

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 27 February 2024

Function Room, Riverlinks Eastbank

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Ben Ladson

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.

**MINUTES
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2024 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR SHANE SALI
MAYOR**

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Risk Level Matrix Legend

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

Risk Matrix			Consequence				
			Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
			1	2	3	4	5
Likelihood	Rare	1	LOW 1	LOW 2	LOW 3	LOW 4	MEDIUM 5
	Unlikely	2	LOW 2	LOW 4	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 10
	Possible	3	LOW 3	MEDIUM 6	MEDIUM 9	HIGH 12	HIGH 15
	Likely	4	LOW 4	MEDIUM 8	HIGH 12	HIGH 16	EXTREME 20
	Almost Certain	5	MEDIUM 5	HIGH 10	HIGH 15	EXTREME 20	EXTREME 25

Low	1-4
Medium	5-9
High	10-16
Extreme	17-25

- 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:

- Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)**
- Cr Sam Spinks (Deputy Mayor)**
- Cr Seema Abdullah**
- Cr Dinny Adem**
- Cr Anthony Brophy**
- Cr Geoffrey Dobson**
- Cr Greg James**
- Cr Ben Ladson**
- Cr Fern Summer**

Officers:

Fiona Le Gassick	Chief Executive Officer
Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
Louise Mitchell	Director Community
Chris Teitzel	Director Corporate Services
Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
Rebecca Good	Manager Corporate Governance
Molly Willmott	Official Minute Taker
Janaka Samaranayake	Deputy Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

Cr James will now present a Welcome to Country 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.

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4 Governance Principles

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

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

5 Apologies

Nil Received.

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

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

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

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

That the minutes of the 28 November 2023 Additional Council Meeting, 19 December 2023 Additional Council Meeting and 19 December 2023 Scheduled Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

Nil Received.

10 Community Directorate

10.1 WomenCAN Pilot Project - Building the Early Years Workforce

Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council note the partnership and objectives of the Greater Shepparton Early Years WomenCAN pilot project.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Internal Audit Charter

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Dobson

That the Council adopt the Internal Audit Charter, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - December 2023 - January 2024

**Moved by Cr James
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council:

- 1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and**
- 2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 Appointment of Board Directors - Shepparton Art Museum Limited

**Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

That the Council approve the appointment of Fiona Le Gassick, Chief Executive Officer to the role of Company Director on the Board of Shepparton Art Museum Limited for a three year term, effective from 27 February 2024.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.4 2023/2024 Quarter 2 Forecast Review

**Moved by Cr Dobson
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council endorse the 2023/2024 Quarter 2 Forecast Review.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12 Confidential Management Reports

Nil Received.

13 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

14 Councillor Reports

14.1 Councillor Activities

14.1.1 Councillor Activities - December 2023 and January 2024

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillors' Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

15 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

15.1 Notice of Motion 1/2024 - Complimentary Tip Tickets

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson

That the Council produce a report:

1. Outlining costs and benefits of providing one complimentary tip ticket each year to every Greater Shepparton residential household/property.
2. Outlining the most effective way for the complimentary tip tickets to be distributed to every Greater Shepparton residential household/property.
3. Providing details of how a trial can be implemented and funded within the 2024/25 Council budget.
4. Providing comparison data of similar sized Councils that offer this service, including cost and tip ticket uptake.
5. Investigating waste sorting options at allocated transfer stations, to prevent commingled municipal waste going to landfill.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

15.2 Notice of Motion 2/2024 - Free General Access to Aquamoves Splash Park

**Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Ladson**

That the Council:

- 1. Produce a report outlining costs and benefits of providing free general access to the Aquamoves splash park, with a view to enhance and promote paid visitor participation to the main Aquamoves facility.**
- 2. The report should include the feasibility of complimentary access from an external fence adjoining the splash park facility, and/or coloured wrist bands from the main entrance.**

CARRIED

15.3 Notice of Motion 3/2024 - January 26 / Australia Day

**Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Spinks**

- 1. A Councillor Officer Report is called for to outline cost implications of the process of reinstating the Greater Shepparton pre-2024 Australia Day Program. The report is to be completed by 31st of March 2024.**
- 2. The report will include recommendations going forward. By nominating March as the deadline, any budget implications such as reinstating the previous approach to Australia Day can be factored into the 2024/25 budget.**

Cr Brophy called for a division.

Those voting in favour of the motion: Cr Sali, Cr Brophy, Cr Spinks, Cr Adem, Cr Dobson and Cr Summer.

Those voting against the motion: Cr Abdullah, Cr Ladson and Cr James.

The motion was put and carried.

16 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

17 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 4:55pm.