

Economic Impacts

The Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame has potential to become a tourist attraction for the region should a physical location for the Hall of Fame be researched and discussed further.

Consultation

The recommended changes to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame nomination guidelines have been made by the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Community Life: focusing upon enhancing the health of the community both through services and facilities.

b) Other strategic links

- Active Victoria – A strategic framework for sport and recreation in Victoria Strategic Framework 2017 – 2021 Victorians gain greater health and wellbeing, and Victoria's prosperity and liveability is enhanced, through participation in sport and active recreation.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Council consider the advice and recommended changes to the Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame nomination guidelines as specified in this report that will be used to call for public nominations in the future.

Attachments

1. Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Information and Nomination Form [10.2.1 - 12 pages]

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Borrowing Policy

Author Acting Senior Financial Analyst
 Approved by Director Corporate Services
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the Borrowing Policy as attached to this Report.

Executive Summary

The Borrowing Policy is a new policy, developed to provide Council with the parameters to undertake borrowings within a sound financial management framework, formalising existing approaches.

The Policy acknowledges taking out loans and borrowings is a legitimate and responsible financial management tool to finance capital expenditure.

The Policy manages risks associated with borrowings, maintaining a focus on financial sustainability through the use of the Financial Plan and borrowing ratios.

Key sections include:

- Appropriate use of borrowings
- Planning and consultation
- Borrowing ratios
- Borrowing term and interest rate type
- Lending institution

Report Detail

The Borrowing Policy has been developed to enable Council to respond to financing requirements, improving cash flow whilst minimising risk.

The Policy seeks to ensure new borrowings are financially sustainable through regular monitoring of the Financial Plan and borrowing ratios, and to minimise borrowing costs in the long term where possible.

The *Local Government Act 2020* section 104 maintains “The Council cannot borrow money unless the proposed borrowings were included in the budget or a revised budget”. The

Policy complies with this requirement and the overarching financial management principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

This Policy is also prepared in accordance with section 102 of the *Local Government Act 2020* which requires Council to prepare and adopt financial policies that give effect to the financial management principles.

The Policy outlines:

- Appropriate use of borrowings, comprising capital projects in order of preference and to fulfil Defined Benefit Fund calls if required. The Policy does not recommend borrowing for operational expenditure (with the exception of Defined Benefit Fund calls) as this is considered an unsustainable practice.
- Planning and consultation utilising the Financial Plan and the budget process.
- Borrowing ratios in the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF) including:
 - o Loans and borrowings compared to rates
 - o Loans and borrowings repayments compared to rates
- Borrowing term (the number of years) and interest rate type (fixed or variable).
- The lending institution, with preference being given to lending institutions that do not fund fossil fuel projects where the interest rate is less than, equal to or within 10 basis points (0.1%) of other interest rates available at the time.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.4 Financial management is responsible and effective in responding to challenges and constraints with a focus on the financial sustainability of the Council.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Council's financial sustainability is compromised through excessive borrowings.	Rare	Major	Medium	The Financial Plan is monitored on a quarterly basis and through the budget process to assess sustainability, and borrowing ratios are monitored and reported on.
Volatility in annual interest costs, if a variable interest rate is selected for a loan.	Possible	Moderate	Medium	When choosing the interest rate type, Council will take into consideration economic conditions and projections in the Financial Plan; assessing the risk of interest rate volatility compared to the potential benefit of minimising interest costs over the long term.

Policy Considerations

This proposal is to create a new policy for borrowings.

Financial Implications

When taking out borrowings, there is an inflow of cash from the lending institution to Council, which Council then uses to pay its creditors (suppliers). This amount plus interest is paid back to the lending institution over a period of time, effectively moving the outflow of cash to a later date.

Borrowings will incur interest expenses, which would otherwise not be incurred if borrowings were not taken out. The projected interest expenses of new borrowings will be advised when new borrowings are proposed to be taken out, which takes into account the amount of borrowings, length of the loan and the applicable interest rate.

Borrowings are a recognised form of funding within the Local Government sector and, in an environment of low interest rates, can be an affordable way of funding the construction of council assets. Future repayments of principal and interest helps ensure the future users of those assets also contribute to the construction of the asset (intergenerational equity).

Legal/Statutory Implications

This Policy has been written in compliance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, including section 104, section 102, and the overarching financial management principles.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The policy gives preference to non-fossil fuel aligned lending institutions, where the interest rate is less than, equal to or within 10 basis points (0.1%) of other interest rates available at the time. This enables Council to increase dealings with non-fossil fuel aligned lending institutions, which will have a positive external sustainability impact.

Social Implications

No social implications have been identified.

Economic Impacts

Borrowings enable the cash outflow for capital projects to be deferred, thereby enabling capital works to arguably be completed earlier than if borrowings were not available which can have a positive impact on economic activity.

Economic activity can increase in the region during the project and after completion, especially when constructing assets that will draw more visitors, businesses and/or residents to the area.

Consultation

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

Strategic Links

Financial tools such as borrowings help enable Council to achieve the priorities and actions within the Council Plan and strategic objectives.

Conclusion

The Borrowing Policy provides Council with a sound financial framework to undertake borrowings, enabling Council to respond to financing requirements whilst minimising risk.

Attachments

1. Borrowing Policy 34.POL4 [11.1.1 - 6 pages]

11.2 Contracts Awarded under Delegation - April 2021

Author Team Leader - Contracts and Procurement
Approved by Director Corporate Services
Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. note the contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority;**
- 2. note the contracts awarded by the Director under delegated authority;**
- 3. note the contracts awarded by the Manager under delegated authority; and**
- 4. note the Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded.**

Executive Summary

To inform the Council of the status of request for tenders that have been awarded under delegation during the period 1 April 2021 to 27 April 2021, and those that have been publicly advertised but are yet to be awarded as at 27 April 2021.

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
1911	Merrigum Swimming Pool – Sand Filter and Pump Renewal – Lump Sum Contract	Supply and installation of new commercial filtration plant and equipment, plant room upgrades and miscellaneous works at the Merrigum Swimming Pool	\$235,469.46	Aquatic Mechanics Pty Ltd

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by a Director

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2151	Design of Packham Street, Shepparton - Lump Sum Contract	Functional and detailed design for road and footpath, kerb and channel/drainage upgrades for Packham Street, Shepparton.	\$66,744.70	CAF Consulting Services Pty Ltd
2152	Survey and Design of Nixon Street, Shepparton - Lump Sum Contract	Functional and detailed design and associated documentation enabling tendering and construction of a three-stage project in Nixon Street, Shepparton.	\$82,321.14	CAF Consulting Services Pty Ltd

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by a Director

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2093	Home Modification Panel of Suppliers – Schedule of Rates	Appointment of a panel suitably qualified contractors for the provision of Home Modification Services within City of Greater Shepparton. Contract due to expire June 2022.	\$150,000.00	Moretto Building Pty Ltd SND Construction Pty Ltd Grater Peace Pty Ltd
2040	Supply of Resource Recovery Glass Bins – Lump Sum Contract	Construction and delivery of five specialised glass collection hook lift bins.	\$118,250.00	Wastech Engineering Pty Ltd

