

AGENDA

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 16 November 2021

Virtually via Zoom

COUNCILLORS

Cr Kim O'Keeffe (Mayor)

Cr Anthony Brophy (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Robert Priestly

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.

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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.

Nil received.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the 19 October 2021 Council Meeting, 25 October 2021 Additional Council Meeting and 26 October 2021 Additional Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Community Arts Grants Round 1 2021/2022

Author Team Leader Riverlinks Administration and Marketing
 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 acquittals for the completed Community Art Grants projects: and
2. note the successful applicants of round one of the Community Arts Grants outline below (in no particular order):

Applicant	Project	Grant awarded
St Georges Road Primary School	Cultural Mural	\$2,000.00 (No GST)
Goulburn Valley Quilters	Patchwork – Being Creative	\$1,080.50 (No GST)
Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation	Rainbow Story Time #1	\$700.00 (No GST)
Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation	Rainbow Story Time #2	\$751.00 (Incl. GST)
	TOTAL	\$4,531.50

Executive Summary

Greater Shepparton City Council has offered Community Arts Grants for many years. The intention of the Community Arts Grant funding is to facilitate projects which achieve some or all of the following objectives:

- Enhance the wellbeing of the community through artistic activities and pursuits which create cultural wealth.

- Encourage participation in arts and cultural activities for individuals, groups and the broader community.
- Encourage, support and promote innovation and skill development in the arts.
- Celebrate local and emerging culture and identity.
- Promote and encourage enduring and sustainable arts activities including those which may generate cultural tourism or income generating opportunities for artists.

All applicants are required to discuss their applications with the Grant administrator prior to receiving the application link, to ensure that all application requirements are met.

Four applications were received in Round One of the 2021/2022 Greater Shepparton Community Arts Grants. All applications were assessed for suitability using the Smarty Grants assessment process. The assessment panel subsequently determined if the applications met all of the grant requirements and details as requested. Three of the four grants met the requirements of the Community Arts Grant Program. The grant that did not meet the requirements was referred to the Community Matching Grants for review, where it was also deemed to not meet the requirements.

The eligible applications were considered for partial or full funding dependent on the extent to which the applications met the criteria. Overall, the quality of applications was of a good standard.

Report Detail

Community Arts Grants Acquittals

The following is a summary of the four Community Arts Grant projects undertaken this year. There are a further six Community Arts Grant projects that have been extended due to the impacts of the COVID-19 restrictions which will be reported in 2022.

Splinters Contemporary Artists – The Longest Art Table

The Longest Art Table project planned to take place at the Converge festival during the 2020 Shepparton Festival was impacted by COVID-19, a project variation was submitted and approved by the assessment panel. Materials already purchased will be used in future workshops when restrictions ease and enable them to be delivered. The remainder of the funds were reallocated to their 2021 Shepparton festival project, where an installation of a public art work in the Harris Scarfe Plaza glass dome ceiling. The concept and production of the work was led by Splinter artists Kaye Poulton and Esther Costa, and all Splinter artists were involved in making individual elements for the structure. The artwork is now on permanent display for all to enjoy.

GV Health Foundation – Commission of Indigenous Art Work for new In-Patient Tower

GV Health Foundation commissioned an artistic representation by Norm Stewart through Kaiela Arts for the entry of the new inpatient unit. Which was unveiled during NAIDOC week. It has created a sense of pride by the artist, as well as the staff and visitors.

Aldara Yenara Australia Aboriginal Corporation - Yalka Yakapna Woka (Children Family Country)

A school holiday program was held to coincide with NAIDOC Week 2021 where children worked with Aboriginal community artists. It supported both young people and their cultural knowledge, and linked Elders and Respected people to younger community members in a traditional learning environment, which was a positive impact for Elders that had been isolated from their younger community members through the pandemic. There has been an increase in cultural connection for all participants. Many met family members they did not know and made new connections in a safe and comfortable setting. All participants increased confidence in their painting / wood burning and artefact making, and developed their knowledge of the traditional symbols and techniques.

Awaken Dance Theatre Company Inc – Within

Awaken Dance Theatre Company produced and performed a new and original live dance theatre piece “Within” as part of the Shepparton Festival, in partnership with The Australian Ballet in June 2021. The case of 24 young dancers performed to 300 patrons over 4 performances. It was a sell out under the strict COVID restrictions at the time (75 patrons per show). Originally, they planned 2 performances, but due to the capacity restrictions this was increased to 4 performances to ensure there was a good opportunity for the community to see this new original work. The project was a success through the youth contributing to the community, collaborating with The Australian Ballet, increasing fitness and physical activity, and since the season there has been an increase in interest from other young people in the community.

Community Arts Grants Round 1 - 2021/2022 - Applications

The Community Arts Grant was established as part of the 2014/2015 Council budget to enhance community wellbeing and the development of skills and innovation through artistic pursuits and participation. Prior to the 2014/2015 Council budget it was known as the Arts in the Community Fund.

Funding projects must be able to demonstrate that they are inclusive, have wide community support, and where appropriate, are sustainable following Council’s funding. Funding may be used to conduct arts events, festivals, establish or develop artistic or cultural projects and workshops, build artistic capacity, enable artistic development and innovation or promote excellence in the arts.

The assessment panel reviews each application based on given criteria and recommends that grants be provided in full or part, or not at all if the criteria are not met. Details on each project and a summary of the extent it met selection criteria are provided here:

Organisation	St Georges Road Primary School
Project	Cultural Mural
Project Description	St Georges Road Primary School has a diverse community, and through art they are aiming to have each cultural group depicted in a mural that shows students and community members united as one. They want their community to feel welcomed, involved, and accepted always at our school. The Staff, Students, School Council, and Community Hub will be involved in designing the artwork. Local Artist Christiano Design will turn the vision into a mural. Students will be taught a unit of work on multiculturalism throughout the process as well. Once the mural is complete an opening to be held during Harmony Day next year.
Who will benefit from the project	Both within and outside the school community, young children, families, youth, women, men, indigenous, CALD community and people with disability will benefit from this inclusive project.
Amount Requested	\$2,000.00 NO GST
Recommendation	Full funding of \$2,000.00 NO GST pending the supply of an outline of how the mural might look prior to the funding being paid
Reasoning	The project meets the objectives of the Community Arts Grants. The finished mural will be of great value in the school and be visible to passers-by. It is inclusive of the school students and community and is a great opportunity for young students to see a large artwork taking place in their school and the pride that comes with this will be beneficial. A high calibre local artist is engaged and will be paid as part of the project.

Organisation	Goulburn Valley Quilters
Project	Patchwork – Being Creative
Project Description	Engaging a tutor to introduce new cutting and sewing techniques to members. Purchasing equipment for use by members, and working together to create a quilt to be donated to the GV Health Dialysis Unit. All whilst expanding the learnings of the group.
Who will benefit from the project	This project has broad benefits, from the group of quilters through to the end users at the dialysis unit it will benefit children, families, youth, seniors, men, women, indigenous, CALD, rural community members, people with disability and people from disadvantaged groups.
Amount Requested	\$1,080.50 NO GST
Recommendation	Full funding of \$1,080.50 NO GST
Reasoning	The project meets the objectives of the Community Arts Grants and has broad reaching benefits for the community. The donation of quilts over many years have been of tremendous comfort and value to patients at the hospital's dialysis unit.

Organisation	Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation
Project	Rainbow Story Time
Project Description	The Shepparton Library will facilitate two Rainbow Story Time sessions as part of the Out in the Open Festival. The first session, which will also be filmed, will be inside the Shepparton Library and the second session will be outside in the Queens Gardens on the main Carnival Day. Drag Queen Frock Hudson will be reprising her role as our fabulous story teller and entertainer. Participants will take home individual craft packs containing a make and play rainbow drum kit, membership forms for people to join the library, and information on Goulburn Valley Libraries resources including a list of LGBTIQ+ books and DVDs, and movies available on their Kanopy streaming service. Rainbow Story Time continues to build social capital between Goulburn Valley Libraries and the LGBTIQ+ community. It will help increase understanding and acceptance in the general community.
Who will benefit from the project	These sessions are for the LGBTIQ+ community and their supporters, as well as the broader community. They are for children and adults alike, people of all abilities, different backgrounds, and anyone who wants to hear stories that celebrate acceptance and diversity, both as individuals and in the communities in which we live.
Amount Requested	\$ 1,382.70 PLUS GST on applicable elements
Recommendation	Full funding of \$1,451.00 (Made up of \$700 NO GST and \$682.70 PLUS GST)
Reasoning	The project meets the objectives of the Community Arts Grants, and was extremely successful online in 2020; this builds on that success. It is a good collaboration with the Out in the Open Festival, and contributes positively to an inclusive community. This would be the final time that this project would be funded through the Community Arts Grants, and recommendations to make the project sustainable in future years without reliance on Councils grants.

Organisation	Historical Society of Mooroopna
Project	History on the walls
Project Description	Historical pictures enlarged and printed onto metal to be placed over boarded up windows.
Who will benefit from the project	Historical society of Mooroopna, residents, families, seniors, rural community, indigenous and disadvantaged groups.
Amount Requested	\$2,500 NO GST
Recommendation	Does not meet grant requirements. Feedback to be provided to applicant, to enable them to do the ground work required for any future grant application.
Reasoning	The project does not meet the requirements of the Community Arts Grants. The application requires further development. The artistic element was lacking, and further community consultation required. The project was referred to the Community Matching Grants for consideration, and the panel also recommended that further community consultation was required, particularly with the youth and indigenous community. To be eligible under the Community Matching Grants a matching component would also be required.

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.

- 2.1 Greater Shepparton is a welcoming, inclusive and safe place for all.
- 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.
- 2.7 Greater Shepparton is valued for cultural celebrations, inclusion and engagement of our diverse communities.

Risk Management

Considerations have been given to risk management issues during the assessment of all applications for funding support.

Policy Considerations

This report and its recommendations comply with existing Council grants policy and guidelines.

Financial Implications

The total budget for Community Arts funding under this scheme in the current financial year is \$20,000. Leaving a balance of \$15,648.50 for Round 2.

Following the adoption of the Creative City Strategy, considerations into how the Community Arts Grant program can be adapted to make the program more accessible for artists will be reviewed and considered.

	Budget	Previously committed in 2021/2022 Financial Year	Requested in current grant round GST Exclusive	Awarded in this proposal GST Exclusive	Awarded in this proposal GST Inclusive
Expense	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,963.20	\$4,463.20	\$4,531.50

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

² For Contract Award reports the GST inclusive expense shall match the amount reported in the recommendation

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no known legal or statutory implications for Council. Applicants are required to hold suitable public liability insurance for the duration of the project.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Where applicable, environmental and/or sustainable impacts have been considered by the applicants.

Social Implications

These projects all support positive social outcomes.

Economic Impacts

Minor economic benefits are expected from projects where indicated.

