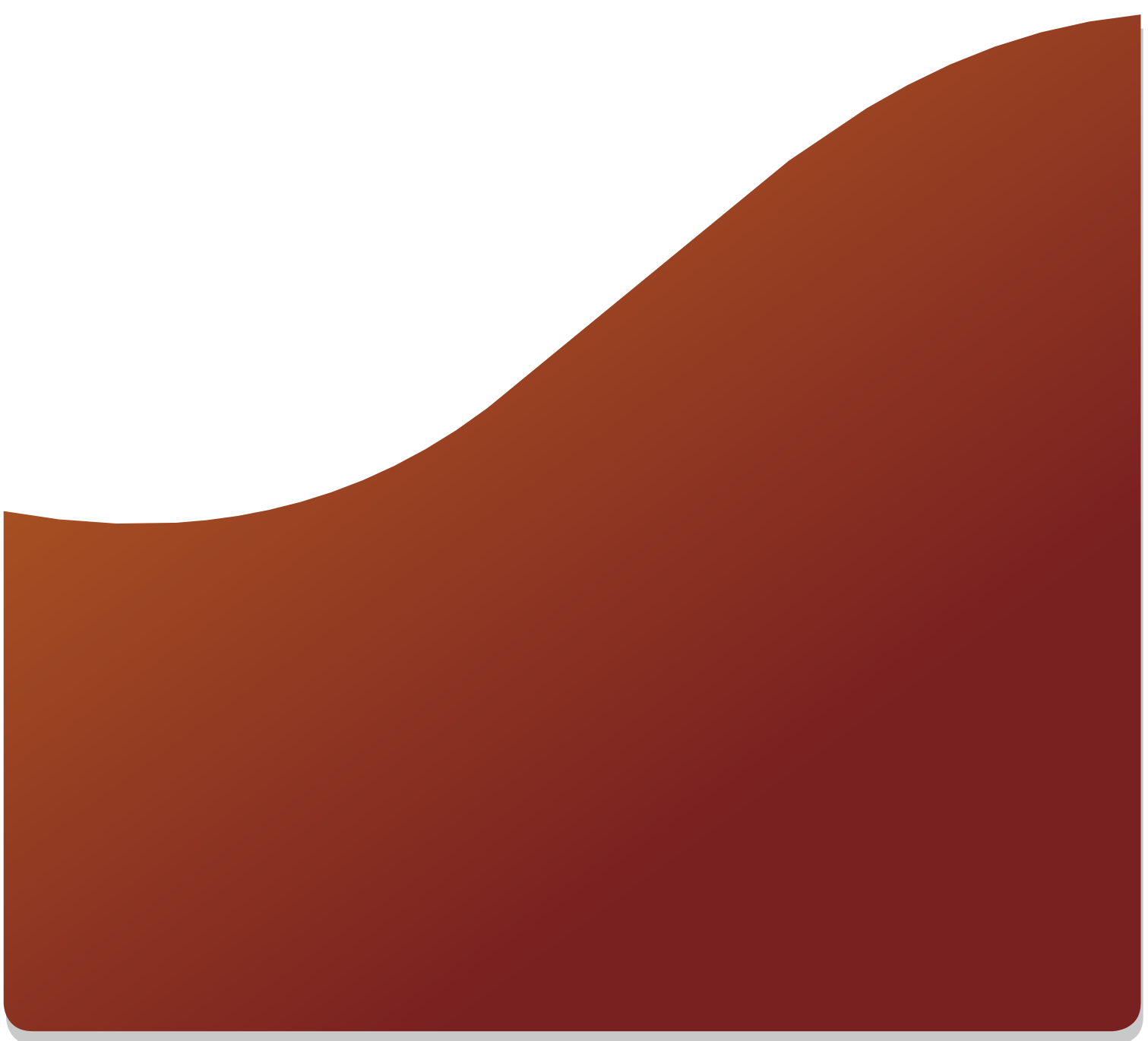


# Council Meeting Minutes

**Ordinary Council Meeting  
Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 7.00pm  
Gisborne Administration Centre  
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**



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**1. RECORDING AND LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

Please note that this meeting was streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recording of Meetings' Protocol, which can be viewed on Council's website.

*Due to technical difficulties, only the first hour hour of the livestream for this meeting was recorded and made available on Council's website after the meeting.*

All care was taken to maintain privacy however a visitor's presence in the public gallery may have been recorded.

By remaining in the public gallery, it was assumed that consent was given if images were inadvertently broadcast.

Those present at the Council Meeting were reminded that Local Government decision making, unlike State and Federal Government, does not afford the benefit of parliamentary privilege and hence no protection is afforded to Councillors, Council officers and the public for comments made during meetings which are subsequently challenged in a court of law and determined to be slanderous.

**2. PRESENT**

Cr Henry Bleeck	East Ward
Cr Natasha Gayfer	East Ward
Cr Bill West	East Ward
Cr Mandi Mees (Deputy Mayor)	South Ward
Cr Helen Radnedge	South Ward
Cr Andrew Twaits	South Ward
Cr Jennifer Anderson	West Ward
Cr Roger Jukes	West Ward
Cr Janet Pearce (Mayor)	West Ward

**In Attendance**

Ms Margot Stork	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Phil Stone	Director Assets and Operations
Mr John Hausler	Director Corporate Services
Ms Karen Stevens	Director Community Wellbeing
Ms Angela Hughes	Director Planning and Environment
Ms Lauren Reader	Governance Coordinator
Ms Leanne Manton	Manager Communications
Ms Leanne Khan	Coordinator Strategic Planning
Mr Scott Gilchrist	Acting Manager Operations
Mr Tom Bloomfield	Coordinator Resource Recovery
Ms Isobel Maginn	Senior Strategic Planner

**3. APOLOGIES**

Nil

#### 4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Twaits declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to item PE.2 - Adoption of Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study and request to proceed to Planning Scheme Amendment C131- because of an impact on residential amenity.

Cr Twaits also declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to item CS.5 Investment Policy because of conflicting duties in relation to his position with Bendigo and Adelaide Bank.

Cr Gayfer declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to item Notice of Motion No. 17/2018-19 (container deposit scheme) because of conflicting duties in relation to her position with the State Government.

Cr Anderson advised she did not have a conflict of interest in relation to Notice of Motion No. 17/2018-19 (container deposit scheme) in relation to her position as Chair of the Regional Waste Board as the position is exempt from conflicting duty provisions as outlined in *Conflict of Interest – A Guide for Councillors – October 2012*.

#### 5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor highlighted some recent happenings around the shire across the three themes of the Council Plan, including:

##### **1. Liveability: Strengthen community resilience, inclusion, safety, accessibility and connectivity, protect our natural environment, heritage and rural character.**

###### *Community*

- The Federal Member for Bendigo, Lisa Chesters MP and I were warmly welcomed by Grade 6 students at St Ambrose Parish Primary School at Woodend for a panel discussion talking about Government prior to their trip to Canberra. Lots of interesting questions about social, community, local, state and federal issues ranging from Hanging Rock, swimming pools, gender equity, leadership, decision making, safety and traffic.
- Youth Open Mike Night- Young people aged 12-25 years were encouraged to share their talents in front of a live audience at the new youth open mic night in Gisborne on 5 April. Hosted by Council's Music in the Sticks program, performers were able to access a PA, stage, microphones and amplifier, along with instruments and we hope it will be a regular event.
- This Girl Can: Aqua aerobics, boxing and muscle-building sessions are a few of the free classes being offered to local women to celebrate the This Girl Can initiative. This Girl Can, supported by VicHealth, aims to encourage more women to give physical activity a go, or return to exercise after a break. The sessions are being held throughout the shire, and will focus on the over-50 age group, and women are encouraged to come and give one of them a go regardless of their abilities and past experiences. Council has also supported Active April encouraging people to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day during April.
- The Malmsbury Project: A group of volunteers that bring the community together for events again organised the Easter Egg Hunt in the Malmsbury

Botanical Gardens. Over \$1,000 was raised for Macedon Ranges Live4Life program which targets suicide prevention and promotes youth mental health.

#### *Inclusion*

- I joined the Macedon Ranges Autism network volunteers and families at the Woodend Children's Park for the Inaugural Walk for World Autism Awareness Day. There are over 500 members and activities include a Play Connect in Romsey, a weekend retreat, workshops and carers support. A professional workshop is organised to raise awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder through the ages.
- Citizenship Ceremony: Last night eleven residents from nine different countries made a formal pledge to become Australian citizens. Together with Cr Bleek and Federal Member for Bendigo Lisa Chesters, we welcomed the new citizens to the Macedon Ranges. They now take on the privileges and responsibilities of being an Australian citizen.

We acknowledged our Traditional Owners, spoke about democracy, respect, diversity and that we are all equal regardless of cultural background, gender, race or religion.