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by a Manager

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2138	Sport 2050 Strategic Plan Review – Consultancy Lump Sum Contract	Engagement of a suitably qualified consultant to review and update the Sport 2050 Strategic Plan and provide re-naming suggestions.	\$53,900.00	CT Management Group Pty Ltd
2087	Construction Stage 1 Echuca Road Mooroopna Shared Path	The Construction of Stage 1 of the shared cyclist/pedestrian pathway on Echuca Road, Mooroopna	\$88,281.82	Tactile Australia Pty Ltd
2085	Destination Brand Development - Lump Sum Contract	Consultancy services for the development of a destination brand for the Greater Shepparton region.	\$49,830.00	Cupla Pty Ltd

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
2074	Marketing of the new Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) opening celebrations – Lump Sum Contract	Marketing/PR services relating to the new SAM opening celebrations in the lead up to, during and post the opening launch event.	Tender currently under evaluation
2094	Water Main Construction – Australian Botanic Gardens, Kialla - Lump Sum Contract	Lump Sum Contract for the supply of all labour, plant and materials for the construction of a water main along Botanic Gardens Avenue (Kialla Tip Road), Kialla	Tender currently under evaluation
1928	Safety Improvements on Burkes Road Bridge, Moorilim – Lump Sum Contract	Safety improvement works on the Burkes Road Bridge.	Tender currently under evaluation.
2132	Supply and Installation of Shepparton Aerodrome Boundary Fencing – Lump Sum Contract	Supply and installation of boundary fencing and gates at Shepparton Aerodrome, Shepparton.	Tender currently under evaluation
2112	Sports Stadium and Events Centre- Detailed Design, Contract and Construction Documentation – Lump Sum Contract	Engagement of a suitably qualified architect for the preparation of Contract and Construction documentation of Shepparton Sports Stadium and Events Centre.	Tender currently under evaluation

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
2147	Supply and Installation of Leachate Pump, Compressor and Pipe System – Cosgrove 3 Landfill Precinct - Lump Sum Contract	Supply and installation of leachate pumps, compressor and construction of the associated rising main at Cosgrove 3 Landfill site, Cosgrove	Tender currently under evaluation
2121	Watt Road Bridge Upgrade Works – Lump Sum Contract	Upgrade works on Watt Road Bridge in Mooroopna.	Tender currently under evaluation
2169	Design of Hawdon Street, Shepparton Reconfiguration – Lump Sum Contract	Functional and detailed design and preparation of associated documentation to enable tendering and construction of a three-stage project in Hawdon Street Shepparton.	Tender currently under evaluation.
2114	Riverlinks Box Office Refurbishment – Lump Sum Contract	Refurbishment of the Riverlinks Box Office at Eastbank Centre, 70 Welsford Street Shepparton.	Tender due to close on 19 May 2021.
2127	Project Management Services for Maude Street Mall Redevelopment – Schedule of Rates	Provision of Project Management Services for the Maude Street Mall Redevelopment.	Tender due to close on 30 April 2021.
2099	Architectural/Lead Design Consultancy Services for the Riverlinks Eastbank Southern Section Refurbishment – Lump Sum Contract	Architectural/Lead Design Consultancy Services for the Riverlinks Eastbank Southern Section Refurbishment (former SAM).	Tender due to close on 12 May 2021.

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 \$500,000 including 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.

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 and Directors under delegated authority of the Council during the period 1 April 2021 to 27 April 2021.

Attachments

Nil.

11.3 Appointments to the Audit and Risk Management Committee

Author Manager Corporate Governance
 Approved by Director Corporate Services
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. appoint Goran Mitrevski as the Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee until 30 April 2022; and**
- 2. appoint Stephen Coates and Vibek Chopra as Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee until 30 April 2024.**

Executive Summary

In accordance with GSCC Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter, Council appoints a Chair for the Committee for a period of 12 months, and independent members for a period of three years.

The selection panel recommend that Stephen Coates and Vibek Chopra be appointed to the positions of Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the next three years.

The selection panel nominates Goran Mitrevski to position of Chair Audit and Risk Management Committee for the next 12 months.

Report Detail

In accordance with Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee (Committee) Charter, Council is to appoint a Chair for the Committee for a period of 12 months, and independent members for a period of three years.

The previous Chair of the Committee, John Calleja completed his service to the Committee at the conclusion of the February 2021 meeting. Anne O'Conner tendered her resignation and concluded her term on the committee at the February 2021 meeting.

Council commenced the recruitment process in March 2021, there were five applications to become independent members of the committee. Following a review of the candidates, the

selection panel selected three professional individuals to be interviewed. The selection panel consisted of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, with the Manager Corporate Governance providing administrative support.

Three candidates were interviewed to fulfill two available positions. Following a review of the interviews, the selection panel recommends that Stephen Coates and Vibek Chopra be appointed to the positions of Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the next three years.

In addition, the selection panel also recommends that Goran Mitrevski be appointed to the position of Committee Chair for the next 12 months. Goran is a current independent member of the Committee and has skills in risk management, finance, internal and external audit and the insurance sector.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

1.4 Financial management is responsible and effective in responding to challenges and constraints with a focus on the financial sustainability of the Council.

1.9 Service standards and service delivery models are realistic and meet community expectations and demand while being financially viable and in line with Council's core business.

Risk Management

There are no risk implications for Council in adopting the recommendations of the selection panel.

Policy Considerations

Council has followed the recruitment process in accordance with the Committee Charter.

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications of these appointments to the committee as the meetings are to be held virtually into the future.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal or statutory implications to this decision.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental impacts to this decision.

Social Implications

There are no social implications to this decision.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts to this decision.

Consultation

The selection panel has considered the applications, interviewed the shortlist candidates and recommended the preferred candidates to Council for adoption.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Nil

b) Other strategic links

- GSCC Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter 2020/2021

Conclusion

That Council supports the recommendation of the selection panel and adopts the recommendations presented.

Attachments

Nil

11.4 Monthly Financial Report - April 2021

Author	Management Accountant
Approved by	Director Corporate Services
Purpose	For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the April 2021 Monthly Financial Report.

Executive Summary

The report presents the Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the ten months ended 30 April 2021.

Report Detail

The 2020/2021 Budget was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 June 2020.

The 2020/2021 Budget provided for an operating surplus of \$5.22 million with revenue of \$152.62 million and expenditure of \$147.40 million. The 2020/2021 Budget also provided for capital works of \$61.72 million.

The 2020/2021 Q1 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 September 2020. The 2020/2021 Q1 Adopted Forecast provided an accounting surplus of \$6.8 million, an increase on the 2020/2021 Adopted Budget surplus of \$1.58 million, largely due to an increase in Capital Grant income. The 2020/2021 Q1 Adopted Forecast also provided for capital works of \$65.28 million an increase of \$3.56 million on the adopted budget due to capital works re-budgeted from the 2019/2020 financial year.

The 2020/2021 Q2 Adopted Forecast was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 16 February 2021. The 2020/2021 Q2 Adopted Forecast provided an accounting surplus of \$9.29 million which is \$4.08 million more than the 2020/2021 Adopted Budget and \$2.49 million more than the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast. The capital works program of \$65.21 million is forecast to be expended during the 2020/2021 financial year which is an increase of \$3.49 million from the 2020/2021 Adopted Budget.

On 20 April 2021, Council adopted the 2020/2021 Q3 Adopted Forecast with an accounting surplus of \$8.27 million which is \$3.05 million more than the 2020/2021 Adopted Budget and \$1.02 million less than the 2020/2021 Q2 Adopted Forecast. The capital works program of \$54.45 million is forecast to be expended during the 2020/2021 financial year which is a reduction of \$7.27 million from 2020/2021 Adopted Budget and \$10.76 million

from 2020/2021 Q2 Adopted Forecast. These reductions are due to capital works re-budgeted into the 2021/2022 financial year.