Consultation

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

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Grants information is easily accessible through council's external website and public information sessions were conducted.	Media releases Flyers, social media, newsletters Websites Information sessions.
Consult	Council staff available to consult, in person, via telephone, teams, zoom and email to all community groups.	Information sessions and follow up advice for applications as required.
Involve	Grants involve community participation by their nature and scope.	Approved projects include community participation as a required outcome.
Collaborate	Community groups will be responsible for the planning and implementation of projects.	Successful applicants will drive their own initiatives.
Empower	Community groups will be responsible for the planning and implementation of projects.	Community groups drive and deliver their projects.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Community Life: Encouraging Arts in the Community, City of Greater Shepparton

b) Other strategic links

- Council Plan 2017-2021 as outlined above
- Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan
- Cultural Diversity & Inclusion Strategy
- Greater Shepparton Youth Strategy and Action Plan
- Greater Shepparton Safety Strategy
- Cultural Diversity & Inclusion Strategy
- Greater Shepparton Volunteer Strategy & Action Plan

Conclusion

The applications for funding through the Community Arts Grant Round One 2021/2022 were reviewed by an internal assessment panel. Overall, the quality of the applications was good, with positive outcomes for the community. Three of the four applications meet the eligibility requirements for grants under the initiative. The grants have been awarded to these 3 applications.

Feedback will be provided to the fourth application so that further community consultation can take place to ensure that any future application meets the grant requirements.

Attachments

Nil

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Audit & Risk Management Committee - Unconfirmed Minutes - 8 September 2021

Author Team Leader Risk & Assurance
 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 that the unconfirmed minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 8 September 2021 as attached, and**
- 2. note that the minutes are scheduled to be confirmed by the Audit and Risk Management Committee on 10 November 2021, and if there are any substantive changes to the unconfirmed minutes, these will be reported to the next Council meeting.**

Executive Summary

In compliance with the Local Government Act 2020, an Audit and Risk Management Committee must be established by Council under section 53 of the Act.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is not a delegated committee.

The purpose of this report is to present the unconfirmed minutes for the financial and performance statements of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 8 September 2021.

Report Detail

The Charter states that 'minutes from each Committee meeting will be presented to Council, summarising progress, matters discussed and any issues the Committee wishes to share with all Councillors'.

The unconfirmed minutes of the 8 September 2021 Audit and Risk Management Committee (the Committee) note the following key points of discussion:

- Draft Annual Financial report;

- Draft Performance Statement;
- Draft Management Representation Letter;
- Final Management Letter; and the
- Closing report.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee endorsed the Financial Statements and Performance Statement for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 and recommend Council certify the statements prior to submission to the Victorian Auditor General and the Minister.

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.

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

Risk Management

The Audit and Risk Management Committee are to provide guidance to Council in external and internal audit, annual financial reporting, insurance and risk exposures, compliance and assessment, and review, all of which are high risk components of Council's role.

Councillors may be unaware of significant issues raised and discussed at the Committee meetings, for example, control weaknesses if the minutes are not presented accurately and in a timely manner.

Policy Considerations

There are no policy considerations associated with this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Financial reporting is presented and discussed as a regular agenda item at the Audit and Risk Management Committee meetings.

Legal/Statutory Implications

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

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

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

Social Implications

Social implications associated with the Audit and Risk Management Committee have been addressed within the Charter.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

The unconfirmed minutes of the 8 September 2021, Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC) meeting were distributed to management for review.

Following management's review, the unconfirmed minutes were distributed to the Committee Chair for review.

Upon receiving confirmation from the Chair, the unconfirmed minutes were distributed to Council's independent members of the ARMC, including all relevant internal staff.

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

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Nil

Conclusion

In accordance with Charter requirements, the Audit and Risk Management Committee unconfirmed minutes from 8 September 2021 meeting have been prepared and will be presented to Council on 16 November 2021 for noting.

Attachments

1. Audit and Risk Management Committee - Unconfirmed Minutes - 8 September 2021 [11.1.1 - 10 pages]

11.2 October 2021 Monthly Financial Report

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 October 2021 Monthly Financial Report.

Executive Summary

The report presents the Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the four months ended 31 October 2021.

Report Detail

The 2021/2022 Budget was adopted at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 15 June 2021.

The 2021/2022 Budget provided for an operating surplus of \$18.17 million with revenue of \$161.98 million and expenditure of \$143.80 million. The 2021/2022 Budget also provided for capital works of \$71.58 million.

On 21 September 2021, Council adopted the 2021/2022 Q1 Adopted Forecast with an accounting surplus of \$21.43 million which is \$3.26 million more than the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to additional capital grants. The capital works program of \$72.65 million is forecast to be expended during the 2021/2022 financial year which is an increase of \$1.07 million from the 2021/2022 Adopted Budget mainly due to re-budgeted items from 2020/2021.

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

The October 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 Statement
- Capital Works Statement

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

We will prioritise leadership in the community to celebrate our cultures, people and places that makes Greater Shepparton a unique, vibrant, diverse and liveable region.

1.3 Council services will be realistic and delivered in an efficient and effective manner with the aim of continuously looking for delivery that matches our ever changing environment.

1.8 Good governance and sustainable financial management.

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 101 of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides that Council maintain a budgeting and reporting framework that is consistent with the principles of sound financial management. In addition, Section 97 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

No strategic links applicable.

Conclusion

The report presents Council's actual financial performance compared to the budget for the four months ended 31 October 2021.

Attachments

1. October 2021 - GSCC Council Report - Monthly Financial Statements [11.2.1 - 11 pages]

11.3 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - October 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 under delegated authority by the Chief Executive Officer;
2. note the Contracts awarded under delegated authority by a Manager; and
3. note the requests for tender 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 5 October 2021 to 29 October 2021, and those that have been publicly advertised but are yet to be awarded as at 29 October 2021.

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by the CEO

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
2131	Carroll Road Drainage Construction – Lump Sum Contract	Construction of Storm Water Drainage along Carroll Road.	\$ 391,166.60	Mawson Constructions Pty Ltd
2199	Botanic Avenue and Riverview Road Shared Paths – Lump Sum Contract	Construction of a shared path, including drainage, asphalt path construction and associated furniture.	\$312,852.20	Miller Pipe & Civil 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
2181	Quantity Surveyor Services for Design of Shepparton Sports Stadium and Events Centre – Lump Sum Contract	Quantity Surveying Services over the full period of design development, procurement, as well as construction and defects liability period if the project becomes funded.	\$21,450.00	Turner & Townsend Pty Ltd

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
2191	Design and Construction of Solar PV Systems – Lump Sum Contract	Design, construction and commissioning of various sized solar photovoltaic systems for the Tatura Showgrounds, Arthur Dickmann Children's Centre, Nancy Vibert Children's Centre, Rodney Neighbourhood Kindergarten and GV U3A Building	Currently under evaluation
2091	Construction of Orchard Circuit Basin Pumping Station – Lump Sum Contract	Construction of a new stormwater pump station and associated works.	Currently under evaluation
2211	Construction of Katandra Main Road / Labuan Road Intersection- Lump Sum Contract	Replacement of the existing intersection with a staggered T-intersection and associated drainage works.	Currently under evaluation

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
2217	Goulburn Valley Highway Shared Path Stage 1 and Associated Works, Kialla - Lump Sum Contract	Goulburn Valley Highway Shared Path Stage 1 and Associated Works, Kialla Lump Sum Contract	Currently under evaluation
2218	Supply and Installation of Perimeter Fence at Aquamoves and Cycling Precinct – Lump Sum Contract	Supply and installation of perimeter fencing at Greater Shepparton Cycling Precinct and Aquamoves indoor and outdoor treatment facilities.	Currently under evaluation
2198	Kialla West Growth Corridor Traffic Impact Assessment – Lump Sum Contract	Provision of consultancy services for the carrying out of a Traffic Impact Assessment for the Kialla West Growth Corridor.	Currently under evaluation.
2002	Sports Precinct Recirculation Pump Installation – Lump Sum Contract	Supply and installation of a recirculation pump and riser main at the Shepparton Sports Precinct.	Currently under evaluation.
2220	Missing Links Footpath Construction – Lump Sum Contract	Construction of three missing links footpaths at Hosie Road Shepparton East, Channel Road Shepparton and Bartlett Street Tatura.	Tender scheduled to close on 17 November 2021.
2212	Mooroopna Community Event Signage Upgrade – Lump Sum Contract	Design, supply and installation of four community event signs at key entry locations to the township of Mooroopna.	Request for Quotation due to close on 17 November 2021.
2223	Packham Street Pavement, Kerb, Channel and Footpath Upgrade – Lump Sum Contract	Works include water main replacement, kerb, road pavement, footpath construction and drainage works in Packham Street, Shepparton.	Tender scheduled to close on 24 November 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* 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 5 October 2021 to 29 October 2021.

Attachments

Nil

11.4 2021/2022 Christmas and New Year Work Arrangements

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

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council resolve to close Council offices at 3.00pm on Friday 24 December 2021 and reopen at 8.15am Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Executive Summary

The Council Office in Welsford Street and the Doyles Road Complex close over the Christmas and New Year period each year, with the length of closure varying slightly, depending on when each public holiday falls.

Christmas Day this year will fall on a Saturday with a public holiday on Monday 27 December 2021. This also means Boxing Day will fall on a Sunday with its public holiday on Tuesday 28 December 2021. It is therefore proposed that the office closes at 3.00pm Friday 24 December 2021 and re-opens at 8.15am, Tuesday 4 January 2022. This length of closure is consistent with previous years and has been widely accepted by staff and the community.

It is important to note that this closure relates mainly to Council administration, and many of Councils services will still be available during this time. Directors will make appropriate staffing arrangements to ensure that Council services and programs required to operate during this period continue to do so without interruption.

Report Detail

Christmas Day and Boxing Day will fall on a Saturday and Sunday this year, their official public holiday dates will be on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 December 2021 respectively. It is therefore still proposed that the office closes from 3.00pm Friday 24 December 2021 and reopens at 8.15am, Tuesday 4 January 2022. This would require the majority of staff to take three days of leave, with staff involved in delivering essential services and programs continuing to operate throughout this period as required.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

There are no direct links to the Council Plan.

Risk Management

There are no significant risks associated with closing the Council Offices over the Christmas and New Year period. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure programs and services continue to operate during this period.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council Policies.

Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications arising from this proposal.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This proposal conforms with the Local Government Act 2020 and all other relevant legislation.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainable impacts that will arise from this proposal.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with closing the Council Offices over Christmas and New Year.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts arising from this proposal.

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Staff and public will be informed of the closure period once resolved by Council.	<u>External Communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flyer at Welsford Street main entrance GSCC Website / Social Media <u>Internal Communication:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insite Email to all staff Internal newsletters

Officers have received feedback from People and Development 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 to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy*

b) Other strategic links

Conclusion

The proposed closure of Council offices from 3:00pm Friday 24 December 2021 to 8:15am Tuesday 4 January 2022 will provide staff with an adequate break over the festive season with minimal disruption to daily business and services to the public.

Attachments

Nil

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Single Use Plastic Free Council Events Policy

Author Team Leader Business & Industry
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council re-adopt the Single Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy as attached to this report.

Executive Summary

Council's Single-Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy was developed and endorsed in 2020 in response to an action in the Strategic Plan of the Sustainability Working Group within Greater Shepparton City Council.

The introduction of the Single Use Plastics Policy aimed to significantly reduce the use and environmental impact of single use plastics our Council has within our region through events managed by Council.

The policy outlines Council's commitment to:

- Eliminate single-use plastic bags,
- Eliminate single-use plastic plates, bowls, cups, straws, cutlery and take away food containers,
- Reduce bottled water and provide alternative, free access to water,
- Avoid plastic packaging,
- Eliminate balloons at events,
- Reuse event materials where possible,
- Educate and guide event staff and audience on single-use plastic free practices.