#### *Regional events*

- Macedon Ranges Pétanque Clubs hosted the Victorian Pétanque Mixed and Veterans Triples at Hanging Rock with 27 teams participating. It is a sport for all ages and abilities and can be played at any level. The clubs in our Shire are very enthusiastic and welcoming.
- Legacy is a charity supporting families after the injury or death of a spouse or parent during or after their defence force service. I attended the Annual Lunch of the Macedon Ranges Group of the Bendigo Legacy Branch. There are 19 active legatees currently caring for 118 widows in the Shire.
- Healthy Heart of Victoria 2019 Active Living Census: The Shires of Greater City of Bendigo, Campaspe, Loddon, Mount Alexander, Macedon Ranges and Central Goldfields came together for the launch today. The census, which can be filled out online at [www.srcentre.com.au/ALC](http://www.srcentre.com.au/ALC) from May 20 until June 16, will also be delivered to more than 117,000 homes in the Loddon Campaspe Region in late May. Loddon Campaspe Region has some of the worst health outcomes in Victoria with higher rates of smoking and poorer diet behaviours than other parts of the state and the aim of the census is to seek valid local and regional level data on the community's health behaviours, activity levels, preferences and needs.

#### *Accessibility*

- With the assistance of a Changing Places grant, Council have commenced works on an accessible facility and two unisex public toilets at Jacksons Creek Reserve in Gisborne. This Changing Places facility, along with the additional accessible toilets, will help to ensure that people with disabilities, and their carers and families are able to participate in activities, outings and events in the community.

#### *Connections*

- Art Exchange Sister City, Tokai, Japan: Three bronze artworks that depict iconic Australian animals including the echidna and crow are bound for Japan next month as part of a unique art exchange. Kyneton artist and

local gallery owner Larissa Gray created the bronze and mixed media sculptural pieces as part of the reciprocal art exchange. The artist was chosen following an expressions of interest process last year where Council invited submissions from local artists to create an artwork that investigates and interprets the essence of the Macedon Ranges, its communities and its environment.

- International Youth Silent Film Festival: Congratulations to two of our young residents, Kale McQuade and Flynn Mazza, winners of the East Coast of Australia competition, and who will now represent Australia in Oregon in June.

**2. Efficiency: Smart service delivery, asset management and resource allocation.**

*Collaboration*

- Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network (CRLLEN) staff, our Local State Member Mary- Anne Thomas MP, Sacred Heart Kyneton Careers Department and myself met to discuss progressing more opportunities for Structured Workshop Learning (SWL), Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) opportunities for our young people in the Shire. Lots of ideas to progress. Looking for placements and support from the community. The mentorship and role modelling a business owner and staff can provide to a young person can be life changing.
- The CEO, Cr Anderson and I attended Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) Forum. This is an alliance representing 38 Rural Councils supporting and promoting sustainable, liveable and prosperous rural communities.
- The CEO and I also hosted the Loddon Campaspe Regional CEO's and Mayors and also some guest speakers at the Kyneton Town Hall. We continued discussions and are working together on waste and resource recovery, regional events, renewable energy options, aged care services and asset management among other things.

**3. Sustainability: Consider and respect the needs of current and future generations in all we do.**

- The Inaugural Macedon Village Farmers Market: Macedon primary School approached the Macedon Ranges Sustainability Group (MRSG) to host the market four times a year on the fifth Saturday of the month. The first Farmers Market began in Lancefield 16 years ago and now includes five towns. Across our Shire the markets have an estimated attendance of 47,000 per annum. We know how important they are in supporting local producers and community connections.
- Kyneton Pony Club: I was pleased to be able to join the committee, members and families of the Kyneton and District Horse and Pony Club together with Council staff to open the new shed at Rollinson Reserve. The club was formed in 1962 and is renowned for its cross country course. Macedon Ranges is home to seven pony clubs with around 300 young people involved as members.

Equine is an important part of our Shire. We recognise the important role that smaller clubs in our shire play within the community and understand

the countless hours that volunteers contribute to ensuring they remain viable.

- **Malmsbury Cricket Ground (MCG) Redevelopment:** The official opening of the MCG redevelopment was undertaken by the Hon Martin Pakula, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events. Thanks to Cr Anderson, Cr West and staff for attending. Council was proud to partner with the State Government and the Malmsbury Cricket Club to deliver this project. Such additions as the new boundary fence will open opportunities for the reserve to become a safe community hub for other community events. As the only turf wicket in the shire, the improvements also present an opportunity to expand the number of high quality cricket events held in Malmsbury.
- **Australian Small Business Champion Award for Agricultural Services:** Congratulations to Josh's Rainbow Eggs who was presented this award by the Federal Minister for Small Business at the National Presentation Evening held this month in Sydney. A family business that produces free range eggs from pasture-raised hens.
- **Kyneton Horticulture Society:** We recognised and celebrated 125 years at their Autumn Flower Show. Their book titled "The Book of Days" was also launched. It might be dry but there were still many wonderful entries. The society members do a remarkable job sharing their passion for plants, gardens and flowers with the community and inspiring people to grow things and care for the environment. Two years ago there were 12 members and now there are 84; a great feat in itself.

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Mees that the Mayor's Report be received.**

**CARRIED**

**6. PETITIONS**

Nil

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Ordinary Council Meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 as circulated be confirmed.**

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**



**8. RECORD OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS – APRIL 2019**

**1. Summary / Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the record of any assembly of Councillors, which has been held since the last Council Meeting, so that it can be recorded in the minutes of the formal Council Meeting.

**2. Policy Context**

An amendment to the Local Government Act 1989, which came into effect on 24 September 2010 requires the record of any assembly of Councillors to be reported to the next practicable Council Meeting and recorded in the minutes (Refer Local Government and Planning Legislation Amendment Act 2010 – No. 58 of 2010 – Section 17).

**3. Background Information**

The Local Government Act provides a definition of an assembly of Councillors where conflicts of interest must be disclosed.

A meeting will be an assembly of Councillors if it considers matters that are likely to be the subject of a Council decision, or the exercise of a Council delegation and the meeting is:

1. A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Councillors (5) and a member of Council staff; or
2. Is an Advisory Committee of the Council where one or more Councillors are present.

Note: Advisory Committee means any committee established by the Council, other than a special committee, that provides advice to (a) the Council, or (b) a special committee, or (c) a member of Council staff who has been delegated a power, duty or function of the Council under Section 98.

Note: Only matters that are the subject of discussion and consideration at an assembly will be listed. Incidental updates and information on matters will not be recorded.

This requirement for reporting provides increased transparency and the opportunity for Councillors to check the record, particularly the declarations of conflict of interest.

**4. Report**

Outlined below are the details of assemblies of Councillors held since the last meeting.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Type of Assembly</b>
	27 March 2019 12.30pm – 5.30pm	Councillor Briefing
	Venue	Gisborne Administration Centre
	Present – Councillors	Crs Anderson, Bleeck, Mees, Gayfer, Jukes, Pearce, Radnedge, Twaits, West
	Present – Officers	Margot Stork, Anne-Louise Lindner, Karen Stevens, John Hausler, Angela Hughes, Lauren Reader, Christo Crafford, Matthew Irving, Gary Randhawa, Scott Gilchrist, Will Rayner, Susan La Greca, Leanne Khan, Evan Krausgrill, Allie Jalbert, Leon Den Dryver, Michael Yee,

	Alison Blacket, Rod Clough, Leanne Manton, Michelle Wyatt, Sian Bloom, Karen Dunstan
Presenters	David Richardson, Linda Beilharz, Peter Forbes and David Tripp, Regional Development Australia Loddon Mallee & Loddon Campaspe Regional Partnership
Items discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loddon Campaspe Regional Economic Growth Strategy Presentation</li> <li>• Regional Partnerships</li> <li>• Councillor Items / Officers Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Benetas tour</li> <li>- Rural Conservation Zone in the Farm Zone</li> <li>- Access to Kyneton Stand Pipe</li> <li>- Romsey Eco-therapy Park</li> <li>- Financial information for Bullengarook s.86 Committee</li> <li>- Lancefield Farmers Market</li> <li>- Harpers Road, Woodend</li> <li>- 1261 Kilmore-Lancefield Road, Springfield</li> <li>- Lancefield-Tooborac Road</li> <li>- Cobaw Rifle Range</li> <li>- 111 Tweedle Street – VCAT decision</li> <li>- Review of fees and charges for halls</li> <li>- Old Kyneton Primary School.</li> <li>- Hanging Rock Strategic Advisory Committee</li> <li>- Councillor Portal</li> <li>- Woodend Clock Tower</li> <li>- Council Plan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Council Agenda Review             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Petitions</li> <li>- Deputations</li> <li>- 34 Clowes Street</li> <li>- 5 Ripplebrook Way</li> <li>- C117 Lancefield Development Plan Overlay</li> <li>- Macedon Ranges Visitor Economy Strategy</li> <li>- Small Project Grants</li> <li>- Councillor Support Policy Review</li> <li>- Expression of Interest for 47 Victoria Street, Macedon</li> <li>- Discontinuance of Council road reserve in Newry Drive, New Gisborne</li> <li>- Sealing of Batters Lane</li> <li>- Draft General Purposes and Amenity (Amendment) Local Law 2019</li> <li>- Draft Kyneton Movement Network Study</li> <li>- Review of Tree Management Study</li> <li>- Dog on and off leash and cat curfew reviews</li> <li>- Report of the Section 223 Committee held on 20 February 2019</li> <li>- Kyneton Airfield Local Law No. 12</li> <li>- Interim Recycling Arrangements</li> <li>- Notices of Motion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2019/20 Budget – Councillor Workshop #3</li> </ul>

Conflicts of interest declared by Councillors and record of them leaving the meeting when the matter about which they declared the conflict of interest was discussed	Nil Did they leave the assembly? N/A
Conflicts of interest declared by officers	Nil Did they leave the assembly? N/A