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

The April 2021 Monthly Financial Report incorporates the following sections which are presented for Council's consideration:

- Operating Performance
- Capital Works Performance
- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statements
- Capital Works Statement

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.4 Financial management is responsible and effective in responding to challenges and constraints with a focus on the financial sustainability of the Council.

1.9 Service standards and service delivery models are realistic and meet community expectations and demand while being financially viable and in line with Council's core business.

Risk Management

There are no risks 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 Council at a Council meeting which is open to the public. This report satisfies that requirement.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this report.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

Consultation

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

Strategic Links

N/A

Conclusion

The report presents Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the ten months ended 30 April 2021.

Attachments

1. April 2021 - GSCC Council Report - Monthly Financial Statements [11.4.1 - 12 pages]

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Electrical Reserve Land Sale

Author Principal Statutory Planner
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. authorise the sale of 51.8m² of land forming a part of Yakka Basin Reserve at 42 Southdown Street, Shepparton on Plan of Subdivision 823641; and
2. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to carry out all necessary actions to effect the sale and to sign and seal all associated documents.

Executive Summary

Council owns land generally known as the Yakka Basin Reserve at 42 Southdown Street, Shepparton, described as Reserve 1 on Plan of Subdivision 823641 (**Land**).

The Vines Pty Ltd (**The Vines**) is the owner and developer of the land immediately north of the Land. As part of its residential development, The Vines has contacted Council officers with an offer to purchase part of the Land for the creation of an electrical reserve. This electrical reserve would satisfy the requirements of Powercor Australia Ltd (**Powercor**) by facilitating electrical supply to stage 4 of the residential development.

Officers propose that 51.8m² of the Land be excised and transferred to Powercor for the purposes of the electrical reserve (**Electrical Reserve Land**). Although the Electrical Reserve would be transferred to Powercor, The Vines would pay the associated purchase price.

Pursuant to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1989 (LGA89)*, Council published a public notice of intention to sell part of the Land and invited submissions from the public over an extended submission period which expired on 12 March 2021. No submissions were received.

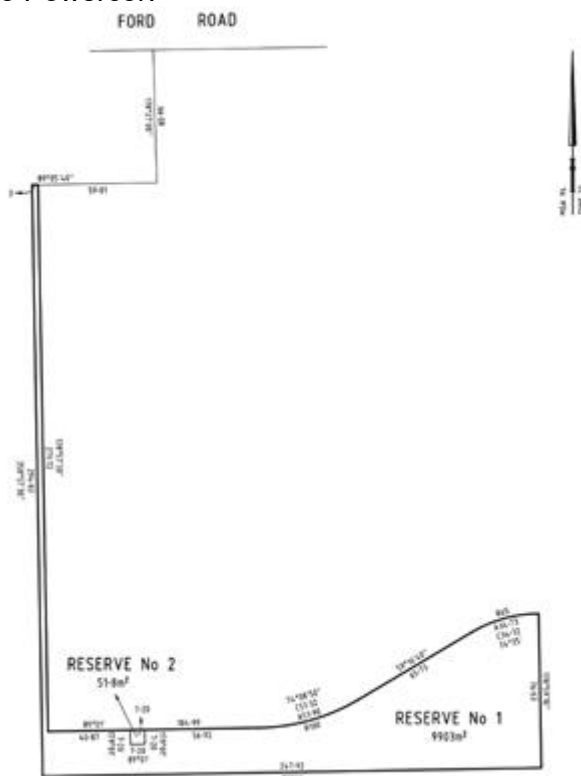
Officers seek authorisation to sell the Electrical Reserve Land.

Report Detail

Council is the owner of the land described as Reserve 1 on Plan of Subdivision 823641 (**Land**), being part of the land generally known as the Yakka Basin Reserve at 42 Southdown Street, Shepparton.

The land at 50 Ford Road, Shepparton to the north of the Land is being subdivided and developed for the purpose of a residential development. In July 2020, the owner of 50 Ford Road, The Vines Pty Ltd, contacted officers with an offer to purchase part of the Land for the purpose of an electrical reserve (**Electrical Reserve Land**). The Vines state that the Electrical Reserve Land would satisfy the requirements of Powercor, the relevant power distributor, by hosting an electrical kiosk and facilitating electrical supply to stage 4 of the residential development.

The Electrical Reserve Land is shown on the plan below as 'Reserve No 2', being 51.8m² of the Land. Officers propose that Council's reservation status be removed from the proposed Electrical Reserve Land, and a new reserve created in favour of and transferred to Powercor.



If the sale proceeds, The Vines would pay the purchase price as well as Council's legal expenses.

Pursuant to section 189 of the LGA89, Council gave public notice of its intention to sell. The notice period closed on 12 March 2021 with no submissions received.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.1 Growth is well planned and managed for the future.

4.2 Urban and rural development is sustainable and prosperous.

4.4 Quality infrastructure is provided and maintained to acceptable standards.

Risk Management

Council is not subject to the Victorian Government Land Transactions Policy and Guidelines, April 2016 (**Guidelines**), however, acting in accordance with the requirements of those Guidelines likely represents best practice. The Guidelines require land to be sold only if it has been declared “surplus”. Officers have determined that the Electrical Reserve Land is surplus to Council requirements.

Officers consider that the primary potential risk is selling the Electrical Reserve Land at a value not in accordance with a formal valuation. Officers have managed this risk by engaging a certified valuer with the necessary qualifications to provide an independent valuation and propose to make the land available for purchase in accordance with the valuation. This is in accordance with Council’s obligations under section 189 of the LG89.

Policy Considerations

Sale of the Electrical Reserve Land will generate some capital for Council to use to support other community investments, which is consistent with the Financial Principles in the 2017-2021 Greater Shepparton City Council Plan, including around sustainable budgeting. The sale will also support residential development which consistent with policy in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme in relation to settlement (clause 11), housing (clause 16) and economic development (clause 17).

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

An independent valuation of the Electrical Reserve Land has been undertaken. Should the Electrical Reserve Land be sold, Council will receive income from the sale in accordance with the valuation. The costs associated with the subdivision, removal and creation of the reserve status (as required by Land Use Victoria), and transfer of the land will be borne by The Vines.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Officers have engaged Holding Redlich Solicitors who will ensure the sale of land is undertaken in accordance with the LGA89 and the LGA20.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Officers consider that the proposed land sale has neutral environmental and sustainability impacts.

Social Implications

Officers consider that the proposed land sale has a positive social outcome by providing infrastructure support for residential developments.

Economic Impacts

Council will raise capital from the sale which can be used for other purposes in accordance with Council's needs. Providing necessary infrastructure for residential development also creates housing and employment opportunities for the Greater Shepparton community.

Consultation

Council published a public notice of its intention to sell the Electrical Reserve Land in accordance with section 189 of the LGA89. The public notice invited submissions on the proposed sale under section 223 of the LGA89 for a period of 28 days. No submissions were received.

Officers have also been in discussions with Powercor and The Vines to ensure transparency in the proposed sale process.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- To provide for sufficient suitable additional land for urban growth until 2030.
- To increase the supply of medium density housing in appropriate locations.
- To contain urban growth to identified growth areas in order to protect higher quality and intact agricultural areas and achieve a more compact built-up area.
- To provide increased opportunities for local job creation.

Conclusion

The proposed sale will enable the construction and installation of an electrical kiosk, which will allow the subdivision of 50 Ford Road, Shepparton to proceed and facilitate electrical supply to the residential development at that land.