The policy was implemented in July 2020 with a one-year transition period allowing for:

- The distribution of resources and information to all Council departments and stakeholders,
- Adaptation by Council and stakeholders toward eliminating single use plastics,
- Generating community awareness and consciousness around the impacts of single use plastics in our municipality and to the wider environment.

This period was supposed to assist Council officers in mitigating operational risks and in educating contractors on adapting to the new policy and its intended effect. There was material available on the website developed from the sustainability working group that helped support contractors and council staff to operate effectively with this policy in place.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted this transition period and the hosting of events in the region. As a result, very few Council run and managed events have been held (and any that have were very restricted or in a different format i.e. virtual) preventing this policy from being fully implemented. It is hoped in the near future, events will resume safely and the policy can be truly implemented and tested appropriately via an extended two-year extension period on Council run and managed events.

Report Detail

Every piece of plastic that has ever been made still exists somewhere in the world. Plastic is designed to last forever, yet every day we use many plastic products that are thrown away after only a few minutes. Much of this plastic ends up in landfill or as litter in our environment. It is estimated that eight million tonnes of plastic waste ends up in freshwater and marine environments each year; polluting water and harming wildlife.

The Sustainability Working Group, following consultation with Darebin City Council (who in 2018 endorsed a similar policy), developed in 2020 a Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy for Greater Shepparton City Council to reduce the continuously increasing amount of plastic created in our region and Australia wide.

The policy was created in consultation with impacted departments across Council and endorses the use of biodegradable (1-3 years) or compostable (30-190 day) packaging as opposed to single use plastics that have a significant impact on our environment, in all Council facilities and at events held by Council.

Single use plastics can take from 400-700 years to degrade, glass can take 1 million years, aluminium can take 200 years and styrofoam lasts forever. By utilising the vast variety of compostable and biodegradable single use products available at present such as Wheat Straw (Compostable in 30-90 days), Palm Leaf (90-180 Days) and Cornstarch (Biodegrades in 180-540 days) we can significantly reduce Council's and our community's impact on the environment. These products are now sustainably produced and have the same effect for purpose as single use plastics.

COVID-19 has significantly impacted this transition period included in the policy and the hosting of events in the region. As a result, very few events have been held (which have been in restricted formats) allowing this policy to be fully implemented and vendors educated on alternatives to single use plastics. It is hoped in the near future, events will resume and the policy can be truly implemented and tested on Council run events.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

ENVIRONMENT

Enhance and protect the clean, green environment that makes Greater Shepparton the unique place it is.

5.1 Greening Greater Shepparton has created an attractive, vibrant and liveable place with well connected green spaces that are valued by the community.

5.3 Waste is managed in a sustainable way that is environmentally friendly, reliable and sustainable for future generations.

ECONOMIC

Build a thriving, resilient economy where Greater Shepparton is recognised as a

competitive place to invest and grow business.

3.3 Greater Shepparton is a major destination for events and tourism (e.g. progression of the business case for the Greater Victoria Commonwealth Games bid).

Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014 – 2030

11.6 Council Governance and Operations

Our Community looks toward Council for leadership, guidance and direction in relation to environmental management and sustainable development. Human activities have degraded our environment and the everyday activities and decisions made by Council and the residents of the City of Greater Shepparton can have a significant impact on the future health of our environment.

Risk Management

The transition period will assist Council officers in mitigating operational risks and in educating contractors on adapting to the new policy and its intended effect.

As a result of COVID-19 the transition period has been extended and it is hoped when events resume Council officers can work with vendors and suppliers to fully implement the policy at Council run and managed events.

Policy Considerations

The policy aligns with existing Council policy and also Council's strategic direction which includes The Council Plan 2017 – 2021 and the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014 – 2030.

Financial Implications

The adoption of the revised Single Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy will have a positive financial impact on Council with the reduction of the purchase of single use plastics such as balloons and promotional material.

The increased use of the hydration trailer purchased by Council will reduce bottled water expenses. The cost of biodegradable and compostable single use catering supplies is the same, and in some cases, cheaper than single use plastic items. KidsTown has been single use plastic free for over 12 months and has achieved savings by doing so.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal/statutory implications associated with the adoption of the Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

This policy will have a significant positive environmental impact on our region and the image of Council. It will assist in reducing single use plastic disposal at Council's Landfill site.

Social Implications

There are no adverse social impacts associated with the adoption of the Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy.

Economic Impacts

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with the adoption of the Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred in regards to the adoption of the revised Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy which outlines the requirement for a significant reduction in Single Use Plastic by Council and on Council grounds to lead the way in environmental protection and awareness.

Various departments within Council have had the opportunity to review and consult on the Single Use Plastic Free Events Policy. These include Economic Development, Aquamoves, KidsTown, Sustainability & Environment, Parks, Sport and Recreation.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

5.3 Waste is managed in a sustainable way that is environmentally friendly, reliable and sustainable for future generations.

b) Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2014 – 2030

11.6 Council Governance and Operations

Our Community looks towards Council for leadership, guidance and direction in relation to environmental management and sustainable development. Human activities have degraded our environment and the everyday activities and decisions made by Council and the residents of the City of Greater Shepparton can have a significant impact on the future health of our environment.

12 The mission of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy

To improve Council's environmental sustainability performance by imbedding environmental sustainability considerations into Council's decision-making processes and operational activities.

Conclusion

The purpose of the Single Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy is to aid Council in taking the appropriate measures to manage our environmental impact. Council's events calendar has significantly grown in recent years with over 250 supported events in our region creating large amounts of single use plastic waste that is not biodegradable. Although impacted by COVID-19, events will resume in the future and Council should be prepared for single use plastic free events.

The Single Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy will allow Council to lead the way in sustainable and environmentally conscious events for specifically council run events within our region whilst encouraging event hosts, traders and surrounding municipalities to act consciously as well.

Attachments

1. DRAFT Single Use Plastic Free Council Run Events Policy 31 POL3 [12.1.1 - 5 pages]

12.2 Adoption of Amendment C227gshe - Anomalies Amendment

Author Graduate Strategic Planner (Amendments)
 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. adopt Amendment C227gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme in accordance with Section 29 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*; and
2. submit Amendment C227gshe to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme to the Minister for Planning for approval in accordance with Section 31 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Executive Summary

Proposed Amendment C227gshe seeks to correct a number of anomalies in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme (Planning Scheme). This includes correcting zoning and overlay mapping errors where land is affected by multiple zones and where the zone is inconsistent with its use or ownership, removing redundant overlay controls from land that has already been developed, and exempting a BYO licence from needing a planning permit in the Activity Centre Zone to align with that of the Commercial 1 Zone.

The Amendment was exhibited from 19 August 2021 to 20 September 2021 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act). Council received six submissions to the Amendment, which did not object to or request any changes to the Amendment.

Council is now required to make a decision on Amendment C227gshe.

Report Detail

Amendment C227gshe seeks to correct a number of errors in the Planning Scheme. This includes correcting zoning and mapping errors where land is affected by multiple zones and where the zone is inconsistent with its use or ownership, removing redundant overlay controls from land that is already developed, and exempting a BYO licence from needing a planning permit in the Activity Centre Zone (see attachment 1 – Amendment C227gshe Explanatory Report).

Specifically, the proposed Amendment implements the following changes:

- rezones part of 1 Hoskin Street, Shepparton from the Public Use Zone 4 (Transport) to the Activity Centre Zone (Schedule 1);
- rezones part of 6 Doonan Street, Mooroopna from the Public Use Zone 4 (Transport) to the Industrial 1 Zone;
- rezones part of 326 – 340 Archer Street, Shepparton from the Neighbourhood Residential Zone 1 to the Commercial 1 Zone;
- removes the Environmental Significance Overlay from the Radio Australia site at 490 Verney Road, Grahamvale and adjacent properties;
- removes the Development Plan Overlay from multiple properties in Kialla, Mooroopna, Shepparton and Shepparton North where a development plan has been approved for the land; and
- updates the Schedule to Clause 52.27 *Licensed Premises* to exempt a BYO licence from triggering the need for a planning permit in the Activity Centre Zone.

The Amendment was exhibited from 19 August 2021 to 20 September 2021 in accordance with the Act. Council received six submissions to the Amendment. Five submissions were received from referral authorities and agencies, and one submission was received on behalf of a landowner affected by the Amendment. All submissions supported the Amendment and none of the submissions objected to or requested changes.

Council officers have considered all of the submissions received. As none of the submissions objected to or requested changes to the Amendment, Council is not required to refer submissions to an Independent Planning Panel for consideration.

Council officers are proposing one post-exhibition change to the Amendment. The exhibited Explanatory Report for the Amendment proposed updating the Schedule to Clause 52.27 to exempt a BYO license from triggering the need for a planning permit in the Commercial 1 Zone. This exemption was given effect by Amendment C218gshe, which was gazetted by the Minister for Planning as Amendment C227gshe was being exhibited in mid-2021. Council officers have updated the Explanatory Report to reflect this.

Under Section 29 of the Act, Council must now consider all submissions and the Amendment. If Council resolves to adopt the Amendment, the Amendment must be submitted to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

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

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

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

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

In accordance with Ministerial Direction No. 15, under Section 29 of the Act, Council must make a decision to either adopt or abandon the proposed Amendment within 60 business days of the closing date for submissions.

It is recommended that Council resolve to adopt the proposed Amendment.

Policy Considerations

The proposed Amendment will implement some of the recommendations of the *Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme Review Report 2018*. The Amendment does not conflict with any other Council policy.

Financial Implications

The *Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016* sets the statutory fees for the preparation, exhibition and adoption of planning scheme amendments. Council is the proponent of this Amendment and is responsible for all costs associated with the amendment process.

A Planning Scheme Amendment includes fees of \$488.50 for the Minister for Planning to consider a request to approve an Amendment.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this Amendment comply with the legislative requirements of the Act. The proposed Amendment has been assessed in accordance with the Act and the Planning Scheme.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The Amendment will not have any environmental or sustainability impacts as it is administrative in nature.

Social Implications

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

Economic Impacts

The proposed Amendment has positive economic effects as it removes the need for landowners to apply for planning permits for land that is incorrectly included in an overlay or zone. The proposed Amendment will ensure a net community by enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the Planning Scheme, and by allowing planning permit applications to be more easily assessed.

Consultation

The proposed Amendment was exhibited from 19 August 2021 to 20 September 2021 in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This included the following:

- Notice in the Shepparton News;
- Notice in the Victoria Government Gazette;
- Letters to relevant referral authorities;
- Letters to impacted landowners;
- Letters to prescribed ministers;
- Documentation on display at the Council offices at 90 Welsford Street, Shepparton;
- Documentation available on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Documentation available on the Greater Shepparton City Council website.

It should be noted that under Section 19(1A) of the Act, Council did not directly notify landowners whose land was being removed from the Development Plan Overlay. Council officers considered that these landowners would not be materially impacted by the Amendment, and that it was impractical to notify each landowner individually. Council provided direct notification of the Amendment to landowners whose land was being rezoned, or being removed from the Environmental Significance Overlay.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- The proposed Amendment seeks to correct zoning errors and remove redundant overlays in the Planning Scheme. It will assist in providing for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of land in the municipality. This approach is strongly supported by the Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006.

b) Other strategic links

- *Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme Review Report 2018*.

Conclusion

Proposed Amendment C227gshe seeks to rectify anomalies in the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

The Amendment was exhibited from 19 August 2021 to 20 September 2021 in accordance with the Act. Council received six submissions to the Amendment, which did not object to or request any changes.