<b>2.</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Type of Assembly</b>
	3 April 2019 1.30pm – 5.30pm	Councillor Briefing
	Venue	Gisborne Administration Centre
	Present – Councillors	Crs Bleeck, Gayfer, Jukes, Mees, Pearce, Radnedge, West
	Present – Officers	Margot Stork, Anne-Louise Lindner, John Hausler, Angela Hughes, Fiona Alexander, Lauren Reader, Gary Randhawa, Scott Gilchrist, Tom Bloomfield, Michelle Wyatt, Silvana Predebon, Anna Nicholson, Jack Wiltshire, Kaitlin Evans
	Presenters	Nil
	Items discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Request Portal</li> <li>• Container Deposit Scheme</li> <li>• Update on Energy Procurement</li> <li>• Healthy Hearts Project</li> <li>• Planning Matters                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1849 Mt Macedon Road, Woodend</li> <li>- 556 Boundary Road, Rochford</li> <li>- 219 McGregor Road, Gisborne</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Councillor Items / Officer Update                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lancefield-Kilmore Road, Springfield</li> <li>- Cobaw Rifle Range</li> <li>- Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management</li> <li>- MAV Reuse and Recycling Action Plan</li> <li>- Waterways of the West</li> <li>- Lancefield C117 Development Plan Overlay</li> <li>- Place of worship, Gisborne</li> <li>- Places of Assembly</li> <li>- Council Plan Year 3</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Conflicts of interest declared by Councillors and record of them leaving the meeting when the matter about which they declared the conflict of interest was discussed	Cr Gayfer declared an indirect interest due to a conflicting duty in relation to the Container Deposit Scheme item.  Did they leave the assembly? Cr Gayfer did not arrive at the Briefing until after consideration of this item and was therefore not present for discussion of the item.
	Conflicts of interest declared by officers	No  Did they leave the assembly? N/A

<b>3.</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Type of Assembly</b>
	10 April 2019 1.30pm – 5.30pm	Councillor Briefing
	Venue	Gisborne Administration Centre
	Present – Councillors	Crs Anderson, Bleeck, Gayfer, Mees, Pearce, Radnedge, Twaits, West
	Present – Officers	Margot Stork, Anne-Louise Lindner, John Hausler, Angela Hughes, Lauren Reader, Leanne Khan, Alison Blacket, Louise Dewberry, Leanne Manton, Jodie Turner, Scott Gilchrist, Tom Bloomfield, Gary Randhawa, Cam Macfarlane, Evan Krausgrill, Christo Crafford
	Presenters	Karen Fazzani, Ian Gillingham and Julie Green, Loddon Mallee Waste & Resource Recovery Group
	Items discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land</li> <li>• Draft Community Consultation Framework</li> <li>• Loddon Mallee Regional Organics Strategy Presentation by Loddon Mallee Waste &amp; Resource Recovery Group</li> <li>• Draft Buildings Asset Management Plan</li> <li>• Gisborne Business Park Consultation</li> <li>• Planning Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- C125 Macedon Police Station</li> <li>- 1849 Mt Macedon Road, Woodend</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Agenda Review and Councillor Items / Officer Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 Shannon Court Woodend</li> <li>- Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study</li> <li>- Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon and Mt Macedon Heritage Study</li> <li>- C125 Mt Macedon Police Station</li> <li>- Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land</li> <li>- Report from Audit Committee</li> <li>- Contracts to be awarded at 24 April</li> <li>- Small Project Grants</li> <li>- Cobaw Community Health – request to raise rainbow flag</li> <li>- Investment Policy</li> <li>- Approval of draft Council Plan Year 3, Budget, and Strategic Resource Plan</li> <li>- Waste Management Strategy Progress Report</li> <li>- Introducing a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Service</li> <li>- Loddon Campaspe Regional Economic Growth Strategy</li> <li>- MAV Rural / Regional Education Programs</li> <li>- MAV State Council Motions</li> <li>- MAV Strategic Plan 2019-21</li> <li>- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal</li> <li>- Braemar College –planning application</li> <li>- Powercor postponing works</li> <li>- Woolworths Kyneton</li> <li>- Container Deposit Scheme</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public toilets and provision of services</li> <li>- Autumn Leaves Festival</li> <li>- Gisborne Market</li> <li>- Signs on Bacchus Marsh - Gisborne Road</li> <li>- Contact from Game Management</li> <li>- Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling</li> <li>- Strategy Framework</li> <li>- Shire Life</li> <li>- C117 Development Plan Overlay – recent feedback</li> <li>- Draft Council Plan Year 3</li> <li>- Libraries - request for letter of support</li> <li>- Lancefield Farmers Market – Activity on a Road Permit</li> </ul>
Conflicts of interest declared by Councillors and record of them leaving the meeting when the matter about which they declared the conflict of interest was discussed	<p>No</p> <p>Did they leave the assembly? N/A</p>
Conflicts of interest declared by officers	<p>No</p> <p>Did they leave the assembly? N/A</p>

<b>4.</b>	<b>Date / Time</b>	<b>Type of Assembly</b>
	17 April 2019 1.30pm – 5.30pm	Councillor Briefing
	Venue	Gisborne Administration Centre
	Present – Councillors	Crs Bleeck, Anderson, Gayfer, Pearce, Radnedge, Twaits, West
	Present – Officers	Anne-Louise Lindner, John Hausler, Angela Hughes, Karen Stevens, Lauren Reader, Leon Den Dryver, Alison Blacket, Leanne Khan, Awais Sadiq, Evan Krausgrill, Louise Dewberry, Silvana Predebon, Felicity Houghton, Michelle Wyatt, Gary Randhawa, Scott Gilchrist, Tom Bloomfield, Isobel Maginn
	Presenters	Steven Hines and Mia Davidson, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
	Items discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment Policy</li> <li>• Planning Matters including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 206-207 McGeorge Road, Gisborne</li> <li>- Introduction to Statement of Planning Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sustainable Malmsbury and Sustainable Design Services</li> <li>• Woodend, Macedon, Mt Macedon and Lancefield Heritage Study</li> <li>• Implementation of Statement of Planning Policy</li> <li>• Agenda Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 19 Shannon Court, Woodend</li> <li>- Adoption of Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study</li> <li>- Adoption of Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon, and Mount Macedon Heritage Study</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 59 Victoria Street, Macedon</li> <li>- Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land</li> <li>- Report from the Audit Committee</li> <li>- Contracts to be awarded 24 April 2019</li> <li>- Small Projects Grants</li> <li>- Flag-raising for IDAHOBIT</li> <li>- Investment Policy</li> <li>- Draft Council Plan Year 3 2019/20</li> <li>- Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20</li> <li>- Draft Budget Report 2019/20</li> <li>- Waste Management Strategy Progress Report</li> <li>- Introducing a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) Service</li> <li>• Landscape Assessment Study – Planning Scheme Amendment Report</li> <li>• Councillor Items / Officer Updates             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Terms of Reference for Rates Review</li> <li>- Optus Tower in Woodend</li> <li>- Farm Zone and Rural Conservation Zone</li> <li>- UNESCO City of Gastronomy</li> <li>- Public Libraries Victoria seeking support</li> <li>- Review of Fees and Charges</li> <li>- Aged Care Reform Workshop</li> <li>- Roadside Vegetation Management Plan</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by Councillors and record of them leaving the meeting when the matter about which they declared the conflict of interest was discussed</p>	<p>Cr Twaits declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to the Investment Policy item, which he provided in writing to the CEO prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Cr Twaits also declared an indirect conflict of interest in relation to the Landscape Assessment Study item, which he provided in writing to the CEO prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Did they leave the assembly? Yes</p>
<p>Conflicts of interest declared by officers</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Did they leave the assembly? N/A</p>

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council endorse the record of assemblies of Councillors as outlined in this report.**

**It was moved by Cr Jukes seconded by Cr West that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**Suspension of Standing Orders**

**7.15pm It was moved by Cr Anderson and seconded by Cr Radnedge that standing orders be suspended to consider deputations and presentations to Council and any questions from the gallery.**

**CARRIED**

**9. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**

**Item Submitters**

**PE.1** 3 submitters addressed the Council

There were no questions from the gallery.

**Resumption of Standing Orders**

**7.57pm** It was moved by Cr Anderson and seconded by Cr Mees that standing orders be resumed.

**CARRIED**

**10. DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS:**

**Report No: Report Title:**

**PE.1** Application for Planning Permit PLN/2018/346 – Use and development of the land for a telecommunications facility and removal of native vegetation – 19 Shannon Court, Woodend

**Synopsis:**

The application proposes the construction of a telecommunication facility comprising a 45 metre high monopole and associated equipment and the removal of native vegetation. The facility is proposed as part of the National Broadband Network (NBN).

The application was advertised and twenty-six (26) objections were received.

Key issues to be considered relate to visual impact of the proposed facility on the surrounding area, the Code of Practice for Telecommunications Facilities, and the appropriateness of any native vegetation removal.

