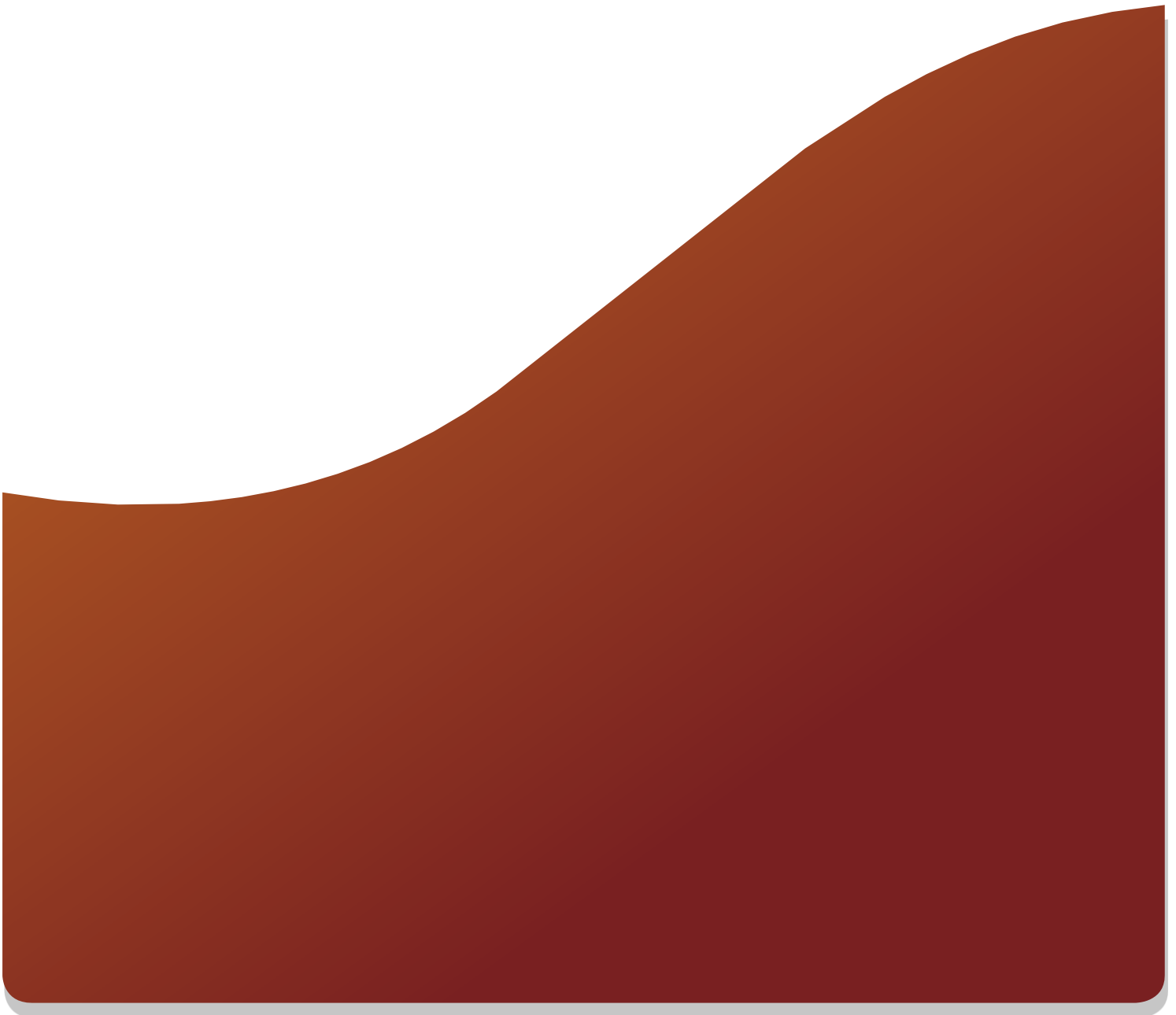


Minutes

**Council Meeting
Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 7pm
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**