Officers recommend that the sale will be in the best interests of the community and it is appropriate for Council to proceed with the sale of the Electrical Reserve Land.

Attachments

Nil

12.2 2 Lot Subdivision - 7185 Goulburn Valley Highway, Kialla

Author Principal Statutory Planner
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. note that on 2 February 2021 notice was given by the respondent (Mr Nejat MacKali) in Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) proceeding P2415/2019 that he proposed to substitute amended plans as the plans in the VCAT proceeding.
2. note VCAT's Order that:

15 By no later than 4:00pm on 21 May 2021, the responsible authority must file in writing with the Tribunal and serve on all other parties at the same time:

 - (a) *its formal position on whether it supports or opposes the substitution of the permit application plans (revision B plans) with the amended plans circulated by the respondent on 2 February 2021 (revision C plans); and*
 - (b) *its formal position on the merits of the amended permit application, including any consequential amendments required to the conditions in any permit granted.*
3. note the VCAT practice for the substitution of plans and the common practice that a party will not oppose plans being substituted on procedural grounds, but that the same party may still oppose the plans (once substituted) on their merits/substance;
4. in response to VCAT Order 15(a), not oppose the substitution of the permit application plans (revision B plans) with the amended plans circulated by the respondent on 2 February 2021 (revision C plans);

5. in response to VCAT Order 15(b), oppose the amended subdivision on the grounds that the small lot subdivision results in unacceptable planning outcomes because:
- a. the subdivision does not lead to consolidation of land; and
 - b. the house lot exceeds 2ha.

Executive Summary

In early 2019, Council received an application for a two-lot subdivision of 7185 Goulburn Valley Highway, Kialla (the land). The subdivision proposed the creation of a 46ha and 43ha lot.

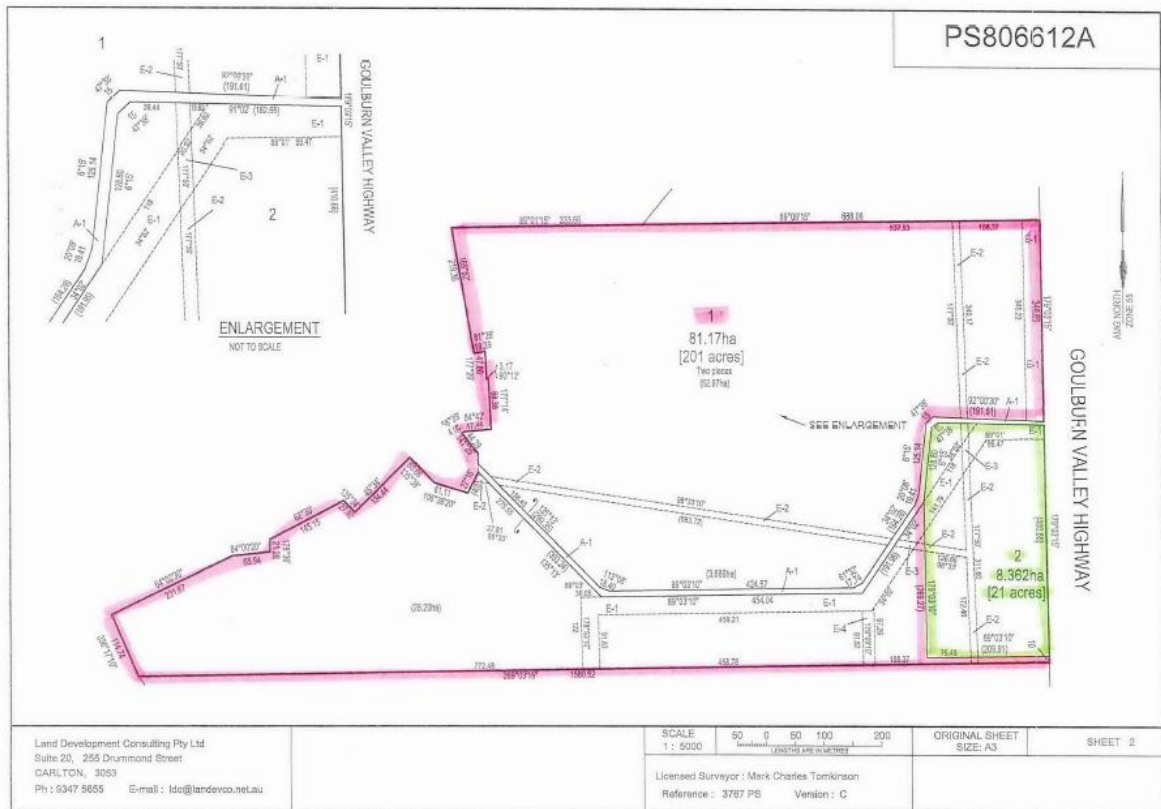
Officers undertook an assessment of this application and recommended that Council refuse to grant a planning permit on the basis that the subdivision resulted in unacceptable agricultural outcomes.

Council resolved at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 November 2019 that a Notice of Decision (NOD) for the 2 lot subdivision be issued. Subsequent to this decision, an objector sought a review of the Council’s decision to issue a NOD at VCAT.

During the VCAT process, which is ongoing, the permit applicant applied to amend the subdivision layout to create two lots being an 81ha farm lot and an 8ha dwelling lot.

VCAT have ordered that Council consider this amended plan to provide a *‘formal position on the merits of the amended permit application, including any consequential amendments required to the conditions in any permit granted’*.

The below plans show the proposed lot layout and an aerial photo of the land.





Officers consider that the amended subdivision layout is an improvement on the first proposal as:

- The creation of the 80ha lot retains the productive farming land in a single lot. The aerial photo demonstrates that all of the cropped land is within the proposed 80ha lot.

Planning policy seeks that land be retained for productive agricultural uses. In part to implement this direction, policy promotes the retention or creation of larger farms. The creation of smaller lots is allowed in limited circumstances, particularly if subdivision leads to the consolidation of lots to promote the viability of agriculture (21.06-2).

This application proposes to subdivide an existing large lot of about 88ha into a farm lot of 80ha and a dwelling lot of 8ha. The applicant advises that the dwelling lot will be used for horse agistment.

Officers note that the dwelling lot is regular in shape and is mostly separated from the main farm by irrigation channels. It is possible that the land does not lend itself to large scale cropping enterprises and associated machinery such as auto steer tractors. Despite this, the applicant has provided no reports to explain the agricultural limitations, if there are any, to this dwelling lot land. As the usability of the dwelling lot has gone unexplained by the applicant officers are not prepared to depart from policy to allow the subdivision.

Officers consider that the proposed amended subdivision layout results in unacceptable planning outcomes for the following reasons:

- The subdivision does not consolidate rural land holdings so as to promote the viability of agriculture
- The 8ha house lot exceeds the preferred 2ha house lot size under local policy
- The applicant has not provided sufficient agricultural information to justify the creation of an 8ha house

The benefit of this proposed subdivision is the creation of an 80ha farm lot for cropping. The disbenefit is the creation of an 8ha dwelling lot which can be taken out of agricultural production and overtime become a hobby farm on the southern edge of Kialla. Officers consider that this disbenefit outweighs the benefits of the subdivision.

Report Detail

Planning policy and the Farming Zone

Planning policy both State and Local supports ongoing agricultural land uses within the Goulburn Valley which is a food bowl of national importance.