The application has been assessed against the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme, together with the objections, and is considered appropriate. It is recommended that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit be issued.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit is issued for the use and development of the land for a telecommunications facility (45m high NBN monopole and ancillary equipment) and removal of native vegetation for the land at Lot 3 LP 111758 P/Woodend, 19 Shannon Court, Woodend subject to the conditions below:**

- 1. Before the development commences, three copies of amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of this permit. The**

plans must be generally in accordance with the plans received on 21 December 2018 and prepared by Visionstream but modified to show:

- a) The reduction of the 45m high monopole to a 40m high monopole.
2. The development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
3. The amenity of the locality must not be adversely affected by the activity on the site, the appearance of any buildings, works or materials, emissions from the premises or in any other way, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
4. No other trees or vegetation on site shall be removed, damaged, destroyed, felled, lopped or uprooted unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

#### **MRSC Engineering and Projects Unit Conditions**

5. Prior to the commencement of works, an “Asset Protection Permit” must be obtained from Council for any of the following circumstances:
  - a) Entering a building site by means of a motor vehicle having a gross weight exceeding two tonnes.
  - b) Occupying a road for works.
  - c) Connecting any Council land to a stormwater drain.
  - d) Opening, altering or repairing a Council road.
  - e) Opening, altering or repairing a Council drain.
  - f) Accessing a building site from a point other than a crossover.
  - g) Construct/repair/widen/remove any crossover.
6. Stormwater runoff from all buildings and paved areas must be dissipated as normal un-concentrated overland flow clear of all buildings and property boundaries
7. No polluted and/or sediment laden runoff is to be discharged directly or indirectly into drains or watercourses. Soil erosion control measures must be employed throughout the works in accordance with Construction Techniques for Sediment Pollution Control (EPA 1991) to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

#### **MRSC Environment Unit Conditions**

8. Prior to any vegetation removal or construction, a site plan must be submitted to the Responsible Authority showing the location of the tree protection fencing around the trees that must be retained. The vegetation protection fencing must be in accordance with the tree protection zones and must meet the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The tree protection fencing must form a visual and physical barrier, be a minimum height of 1.4 metres above ground level, and include signage clearly marked “Vegetation Protection Zone – No Entry”
9. All construction and maintenance equipment, earth moving equipment and associated machinery must be made free of soil, seed and plant



material before being taken to the works site and again before being removed from the works site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. This is to help prevent the spread of noxious weeds listed under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*.

10. Prior to development commencing (including any demolition, excavations, tree removal, delivery of building/construction materials and/or temporary buildings), a native vegetation protection fence must be erected around all native vegetation to be retained within 15 metres of the works area. The temporary vegetation fencing must be erected to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. This fence must be erected at:
  - a) A radius of 12 times the diameter of the tree trunk at a height of 1.4 metres to a maximum of 15 metres but no less than 2 metres from the base of the trunk of the tree; and
  - b) Around the patch(es) of native vegetation at a minimum distance of 2 metres from retained native vegetation.
  - c) The tree protective fencing must be constructed of start pickets and paraweb or similar, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. The protection fence must remain in place until all works are completed and must be erected around areas to be retained to protect surrounding vegetation. The tree protection fencing must form a visual and physical barrier and include signage clearly marked “Vegetation Protection Zone – No Entry” on all sides. Any trees, vegetation or waterways near the development site and/or construction areas must be included in the tree protection zone.
11. Logs and woody debris must be retained as much as feasible as this provides valuable habitat for native fauna species. Decomposing logs, woody debris and organic litter also provide nutrients back into the soil and help stabilise soils.
12. Construction of the proposed power route with an under-bore to avoid impacts to tree protection zones. All bore pits must be located in areas that will not impact additional native vegetation not agreed to be offset.
13. Construction mats to access and construct the small service pit to avoid impacts to tree protection zones
14. The driveway must be raised with no excavation and laid with a permeable surface such as gravel or similar. Ensure only surface material is to be impacted when enhancing the driveway. Ensure no damage or disturbance to tree roots as this may impact the future viability of the surrounding trees.
15. No fauna are to be trapped, injured or removed from the site. All trees must be assessed to determine if there are fauna present prior to undertaking any tree removal. Fauna includes any marsupials, birds, bats and mammals. A fauna assessment is to be carried out prior to any works commencing to ensure no nesting sites are present in the trees and shrubs to be removed (this can also be undertaken by a qualified arborist). Fauna Rescue must be organised with Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300 if any fauna are present.

**Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Conditions**

16. Before works start, the permit holder must advise all persons undertaking the vegetation removal works on site of all permit conditions pertaining to native vegetation protection.
17. Before works start, a native vegetation protection fence must be erected around all native vegetation to be retained within 15 metres of the works area. This fence must be erected at:
  - a) A radius of 12 times the diameter of the tree trunk at a height of 1.4 metres to a maximum of 15 metres but no less than 2 metres from the base of the trunk of the tree; and
  - b) Around the patch(es) of native vegetation at a minimum distance of 2 metres from retained native vegetation.
18. The fence must be constructed of star pickets and paraweb or similar, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The protection fence must remain in place until all works are completed to the satisfaction of the department.
19. Except with the written consent of the department, within the area of native vegetation to be retained and any tree protection zone associated with the permitted use and/or development, the following is prohibited:
  - a) vehicular or pedestrian access;
  - b) trenching or soil excavation;
  - c) storage or dumping of any soils, materials, equipment, vehicles, machinery or waste products;
  - d) construction of entry and exit pits for underground services; or
  - e) any other actions or activities that may result in adverse impacts to retained native vegetation.
20. The total area of native vegetation permitted to be removed is 0.063 hectares, comprised of patch vegetation
21. To offset the removal of 0.063 hectares of native vegetation the permit holder must secure a native vegetation offsets that meets all the following:
  - A general offset of 0.024 general habitat units located within the North Central Catchment Management Authority boundary or Macedon Ranges municipal district;
  - have a Strategic Biodiversity Value score of at least 0.327.
  - must be in accordance with the *Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation* (DELWP, 2017).
22. Before any native vegetation is removed, evidence that the required offset for the project has been secured must be provided to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. This evidence must be:
  - a) an established first party offset site. This must include:
    - a security agreement signed by both parties, and

- a management plan detailing the 10-year management actions and ongoing management of the site;

to the satisfaction of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and approved by the Responsible Authority.

23. Every year, for ten years, after the responsible authority has approved the offset management plan, the applicant must provide notification of the management actions undertaken towards implementing the offset management plan, to the department. An offset site condition statement, including photographs must be included in this notification;

and/or

- credit extract(s) allocated to meet the requirements of the permit from the Native Vegetation Credit Register.

24. A copy of the offset evidence must be endorsed by the responsible authority and form part of this permit.

25. Within 30 days of endorsement of the offset evidence by the responsible authority, the permit holder must provide a copy of the endorsed offset evidence to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning at [loddonmallee.planning@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:loddonmallee.planning@delwp.vic.gov.au).

#### Permit Expiry Conditions

26. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
- a) The development is not commenced within 2 years of the date of this permit.
  - b) The development is not completed within 4 years of the date of this permit.
  - c) The use is not commenced within 2 years of the completion of the development

The Responsible Authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within 6 months afterwards if the development has not commenced, or 12 months after if the development has commenced but is not yet completed.

#### Department of Water, Environment, Land and Planning Permit Notes

- Offset requirements are determined in accordance with DELWP (2017) Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation. Proposed offset sites must meet eligibility requirements including land use, bushfire risk, quality of vegetation and size of revegetation site. Please visit <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/native-vegetation/native-vegetation> for further information.

It was moved by Cr Twaits seconded by Cr Bleeck that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

8.06pm Cr Twaits left the chamber.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**PE.2            Adoption of Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study and request to proceed to Planning Scheme Amendment C131**

**Synopsis:**

The draft Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study (MRLAS) was undertaken to assess the visual significance of landscapes within the shire. The Study identified locations of significant landscape value and outlined recommended policies and controls to manage development within these landscapes and to protect significant view lines.

The study area included all land outside of settlement boundaries within the Shire. Parts of Woodend and Gisborne where an existing Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) applied within the settlement boundary were also included.

The MRLAS provided three reports:

- (i) Landscape Character Types and Areas report;
- (ii) Landscape Values and Significance report; and
- (iii) Implementation Recommendations report; including response to key issues raised during consultation and copies of submissions.

Between 22 October 2018 and 25 March 2019, Council officers consulted with the community on the implementation recommendations, including changes to the SLO boundaries and schedules. Feedback was received from a number of landowners and stakeholders across the Shire, which has informed changes to the draft study and implementation recommendations set out in this report.

It is proposed that Council adopts the MRLAS, after which Council officers will prepare the draft planning scheme amendment documentation as recommended in the implementation section of the study.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. **Note the findings from the community consultation and thank the community for their participation;**
2. **Adopt the Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study (March 2019); and**
3. **Authorise the preparation of a draft planning scheme amendment C131 for exhibition.**

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Radnedge**

**That Council**

1. **Note the findings from the community consultation and thank the community for their participation;**
2. **Adopt the Macedon Ranges Landscape Assessment Study (March 2019);**
3. **Require officers to report back to Council on the materials to be prepared as part of proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C131. These materials must:**
  - (a) **Consider whether or not changes are required to Clause 22.01 of the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme**
  - (b) **Retain all references to Statement of Planning Policy No. 8 (SPP8)**
4. **Note that:**
  - (a) **Review of Clause 22.01 of the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme may occur in future, potentially as part of program of works associated with the Planning Scheme Review**
  - (b) **Any changes to the draft Statement of Planning Policy that the State Government endorses will not be part of proposed Planning Scheme Amendment C131, but will form part of a separate Planning Scheme Amendment process.**

**LOST**

**It was moved by Cr Jukes seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

8.20pm Cr Twaits returned to the chamber.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**PE.3                    Adoption of Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon and Mount Macedon Heritage Study and request to proceed to Planning Scheme Amendment C127**

**Synopsis:**

The Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon and Mount Macedon Heritage Study, commenced in April 2018, is now complete.