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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

2 RECORDING OF LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings Policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

3 PRESENT

Cr Jennifer Anderson (Mayor), Cr Rob Guthrie (Deputy Mayor), Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Annette Death, Cr Anne Moore, Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Mark Ridgeway, Cr Bill West

IN ATTENDANCE

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment), Colin Marshall (Acting Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Lauren Wall (Manager Communications and Engagement), Lucy Webb-Wilson (Senior Governance Officer - Council Business)

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment) declared a conflict of interest to confidential item 18.1 on the agenda.

6 PETITIONS

Nil

7 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**Recommendation****That Council**

- 1. Confirms the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting of Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on 25 May 2022, as circulated; and**
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2. Confirms the minutes of the **Unscheduled Council Meeting of Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on 7 June 2022, as circulated.**

Amended Officer Recommendation

Resolution 2022/62

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council

1. Confirms the minutes of the **Scheduled Council Meeting of Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on 25 May 2022, with the following alterations:**

- (a) Removal of resolution number 2022/58 from Cr Neil's Motion in COR.2.
 (b) Subsequent corrections of resolution numbers:

	Minuted item	Old Resolution Number	New Resolution Number
i.	COR.2	2022/59	2022/58
ii.	COM.1	2022/60	2022/59
iii.	AO.1	2022/61	2022/60
iv.	NO.43/2021-22	2022/62	2022/61

- (c) to the recorded resolution of AO.1 FY21/22 CAPITAL WORKS - CARRYFORWARD PROJECTS:

That Council:

1. Approves the cancellation of the following four projects:
 - (a) RV Dump Point - Kyneton
 - (b) Building Renewal – Barkly Square Small Bore Range
 - (c) Building Renewal – Gisborne Rotunda and Gazebo Audits, Design and Cost Plan
 - (d) Kyneton Town Hall Equipment Renewal;
2. Approves the carry forward of forty one projects listed as Attachment 3 for delivery in the Financial Year 2022-2023;
3. Approves the carry forward of the following two projects pending approval of additional funds as part of the Financial Year 2022-2023 budget consideration. If additional funds are not forthcoming, these projects will be cancelled.
 - (a) Kyneton Barkly Square Field
 - (b) Woodend Golf Clubhouse
4. Approves the carry forward of the following two building renewal projects utilising the \$56,000 from cancelled projects:
 - (a) Building Renewal – Kyneton Airfield Toilets
 - (b) Building Renewal – Demolition Program – Kyneton Airfield Toilets;
5. Approves a scope change and carry forward of the following two projects for delivery in the 2022/2023 financial year:

- (a) Building Renewal - Kyneton Rifle Range Club Rooms
- (b) New Gisborne Tennis Courts LED renewal;
6. Approves a scope change for the Woodend Golf Clubhouse project and carry forward funds from the Financial Year 2021-2022, pending approval of additional funds as part of the Financial Year 2022-2023 Budget consideration. If additional funds are not forthcoming, this project will be cancelled.
7. Carry forward the Building Renewal and Demolition budgets for the Kyneton Obedience Dog Cub building at Barkly Square.
8. Utilise the savings identified within the Drainage Works line item in Attachment 1 to cover any required funding for the Woodend Community Centre Design works; and
2. Confirms the minutes of the Unscheduled Council Meeting of Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on 7 June 2022, with the following alterations:
- (a) Resolution number corrections:

	Minuted item	Old Resolution Number	New Resolution Number
i.	NO. 44/2021-22	2022/63	No resolution number required

- (b) to the recorded resolution number within the rescission motion NO. 44/2021-22 to read:

That the resolution 2022/58 titled COR.2 East Paddock Community Consultation & Proposed Sale which was passed at the meeting of 25 May 2022 be rescinded.