Council is now required to make a decision on Amendment C227gshe. Council officers recommend that Council adopt Amendment C227gshe and submit the Amendment to the Minister for Planning for approval.

Attachments

1. C227 Correctional Amendment - Explanatory Report Post-Exhibition Changes [12.2.1 - 13 pages]

12.3 Tatura Park Advisory Committee - Membership

Author	Coordinator - Events Venues and Business Events
Approved by	Director Sustainable Development
Purpose	For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- appoint the following community representatives to the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex Advisory Committee for a period of two years commencing on 17 November 2021 and concluding on 17 November 2023;**
 - Debby Cheeseman
 - Caroline Coleby
 - Karina Damschke
 - Daryl Eaton
 - Kyle Mobberley
 - Kevin Ryan
 - Angelo Torresan
 - David Quick
 - Carl Walters
- formally thank Shaun O'Shannessy for his significant contribution as he concludes his term on the Tatura Park Advisory Committee.**

Executive Summary

The Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Centre Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for community consultation in regard to the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Centre. The committee hold four meetings annually.

Applications to join the committee were sought from within the local community, with a preference for venue hirers or visitors to the Equestrian and Event facility to partake in the committee. Applications were sought for a two-year term commitment.

Following public advertisement, nine applications were received, with officers now seeking endorsement of the interested individuals to formally join the committee.

Report Detail

The Committee, appointed by Council resolution, makes recommendations to Council on their procedures, rules, conditions of use, future strategic planning and proposed capital works which are necessary for the appropriate and sustainable management of Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex, and any specific issues which may arise from time to time.

With the outgoing Advisory Committee appointment having expired, notification calling for appointments was made in September 2021 by way of public notice.

Applicants were required to outline any relevant qualifications, skills and experience to support their application, as well as any considerations and improvements that they considered could positively improve the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex. Of the nine applicants, seven were current Committee members, with interest from two new applicants.

The terms of reference governing the Advisory Committee indicates that the committee must include between five and ten members representative of the Tatura community and up to two Councillors, appointed by resolution of the Council.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

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

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

ECONOMIC

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

3.3 Greater Shepparton is a major destination for events and tourism (e.g. progression of the business case for the Greater Victoria Commonwealth Games bid).

Risk Management

All relevant risks are considered minimal.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies arising from this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Officers have consulted Council's Corporate Governance Department in undertaking the application process for Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex Advisory Committee.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts arising from this report.

Social Implications

The ongoing appointment of community members to the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex Advisory Committee helps build a sense of community by increasing stakeholder participation and pride in the community assets.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts arising from this report.

Consultation

Community consultation via public notice and social media notices was undertaken, advising of applications being sought for Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex Advisory Committee.

Outgoing Committee members were contacted directly.

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

- Economic Development Tourism and Major Events Strategy

Conclusion

Officers recommend the appointment of the listed nine applicants to the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex Advisory Committee, allowing the committee to continue to play a vital role in assisting Council with the ongoing operation and future planning of the Tatura Park Exhibition and Events Complex.

Attachments

Nil

12.4 Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Study

Author Graduate Strategic Planner (Amendments)
 Approved by Director Sustainable Development
 Purpose For Noting

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. note the conclusion of the consultation process associated with the Draft Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Study that extended from 6 September 2021 and 4 October 2021;
2. receive and note the *Conversation Report: Draft Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Study* summarising and addressing the submissions received;
3. receive and note the *Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study October 2021* prepared by One Mile Grid Pty Ltd;
4. note that works contained within the LATM will be completed before February 2022; and
5. note that Council officers will review and monitor the movement of all modes of transport and the parking regime in the areas surrounding the Greater Shepparton Secondary College within one month of Term 1, 2022.

Executive Summary

The Shepparton Education Plan, announced by the Victorian Government in April 2017, merged the four public secondary schools in Shepparton and Mooroopna into one school: the Greater Shepparton Secondary College (GSSC). The GSSC is to be located at the site of the former Shepparton High School at 31-73 Hawdon Street, Shepparton. The GSSC is expected to accommodate 2,700 students and over 300 staff, with an ultimate capacity for 3,000 students.

The increased number of students accommodated on the site will substantially change the local traffic volumes and behaviours. To understand these changes and respond appropriately, Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) commissioned a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) study covering all modes of transport, including pedestrians, cyclists, cars and buses.

The LATM study area is bounded by Balaclava Road to the north; Glenn, Feshti and Hawdon Streets to the east; Knight Street to the south and Clive Street to the west.

The scope of the LATM study is to:

- Identify additional parking locations and restrictions.
- Identify suitable locations for accessible parking bays.
- Identify drop off and pick up locations.
- Identify any additional pedestrian crossings required.
- Recommend any intersection restrictions (no right turn, etc.).
- Recommend any traffic light signalisation changes at nearby traffic lights.
- Cost estimates for proposed works.
- Provide advice on longer-term concepts for managing local area traffic.

The LATM report summarises existing traffic issues in the vicinity of the GSSC site, makes recommendations for mitigation of any issues identified and seeks to ensure that the local road network can cater for an increase in users accessing the site.

Council conducted community consultation on the Draft LATM with local residents and businesses within the LATM study area between 6 September 2021 and 4 October 2021, which received a total of 53 submissions. A conversation report has been prepared to summarise the submissions received and Council officers' responses to the themes raised. In response to community feedback, Council has made several changes to the LATM.

Council will undertake further work to review and formally monitor the LATM within one month of school opening in early 2022, which will be used to undertake additional changes to the LATM and parking restrictions within the precinct if needed.

Report Detail

Council commissioned One Mile Grid Pty Ltd to prepare a Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Plan for the Greater Shepparton Secondary College (GSSC).

The objectives of the LATM included to:

- ensure suitable provision of parent/guardian parking;
- protect residential areas from the impact of pick-up/drop-off activity;
- discourage traffic from utilising lower-order roads;
- maintain two-lanes of traffic flow during peak periods;
- minimise impacts to through movements along Hawdon Street; and
- provide for suitable pedestrian control and protection.

The consultant was provided with background and supporting information to guide their review and recommendations, including:

- the expected split of transport modes used by students and teachers to arrive and depart the GSSC.
- the bus bay arrangement proposed along the Hawdon Street, GSSC, and Ford Reserve frontages, which had been scoped and designed by local and state government departments, and
- existing conditions information, including speed limits, parking restrictions, crash history, traffic volumes, and other relevant information.

The *Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study October 2021* (see Attachment 1) features a series of different deliverables that consider the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and road vehicles including cars and buses to ensure that all users can be accommodated on the existing road network around the site.

The LATM solution has been designed to circulate one-way traffic off Hawdon Street during pick-up and drop-off times to parking bays just off Hawdon Street. This is achieved by limiting right-hand turn movements and encouraging vehicular traffic to turn left off Hawdon Street to drop-off school children. Where local streets cannot accommodate line-marked parking bays on both sides and two-way vehicular movements, one side of these streets will be marked as no-stopping zones (see Figure 1). This objective is to reduce demand for congestion causing right-hand turn movements onto and from Hawdon Street, and to reduce the amount of queuing and congestion during busy periods.



Figure 1: Traffic flow through the precinct.

Car Parking

The LATM estimates that 1,040 students will arrive/depart the GSSC site by car each day. This equates to anticipated peak demands for 73 spaces during the AM peak, and 251 spaces during the PM peak. The LATM report undertook a parking review in the vicinity of the GSSC site and has created a parking plan that allocates 279 spaces for pick-up and drop-off during school times.

The parking plan provides the location of recommended marked parking bays and their associated parking restriction. It recommends that that a mixture of marked parking spaces and no-stopping zones will be required on the following streets (see Figure 1):

- Annerley Avenue between Glenn Street and Hawdon Street (11 spaces north side only, no stopping south side);
- Annerley Avenue east of Glenn Street (17 spaces);
- Annerley Avenue west of Hawdon Street (47 spaces);

- Chertsey Road (24 spaces east side only, no stopping west side between Bowenhall Street and Thames Street).
- Feshti Street (24 spaces, two accessible parking bays);
- Glenlyon Avenue east of Hawdon Street (13 spaces north side only, no stopping south side);
- Glenlyon Avenue west of Hawdon Street (17 spaces south side only, no stopping north side);
- Glenn Street (23 spaces);
- Hawdon Street (34 spaces);
- Norris Court (9 spaces);
- Rea Street (35 spaces); and
- Thames Street (25 spaces south side only, no stopping north side);

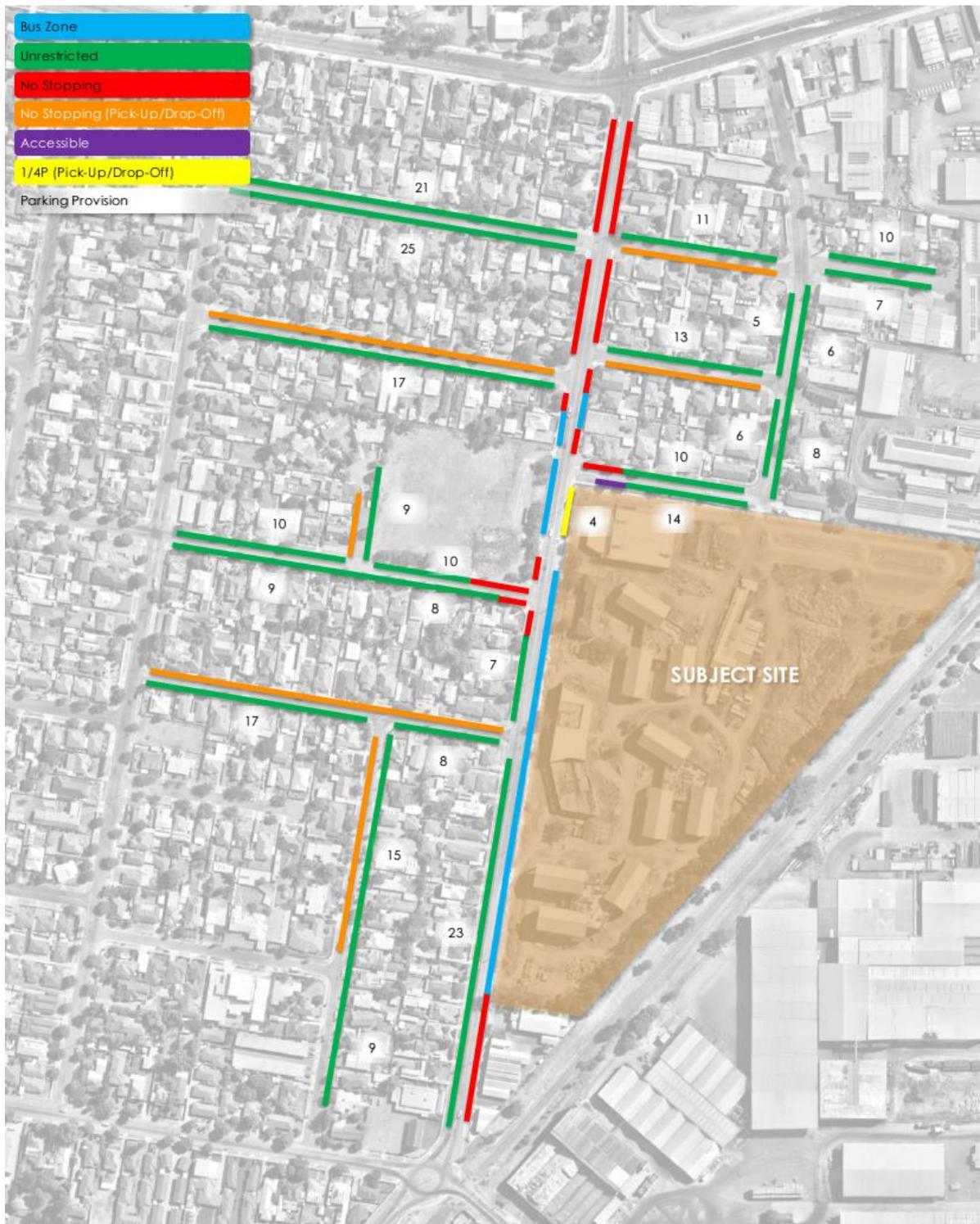


Figure 1: GSSC Parking Plan from the LATM Report. Note this assumes that the 60 spaces at Ford Reserve are not available.