Stage 1 of the study identified 56 individual places of potential local heritage significance. In response, Council undertook comprehensive engagement with the affected land owners involving sites visits and further historical research. Stage 2 of the study, which also involved comprehensive consultation and further research, confirmed the heritage significance of 33 individual places of the 56 places originally identified. Included in the 33 individual places, is 59 Victoria Street, Macedon. This place is the subject of Amendment C125 and will not form part of Amendment C127.

It is proposed to apply the heritage overlay to the 32 confirmed places. It is recommended that Council adopt the findings of the Heritage Study and proceed with Planning Scheme Amendment C127.

The report also seeks to apply an Interim Heritage Overlay (Amendment C132) to 20 Bowen St Woodend, to ensure its heritage values are protected from potential development.

**Officer Recommendation:****That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon and Mount Macedon Heritage Study Final Report;**
- 2. Request the Minister for Planning authorise preparation of Planning Scheme Amendment C127 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay to 32 individual places (provided in attachment 1);**
- 3. Request the Minister for Planning to undertake Planning Scheme Amendment C132 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme under section 20(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, to apply an interim Heritage Overlay on 20 Bowen St, Woodend whilst permanent controls are progressed.**
- 4. Authorise Council officers to prepare Amendment documents for authorisation and exhibition of Amendment C127;**
- 5. Under s19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 inform all affected land owners of Planning Scheme Amendment C127 and thank them for their participation; and**
- 6. Notify remaining land owners and occupiers not proposed to be included in Amendment C127 of the outcome of the study, and thank them for their cooperation and time in assisting Council with this Study.**

It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Gayfer

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Woodend, Lancefield, Macedon and Mount Macedon Heritage Study Final Report.**
- 2. Request the Minister for Planning authorise preparation of Planning Scheme Amendment C127 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme to apply the Heritage Overlay to 32 individual places (provided in attachment 1).**
- 3. Request the Minister for Planning to undertake Planning Scheme Amendment C132 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme under section 20(4) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to apply an interim Heritage Overlay on 20 Bowen St, Woodend whilst permanent controls are progressed.**
- 4. Authorise Council officers to prepare Amendment documents for authorisation and exhibition of Amendment C127.**
- 5. Under s19 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 inform all affected land owners of Planning Scheme Amendment C127 and thank them for their participation.**

6. **Notify remaining land owners and occupiers not proposed to be included in Amendment C127 of the outcome of the study, and thank them for their cooperation and time in assisting Council with this Study.**
7. **Refer to future budget process/es:**
  - a) **the eighteen (18) properties identified in this study for consideration for inclusion in a Significant Landscape Overlay, and;**
  - b) **A future Lancefield Township Gap Study.**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Pearce, expressed her thanks to Officers on behalf of all Councillors for their work in relation to items PE.2 and PE.3.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**PE.4                      Planning Scheme Amendment C125: Permanent heritage controls to 59 Victoria Street, Macedon**

**Synopsis:**

Amendment C125 to the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme permanently applies the Heritage Overlay (HO) to 59 Victoria Street, Macedon.

The land is Crown land reserved for police purposes and is occupied by a police residence, police station, a former station building and associated outbuildings and fencing.

Interim heritage controls (Amendment C124) were placed on this property on 24 January 2019 by the Minister for Planning whilst Council undertook a full planning scheme amendment process.

Amendment C125 was publicly exhibited between 31 January 2019 and 18 March 2019. During this time, three submissions were received and all were supportive of the amendment. Therefore a request for a Planning Panel to consider submissions is not required.

Council can now consider (i) adopting Amendment C125 and (ii) forwarding it to the Minister for Planning for final approval. Once approved, Amendment C125 will be gazetted and the Heritage Overlay will be permanently applied to 59 Victoria Street, Macedon.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. **Adopt Amendment C125 as exhibited;**
2. **Submit the adopted amendment to the Minister for Planning for final approval pursuant to Section 31(1) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987;**
3. **Advise Victoria Police, the occupier and those who made written submissions to Amendment C125 of Council's decision; and**

**4. Thank Victoria Police, the occupier and those who made written submissions for their contribution to the planning process.**

**It was moved by Cr Mees seconded by Cr Radnedge that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**PE.5            Submission to protecting Melbourne’s strategic agricultural land**

**Synopsis:**

The State Government is committed to protecting the long-term future of strategic agricultural land in Melbourne’s green wedge and peri-urban areas. Strategic agricultural land is defined as areas of land identified from a combination of features including: soils, landscapes, rainfall, access to water, resilience to climate change, infrastructure investment and integration with industry, that make it highly valuable for agricultural production. State Government has sought submissions in response to the Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land discussion paper.

Consultation maps have identified strategic agricultural land within Macedon Ranges. This report outlines Council’s key concerns and support for the initiative. As part of the submission, Council has integrated feedback from the Agribusiness Forum to gain their views on the initiative and what it may mean for primary producers.

Whilst the final outcome of the initiative is undetermined, the State Government are considering new planning controls to preserve key agricultural areas within peri urban Melbourne.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the attached submission to ‘Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land’; and**
- 2. Thank the Agribusiness Forum and additional attendees for their input into the submission.**

The Coordinator, Strategic Planning proposed an amended Officer recommendation to add the words “noting that it includes comments from the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum and Council” to the first recommendation.

**Amended Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the attached submission to ‘Protecting Melbourne’s Strategic Agricultural Land, noting that it includes comments from the Macedon Ranges Agribusiness Forum and Council; and**



**2. Thank the Agribusiness Forum and additional attendees for their input into the submission.**

**It was moved by Cr Mees seconded by Cr Gayfer that the amended officer recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**11. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

Nil

**12. DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORTS:**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.1            Report from the Audit Committee meeting held on 6 March 2019**

**Synopsis:**

The most recent Audit Committee meeting of Council was held on Wednesday 6 March 2019. The draft minutes from this meeting have been distributed to all Councillors.

The Committee discussed a number of matters including:

- Audit Plan 2018/19 Progress Report;
- Audit Actions Items – Progress Report;
- An Ethical Environment Update;
- Draft Annual and Multi Year Audit Committee Plan;
- External and Internal Audit Review Templates;
- Draft Strategy Framework; and
- Tendering Specification for the Internal Auditing Contract.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council note report together with the draft minutes from the Audit Committee meeting held on 6 March 2019.**

**It was moved by Cr Jukes seconded by Cr Twaits that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.2            Contracts to be awarded as at 24 April 2019**

**Synopsis:**

The following report indicates whether or not delegated authority to award the contract exists. It also presents Council with the opportunity to (a) specifically grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer and/or (b) specifically review delegated authority in any instance where Council deems it appropriate.

Included in this report is a request for an exemption to Council’s Procurement Policy, specifically relating to section 5.4 Cumulative Expenditure and the requirements relating to cumulative expenditure with a single supplier over two financial years.

Officers have also identified a breach of the Local Government Act which is disclosed prior to inclusion in the 2018/19 Annual Report as required under Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 Section 14, 2 (cb).

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. **Notes that the following contracts will be awarded under delegated authority:**
  - **C19.1019 Gisborne Tennis Courts Lighting**
  - **C19.1020 Gisborne Tennis Courts Resurfacing**
2. **Approve an exemption to Section 5.4 of “Cumulative Expenditure” Council’s Procurement Policy to expend more than \$150,000 for the purchase of goods and services with Diamond Security without using a public tendering process; and**
3. **Note the breach of the Local Government Act which as required under the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 Section 14, 2 (cb) will be disclosed in the 2018/19 Annual Report.**

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Jukes that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Pearce, expressed thanks to Council Officers for their work and in bringing to Council’s attention the breach of the Local Government Act in relation to the approval expenditure above the \$150,000 threshold for a single purchase of goods without a public tender process.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.3                    Small Project Grants – Consideration of grant application**

**Synopsis:**

The Small Project Grants program supports projects and initiatives that:

- support local needs
- are unlikely to be funded by other Council funding programs
- align with Council Plan priorities.

Council’s Small Project Grants budget for 2018/19 is \$30,000 and not-for-profit groups can apply for a maximum of \$1,500 per application. Applications are assessed against set criteria outlined in the Small Project Grants guidelines. Funding recommendations are presented monthly at an Ordinary Council Meeting for review and/or approval.

This report details the process of evaluation and lists the applications received since the previous meeting.