CARRIED

8 MAYOR'S REPORT

8.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - MAY TO JUNE 2022

Resolution 2022/63

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
 Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.

CARRIED

9 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF

9.1 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS - MAY - JUNE 2022

Summary

Rule 31(a) of Council's Governance Rules requires a written record of matters discussed at specified meetings of Councilors and Council staff to be reported to the next practicable

scheduled Council Meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting. This report provides a summary of meetings of Councillors and Council staff held since the last Council Meeting.

Resolution 2022/64

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff, as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

Council took the decision to alter the agenda order on the night to move item COM.2 to between COR.2 and COR.3 on the agenda.

10 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**10.1 RECOGNITION OF QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR RECIPIENTS**

Mrs Margaret Dearthcott of Kyneton was recognised in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honour List for service to the community of Kyneton.

Mr Malcolm Grant of Gisborne was recognised in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honour List for service to the community of Gisborne.

Resolution 2022/65

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council sends letters to Margaret Dearthcott OAM and Malcolm Grant OAM in recognition of their 2022 Queen's Birthday Honour award.

CARRIED

Resolution 2022/66

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council suspends standing orders in order to hear from the Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee, Mr Peter Mathews, on the Biannual Report June 2022 on the agenda this evening and to hear any deputations or public questions

CARRIED

Standing orders were suspended at 7:18pm

Council received a verbal presentation from Mr Peter Mathew the Chairperson of the Audit and Risk Committee wherein he presented the Biannual Report June 2022 of the Audit and Risk Committee.

One question was received from a member of the public who asked that their name not be read out. The question and response provided by Council officers were read by the Mayor

Question:

What is the Macedon Ranges Shire Council doing to address the impacts of short-stay accommodation on the broader rental availability and affordability ecosystem in our Shire?

Response:

Thank you for your question regarding this important topic. Council acknowledges that the availability of diverse housing stock, including social and affordable housing and rental properties, is vital to supporting housing stability, particularly for vulnerable community members.

Council is aware that, according to Census data, Macedon Ranges Shire has fewer renters compared to the broader regional Victoria. We also understand that the availability of short term accommodation, while supporting the visitor economy, may impact the availability of accommodation which previously may have been longer term rental accommodation.

State legislation under the Owners Corporation Amendment (Short-stay accommodation) Act 2018 governs short term accommodation. While some state governments have codes of conduct or registration requirements which engage local government, this is not the case currently in Victoria. As such, Council does not have complete visibility over short stay accommodation options across the shire, nor is Council the authority regulating these. It is an important question and future planning at a state government level should take into consideration both the opportunities and impacts of short term accommodation.

In terms of social and affordable housing, the Victorian Government's Big Housing Build program, announced in November 2020, is a \$5.3 billion investment, expected to deliver around 12,000 new dwellings across the state. Building social and affordable housing in regional Victoria responds to the increasing population in Victoria's growth areas and creates more rental housing to support employment growth in regional towns and cities.

Council is pleased that Macedon Ranges Shire has been earmarked to receive a minimum investment of \$30 million through this program, which will go some way towards addressing housing issues in the shire.

The Mayor added the following comment on behalf of Councillors "we will ensure we look at what other councils are embarking on and whether similar solutions may be applicable to us once we can fully understand the nature of the problem. The criticism of some shires has been the lack of consultation with home owners who choose to rent out their house for short stay accommodation rather than as a permanent rental."

Resolution 2022/67

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council resumes standing orders to consider the remaining items on the agenda.

CARRIED

Standing orders resumed at 7:29pm

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS**PE.1 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION FOR STANLEY PARK COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE****Summary**

On the 15 December 2021, Council resolved to establish a Community Asset Committee to oversee the management of Stanley Park, Mount Macedon. Council Officers have since worked closely with the Interim Committee to develop an Instrument of Delegation which will guide the operation and responsibilities of the future Committee. Upon endorsement, Council officers will commence advertisement for expressions of interest to fill the committee positions.