14.01-1S objective is to protect the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farm land. A strategy of this clause is:

- Avoid the subdivision of productive agricultural land from diminishing the long term productive capacity of the land

21.06-1 Agriculture seeks to ensure that agriculture is and remains the major economic driver in the region.

21.06-2 Subdivision in rural areas sets out that farm holdings in rural areas are becoming larger. Rural dwelling lot excisions continue to pose a threat to the long term viability of the agricultural sector by reducing the size of farms and by causing friction between the expectations of farmers and residents.

Policy goes on to set out that the only circumstance in which Council will contemplate a small lot subdivision is if it leads to the consolidation of rural landholdings so as to promote the viability of agriculture.

A small lot subdivision policy guideline states that a lot containing the dwelling is to be no greater than 2ha in area unless there is a need for a larger parcel to take account of nature or public infrastructure features.

Purposes of the FZ include:

- To provide for the use of land for agriculture
- To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land

Rural Regional Land Use Study

Under the study the land was designated as FZ1 – Growth.

The study describes growth areas as:

*The core of the RRLUS is to ensure that those large-scale areas where major future agricultural investment is likely to occur are not compromised by ad hoc land uses and developments including the subdivision of land and its fragmentation in ownership. For the purposes of the RRLUS this area has been termed **Growth**. Future investors do not want operations that may be limited or compromised by countless neighbours and residential amenity issues. Therefore, the RRLUS has at its central piece the identification and zoning of areas that are and should remain essentially exclusive farming areas and have the capacity and potential for significant further agricultural development.*

The study provided an assessment guide for the FZ1 which is shown below.

Table 10-2: Planning response for key rural activities within the regions Farming Zone

PLANNING RESPONSES	Subdivision*	Resubdivision – Boundary realignments*	Excision*	Dwellings (all dwellings need a permit)	Ancillary tourism
Farming 1 Zone Growth Minimum lots size Irrigated: 100 ha Dryland: 250 ha	Performance based. New/smaller lots rarely required.	Yes - For restructure / consolidation purposes only	No – lack of neighbours is a key driver of growth	No – new dwellings are not required to support agriculture growth.	No – potential for conflict

The study indicates that excision should not be permitted.

Officers consider that policy directs that land be retained in large lots or consolidated into larger lots to facilitate agricultural investment in Growth areas.

Small lot subdivision should only be allowed if that subdivision leads to farm consolidation, for example a 2ha lot excision can allow a farmer to retire in their long-term family home and sell the farm land to an abutting expansionist farmer. Such an outcome results in the creation of a larger farm lot which is the outcome sought by policy.

This application proposes to subdivide an existing large lot into a smaller farm lot and a dwelling lot of 8ha. The subdivision involves no farm consolidation and creates a dwelling lot in a Growth area which overtime could result in conflict between agricultural operations and lifestyle amenity expectations.

Local policy directs that a house lot should not exceed 2ha unless there is an infrastructure reason to exceed this size. Officers acknowledge that on occasions house lots of more than 2ha are permitted, however such a decision is based on a sound explanation from applicants. This application has not provided officers with any reports that explain or justify the size of the house lot at 8ha. As this 8ha lot size has gone unexplained by the applicant officers consider that a decision departing from policy should not be made.

Net Community Benefit

Clause 71.02-3 states that *Responsible authorities should endeavour to integrate the range of planning policies relevant to the issues to be determined and balance conflicting objectives in favour of net community benefit and sustainable development for the benefit of present and future generations...*

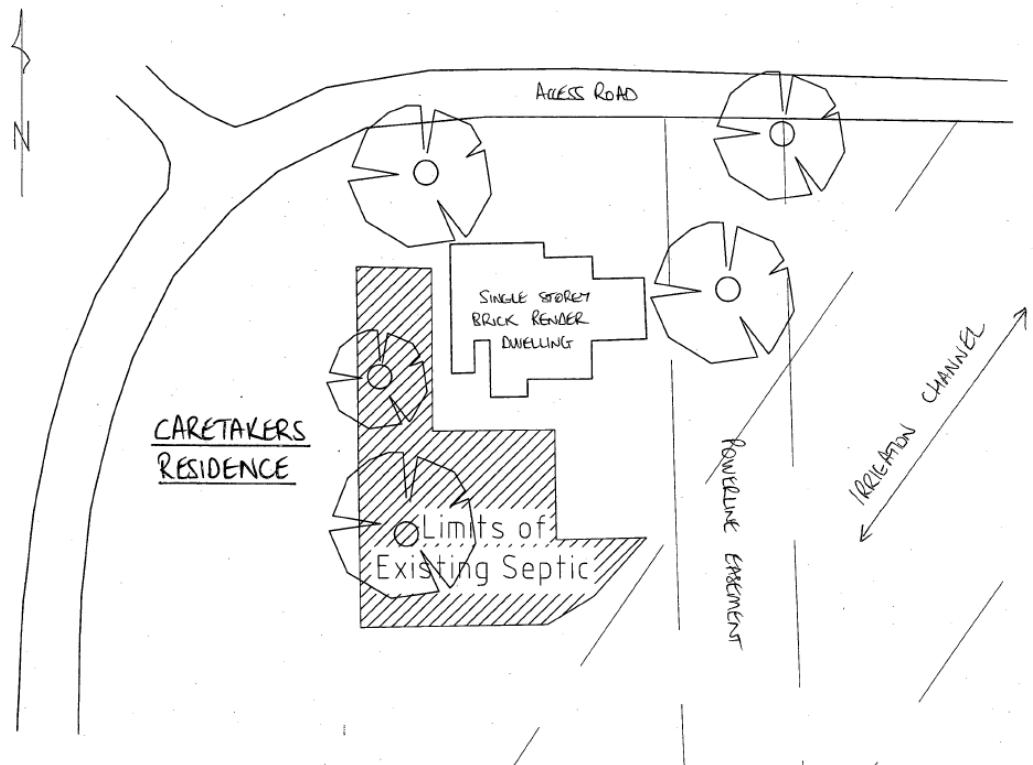
Senior Member Margaret Baird in *Hutchins v Greater Shepparton 2008 (VCAT 2284)* consider a dwelling in the FZ. In this decision VCAT made the following comment:

The net community benefit is the protection of valuable agricultural resources even though owners of smaller lots may be negatively affected.

Officers consider that not allowing the proposed small lot subdivision assists in the retention of the land for farming which in turn produces a net community benefit.

Waste water disposal

A search of Council’s records found a plan showing the location of the septic system servicing the existing dwelling on the proposed 8ha lot.



Based on this plan officers are satisfied that the septic system servicing the dwelling is contained within the proposed 8ha lot.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.2 Urban and rural development is sustainable and prosperous.

Risk Management

This report and associated recommendation result in no risks to Council.

Policy Considerations

Officers have undertaken a policy assessment of the subdivision earlier within this report.

Financial Implications

The proposed subdivision and Council's resolution has no financial implications for Council.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This report has been prepared as required by the VCAT order, officers consider that in preparing this report, Council is complying with that VCAT order.

VCAT will hear this application in two parts being:

- A strike out application over two days in May 2021

- A merits review of the subdivision over three days in July 2021

The Council cannot delay its consideration on this matter until after the strike out application is determined given the VCAT order. Officers have reviewed the permit conditions in the NOD and are satisfied that no consequential changes to conditions are required in response to the amended subdivision.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The proposed two lot subdivision does not cause environmental or sustainability concerns.

Social Implications

An application for a two-lot farm subdivision does not cause unacceptable social implications for the community.