Two versions of the parking plan were created in the LATM to account for the use of Ford Reserve being available be partially used as a car park. This was considered by Council and not supported as the use of Ford Reserve is subject to consideration and approval by third parties. Council proceeded with the LATM on the basis that Ford Reserve is not available to be partially used as a car park.

The LATM report recommended that no timing restrictions be imposed on the on-street parking spaces in the vicinity of the GSSC. As most long-term parking is expected to be

accommodated on site, imposing parking restrictions will not influence the behaviour of parents picking-up/dropping-off students as they are unlikely to spend more than 15 minutes occupying a parking space. Furthermore, introducing timed parking restrictions will disadvantage existing residents who will be unable to park on their own street, and may require Council to administer a parking permit system.

Traffic

The LATM estimated that 742 vehicles will visit the GSSC during pick-up/drop-off times, representing an additional 1,500 vehicle movements in the precinct. The report recommends that a ban on right turns at some intersections during peak periods be implemented to enable traffic to flow along Hawdon Street (see Figure 2). This includes the intersections of Hawdon Street with:

- Thames Street;
- Rea Street; and
- Glenlyon Avenue.

In terms of speed limits, the LATM recommends that the extent of the variable 40km/h - 60km/h variable speed limits be extended further south to cover the entire frontage of the GSSC site.

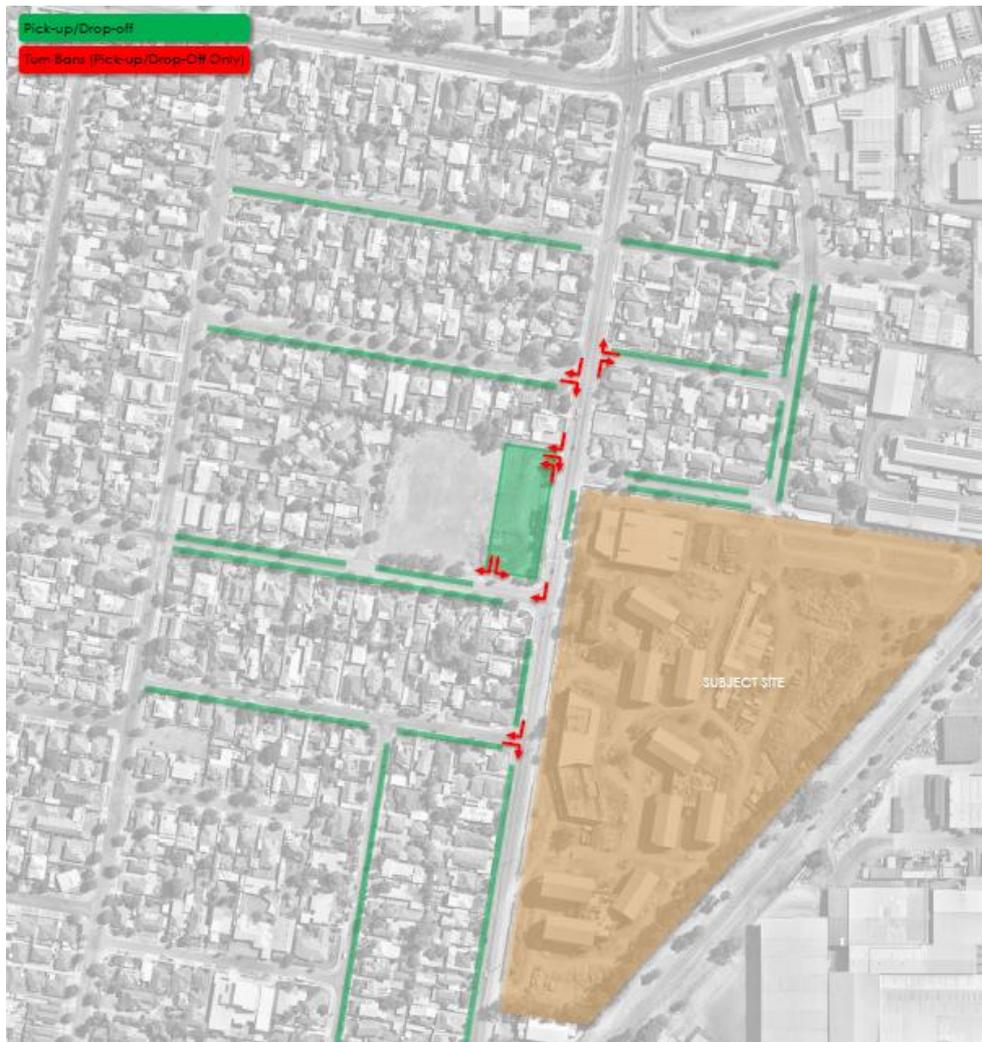


Figure 2: GSSC Traffic Management Plan proposing right turn bans.

The LATM report estimates that 1,437 students are expected to cross Hawdon Street each morning and afternoon. Considering the high level of pedestrian activity and the spread of

direction in which pedestrians may approach the site from, the LATM considered it beneficial for an additional pedestrian crossing to be provided on Hawdon Street.

The LATM considered two options (see Figure 3): the first being a new pedestrian crossing within close proximity of the intersection at Thames and Hawdon Streets. This option has the advantage of being utilised by students that are dropped-off/picked-up, or walk and cycle south of Rea Street. However, the option involves making physical changes to the on-road bus bays and creates safety issues with pedestrians attempting to cross Hawdon Street from behind buses.

The second option is for a new pedestrian crossing at the southern end of the GSSC site. This option has the advantage of not impacting upon the design of the on-road bus bays and is clear of any visual or physical obstructions. For these reasons, the LATM recommended that 'Option 2' be the preferred location for a new pedestrian crossing.

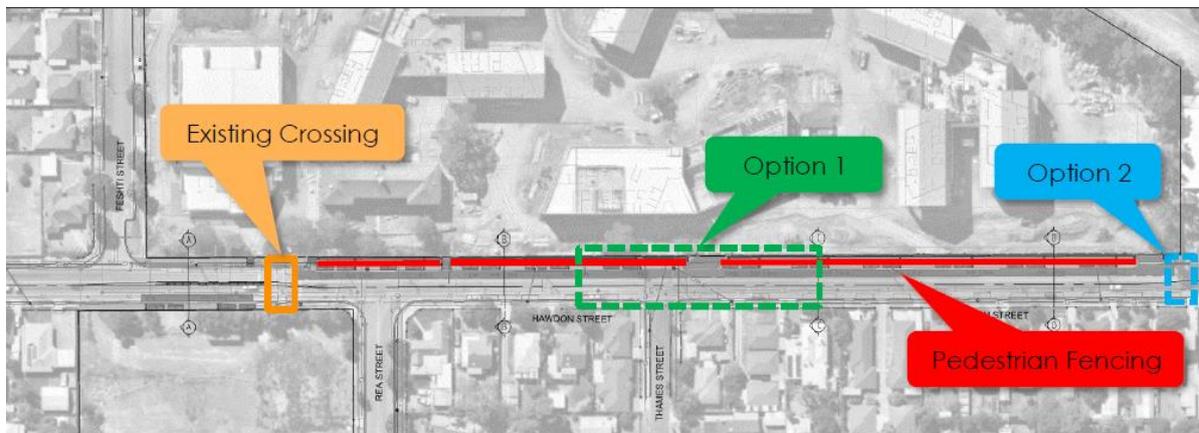


Figure 3: Options for an additional pedestrian crossing.

Council is in the process of designing a signalised pedestrian crossing at the southern end of the GSSC site as part of the upgrade of the Hawdon Street/Railway Parade/Knight Street intersection upgrade. This is consistent with 'Option 2' and the recommendations of the Draft LATM.

Consultation

In order to inform the LATM, Council engaged with residents and businesses within the study area to discuss changes to parking and traffic management, and to receive input to these proposals

Council undertook consultation with the community between 6 September and 4 October 2021. The methods of engagement included:

- a letter to all landowners and occupiers of land within the LATM study area.
- a media release, which attracted media attention from the Shepparton News.
- a consultation webpage on Council's Shaping Greater Shepparton website with an online submission form.
- Promotions on social media; and
- one-on-one appointments between Council officers and individual residents and businesses,

Submissions were invited via an online submission form, by email and by post. A total of 53 submissions and queries were received by Council during the public consultation process. This included:

- 32 submissions from the Shaping Greater Shepparton online submission form.
- 12 one-on-one appointments between Council officers and residents; and

- nine telephone queries from residents received by Council officers.

Through these forums, Council heard a wide range of comments, queries and concerns. Below is a list of the main themes that emerged:

- changes to the design and restrictions for the LATM
- traffic volumes and future work
- clarification of parking restrictions
- timed parking restrictions
- parking enforcement
- knight street intersection
- pedestrian crossings
- bus movements
- residential parking permits
- speed limits
- school site
- Ford Reserve
- Connect GV
- rubbish collection times

Council officers have reviewed all of the submissions raised, and have conducted a site visit to audit every parking space and road reserve within the LATM study area. This was done to refine the final LATM designs, and to implement solutions that will balance the needs of managing parking and traffic movements around the GSSC, while responding to the requests of residents.

In response to this, Council officers have made the following changes to the LATM design;

- remove the proposed no-stopping zone during school times on the north side of Annerley Avenue between Clive Street and Hawdon Street. This recognises that this section of Annerley Avenue is wide enough for formalised parking on both sides while maintaining two-way traffic and will allow unrestricted parking on both sides of this road.
- remove the proposed line marking on one side of Chertsey Road, Bowenhall Street, Norris Court, Thames Street and Glenlyon Avenue where no-stopping zones will be implemented. This will ensure improved parking efficiency on these streets, prevent parking across driveways, and allow for the flexibility to maintain two-way traffic flow during school times.
- introduce a no-stopping zone during school times on the west side of Norris Court.
- introduce line marking on Annerley Avenue east of Glenn Street. This recognises that this section of Annerley Avenue is wide enough for formalised parking on both sides while maintaining two-way traffic. Formalising the car parking is done to guide vehicles to park in appropriate and consistent locations;
- remove the proposed car parking bays and included appropriate line marking to suit the existing bus stops on Rea Street; and
- update the line marking design on Feshti Street to account for the GSSC site fire hydrants and redundant bus stop, and to accommodate an additional accessible parking bay.