Resolution 2022/68

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council

- 1. Endorses the Instrument of Delegation for the Stanley Park Community Asset Committee under section 65 of Local Government Act 2020; and**
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to commence advertising for expressions of interest to fill the committee positions and appoint the committee.**

CARRIED

PE.2 HANGING ROCK PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

Summary

The revised version of the Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan (Master Plan) has been prepared by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) in response to community feedback on the draft Master Plan.

The Master Plan outlines an agreed approach to manage and protect the Hanging Rock precinct through long term change. The revised version of the Master Plan has been endorsed by the Hanging Rock Ministerial Advisory Group (Council's representative did not vote in the absence of a Council-endorsed position). At this time, the Master Plan has not been approved by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, and DELWP is awaiting Council's consideration of the revised document.

The Master Plan provides for managed change in the Precinct while seeking to respect the iconic Rock formation and protect the significant natural and cultural values of the site. Council endorsement of the revised Master Plan is important so there is a single strategic document that guides the delivery of the long term vision and management of the site. It is therefore recommended that Council endorses the revised Master Plan.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **Supports the revised Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan, as provided separately to Councillors, and notes that Council will continue to work with DELWP on the detailed design of each of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan;**
2. **Writes to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to express Council's support of the revised Master Plan, noting that Council will continue to work with DELWP on the detailed design of each of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan; and**
3. **Requests the CEO to continue to work with the sporting clubs currently located in the Hanging Rock precinct, DELWP and other agencies to secure new local facilities for these clubs that are proposed to be relocated through the implementation of the Master Plan.**

Cr Ridgeway moved the following motion:

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council

1. **Supports the revised Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan, as provided separately to Councillors, and notes that Council will continue to work with DELWP on the detailed design of each of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan;**
2. **Notes the detailed design of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan will be important to the community and requests that DELWP undertake community engagement for each key design element;**
3. **Writes to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to express Council's position outlined in recommendations 1 and 2;**

4. **Authorises and requests the CEO to prioritise actions and discussions with DELWP, the Hanging Rock sporting clubs and other relevant agencies, to secure new and permanent facilities in close proximity to their current location for the sporting clubs impacted by the delivery of the final Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan.**

In Favour: Crs Dominic Bonanno, Janet Pearce, Mark Ridgeway and Bill West

Against: Crs Jennifer Anderson, Annette Death, Rob Guthrie, Anne Moore and Geoff Neil

LOST 4/5

Meeting was briefly suspended at 8.02pm and resumed 8:18pm.

Cr Death moved the following motion

Resolution 2022/69

Moved: Cr Annette Death

Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council

1. **Notes the revised Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan, as provided separately to Councillors, and notes that Council will continue to work with DELWP on the detailed design of each of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan;**
2. **Notes the detailed design of the facilities and infrastructure included in the Master Plan will be important to the community and requests that DELWP undertake community engagement for each key design element;**
3. **Writes to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to express Council's position outlined in recommendations 1 and 2;**
4. **Authorises and requests the CEO to prioritise actions and discussions with DELWP, the Hanging Rock sporting clubs and other relevant agencies, to secure new, permanent and appropriately funded facilities in close proximity to their current location for the sporting clubs impacted by the delivery of the final Hanging Rock Precinct Master Plan.**

CARRIED

Councillors would like it noted that this motion was carried unanimously.

PE.3 LANCEFIELD DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERLAY 24 - STREAMLINING FOR GROWTH APPLICATION

Summary

A report was presented to Council at its Scheduled Council Meeting held on 28 July 2021 that outlined options to change Lancefield's Development Plan Overlay, Schedule 24 (DPO24) and options to assist affected land owners in complying with the DPO24 provisions. As part of the report presented to Council it was recommended that Council considers the preparation of development plans as part of its budget process.