Economic Impacts

The proposed two lot subdivision has no significant economic impacts to the Council.

Consultation

The permit applicant has in accordance with VCAT requirements given notice of the amended plans to neighbours.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

This strategy sets out the importance of farming to the region, although officers note that the data within the strategy is from 20 years ago.

Regarded as the “Food Bowl of Australia”, the agricultural sector in Greater Shepparton, and the Goulburn Valley region in general, is a vital component of the regional, State and national economies.

The below table provides data on the value of cropping enterprises to the region.

Table 2: Gross Value of Production of Main Commodities, Greater Shepparton 2001

Main Commodities	Gross Production Value of Output (\$)	Proportion of Value (%)
Crops (w heat, oats, triticale, canola, lucerne and other pastures)	206,964,100	33.8%
Fruits	114,819,430	18.8%
Milk	142,751,250	23.3%
Livestock Products	147,664,720	24.1%
Total gross value of selected commodities	612,199,500	100.0%

Source: ABS Agricultural Census 2001

Conclusion

Officers having considered the amended application recommend that Council oppose the proposed two lot subdivision at the VCAT hearing as the subdivision does not lead to lot consolidation and the proposed house lot exceeds 2ha.

Attachments

Nil

13 Infrastructure Directorate

13.1 Asset Management Policy

Author Team Leader Asset Management
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the revised Asset Management Policy as attached to this report.

Executive Summary

This report presents the revised Asset Management Policy Version 4.0 for adoption.

The Asset Management Policy sets out the Council's commitment to manage and care for its assets, as an integral part of its delivery of services to the community.

Asset management is a major responsibility of Council in undertaking its primary objective of achieving the best outcomes for the local community having regard to the long term and cumulative effects of decisions.

Report Detail

The Asset Management Policy was originally adopted by Council on 6 April 2004. It was last reviewed and updated on the 19 December 2017.

The Asset Management Policy incorporates the principles of The International Standards Organisation (ISO) 55000 Asset Management Standards, Local Government Act 2020, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Asset Management Program and the National Asset Management Assessment Framework (NAMAF) for Local Government.

The Asset Management Steering Committee has reviewed this amended policy and has recommended the policy is presented to Council for adoption.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.4 Quality infrastructure is provided and maintained to acceptable standards.

4.5 Assets are well managed and their renewal is being planned through long term renewal strategies.

Risk Management

There are no major risks identified as a result of this Policy.

Policy Considerations

The update to this policy ensures that it is contemporary and aligns with current requirements.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications as a result of adopting the updated Policy.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Legislation relevant to the Asset Management Policy are:

- *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act)
- Regulations under the Act
- Road Management Act
- Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2004 (Vic)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

This policy update is consistent with the declaration of a climate emergency and Council's 2030 zero emissions target.

Social Implications

This policy sets out the Council's commitment to manage and care for its assets, as an integral part of its delivery of services to the community.

Economic Impacts

Adopting a relevant policy covering Asset Management ensures economic impacts are managed appropriately.

Consultation

Council officers have consulted with the Asset Management Steering Committee regarding the adoption of this policy. 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.

b) Other strategic links

- *Asset Management Strategy*
- *Asset Management Plans*
- *Service Plans*
- *Road Management Plan*
- *Infrastructure Design Manual*
- *Accounting for Property, Plant & Infrastructure Policy*
- *Land Under Roads Policy*

Conclusion

This report recommends the adoption of this Asset Management Policy to continue Council's commitment to manage and care for its assets as an integral part of its delivery of services to the community.

Attachments

1. 03 POL1 Asset Management Policy Version 4 0 [13.1.1 - 6 pages]

13.2 Our Sporting Future Funding - Round Three 2020/2021

Author Sporting Clubs Officer
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose Information Only

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council note the Our Sporting Future Round Three 2020/2021 funds in the Sports Aid and Minors Categories Awards have been awarded under delegated authority to the following applicants:

Our Sporting Future – Sports Aid

Club	Project	Grant amount Requested	Grant amount proposed
Grahamvale Sports Club	Strategic, Operational and Participation Growth Plan	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Undera Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Multipurpose Court Geotech Investigation	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Merrigum Bowls Club	Bright Lights	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00

Our Sporting Future – Minors

Club	Project	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Amount proposed
Mooroopna Bowls Club	Repair Lights	\$6,658.00	\$6,658.00
	SUB TOTAL	\$6,658.00	\$6,658.00
	TOTAL	\$20,158.00	\$20,158.00

Executive Summary

Greater Shepparton City Council received five applications for the Our Sporting Future Funding Round Three – 2020/2021. One of the applications was deemed ineligible under the Grant Distribution Policy and therefore this application was not assessed by the assessment panel and they will be notified that their application will not be considered in this round of funding.

In total four applications were assessed for funding:

- Sports Aid category – three applications
- Minors category – one application

The applications were assessed taking into account the Our Sporting Future guidelines and budget available.

The following applications are being recommended for funding:

Sports Aid category:

- Grahamvale Sports Club - Strategic, Operational & Growth plan
- Undera Recreation Reserve Committee of Management – Multipurpose Court Geotechnical Investigation
- Merrigum Bowls Club – Bright Lights

Minors category:

- Mooroopna Bowls Club – Repair Lights

Report Detail

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program has been established to assist community organisations with the implementation of small to medium sized facility development projects.

The types of projects that may be funded include:

- Sports surface development
- OHS and public safety improvements
- Lighting upgrades
- Pavilion upgrades
- Shade for participants
- Disability Access

The program also assists with development programs for new and developing sporting organisations throughout Greater Shepparton. Clubs such as the reformation of the Shepparton Rowing Club and the Shepparton Rugby Union Club have benefited from the Our Sporting Future Funding, Sports Aid program.

The funding program provides three categories for funding:

- Major facility development – for projects on a \$1 for \$1 basis but not exceeding \$30,000
- Minor facility development – for projects on a \$1 for \$1 basis but not exceeding \$15,000
- Sports Aid - funding between \$500 and \$5,000 (without matching contributions) for special sports projects that provide support to new and developing sporting organisations, for special access and participation projects, or for planning initiatives that address the future sport and recreation needs of the club/organisation

The Our Sporting Future Funding applications are assessed in two rounds annually, with the first-round closing at the end of July each year and the second-round closing in

February each year. This year has seen the opportunity to include a third round due to lesser applications in the first two rounds.

A cross department assessment team was developed to improve the assessment of applications. The team consists of the following members:

- Sports Events Officer
- Healthy Communities Officer
- Project Administration Officer – Community Wellbeing
- Grants Coordinator

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program is available for all sporting/recreational groups within the municipality. The program was advertised this year in the Shepparton News and through social media. In addition, Council held a grants information session, to help promote all Council grants. This campaign was highly successful and has increased the number of applications dramatically compared to previous rounds. The program is also promoted on Council's external website with testimonials from previous recipients of funding. ValleySport, the Goulburn Valley's regional sports assembly, actively advertise the funding program through their network of known local community sport and recreation groups.

The Our Sporting Future Funding Program has an acquittal process at the completion of the project. An electronic funding acquittal form is received including supporting documentation of invoices and photographs of installation. A Council Officer also undertakes a site visit.