The results of the community consultation and Council officers' response to the key themes raised are contained within the *Conversation Report - Draft Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Plan (LATM) - November 2021* (see Attachment 2).

Next Steps

Works included in the final LATM will now be implemented in preparation for the opening of the GSSC in Term 1 2022. This will involve line marking for all new parking bays in local

streets in November 2021. This task will be coordinated to avoid any impact on the construction works on Hawdon Street. New signage and associated poles will be installed between December 2021 – January 2022 and the new restrictions will come into effect during this time.

Council will undertake further work to review and monitor the works recommended in the final LATM within one month of the opening of the GSSC in early 2022. This will include:

- a review of traffic movements around the GSSC to determine whether traffic within the precinct is operating as intended;
- scoping to identify any opportunities for additional works to further improve traffic conditions
- a parking occupancy survey; and
- an expanded study area to take into consideration Clive Street, and the area surrounding Bouchier Street Primary School and Notre Dame College.

This review will be used to inform any additional changes to the LATM and parking restrictions within the precinct, if deemed necessary.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

BUILT

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

4.7 Reliable, safe, more frequent and connected local and broader transport system supporting the connection of people within, across and outside of Greater Shepparton.

4.8 Active transport (cycling, walking) is encouraged through safe, connected and improved linkages.

Risk Management

There are no inherent risks with the recommendations of this report. There is a minor risk of community opposition to any changes in traffic management and the parking regime within the GSSC precinct.

Policy Considerations

The recommendations in this report are consistent with Council policies, and will support the successful realisation of a major component of the Shepparton Education Plan: the GSSC.

Financial Implications

The LATM study cost Council \$19,900 excl GST to prepare. Council officers estimate that the preparation and implementation of the LATM and its recommendations will cost a total of around \$196,290 excl GST. This includes line-marking, procurement and installation of signage, and construction of the signalised pedestrian crossing and the interim solution at the Hawdon and Knight Street roundabout. Preparation and further review of the LATM has been accounted for in the 2021/2022 budget and will not result in any additional financial implications for Council.

Project	Description	Cost GST Exclusive
Local Area Traffic Management Study	Study undertaken by One Mile Grid Pty Ltd	\$19,990
Signage	Procurement and installation of signage within the LATM study area.	\$13,300

Project	Description	Cost GST Exclusive ¹
Line-marking	Line-marking within the LATM study area.	\$17,000
Signalised Pedestrian Crossing	Construction of the signalised pedestrian crossing near the southern boundary of the GSSC site.	\$46,000
Knight Street Intersection Interim Works	Construction of a left-turning lane to improve southbound traffic flow on Hawdon Street.	\$100,000
Total		\$196,290

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

² For Contract Award reports the GST inclusive expense shall match the amount reported in the recommendation

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no statutory or legal implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Improvements to traffic management and the parking regime around the GSSC will reduce traffic congestion, and facilitate safe movement of alternative modes of transport including walking, cycling, and the bus. This will improve environmental and sustainability impacts by reducing reliance on the motor vehicle and emissions.

Social Implications

Improved traffic management around the GSSC will reduce congestion during peak times and improve safety for students, parents and residents, creating a more liveable environment for local residents. Reduced traffic volumes and speeds will encourage more active transport such as cycling and walking, improving health outcomes for students.

Economic Impacts

Improved traffic management around the GSSC will reduce congestion along Hawdon Street during school-peak times, improving travel times through the precinct, and safeguarding this important route: the Shepparton Inner East Link Road (interim name)

Consultation

Extensive consultation with local residents and businesses took place as part of a wider community consultation plan to inform the community of the undertaking of multiple projects in the vicinity of the GSSC.

Council undertook community consultation for a period of four weeks between 6 September and 4 October 2021 on the LATM study, which took into consideration multiple projects in the vicinity of the GSSC.

Methods of engagement included letterbox drops to local residents and businesses, a consultation webpage on Council's Shaping Greater Shepparton website with an online submission form, one-on-one appointments between Council officers and individual residents and businesses, and the circulation of a media release.

A total of 53 submissions and queries were received by Council during the public consultation process. The results of the community consultation and Council officers' response to the key themes raised are contained within the Conversation Report.

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

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- Infrastructure – Transport and Traffic Systems - Objective 6:
- *To ensure the safety and efficient functioning of the roads for a variety of users.*

b) Other strategic links

- Greater Shepparton Road Safety Plan
- Greater Shepparton Road Management Plan 2016
- Greater Shepparton Cycling Strategy

Conclusion

Implementation of the Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Study will improve the flow of traffic and safety around the vicinity of the GSSC, and provide significant social and road safety benefits to the local community.

Council has undertaken community consultation for the Draft LATM as part of a wider community consultation program for traffic management and parking regime changes around the GSSC.

The works recommended in the final LATM will be implemented prior to the commencement of Term 1 in 2022.

Within one month of Term 1 2022 commencing, Council officers will review and monitor the traffic management changes and parking regime. Further changes may be required at that stage.

Attachments

1. Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) Study October 2021 [12.4.1 - 42 pages]
2. Conversation Report - Draft Greater Shepparton Secondary College Local Area Traffic Management Plan [12.4.2 - 12 pages]

13 Infrastructure Directorate

13.1 Kerbside Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Policy

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 Purpose For Decision by Council

Disclosures of Conflict of Interest in Relation to this Report

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopt the revised Kerbside Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Policy, as attached to this report.

Executive Summary

The Kerbside Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Policy has been reviewed to provide consistent and contemporary information for the community regarding waste collection.

Report Detail

Kerbside Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics Collection Policy (Policy Number 91.POL1) was adopted on 20 October 2015 and the first review of this policy was conducted in June 2017. This second review (revision 2020 –2021) focuses on refining the document and clarifications for ongoing service rules.

The updated policy is intended to provide consistent and contemporary information for the community regarding waste collection. The policy nominates the standard collection service and variations used for multi-unit developments and residential care developments. It highlights Council’s position regarding access to services by commercial and industrial premises, schools, kindergartens, child care centres and community groups. It also addresses those seeking provision for additional bin services. The policy provides the community information about the locations where kerbside bin services are available, and the basis upon which services might be extended.

The policy also formalises rules associated with kerbside collections, particularly in relation to bin placement, and replacement of stolen and damaged bins, and brings them in line with the Council’s Local Laws and requirements under existing contracts for the provision of collection services.

The updated policy does not cover the upcoming changes outlined in the Victoria state government's 'Recycling Victoria' policy. Some of the major changes proposed are the introduction of glass bin (4th bin) and Container Deposit Scheme (CDS). It is anticipated that a further review of the policy will be undertaken prior to the implementation of these new initiatives.

This updated policy will assist council to improve consistency of services and achieve better outcomes for issues such as contamination. The policy supports Council's commitment to reducing waste to landfill by ensuring that kerbside collection services facilitate the segregation of waste at the source and ensures that it is economically available to most domestic residences within the municipality.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

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

1.9 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.

ENVIRONMENT

Enhance and protect the clean, green environment that makes Greater Shepparton the unique place it is.

5.2 The region's environmental assets are planned and managed to ensure they are enhanced and sustainable for future generations.

5.3 Waste is managed in a sustainable way that is environmentally friendly, reliable and sustainable for future generations.

Risk Management

The adoption of an updated policy does not introduce any significant risks. Having updated and relevant documentation available for the community and the organisation provides the best possible outcomes for achieving sound waste management and community satisfaction.

Policy Considerations

This provides a policy framework for Kerbside Landfill Waste, Recycling and Organics collection.

Financial Implications

There are no known financial implications associated with the adoption of this policy as the policy will formalise systems and arrangements already being applied.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This policy has been developed in conjunction with the Local Laws which will help to administer set rules for bin usages. Hence, it will help to reduce bin contaminations and increase waste diversion from landfill.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The policy intends to maximise the level of retrieval of recyclables and organics from the waste stream and minimise waste going to landfill.

Social Implications

The policy will ensure residents understand about the importance of correct utilisation of kerbside bins and focus on waste minimisation and reuse.

Consultation

During the original development of the policy Council conducted a significant campaign associated with the introduction of the food organics into the service collection and was focused on bin contaminations and re-use of materials. The revised policy has drawn from interactions at Waste meetings such as TARG and FORUM which includes various stakeholders including the Goulburn Valley Waste and Recovery Group.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

- The Environment and Infrastructure sections of the Strategy contain broad statements about future waste management, but nothing specific at a kerbside level.

b) Other strategic links

- The Waste and Resource Recovery Management Strategy 2013-2023 provides the strategic direction of Council in relation to waste and resource recovery. It includes the reduction of the size of landfill waste bins, primarily through pricing mechanisms, introduction of food organics services and making the service compulsory in urban areas.

Conclusion

The updated policy provides a framework for the community of Council's expectations for kerbside collection services and publicly available information as to how those services will be delivered. With this revised policy, Council will improve on consistency of services and will be able to better control on-going issues such as contamination. The policy supports Council's commitment to reducing waste to landfill by ensuring that kerbside collection services facilitate the segregation of waste at the source and ensures that it is economically available to most of domestic residences within the municipality.

Attachments

1. Kerbside Landfill Waste Recycling and Organics Collections Policy [13.1.1 - 33 pages]
2. Kerbside Collections - Exception Request form - Business Use Only [13.1.2 - 1 page]

13.2 Kerbside Transition Plan

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 Purpose For Decision by Council

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

- 1. endorse the draft kerbside reforms paper, as attached to this report; and**
- 2. support the release of the draft kerbside reforms paper for public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks commencing on 16 November 2021 and concluding on 16 December 2021.**

Executive Summary

In September 2020 Council was required to submit a draft kerbside transition plan to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), detailing the financial plan for implementing glass collection (namely kerbside reforms). This was a relative quick process with little chance to undertake any community engagement.

Fast forward one year later and Council is working through a collaborative procurement process, to tender all kerbside services as part of a joint regional tender. The finalisation of the transition plan is a crucial part of being able to work through that process.

Council officers are seeking to take the proposed draft changes to the kerbside services out to the community for consultation, prior to submitting the final plan and begin the procurement of services. The changes are summarised below;

- Introduction of glass bin (purple lid) collected monthly from January 2023.
- The red lid bin (residual bin) collected fortnightly instead of weekly from January 2023
- The green lid bin (organics bin) to be collected weekly instead of fortnightly from January 2023
- The yellow lid bin (recycle bin) to remain the same (fortnightly collection)

Report Detail

The State Government's new Waste Policy 'Recycling Victoria' released in February 2020 sets out the State Government waste objectives for the next 10 years. These objectives include targets for waste to landfill reduction and a suite of programs to assist in achieving these targets. Key actions include the introduction of a container deposit scheme, and

kerbside collection reforms aimed at increasing materials recovery and reducing waste to landfill.

The development of the new Waste Act is another significant action of the Recycle Victoria Policy, and is expected to be implemented by the Victorian Government by the end of 2021. It is understood that the Waste Act will legislate the requirements for a four-bin kerbside system across Victoria. This will be governed by a new Waste Authority, however details of this are still under development.

The kerbside reforms include the introduction of a four-bin system to align waste user systems state-wide. This system will comprise general waste (red lid), comingled recycling (yellow lid), glass (purple lid) and organics (green lid). The introduction of the separate glass bin has been designed to reduce the amount of contamination, increase recyclable content of in the recycling system. By collecting glass separately, it ensures up to 90% of glass will be recycled, whereas in the comingled bin it is approximately 45% is recycled.