This recommendation was not adopted by Council at the time in part due to the significant cost associated with completing development plans and concerns around utilising Council funds to support the development of the three DPO24 areas in Lancefield.

Officers have recently engaged with the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) to explore whether the current round of Streamlining for Growth funding presents an opportunity for Council to secure funds to support the preparation of development plans for the balance of Area 1 and for all of Area 2 and 3 covered by DPO24.

This report outlines that an application has now been submitted to the VPA under the Streamlining for Growth program to fund the preparation of three development plans. A decision on whether Council has been successful on this grant application is expected to be known in the coming weeks.

Resolution 2022/70

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil

Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council notes that an application has been submitted to the Victorian Planning Authority to seek funding through the Streamlining for Growth program to enable Council to prepare development plans for land covered by Development Plan Overlay Schedule 24 within Lancefield as outlined in this report.

CARRIED

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

CX.1 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT POLICY REPORT & REVIEW

Summary

This report provides Council with an update on the *Community Engagement Policy* (the Policy) review findings, as detailed in the Final Community Engagement Report, and proposes alterations to the Policy via a new draft Policy document.

Resolution 2022/71

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce

Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council

1. **Adopts the updated Community Engagement Policy and revokes the current Community Engagement Policy effective from 23 June 2022; and**
2. **Notes the Community Engagement Policy review report and recommendations.**

CARRIED

13 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS

COR.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIENNIAL UPDATE

Summary

This report ensures Council transparently discloses a summary of the key matters discussed at the Audit and Risk Committee meetings for the first six months of 2022.

The report also ensures the requirements of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter are met, by providing a biennial report to Council that summarises the work of the Committee performed, to fully discharge its responsibilities.

The Audit and Risk Committee Biennial Report - June 2022 is attached and the Chairperson, Mr Peter Matthews, will attend the Council Meeting to present the report.

Resolution 2022/72

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee Biennial Report - June 2022 - and thanks the committee and the Chair for the report.

CARRIED

COR.2 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Summary

This report provides a draft Internal Audit Charter for consideration and adoption by Council as recommended by Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

Resolution 2022/73

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council adopts the Internal Audit Charter.

CARRIED

COM.2 SMALL PROJECT GRANTS

Summary

The Small Project Grants program supports projects and initiatives that:

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

Council's Small Project Grants budget for 2021/22 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 a Scheduled Council meeting for review and/or approval.

This report details the process of evaluation and lists recent applications received.

Two applications have been received seeking a total of \$3,000 in funding. The applications have been evaluated against the eligibility criteria and are both deemed to be eligible.

With \$16,968 remaining in the 2021/22 Small Project Grant budget allocation at the end of the financial year, it is additionally recommended that this amount be carried forward to 2022/23 to supplement the \$160,000 allocation for the Community Funding Scheme which is historically oversubscribed.

Resolution 2022/74

Moved: Cr Anne Moore

Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council:

1. Approves the awarding of the Ashbourne Landcare Small Project Grants application of \$1087.50 for the purchase of signage for their members to promote the Landcare group and attract further support and membership.
2. Approves the awarding of the Kyneton Art Group Inc. Small Project Grants application of \$1,500 for the purchase of teardrop signage to increase promotion of the group to attract new members and improve awareness of their events.
3. Carries forward the remaining \$16,968 in the 2021/22 Small Project Grant budget allocation to 2022/23 to supplement the allocation for the Community Funding Scheme.

CARRIED

COR.3 BUDGET 2022/23**Summary**

The draft 2022/23 Budget has been prepared consistent with the requirement of Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020 and forms part of the Integrated Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework developed as Part 4 of the Local Government Act 2020.

At the Scheduled Council Meeting of 27 April 2022, Council endorsed the draft Budget 2022/23 for community engagement and consultation in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020* and *Council's Community Engagement Policy*. During this period, 65 submissions were received and considered, with a Submitters Delegated Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2022.