Details of each project

Grahamvale Sports Club

Funding Category		Sports Aid	
Project		Strategic, Operational and Participation Growth Plan	
Short description		Development of a Strategic Plan and implementation to enact systemic change in the sport & physical activity participation across a number of schools within Greater Shepparton.	
Who will benefit from the project?		Our president is a qualified Project Manager, Change Manager, Partnership Broker and Social Impact and SROI practitioner who is focused on driving long term sustainable growth of our Club. We have set up technology platforms to enable effective consultation of current members and are keen to hear from prospective members on what it is they want and need from a community sports club. Our focus is on the families of Grahamvale Primary School and the surrounding schools initially, including Congupna, Shepparton East, Lemnos and Dookie as we currently draw from across these schools. In total, we hope to engage with 500 families with children in Primary School.	
Total project cost	\$3,850.00	Organisation Cash	0
Requested Council contribution	\$3,500.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Undera Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Funding Category		Sports Aid	
Project		Multipurpose Court geotechnical investigation	
Short description		In 2018 user bodies of the Undera Recreation Reserve received funding to have a new Multipurpose Netball/Tennis Court laid. Since then, the court has starting showing signs of water damage on the surface, as well as cracking and raising of the court. We are wanting to investigate into the possible causes of this damage and what options we have going forward to rectify the damage.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The main benefits will be for the user body groups of the Undera Football Netball Club, and the Undera Tennis Club and their members, who are currently using the facilities at least 3 times per week. However, we see the wider community of Undera, spectators, visiting clubs and their spectators, as well as the Undera Primary School also benefiting from these upgrades.	
Total project cost	\$8,937.50	Organisation Cash	0
Requested Council contribution	\$5,000.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Merrigum Bowls Club

Funding Category		Sports Aid	
Project		Bright Lights	
Short description		To gain funding for Geotechnical Investigations and an Engineering Design to enable the club to seek the desired planning permit in the future to erect the two light towers which were previously at the netball courts. This will enable players to be able to practice after work especially for longer times	
Who will benefit from the project?		All members of the club will benefit as they will be able to train for longer periods of time. Locals and people from neighbouring towns as more activities and games will be played at the venue.	
Total project cost	\$7,757.00	Organisation Cash	\$2,757.00
Requested Council contribution	\$5,000.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Mooroopna Bowls Club

Funding Category		Minors	
Project		Repair Lights	
Short description		Repair and upgrade the lights for our bowling club so we can run more events for the local community. The project will have the benefit of increasing the long-term sustainability of the Club.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The Club's members which are largely made up of seniors however increasingly is attracting younger players. We have a strong mix of both female and male players as well as a mix of ethnic backgrounds. We have approximately 80 bowling members and also a number of social members, the club also hosts the local Lions club, Probus, Mooroopna Football Club past players and the Mooroopna Fire Brigade.	
Total project cost	\$13,316.25	Organisation Cash	\$6,658.25
Requested Council contribution	\$6,658.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.6 Gender equity and equality is embedded into Council policy and decision making and employment processes.

SOCIAL

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.1 Greater Shepparton is a welcoming, inclusive and safe place for all.

2.2 Our community is supported to achieve and sustain physical, emotional and spiritual health and wellbeing.

2.9 Public places, open space and community facilities are safe and accessible for all and presented to a high quality.

2.10 Council demonstrates strong regional and local partnership efforts across health and wellbeing.

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.4 Quality infrastructure is provided and maintained to acceptable standards.

Risk Management

There are no moderate or major risks associated with this recommendation.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policy. Consideration has been given to the Grants Distribution Policy 43.POL1 version 1.3.

Financial Implications

	2020/2021 Approved Budget \$160,000	Funds previously committed in 2020/2021 \$121,728	Fund requested in this round \$20,158	Balance remaining from budget allocation \$18,114
Minors/Majors	\$160,000	\$121,728	\$20,158	\$18,114

¹ Budgets do not include GST, GST is not applicable to any application in this round.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All project applicants must comply with planning, building and health legislative and statutory requirements prior to commencement of projects and/or release of the Council's funds.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts from these projects.

Social Implications

These projects will support ongoing community participation in sporting activity.

Economic Impacts

There is expected to be minor regional economic stimulus arising from the construction works.

Consultation

A cross department assessment team was developed to improve the assessment of applications. The team consists of the following members:

- Sports Events Officer
- Healthy Communities Officer
- Project Administration Officer – Community Wellbeing
- Grants Coordinator

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- These proposals support the community and infrastructure objectives of the Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy. Direction 2 – Community Life

b) Other strategic links

- Council Plan 2017-2021
Goal 1 – Active and Engaged Communities (social)

Conclusion

The applications for funding for the 2020/2021 Our Sporting Future Program Round Three were reviewed by an internal assessment panel and have been awarded in accordance with that recommendation.

Attachments

Nil

13.3 Road Closure of Part Shelby Court, Shepparton

Author Coordinator Property
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. determine that the portion of the court bowl at Shelby Court, Shepparton as shown in the attached Proposed Plan of Subdivision is not required for public use as a road due to the realignment of the court bowl further to the east, and that it be formally closed;**
- 2. determine that the land referred to in number 1 above be transferred to the adjoining properties being lot 2 and lot 3 on the Proposed Plan of Subdivision;**
- 3. give notice of the road closure in the *Victorian Government Gazette*; and**
- 4. authorise the signing and sealing of all documentation for Council to complete the road closure and transfer the land referred to in number 1 above to the adjoining property owner.**

Executive Summary

As part of the proposed subdivision and development of land to the east of Shelby Court, Shepparton Council has been requested to close and transfer a portion of the current court bowl abutting the proposed new lots 2 and 3 at Shelby Court, Shepparton to the developer. This portion of land will be amalgamated with the adjoining land and the court will be extended and a new court bowl created as part of the subdivision.

This proposal will facilitate the development of additional lots within the site. To allow the process to begin for this action to occur Council's formal authorisation is now sought.

At the Council meeting on 16 February 2021, Council resolved to give public notice of the proposed partial road closure and invite submissions from any person affected by the proposed road closure. No submissions were received.

Report Detail

A planning permit has been lodged with Council for subdivision of land at the end of Shelby Court, Shepparton to create six separate lots. As part of the proposed subdivision Shelby Court will be extended and the court bowl re-established further to the east to facilitate access to the new allotments created as part of the subdivision (refer to the attached plan).

The portion of the existing court bowl will be discontinued, and transferred to the developer and amalgamated into the adjoining land. As part of the subdivision the developer will extend the roadway further to the east and will establish a new court bowl at the end of the extended roadway. Council will receive title to the extended roadway including the new court bowl created under the plan of subdivision.

No submissions were received following publication of the notice in the Shepparton News.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

ECONOMIC

Build a thriving, resilient economy where Greater Shepparton is recognised as a competitive place to invest and grow business.

3.2 Strong global, national and local business connections are developed and nurtured.

BUILT

Provide and support appealing relevant infrastructure that makes Greater Shepparton an attractive, liveable regional city.

4.1 Growth is well planned and managed for the future.

Risk Management

As the existing court bowl is being replaced by another court bowl further to the east, no risks have been identified.

Policy Considerations

This proposal does not conflict with any existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

The cost of the discontinuance including any advertising, subdivision costs and legal expenses, will be met by the developer. The developer is providing additional roadway and a court bowl to enable a further development of the site.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This procedure is being undertaken in compliance with the *Local Government Act 1989*. Section 206 Clause 3 of schedule 1 provides Council with the power to close a road reserve and transfer the land. This will enable the land to be subdivided and transferred to the developer of this site.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

No environmental or sustainability impacts have been identified with this proposal. The transfer of land in the court bowl to the developer will enable a better outcome for the development of this site.