One application has been received seeking a total of \$1,500 in funding. The application has been evaluated against eligibility criteria and the officer assessment is summarised within this report.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council approves the following application:**

- **Riddells Creek Lions Club: \$1,500 for a sponsors' board at Riddells Creek Lions Park**

**It was moved by Cr West seconded by Cr Gayfer that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.4            Flag raising for International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia**

**Synopsis:**

Council has received a request for support from Cobaw Community Health Service to raise the rainbow flag at Council offices in Gisborne and Kyneton and at the clock tower in Woodend on from Monday 13 May to Monday 20 May 2019 to acknowledge the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council provide support to Cobaw Community Health Service by raising the rainbow flag at Council offices in Gisborne and Kyneton and at the clock tower in Woodend from Monday 13 May 2019 to Monday 20 May 2019.**

**It was moved by Cr Mees seconded by Cr Radnedge**

**That Council:**

- 1. Provide support to Cobaw Community Health Service by raising the rainbow flag at Council offices in Gisborne and Kyneton and at the clock tower in Woodend from Monday 13 May 2019 to Monday 20 May 2019; and**
- 2. Prepare a draft flag raising policy which is referred to the Health and Wellbeing Committee for their feedback prior to being brought to Council for their consideration by December 2020.**

**CARRIED**

8.47pm            Cr Twaits left the chamber.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.5                    Investment Policy**

**Synopsis:**

The Investment Policy was last reviewed and adopted by Council in September 2017. The Policy was not scheduled for review until September 2020, however, recent increases in the level of funds held by Council has necessitated the earlier review of the Policy.

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Maximise investment returns subject to risk reduction controls
- Safeguard Council’s investments
- Provide guidance to staff in relation to managing Council’s investments and cash flow to meet operating requirements
- Be cognisant of Council’s social and environmental obligations by giving preference to investing Council funds in banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry
- Ensure compliance with regulatory requirements

The level of funds held by Council in cash and investments has increased due to grants paid in advance, a higher level of funds held in financial reserves and a number of larger capital projects being completed over multiple years. Council’s cash and investments totalled \$33m at the end of the 2016/17 financial year, the balance at the end of March 2019 is \$40m.

The current policy has a set dollar limit on the amount of funds that can be held with an individual financial institution. With the higher level of total funds on hand, investment options have become limited. The key proposed change to the policy is to move from a dollar based threshold to a percentage based investment threshold.

The change to the thresholds will allow more flexibility to maximise investment returns and also assist in achieving the policy aim to have at least 20% of investments with banks and financial institutions that do not invest in or finance the fossil fuel industry (section 5.3 of the policy). Having percentage based thresholds is in line with the approach taken by other councils in our region e.g. City of Greater Bendigo and Mount Alexander Shire.

The table below outlines the proposed revised thresholds.

<b>Long Term Credit Ratings (1)</b>	<b>Short Term Credit Ratings (1)</b>	<b>Institution limit (2)</b>	<b>Maximum Exposure to this Credit Rating Group (2)</b>
AAA	A1+	30%	100%
AA	A1	20%	60%
A/BBB	A2	15%	30%

Other ADIs Covered By Australian Government Guarantee on deposits	Other ADIs Covered By Australian Government Guarantee on deposits	Up to \$250,000 per institution.	Total of \$1,000,000 for the Credit rating group.
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Notes:

- (1) Financial institutions have ratings based on the long term (12 month +) and the short term (less than 12 months). The categories are based on Standards and Poors investment ratings.
- (2) The percentages are of the total amount of money held by Council in investments and in bank accounts.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council adopts the Investment Policy, as attached to the Agenda and place the Policy on Council’s website.**

**It was moved by Cr Mees seconded by Cr Bleeck that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

8.48pm Cr Twaits returned to the chamber.

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.6            Approval of Draft Council Plan 2017-2027 (Year 3: 2019/2020) for public display**

**Synopsis:**

The Council Plan 2017 – 2027 is the principal planning and vision-setting document for Council during its current term.

This report is presented to seek endorsement of the draft Council Plan 2017 – 2027 (Year 3 - 2019/2020), for the purposes of public display.

This report explains the stages of planning that have been undertaken to bring the Year 3 draft Council Plan to this point.

**Officer Recommendation:**

- 1. That Council endorse the Draft Council Plan 2017–2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020) for the purposes of public display.**
- 2. That the Draft Council Plan 2017–2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020) be placed on public display on Council’s website and at the Council offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend on 30 April 2019 and remain on public display until Tuesday 28 May 2019.**

3. That a public notice be placed in the local newspapers advising that the Draft Council Plan 2017–2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020) is on public display and written submissions are invited (and will be considered in accordance with S223 of the Local Government Act 1989).
4. That, whilst the Draft Council Plan 2017–2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020) is on public display, Councillors and officers be available for discussion by mutual agreement and prior arrangement, with ratepayers, residents, community groups and local businesses, both within and outside normal business hours.
5. That the period for any person to make a written submission shall close at 11.00am on 28 May 2019.
6. That an agenda for a Special Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 June 2019 be distributed to Councillors on Friday 7 June 2019 and all submissions received by 11.00am on 28 May 2019 be attached to the agenda.
7. That a Special Council Meeting be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 12 June 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Gisborne Administration Centre to provide an opportunity for any person who wishes to make a submission on the Draft Council Plan 2017-2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020) to be heard.
8. That a report and recommendations be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019 to enable Council to consider submissions and to adopt the Council Plan 2017–2027 (Year 3 – 2019/2020)

It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Gayfer that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**CS.7            Draft Budget Report 2019/20**

**Synopsis:**

**1. Purpose of the Budget Report**

The Local Government Better Practice Guide Planning and Reporting 2018-19, issued by the Victorian Government, states that:

*“The budget is a short-term plan which specifies the resources required to fund a council’s services and initiatives over the next 12 months... At the strategic level, the budget details how the services and initiatives to be funded will contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives in the council plan... At the operational level it should express the funding of services and initiatives through financial statements describing in detail the income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, equity, cash and capital works required.”*

## **2. Legislative Requirements**

Section 127 of the Local Government Act requires councils in Victoria to prepare a budget for each financial year. The Local Government (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 specify the requirement for a budget to include major initiatives and the Regulations prescribe the relevant information disclosure requirements.

The Draft Budget Report 2019/20 discloses major initiatives and ensures Council meets its legislative obligations.

## **3. Public Display and Inviting Submissions**

Pursuant to Sections 129 and 223 of the Local Government Act the Draft Budget will be placed on public display and submissions will be invited from the public.

## **4. Budget Context**

The Budget contains a continuation of quality works and services with a balance of social, environmental and financial factors and includes Councillor input (via three workshops) to the capital works and new initiatives in the Draft Budget.

Included in the Draft Budget is a significant increase in building renewal funding, the continuation of the rollout of new kerbside bins for residents, upgrades to sporting club pavilions and the installation of outdoor exercise equipment in several towns. The 2019/20 budget also includes funding for several large projects that will be completed across a number of financial years – the Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct, Kyneton Livestock Exchange and Truck Park upgrade and the Romsey Ecotherapy Park Stage 2.

The average rate increase will be within the 2.5% rate cap. The rate cap is based on the average rate increase for the average property. Rate movements for individual properties are not capped. Property valuations have now moved to an annual cycle, in the past they were completed every two years. As a consequence, the 2019/20 rates are based on the 2019 General valuation (draft figures). It should be noted that the final 2019 valuations will not be available until 30 April 2019. There is a potential that the rate per property specified in recommendation B3 below may need to be adjusted as part of the adoption of the final 2019/20 Budget which will be presented to Council on 26 June 2019.

For the second consecutive year, there is no planned increase in the municipal charge in 2019/20 in line with the draft direction to apply a maximum percentage threshold to the municipal rate as indicated in the proposed update to the Local Government Act which is being developed by the State Government.

Council's kerbside collection charges are calculated to recover the full cost of the collection and disposal of refuse, recycling and green waste in the Shire. In the 2019/20 Draft Budget Council plans to introduce food organics collection as part of the green waste service. With the inclusion of this new service, the proposed increase in kerbside collection charges per property is around 3%.

## **5. Officer Recommendations**

The Recommendations are shown on the following pages in three parts. Part A deals with the approval of the Draft Budget Report for public display. Part B deals with the Declaration of Rates and Charges and Part C deals with the Application of Differential Rates.

### **Officer Recommendation:**

#### **PART A - APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET REPORT FOR PUBLIC DISPLAY**

- A1. That, for the purposes of Sections 127 and 129 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council approves, the Draft Budget Report 2019/20 for the purposes of public display.**
- A2. That the Draft Budget Report 2019/20 be placed on public display on Council's website and at the Council Offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend on Tuesday 30 April 2019 and remain on public display until Tuesday 28 May 2019.**
- A3. That a public notice be placed in the local newspapers advising that the Draft Budget Report 2019/20 is on public display and written submissions are invited (and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act).**
- A4. That, whilst the Draft Budget Report 2019/20 is on public display, Councillors and Officers be available for discussion, by mutual agreement and prior arrangement, with Ratepayers, Residents, community groups and local businesses, both within and outside normal business hours.**
- A5. That the period for any person to make a written submission shall close at 11.00am on 28 May 2019.**
- A6. That all submissions received by 11.00am on 28 May 2019 are to be attached to the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting to be held on 12 June 2019.**
- A7. That a Special Council Meeting be held at 7.00pm on 12 June 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Gisborne Administration Centre to provide an opportunity for any person who wishes to make a verbal presentation in support of their submission on the Draft Budget Report 2019/20 to be heard.**
- A8. That a report and recommendations be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019 to enable Council to consider submissions and to adopt the Budget Report 2019/20, with or without amendment.**
- A9. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to carry out all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under the Local Government Act 1989, in relation to the finalisation and publication of the Budget Report.**



**PART B - DECLARATION OF RATES AND CHARGES**

That for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 and in accordance with Sections 158, 158A, 159, 162, 167, 169 and 172 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council hereby declares:

- B1.** That the amount intended to be raised by rates, the municipal charge and various waste charges will be \$50.03m.
- B2.** That the valuation system to be used for rating purposes will be the Capital Improved Value.
- B3.** That five Differential Rates on the Capital Improved Value of rateable land will be applied as follows –
  - 1.** General Rate of 0.24768 cents in the dollar.
  - 2.** Agricultural Land Rate of 0.19814 cents in the dollar.
  - 3.** Commercial/Industrial Rate of 0.29721 cents in the dollar.
  - 4.** Recreational Land Rate of 0.12384 cents in the dollar.
  - 5.** Not for Profit Housing Rate of 0.12384 cents in the dollar.
- B4.** That rates will be separately levied in respect of each portion of rateable land for which the Council has a separate valuation and each rate will be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of each portion of land by the applicable cents in the dollar according to the use of the land or if the land is unused according to the zoning of the land under the planning scheme.
- B5.** That a municipal charge of \$212 will be levied on each portion of rateable land – unless that land is exempt.
- B6.** That an annual service charge of \$328 will be levied for the collection and disposal of garbage and for the collection and sorting of recyclable materials in respect of premises to which the service is available - whether or not the owner or occupier of any such premises avails himself or herself of the service. If the owner or occupier requires and is able to be supplied with additional bin(s), the additional bin(s) will be charged as follows: -
  - 1.** Additional Garbage Bin \$200 per bin
  - 2.** Additional Recycle Bin \$128 per bin.
- B7.** That an annual service charge will be levied for the collection and disposal of garden waste. The charge will be declared at \$70 for all premises within the designated collection district except for a premise, for which the Ratepayer is entitled to and has been granted a pension concession, the charge will be \$35.
- B8.** That a rebate will be provided to areas of high environmental significance that are registered by the Trust for Nature. The rebate will be calculated on the proportion of the land, which is subject to the covenant, applied to the Site Value of the land.

- B9.** That it be noted the Victorian Environment Protection Amendment (Landfill Levies) Act 2011 (which came into operation on 1 July 2011) requires Council to collect the Environment Protection Authority Landfill Levy (EPA Levy). The EPA Levy equates to \$31 per garbage bin in 2019/20. This is the amount that will be shown separately on each Rate Notice – in those instances where the Ratepayer has a garbage bin. If the Ratepayer has two garbage bins they will be charged \$62 and so on. Local councils throughout Victoria are required to collect the EPA Levy on behalf of the Victorian State Government and because it does not form part of Council's revenue, it is shown separately on Council's Rate Notice.
- B10.** That the rates and charges will be levied by sending rate notices to the persons who are liable to pay them.
- B11.** That the rates and charges will be payable by four equal instalments on the date fixed by the Minister for Local Government, that is:
- 30 September 2019
  - 30 November 2019
  - 28 February 2020
  - 31 May 2020
- B12.** That penalty interest will be payable on rates and charges that have not been paid by the due date and the penalty interest will be calculated at the rate fixed under Section 2 of the Penalty Interest Act 1983.

**PART C - DIFFERENTIAL RATES**

That for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 Council considers that Differential Rates will contribute to the equitable and efficient carrying out of its functions and therefore declares:

- C1.** In accordance with Section 161 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council specifies the following objectives and characteristics in relation to the General Rate:
1. The types and classes of land to which the rate applies is all rateable land other than agricultural land, recreational land, commercial/industrial land and land used by Not for Profit Organisations to provide low-income residential housing;
  2. The Differential Rate is considered fair and equitable having regarded:
    - (a) The amount of revenue required to be raised is in accordance with the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Budget; and
    - (b) The range of infrastructure, physical services, health services and community services available to the owners and occupiers of residential and vacant land.
- C2.** In accordance with Section 161 of the Local Government Act 1989 Council specifies the following objectives and characteristics in relation to the Agricultural Land Rate:

1. The types and classes of land to which the rate applies is agricultural land which means any rateable land defined as farm land under Section 2 of the Valuation of Land Act 1960 on the condition that the owner or occupier of the land is a person carrying on the activities defined by the Valuation of Land Act 1960, who is regarded as a Primary Producer by the Australian Taxation Office.
2. The Differential Rate is considered fair and equitable having regarded:
  - (a) The amount of revenue required to be raised is in accordance with the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Budget;
  - (b) The range of infrastructure, physical services, health services and community services available to the owners and occupiers of agricultural land;
  - (c) The restrictions upon the use and development of agricultural land in the Planning Scheme; and
  - (d) The need to encourage the retention of viable agricultural land for agricultural purposes.

The Agricultural Land rate will be 20% less than the General rate.

**C3. In accordance with Section 161 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council specifies the following objectives and characteristics in relation to the Commercial/Industrial Rate:**

1. The types and classes of land to which the rate will apply is all rateable land which is not agricultural land and which is used predominantly for carrying on one or more of the following activities for the purpose of generating income – commercial, industrial, business, wholesale trade, retail trade, manufacturing, professional or administrative; and
2. The Differential Rate is considered fair and equitable having regarded:
  - (a) The amount of revenue required to be raised in accordance with the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Budget; and
  - (b) The range of infrastructure, physical services (including car parking, street lighting and street cleaning) and facilities available to the owners and occupiers of land described in paragraph 1.

The Business rate will be 20% more than the General rate.

**C4. In accordance with Section 161 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council specifies the following objectives and characteristics in relation to the Not for Profit Housing Rate:**

1. The types and classes of land to which the rate will apply are properties containing low-income residential housing owned and/or managed by a volunteer, charitable or not-for-profit

organisation for which the organisation is responsible for the payment of rates and for which a State Government pension concession is not claimed.

2. The Differential Rate is considered as fair and equitable having regarded:
  - (a) The amount of revenue required to be raised is in accordance with the Council Plan, Strategic Resource Plan and Budget; and
  - (b) The public service that volunteer, charitable or not-for-profit organisations are delivering to the community by providing low-income residential housing.

The Not for Profit Housing Rate is 50% of the General Rate.

- C5. In accordance with Section 2 of the Cultural and Recreational Lands Act 1963, Council declares all rateable Cultural and Recreational Land at 50% of the General Rate.

It was moved by Cr Jukes seconded by Cr Twaits that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**Report No:**    **Report Title:**

**CS.8**            **Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20**

**Synopsis:**

**1. Purpose of the Strategic Resource Plan**

The Local Government Better Practice Guide Planning and Reporting 2018-19 issued by the Victorian Government states that:

*“The strategic resource plan is the key medium-term financial plan produced by council on a rolling basis that summarises the resourcing forecasts of a Council for at least four years.... The strategic resource plan summarises the financial and non-financial resources required to achieve the strategic objectives and strategies in the council plan and presents these in financial statements and statements of non-financial resources. It also describes the key assumptions underlying the forecasts for income, expenditure assets liabilities, equity, cash and capital works.”*

**2. Legislative Requirements**

Section 126 of the Local Government Act requires councils in Victoria to adopt a strategic resource plan each year. The Local Government (Performance Reporting and Accountability) Act 2014 and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 specify the requirement for a strategic resource plan to be aligned with the Council plan and the Regulations prescribe the relevant information disclosure requirements.

Consistent with these requirements the draft Strategic Resource Plan complements the Council Plan and has been written to ensure that Council meets its legislative obligations.

### **3. Public Display and Inviting Submissions**

Pursuant to Section 223 of the Local Government Act the draft Strategic Resource Plan will be placed on public display and submissions will be invited from the public.

### **4. Strategic Resource Plan (SRP) Context**

The SRP covers a period of four financial years with the first year aligning to the draft budget. In the next four years Council proposes to undertake several major capital works projects including:

- Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Precinct
- Kyneton Early Learning Centre
- Hanging Rock walking and cycling trails
- Romsey Ecotherapy Park Stage 2

While much of the funding for these projects will come from grants, a significant level of Council funding will also be required if the project proceeds. As a result, Council intends to increase its borrowings in years 2 and 3 of the plan to assist in meeting funding requirements. Despite the increase, the level of borrowings will remain within the parameters set out in the plan.

#### **Officer Recommendation:**

- 1. That Council approves the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 for the purposes of public display.**
- 2. That the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 be placed on public display on Council's website and at the Council offices in Gisborne, Kyneton, Romsey and Woodend on Tuesday 30 April and remain on public display until Tuesday 28 May 2019.**
- 3. That a public notice be placed in the local newspapers advising that the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 is on public display and written submissions are invited (and will be considered in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act).**
- 4. That, whilst the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 is on public display, Councillors and Officers be available for discussion, by mutual agreement and prior arrangement, with Ratepayers, Residents, community groups and local businesses, both within and outside normal business hours.**
- 5. That the period for any person to make a written submission closes at 11.00am on 28 May 2019.**
- 6. That all submissions received by 11.00am on 28 May 2019 are attached to the Agenda for the Special Council meeting to be held on 12 June 2019.**
- 7. That a Special Council Meeting be held at 7.00pm on 12 June 2019 in the Council Chamber of the Gisborne Administration Centre to provide an opportunity for any person who wishes to make a**

verbal presentation in support of their submission on the Draft Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20 to be heard.

8. That a report and recommendations be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2019 to enable Council to consider submissions and to adopt the Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20, with or without amendment.
9. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to carry out all administrative procedures necessary to enable Council to carry out its functions under the Local Government Act 1989, in relation to the finalisation and publication of the Strategic Resource Plan 2019/20.