The collection of residential glass can be undertaken in three ways; either with drop off points, transfer stations or kerbside bin collection. Most Councils will have a mix of services. Only one Council in the North East introducing a drop-off point system. Although cheaper to implement and service, with the extra effort involved with using the service there are risks that residents will continue to place their glass in their kerbside bins.

The implementation of this separate glass service is mandatory by the State Government, and is to be implemented by 2027, but the configuration of the delivery of the service is up to each individual Council. The rollout of the four-bin system will be to ALL residents of urban areas. The proposed configuration for Shepparton is as follows:

Bin Type	Size	Frequency collected
General Waste	80L, 120L	Fortnightly
Recycling	240L	Fortnightly
Organics	240L	Weekly
Glass	120L	Monthly

Officers estimate 1100 tonnes of glass is collected annually. It is expected that the container deposit scheme to be introduced by the State in 2023 will have some impact on this tonnage. It is not clear how the container deposit scheme will be rolled out, and where the drop off locations will be.

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.

ENVIRONMENT

Enhance and protect the clean, green environment that makes Greater Shepparton the unique place it is.

5.2 The region's environmental assets are planned and managed to ensure they are enhanced and sustainable for future generations.

5.3 Waste is managed in a sustainable way that is environmentally friendly, reliable and sustainable for future generations.

Risk Management

There are a number risks associated with this report.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Increased organic waste to landfill	Likely	Major	High	Increase organics bin to a weekly and reduce the residual bin to fortnightly.
Contamination of glass in the recycling bin	Almost certain	Moderate	High	Introduction of a separate glass bin and providing drop off points for glass

There are a number of actions that are fundamental for the successful implementation of a weekly FOGO and glass kerbside collection service including:

- developing and implementing a well-resourced education and promotional campaign with a whole of organisational approach,
- ensuring adequate timeframes for tendering for collection and receipt contracts and for purchasing and delivery of glass bins,
- timing of the changes – in particular avoiding holiday periods when many residents may be away on holidays, and
- conducting ongoing monitoring for contamination.

If these actions are overlooked it is likely to result in poor participation rates and contaminated FOGO and glass materials in bins.

Policy Considerations

The Kerbside Collection Services Policy will need to be reviewed and updated once the proposed changes are endorsed.

Financial Implications

Council will be receiving State Government funding to partially fund the implementation of the kerbside service changes, in the range of \$376,000 - \$407,000. The cost to change the services are expected to be \$1.9M, this includes bin purchase and delivery.

Officers propose to roll out this service as early as possible in 2022/2023. The new charges would be included in the 2022/23 budget but not imposed until the service is in operational.

Modelling on the current contract collection and disposal rates estimates the annual cost of the glass bin is \$43 to the resident. The following estimates also assume an annual increase in the waste service charges in line with the 2021-2031 Financial Plan along with increases in the quantities of organics disposed and decreases in the quantities of residual waste disposed.

The estimated overall cost to the rate payer will vary depending on the size residual bin (red lid) they have.

- A resident with a 240L bin will incur a \$56 increase (glass bin proportion \$43 of the \$56)
- A resident with a 120L bin will incur a \$53 increase (glass bin proportion \$43 of the \$53)
- A resident with a 80L bin will incur a \$51 increase (glass bin proportion \$43 of the \$51)

The actual costs to ratepayer at implementation will be influenced by any changes to contracted collection and disposal rates and increases in the waste service charges as part of Council's annual budget process.

A revised assessment of these costings will need to be completed following tendering of these services.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal implications for this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Changing the residual (red lid bin) to a fortnightly collection reduces the amount of waste going to landfill by 30%. Increasing the collection of the organics bin (green lid) to weekly recovers up to 50% more material that would have otherwise ended up in landfill creating toxic greenhouse gas emissions and further climate change impacts.

Consultation

Council has not yet had the opportunity to inform the community of a fourth bin due to the urgency around the submission of the draft transition plan early in 2020.

Council has now received the funding outcome as a result of the kerbside transition plan submitted last year and can now make informed decisions on what this service should and will look like. The consultation paper attached to this report is the start of the community consultation phase.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

b) Other strategic links

- Nil

Conclusion

Feedback from public consultation will refine this draft kerbside reform plan, and would pave the way for implementation of the changes proposed in this reform plan. Also, Council officers will be able to provide more practical financial estimate once collaborative procurement process is completed, and a separate Victorian glass processing market is established in next 12 months.

Attachments

1. Kerbside Reforms Consultation Paper [13.2.1 - 4 pages]

13.3 Our Sporting Future Funding – Round 1 2021/2022

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 Purpose For Noting

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council note the successful applications of the Our Sporting Future Round One 2021/2022 projects as outlined below (in no particular order):

Our Sporting Future – Majors

Club	Project	Grant awarded
Merrigum Tennis Club	Completion of Tennis/Netball Courts Fencing	\$16,500.00 (incl. GST)
	SUBTOTAL	\$16,500.00

Our Sporting Future – Minors

Club	Project	Grant awarded
Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Refurbish the Sir Ian McLennan Centre Facility	\$7,500.00 (No GST)
SSAA Shotgun Club	Upgrade the Pit	\$10,291.00 (No GST)
Mooroopna Past Players & Officials Association	Mooroopna Past Players & Officials Association Shelter	\$10,500.00 (incl. GST)
Murchison Bowls Club	Shade Protection for Bowlers & Visitors	\$4,023.00 (No GST)
	SUBTOTAL	\$32,314.00

Our Sporting Future – Sports Aid

Club	Project	Grant awarded
Goulburn Valley	Introducing Indoor Hockey	\$4,014.00 (No GST)

Hockey Association	to the Goulburn Valley	
	SUBTOTAL	\$4,014.00

Our Sporting Future – Women & Girls

Club	Project	Grant awarded
Shepparton Swimming Club	Development Coach Course	\$725.00 (No GST)
Goulburn Valley Masters Swimming Club	Coaching & Leadership Training for Rising Female Club Leaders	\$937.00 (No GST)
Touch Football Victoria	Women’s Leadership Pathway	\$8,127.00 (No GST)
	SUB TOTAL	\$9,789.00
	TOTAL	\$62,617.00

Executive Summary

Greater Shepparton City Council received sixteen applications for the Our Sporting Future Funding Round One – 2021/2022.

In total sixteen applications were assessed for funding:

- Majors Category (not exceeding \$30,000.00) – One Application
- Minors Category (not exceeding \$15,000.00) - Six Applications
- Sports Aid Category – Three Applications
- Women & Girls Category - Six Applications

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

The following nine applications are being recommended for funding:

Majors category:

- Merrigum tennis Club – Competition of Netball/Tennis Courts

Minors category:

- Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Committee of Management - Refurbish the Sir Ian McLennan Centre Facility
- SSAA Shotgun Club – Upgrade the Pit
- Mooroopna Past Players & officials Association – Mooroopna Past Players & Officials Association Shelter
- Murchison Bowls Club – Shade Protection for Bowlers & Visitors

Sports Aid Category:

- Goulburn Valley Hockey Association – Introducing Indoor Hockey to the Goulburn Valley

Women & Girls Category:

- Shepparton Swimming Club – Development Coach Course
- Goulburn Valley Masters Swimming Club – Coaching & Leadership Training for Rising Female Club Leaders

- Touch Football Vic – Women's Leadership Pathway

Seven applications were deemed unsuccessful by the assessment panel and they will be contacted and encouraged to apply in future rounds.

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, women and girls sport development and youth aged participation in sport 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
- Participation projects
- Leadership, development or accreditation courses
- High level skills training courses
- Purchase of equipment to aid participation

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, Shepparton Rugby Union Club and the Shepparton Athletics Club have benefited from the Our Sporting Future Funding, Sports Aid program.

The funding program provides five 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
- Women & Girls - will provide funding towards programs that increase opportunities for women and girls in sports clubs for development programs or training between \$500 and \$10,000 (without matching contributions)
- Youth Participation - will provide funding towards initiatives to increase participation in sport for teams/sport between sixteen and eighteen years of age where significant decrease in participation has occurred over previous 1-3 years, for between \$500 and \$5,000 (without matching contributions)

Round One 2021/2022 funding is the first opportunity for clubs to have applied for the new categories of Women and Girls and Youth Participation and has shown good uptake and enquiry for the new categories.

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

A cross department assessment team was developed to improve the assessment of applications. A member of ValleySport – Goulburn Valley Sports Assembly was also included as a new member of the assessment panel ongoing.

The assessment panel consists of the following members:

- Healthy Communities Officer - Active Living
- Sports Events Officer - Events
- ValleySport Executive Officer - ValleySport

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 two online grants information sessions 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

Merrigum Tennis Club

Funding Category		Majors	
Project		Completion of Netball /tennis Courts	
Short description		A project was completed where a new multi-purpose precinct was built and the existing tennis courts were resurfaced. Unfortunately the funding didn't cover the last part of the project, which was new fencing for the existing tennis courts.	
Who will benefit from the project?		The tennis club would be able to host finals. Currently, due to the fencing the club is ineligible. Secondly, the netball club and visiting teams will have an extra court to train on and warm up on before matches. Thirdly, the primary school will have a safe area to use.	
Total project cost	\$33,000.00	Organisation Cash	\$16,500.00
Requested Council contribution	\$16,500.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Mooroopna Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

Funding Category		Minors	
Project		Refurbish the Sir Ian McLennan Sports Centre Facility	
Short description		The Sir Ian McLennan Sports Centre (SIMSC) has been in operation for 37 years and over that time the facilities have been used by the many patrons and personnel hiring the centre. The wide variety of organisations and groups have different seating and setup requirements, which means the furniture and equipment must be packed up after each function. This causes wear and tear and over the years most of the original facilities have needed to be repaired or replaced. With changing styles and to keep costs down, the result is a mismatch of facilities.	