Social Implications

This proposal will provide a better outcome for the developer, and a more efficient and appropriate development of land will have positive social outcomes for our community.

Economic Impacts

As indicated above, all costs associated with this discontinuance will be paid by the developer, so there will be no economic impacts on Council. The development of this site into six additional parcels will be of greater value to the community in the type of businesses that could be attracted to this site.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with various Council departments including Planning, Strategic Assets, Projects, Parks, Sport and Recreation and Risk. Each department has indicated their support for this proposal. Council has also undertaken consultation with various authorities regarding assets in the part of the roadway being discontinued and all of the authorities have indicated in writing that they have no objection to the discontinuance of the part court bowl and transfer back to the developer. Consultation has also been undertaken with the Environment department and there is no opportunity to plant trees on this road reserve as its movement further to the east is being undertaken to enhance the development of the site. Any application to place trees on this site would be blocked by the planning department.

This matter has been advertised in the Shepparton News and no submissions were received.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Not applicable.

b) Other strategic links

- Not applicable.

Conclusion

Council officers recommend closure of part Shelby Court, Shepparton.

Attachments

1. Shelby Court - endorsed Plan of Proposed Subdivision [13.3.1 - 1 page]

13.4 Appointment of Community Members to Shepparton Saleyards Advisory Committee

Author Coordinator Property
 Approved by Director Infrastructure
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council appoint the following community representatives to the Shepparton Saleyards Advisory Committee for a term of two years commencing on 19 May 2021 and concluding on 18 May 2023:

- **Barry Croke**
- **Jared Burke**
- **Graeme Montgomery**

Executive Summary

Council has sought nominations for the three community representatives on the Shepparton Saleyards Advisory Committee (“the Advisory Committee”). Council officers have assessed the four applications received and consulted with the non-community representatives of the Advisory Committee. This report makes a recommendation to Council for formal appointment of the community representatives.

Report Detail

The Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee were adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 December 2020. Following this an advertisement was placed in the Shepparton News seeking nominations for three community representatives for the Advisory Committee. The term of office for the community representatives is two years commencing on the date of appointment.

The candidates were assessed against the following selection criteria:

- Demonstrated interest in all aspects of the saleyards including its promotion and sustainability;
- Demonstrated ability to work proactively as part of a team and promote productive relationships;
- Experience in any agricultural field including livestock;
- Familiarity with the functions of the Committee;
- Knowledge of current legislation governing saleyards and animal welfare;
- Ability to attend meetings during normal Council working hours; and

- Level of detail of applicant's submission

Council received four nominations; Barry Croke, Shane Flynn, Jared Burke, and Graeme Montgomery.

Officers have assessed the candidates and consulted with the non-community representatives of the Advisory Committee and recommend appointing the following community representatives:

1. Barry Croke
2. Jared Burke
3. Graeme Montgomery

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Provide strong civic leadership, advocacy and good governance in the operation of Greater Shepparton City Council.

1.3 Council demonstrates strong leadership and sound decision making in the best interests of the community.

SOCIAL

Develop resilient, inclusive, healthy communities that make Greater Shepparton a safe and harmonious place to live, work, learn, and play.

2.6 Volunteering is promoted and encouraged along with other measures to improve community resilience.

Risk Management

No major risks have been identified with the appointment of the community representatives.

Policy Considerations

This process is in accordance with the Saleyards Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this recommendation.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal or statutory implications associated with this recommendation.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with this recommendation.

Social Implications

There are no adverse social implications associated with this recommendation.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this recommendation.

Consultation

Members of the community had the opportunity to submit an application when nominations were requested following the advertisement in the local newspaper. Council officers have assessed the candidates and consulted with the non-community representatives of the committee (Cr Geoff Dobson – Chair, Brendan Carey – Manager Shepparton Regional Saleyards and Sam Nelson – President Goulburn Valley Stock Agents Association) and

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 strategic links associated with this proposal.
- b) Other strategic links
 - N/A

Conclusion

Officers recommend that Council appoint Barry Croke, Jared Burke, and Graeme Montgomery as the three Community Representatives on the Shepparton Saleyards Advisory Committee.

Attachments

Nil

14 Councillor Reports

14.1 Councillor Activities

14.1.1 Councillor Activities - April 2021

Author Governance Officer
 Approved by Director Community
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

Under section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers, delegates and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests.

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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillor's community interaction, briefing program and record of Assemblies of Councillors.

Councillor's Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 April 2021 to 30 April 2021, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

Target Rifle Australia – National Championships
 Greater Shepparton City Council | Women's Award Ceremony
 Sri Lankan Association Goulburn Valley | Sri Lankan (Sinhala & Tamil) New Year Celebrations 2021
 Parking Reference Group Meeting
 Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
 Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting
 Cycling Australia | Presentation Ceremony - BMX State Series
 Challenge Triathlon | Shepparton
 Northern Basin of the Murray Darling Basin | Fact Finding Tour
 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting
 Pre Federal Budget Luncheon - Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack (Regional Cities Victoria)
 Official Opening of the Tatura Library
 Shape the Future of Your Greater Shepparton | Community Panel
 Best Start Early Years Partnership Meeting
 Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group | Board Meeting
 Dunera Association | 81st Anniversary - Arrival of Dunera Boys & Queen Mary Internees
 Fur Life Vet | Business Opening
 Collins Booksellers | Book Launch
 Open Place Social Support Group - Picnic Setting in Honour of Group Member
 Launch | Shepparton Toyota District - Junior Football League - Strategic Plan

Shepparton Riding for the Disabled | Opening of Amenities Block – Goulburn Ovens TAFE William Orr Campus
 Official Opening | Shepparton Villages - Mooroopna Place
 Presentation to the Fairley Leadership cohort
 RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee Meeting
 Regional Kerbside Waste Audit Project
 Regional Cities Victoria | General Meeting
 Greater Shepparton Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Meeting
 Official Launch | Zero Carbon Tatura Plan - Stage 1
 Greater Shepparton Cultural Inclusion Roundtable Meeting
 Kaiela Institute | Dinner with Paul Briggs & Duncan Maskell
 Opening New Shepparton Farmers & Specialty Market
 Rumbalara Football Netball Club - Walk of Solidarity & Unity Cup
 Anzac Day Services | Shepparton, Mooroopna, Tatura, Murchison and Dookie
 Goulburn Valley Bowls Division | Annual Presentation Night
 Goulburn Ovens TAFE | Diversity and Inclusion Celebration and Official Opening of Goulburn Ovens TAFE Café
 Toolamba and District Community Planning Committee | Community Plan Review Session
 An Evening with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra
 Murray Darling Basin | Water Markets Inquiry

In accordance with section 106 of *Councils Governance Rules* the records of the Assemblies of Councillors are attached.

Attachments

1. Councillor Briefing Session - 6 April 2021 [14.1.1.1 - 4 pages]
2. Councillor Briefing Session - 13 April 2021 [14.1.1.2 - 2 pages]
3. Councillor Briefing Session - 20 April 2021 [14.1.1.3 - 2 pages]
4. Councillor Briefing Session - 27 April 2021 [14.1.1.4 - 2 pages]
5. CEO and Councillor Catch Up 20 April 2021 [14.1.1.5 - 1 page]
6. CEO and Councillor Catch Up 6 April 2021 [14.1.1.6 - 1 page]
7. CEO and Councillor Catch Up 13 April 2021 [14.1.1.7 - 1 page]

14.2 Council Committee Reports

Nil Received.

14.3 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

Nil Received.

15 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

16 Close of Meeting