It was moved by Cr Mees seconded by Cr Radnedge that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

The Mayor, Cr Pearce, expressed thanks on behalf of all Councillors to Council Officers from across the organisation for their work in preparing the Council Plan, Budget and Strategic Resource Plan items, including information and clarification provided to Councillors during the budget workshop process.

**13. DIRECTOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING REPORTS:**

Nil

**14. DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS:**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**AO.1            Waste Management Strategy progress report**

**Synopsis:**

Council's Waste Management Strategy steers Council and its community towards reducing the amount of waste going to landfill and increasing the recovery and recycling of valuable resources. Council adopted the Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020 in December 2014.

This report provides Councillors with an update on the progress of the 21 recommendations of the Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020. It also recommends Council review the strategy to ensure it:

- is aligned with current regional and state-wide legislation, strategies and guidelines
- is guided by the waste management hierarchy, whereby waste avoidance is the highest priority
- has sufficient capacity to respond to changes in regions, state and federal policy, new technologies and funding opportunities.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

1. **Note the progress on the Action Plan recommendations in the Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020;**
2. **Commence a review in early 2020 of the current ‘Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020’; and**
3. **Officers prepare a new ‘Waste Management Strategy’ for consideration by Council at the December 2020 Ordinary Council meeting.**

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Mees that the Officer Recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED**

**Report No:    Report Title:**

**AO.2            Introducing a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service**

**Synopsis:**

Council's Waste Management Strategy 2015-2020 aims to improve the management of organic wastes through investigating the potential costs and benefits of changing the current household kerbside garden organics collection service to accept food – otherwise known as a food organics garden organics (FOGO) service.

A soft launch of a limited FOGO service commenced in November 2018 enabling residents to place fruit and vegetable scraps in their garden organics bin. This was limited to areas currently receiving the garden waste collection service only.

A full FOGO service would enable residents to place all food waste in their existing garden bin, thereby reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Instead of sending food organics to landfill, all food and garden organics are transported to a composting facility to be processed into compost.

This report provides a summary of the feasibility and options assessment undertaken by Council officers and presents recommendations for implementation of a full FOGO service.

**Officer Recommendation:**

**That Council:**

**Endorse a staged implementation of a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service over the next five years, whereby:**

1. **In January 2020, commence a weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage service to the existing green waste service area at an additional overall cost of approximately \$7 per household per annum to fund the annual supply of compostable caddy liners;**

2. In the 2020/21 financial year expand the weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage service to include the additional townships of Bullengarook, Monegeetta, Tylden and Malmsbury (approximately 750 tenements);
3. At completion of the initial collection contract term of five years (2023/24 financial year), implement a shire-wide universal FOGO service; and
4. Officers investigate the potential for a commercial FOGO service to collect food organics from cafes, restaurants and other food businesses to further improve food waste diversion from landfill for consideration in the new waste contract (2024/25 financial year).

It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Gayfer

That Council:

Endorse a staged implementation of a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service over the next five years, whereby:

1. In January 2020, commence a weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage service to the existing green waste service area at an additional overall cost of approximately \$7 per household per annum to fund the annual supply of compostable caddy liners;
2. In the 2020/21 financial year expand the weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage service to include the additional townships of Bullengarook, Monegeetta, Tylden and Malmsbury (approximately 750 tenements);
3. At completion of the initial collection contract term of five years (2023/24 financial year), implement a shire-wide universal FOGO service;
4. Officers investigate the potential for a commercial FOGO service to collect food organics from cafes, restaurants and other food businesses to further improve food waste diversion from landfill for consideration in the new waste contract (2024/25 financial year); and
5. Introduce into the annual climate change action plan report to the community the following measurements:
  1. Reduction of waste to land fill; and
  2. Reduction of net emissions in Macedon Ranges.

**CARRIED**

Cr Anderson sought and was granted leave to thank Council Officers for their work on the implementation of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service and expressed her wish that the service be embraced by the community.

The Mayor, Cr Pearce, also offered thanks to Council Officers for their work.

8.58pm Cr Gayfer left the Chamber.



**15. NOTICES OF MOTION****Notice of Motion No. 17/2018-19 – Councillor Helen Radnedge**

That Council write to Adam Somyarek Minister for Local Government, Lily D'Ambrosio Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change and Mary-Anne Thomas, State Member for Macedon respectfully requesting that with the recent release of the 2018 report on the "Return and Earn – Has it Worked? Report on Year 1 of Australia's First Modern Container Deposit Scheme" by the Boomerang Alliance, that the State Government consider introducing a container deposit scheme in the state of Victoria, using the learnings from this report.

During discussion by Councillors, it was noted the Minister for Local Government's name as written in the Notice of Motion was misspelled and should be corrected.

**It was moved by Cr Radnedge seconded by Cr Mees that Council write to Adem Somyurek Minister for Local Government, Lily D'Ambrosio Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change and Mary-Anne Thomas, State Member for Macedon respectfully requesting that with the recent release of the 2018 report on the "Return and Earn – Has it Worked? Report on Year 1 of Australia's First Modern Container Deposit Scheme" by the Boomerang Alliance, that the State Government consider introducing a container deposit scheme in the state of Victoria, using the learnings from this report.**

**CARRIED**

8.59pm Cr Gayfer returned to the Chamber.

**Notice of Motion No. 18/2018-19 – Councillor Janet Pearce**

That Council change the 2018/19 appointed delegates to the Airfield Advisory Committee by removing Councillor Jukes and adding Councillor Pearce.

**It was moved by Cr Pearce seconded by Cr Jukes that Council change the 2018/19 appointed delegates to the Airfield Advisory Committee by removing Councillor Jukes and adding Councillor Pearce.**

**CARRIED**

**Notice of Motion No. 19/2018-19 – Councillor Jennifer Anderson**

That Council submit the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council:

That the MAV advocate for the following:

- That the Victorian Government commit as a matter of urgency to:
  - Funding the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program (MERP) on a permanent basis from 1 July 2020;
  - Review the allocation of funding to ensure all municipalities in Victoria are funded equitably;
  - End the freeze on annual indexation; and

- Increase the level of funding available to reflect changes in costs since 2016.

**It was moved by Cr Anderson seconded by Cr Bleeck that Council submit the following motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council:**

**That the MAV advocate for the following:**

- **That the Victorian Government commit as a matter of urgency to:**
  - **Funding the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program (MERP) on a permanent basis from 1 July 2020;**
  - **Review the allocation of funding to ensure all municipalities in Victoria are funded equitably;**
  - **End the freeze on annual indexation; and**
  - **Increase the level of funding available to reflect changes in costs since 2016.**

**CARRIED**

**Notice of Motion No. 20/2018-19 – Councillor Bill West**

That Council:

1. Write to the Minister for Local Government the Hon. Adem Somyurek seeking an increase to the annual funding for libraries through the 2019-2020 State Budget. Council's letter will highlight the challenges in continuing to provide library services under the current funding arrangements, promote the 'Libraries Change Lives' message and outline how our communities value and benefit from the provision of library services;
2. Write a letter of support to Goldfields Library Corporation to strengthen their participation in the Public Libraries Victoria campaign 'Libraries Change Lives';
3. Invite the Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas to visit a Macedon Ranges Library and be briefed on the value of libraries to our community and the challenges of delivering the services under current funding arrangements; and
4. Work in partnership with the Goldfields Library Corporation to invite local residents to participate in the Public Libraries Victoria Campaign 'Libraries Change Lives'.

**It was moved by Cr West seconded by Cr Anderson that Council:**

1. **Write to the Minister for Local Government the Hon. Adem Somyurek seeking an increase to the annual funding for libraries through the 2019-2020 State Budget. Council's letter will highlight the challenges in continuing to provide library services under the current funding arrangements, promote the 'Libraries Change Lives' message and outline how our communities value and benefit from the provision of library services;**
2. **Write a letter of support to Goldfields Library Corporation to strengthen their participation in the Public Libraries Victoria campaign 'Libraries Change Lives';**
3. **Invite the Member for Macedon, Mary-Anne Thomas to visit a Macedon Ranges Library and be briefed on the value of libraries to our community and the challenges of delivering the services under current funding arrangements; and**

4. **Work in partnership with the Goldfields Library Corporation to invite local residents to participate in the Public Libraries Victoria Campaign 'Libraries Change Lives'.**

**CARRIED**

**16. URGENT AND OTHER BUSINESS**

**Cr Pearce moved and Cr Mees seconded that Council consider a motion in relation to the City of Greater Bendigo's submission to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as urgent and other business.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr Pearce moved and Cr Mees seconded that Council write a letter of support for the City of Greater Bendigo's submission to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network to be designated as a City of Gastronomy.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr West moved and Cr Gayfer seconded that Council consider a motion to write a congratulatory letter, signed by the Mayor, to Chloe Stewart, who at the age of 23 recently became the number one ranked female bowler in Australia, as determined by Bowls Australia, as urgent and other business.**

**CARRIED**

**Cr West moved and Cr Anderson seconded that Council write a congratulatory letter, signed by the Mayor, to Chloe Stewart, who at the age of 23 recently became the number one ranked female bowler in Australia, as determined by Bowls Australia.**

**CARRIED**

**17. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**

Nil

**Closure of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 9.06pm

**Councillor Janet Pearce  
Mayor**