Who will benefit from the project?	The various users of the SIMSC. As mentioned above some of the user groups are from the older members of the community. For example the Country Music Clubs' and the Garden Club. Their members have requested at times consideration of ways to make it easier to, set up and pack up after an event. One single standard chair type will assist in this endeavour.		
Total project cost	\$16,500.00	Organisation Cash	\$9,000.00
Requested Council contribution	\$7,500.00	Organisation In Kind	0

SSAA Shotgun Club

Funding Category	Minors		
Project	Upgrade the Pit		
Short description	Make purchases to upgrade our equipment and facilities to raise the SSAA Shepparton Shotgun Club to a state-of-the-art range that will draw members, competitors, and visitors from across Australia. The project components enable us to leverage our existing facilities and assets to meet the program objectives. All quotes acquired are from local businesses where possible, in the budget estimate, we have entered the quotes from referred businesses.		
Who will benefit from the project?	This will be accomplished with the assistance of the successful business that will be completing the works and by dedicated club members providing volunteer and in-kind hours as required, along with the local business who will provide the products and work required to meet our grant obligations.		
Total project cost	\$22,334.00	Organisation Cash	\$12,053.00
Requested Council contribution	\$10,291	Organisation In Kind	0

Mooroopna Past Players & Officials Association

Funding Category	Minors		
Project	Mooroopna Past Players & Officials Association Shelter (MPP & OA)		
Short description	The MPP & OA meet every Thursday Night, the MFNC train during the GVFL season, at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve. The MPP & OA Members meet around a fire but the gathering is in the open air. The project plan is to erect a shelter around the fire, enclosed on three sides and open on the northern side facing the oval. The fire will be replaced with a suitable wood burning heater. The aim of the project is to provide shelter for the Members in all weather.		
Who will benefit from the project?	The MPP & OA Members will benefit. As mentioned previously the association is open to all ages and all members of the local community. With any project of this nature there will be plenty of in kind work, which will require the Members to cooperate and		

		work together to complete the project. The MPP & OA provide the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve with an experienced pool of people, who help keep improving the Reserve facilities, taking pressure of the local Council to always provide the solution to problems.	
Total project cost	\$23,900.00	Organisation Cash	\$7,358.00
Requested Council contribution	\$10,500.00	Organisation In Kind	\$6,042

Murchison Bowls Club

Funding Category	Minors		
Project	Shade Protection for Bowlers & Visitors		
Short description	Dismantle the pre-existing shade cloth we have attached to our club rooms. Obtain quotes. Have a shade installer come and erect new shading. Re design and replace the weathered and damaged shading on the north facing side of the club rooms. Increase the area of shading to provide better protection from the sun for our summer sport.		
Who will benefit from the project?	Everyone will benefit from this project from our members, whilst playing Pennant, or socializing with fellow bowlers. To the broader community that come together for social bowls, to the groups who utilize our facility for special occasions such as work break ups or annual events. School children from the local primary school who come for bowls as part of their school activities, new people moving into town, to be able to improve their social network. To be part of a club helps with mental health and wellbeing. Helps the club provide a safe environment for so many activities to take place which in turns helps so many people in our community.		
Total project cost	\$8,850.00	Organisation Cash	\$4,828.00
Requested Council contribution	\$4,023.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Goulburn Valley Hockey Association

Funding Category	Sports Aid		
Project	Introducing Indoor Hockey to the Goulburn Valley		
Short description	The GVHA is in the process of preparing to introduce Indoor Hockey to the Goulburn Valley later in 2021 or in 2022. This involves the purchase of critical and unique field and playing equipment. Albury Wodonga is the only Victorian regional centre currently offering Indoor Hockey. This project is an exciting venture for the GVHA and one we hope Greater Shepparton City Council can see as very worthwhile. We see Indoor Hockey as an opportunity to entice new members, targeting youth and in particular girls.		
Who will benefit from the project?	The benefits of the project are expected to be		

		experienced by those that participate in the Indoor Hockey program, the GVHA, the wider hockey community and Greater Shepparton City Council.	
Total project cost	\$14,015.00	Organisation Cash	\$10,000
Requested Council contribution	\$4,014.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Shepparton Swimming Club

Funding Category	Women & Girls		
Project	Development Coach Course		
Short description	Fund our Junior Coach Emma Nicole to become an ASCTA and Swimming Australia accredited Development Coach as well as gaining Level 2 First Aid.		
Who will benefit from the project?	All swimmers (who range from 10 to 20 with the majority 16 & under) will benefit as Emma can coach all squads independently as a Development level coach. Emma will also benefit from this development opportunity. The First Aid course which is a prerequisite for the coaching course will only make the squad safer in the water. There is not a pool of swimming coaches to recruit from in Shepparton so we need to train existing swim teachers and interested parents.		
Total project cost	\$725.00	Organisation Cash	0
Requested Council contribution	\$725.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Goulburn Valley Masters Swimming Club

Funding Category	Women & Girls		
Project	Coaching & Leadership Training for Rising Female Club Leaders		
Short description	GV Crocs Masters Swimming Club (GV Crocs) is regionally located in Shepparton, Victoria. Our region produces many excellent swimmers and has strong swimming clubs; however, it is often difficult to attract and retain coaches to regional areas like Shepparton. A more logical solution is to 'grow our own' coaches from those involved in the Shepparton swimming community. This project aims to support two local female GV Croc members to pursue training that supports their endeavours to teach and coach the Shepparton swimming community into the future.		

Who will benefit from the project?	Nicole and Ingrid will benefit directly from undertaking their respective courses. However, many others will benefit too. As a result of undertaking the leadership course, Nicole (who currently holds the role of Interim Coach for the GV Crocs) will be able to confidently lead the growing club to improve their mental approach to training and developing a growth mindset in order to train optimally. Nicole's participation in the course will therefore impact at least 43 swimmers located in the GV region, including 30 females of varying age. As a result of undertaking the swim teaching course, Ingrid (who currently holds the role of Treasurer for the GV Crocs) will be able to confidently teach people living in the GV region to swim. Ingrid's participation in the course will therefore impact countless swimmers located in the GV region of varying gender and age.		
Total project cost	\$976.00	Organisation Cash	\$39.00
Requested Council contribution	\$937.00	Organisation In Kind	0

Touch Football Victoria

Funding Category	Women & Girls		
Project	Women's Leadership Pathway		
Short description	<p>Providing women an opportunity to expand their skills on and off the field. Empowering women to believe in themselves. Creating more opportunities for women to participate in sport in all aspects including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership workshops- Online/Shepparton • Coaching/referee courses -Shepparton • Introductory touch football program -Shepparton • Networking event - Melbourne 		
Who will benefit from the project?	The target audience of this program will be for females ranged 16-50 in the Shepparton region. With approx. 10 women going through the leadership program and over 40 women participating in the social sport programs.		
Total project cost	\$8,162.00	Organisation Cash	\$35.00
Requested Council contribution	\$8,127.00	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

	2021/2022 Approved Budget	Funds previously committed in 2021/2022	Fund requested in this round	Balance remaining from budget allocation
	\$160,000	\$0	\$62,617	\$97,383
Minors/Major/Sports Aid/Women & Girls	\$160,000	\$0	\$62,617	\$97,383

¹ Budgets include GST for two of the projects from this round. The rest of the funded projects are exclusive of GST.

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

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

Conclusion

The applications for funding from the Our Sporting Future Program Round One - 2021/2022 were reviewed by an assessment panel which has recommended the above applications be funded.

The projects meet eligibility requirements for the Sports Aid, Minors and Majors categories and the new Women and Girls category for the Our Sporting Future Funding Program.

Attachments

Nil

14 Confidential Management Reports

Nil Received.

15 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

16 Councillor Reports

16.1 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

16.1.1 Development of a Service Greater Shepparton Smart Phone Application

Author	Cr Sali
Approved by	Chief Executive Officer
Purpose	For Decision by Council

Cr Sali has given notice that he will move:

RECOMMENDATION

That officers provide a detailed report to council within 3 months, outlining the benefit of developing a smart phone app to offer greater connection with our community and visitors to communicate. The app would include, but not be limited to: what's on, where to eat or shop, parking, transport, reporting issues and payment options and any other detailed information that would assist our community such as waste education and local employment.

16.2 Council Committee Reports

16.2.1 Managing Sediment in the Barmah-Millewa Reach

Author	Cr Dobson
Approved by	Chief Executive Officer
Purpose	For Noting

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council receive and note Cr Dobson's report on the Managing Sediment in the Barmah-Millewa Reach.

Report Details

REPORT ON A WORKSHOP

Managing Sediment in The Barmah-Millewa Reach.

A recent Zoom meeting between representatives of the Murray Darling Basin Authority and Region 2 of the Murray Darling Association discussed the options available to downgrade the impact of the 'sand slug' that sits in the Murray River between Tocumwal and the Barmah National Park.

Background: Channel capacity has been declining since the mid to late 1980s, in particular over the last decade there is increasing anecdotal reporting of rapidly accelerating bank erosion, increased breakouts and flooding of the forest, ecological degradation and loss of cultural values.

The likely sources of the sand slug include sand disturbance from gold mining activities in the higher catchment streams [1859-1891] with an estimated 100 million m³ sediment shifted, post European land use change [1859-1891] with an estimated 15 million m³ disturbance and normal bank and bar erosion estimated at 4 million m³.

There is now estimated 1/8 of channel filled with sand at Tocumwal, 1/4 upstream of The Edwards River and 1/3 of channel filled with sand at the Barmah Lakes.

The volume of coarse sand in the channel from Yarrawonga to Barmah Township is in excess of 20 million m³, with no gross contamination or heavy metals detected.

The report concluded that if we do nothing to manage the sand, there will be:

- Accelerated bank erosion
- Loss of capacity
- Loss of diversity and habitat
- Changing the river path.

The loss of capacity is of particular interest to Greater Shepparton and more importantly our Goulburn River, wherein the Goulburn system will be called upon to increase capacity for downstream use, if a solution to reduced flow rates is not found.

Whilst the Darling [Baarka] River is enjoying maximum flows and capacity at the moment; it cannot be relied upon for a permanent role in downstream flows.

The report also states that to remedy the present and future problems with the sand slug, a suite of actions will be required, such as:

- Flushing sediment through the system.
- Storing the sediment.
- Controlling sediment inputs.
- Physically removing the sand.
- Moving water around the reduced capacity section.

There are obvious challenges with all of the suggestions, however the MDBA is likely to recommend that all feasible options be developed and where possible, address community concerns.

Those options include targeted bank protection, sand removal, and rerouting of some of the river flow.

The Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira, Benalla and Mansfield LGAs should continue to have an input into the debate, therefore I encourage our Council to continue its great advocacy role on behalf of our community for our river.

I believe that we provide an easy option for the Authority to maintain downstream river flows using the Goulburn, if we do nothing about the sand problem in the Murray.

We must maintain our present Goulburn River capacity for environmental, agricultural and urban requirements.

I therefore urge Council to continue to be an active participant in relation to this particular challenge.

16.3 Councillor Activities

16.3.1 Councillor Activities - October 2021

Author Senior Governance Officer
 Approved by Chief Executive Officer
 Purpose For Noting 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 receive and note the Summary of the Councillor's Community Interactions, Briefing Program and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

Councillor's Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 October 2021 to 31 October 2021, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

- Heritage Advisory Committee meeting
- GV Health COVID19 Shepparton - Online Community Forum
- Tatura Park Committee Meeting
- Greater Shepparton Public Health and Wellbeing Advisory Committee
- COVID19 Municipal Recovery Committee Meeting
- GV Health and Council | 5000 to COVIDsafe Campaign
- 6th Annual Ngar-wu Wanyarra Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Conference
- Disability Advisory Committee Meeting
- Regional Cities Victoria (RCV) Advocacy Priorities - Launch Event
- Goulburn Valley - Waste and Resource Recovery Group Steering Committee
- GV Health and Council | 'Get The Job Done' - End of Campaign
- 'Leadership Journey' discussion | Notre Dame College
- Best Start Early Years Partnership meeting
- Australian Local Governments Accelerating Action - COP26 Virtual Forum
- Greater Shepparton's Historical Societies and Museums - Workshop
- Greater Shepparton Cultural Inclusion Roundtable
- Greater Shepparton - Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Meeting

In accordance with section 106 of Council's Governance Rules a summary of the matters discussed at the Informal Meetings of Councillors, are attached.

Attachments

1. Councillor Briefing Session 5 October 2021 [**16.3.1.1** - 2 pages]
2. Council Briefing Session 12 October 2021 [**16.3.1.2** - 3 pages]
3. CEO and Councillor Catch Up 12 October 2021 [**16.3.1.3** - 1 page]
4. Council Briefing Session - 19 October 2021 [**16.3.1.4** - 2 pages]
5. Councillor Briefing Sessions 26 October 2021 [**16.3.1.5** - 2 pages]

17 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

18 Close of Meeting