Therefore, the purpose of this report is to (1) make a determination on the submissions and (2) adopt the Budget, with or without amendment.

Recommendation**That Council**

1. **Adopts the draft Budget 2022/23, prepared in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, with the following amendments:**
 - (a) **That the budget be amended to increase grant income for the following areas:**
 - (i) **Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – Red Brick Hall, Kyneton – \$335,000**
 - (ii) **Preparing Australian Communities – Local Stream program – Off Grid Relief and Recovery Centres \$65,000**
 - (iii) **Victorian Grants Commission \$473,008**
 - (b) **That the budget be amended to increase revenue in the following areas:**
 - (i) **Interest income – \$110,000**
 - (ii) **Contributions – Kyneton Tennis Club – \$15,000**
 - (iii) **Contributions – Macedon Bowling Club – \$5,000**
 - (c) **That the budget be amended to increase expenditure in the following areas:**
 - (i) **Capital Works – Red Brick Hall – On Street Disability Discrimination Act car space and building renewal works – \$335,000**
 - (ii) **Capital Works – Off Grid Relief and Recovery Centres – \$65,000**
 - (iii) **Capital Works – Macedon Bowling Club, Clubhouse design – \$20,000**
 - (iv) **Capital Works – Kyneton Football Netball Club female change facilities and netball court design – \$97,000**
 - (v) **Capital Works – Kyneton Tennis Clubs tennis court light installation – \$33,820**
 - (vi) **Capital Works – Hanging Rock Cricket Club training nets renewal and upgrade – \$20,000**

- (vii) Capital Works – Brooke and Templeton Streets intersection, Woodend Pedestrian works, Stages 1 and 2 design and construction works. \$480,000
- (d) That Budget 2022/23 be amended to include a \$20,000 transfer from the Hanging Rock Reserve.
- (e) That a transaction processing fee of \$0.80 per transaction for kindergarten fees be included in the 2022/23 Budget.
- (f) To transfer the equivalent cost of two project managers (Capital Works) from existing contractor expenses to fixed-term full time equivalent positions – \$238,000.
- (g) That the Budget 2022/23 document be updated to ensure the required disclosures to specify the objectives of any proposed differential rates are incorporated.
2. Approve new loan borrowings of up to \$10,000,000 in line with the Budget and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:
- i. negotiate the loan;
 - ii. approve the successful tender;
 - iii. execute the loan documentation (CEO and either of the two officers below); and
 - iv. delegate to the Director Corporate and/or Manager Finance and Reporting to undertake the required process as outlined in points i. and ii of this resolution.
3. That the following amendments to the rates declared at its meeting on 27 April 2022 be adopted:

	Cents/\$CIV
General Rate for rateable residential properties –100%	0.0019232
Agricultural land rate –80%	0.0015386
Commercial/Industrial rate – 120%	0.0023078
Recreational land rate – 50%	0.0009616
Not-for-profit housing rate – 50%	0.0009616

4. Give public notice of its decision to adopt the Budget 2022/23 and that the Budget 2022/23 be made available to the public on Council's website and at Council offices and service centres.
5. Endorse the officer responses to submissions as contained in Appendix 1 of this report.
6. Respond to all submitters in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*.

Amended Officer Recommendation

Resolution 2022/75

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council

1. Having prepared the draft Budget 2022/23, placed it on public display and received and considered all submissions, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council adopts the Budget 2022/23 with the following amendments:
 - (a) That the budget be amended to increase grant income for the following areas:
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4. Give public notice of its decision to adopt the Budget 2022/23 and that the Budget 2022/23 be made available to the public on Council's website and at Council offices and service centres.
5. Endorse the officer responses to submissions as contained in Appendix 1 of this report, with the following amendments:

No.	Project Name/ Building	Summary of Submission	Officer Response	Officer Recommendation
58	Repairs/Maintenance to training facilities - Hanging Rock Cricket Club	Request for funding for maintenance and repairs of training facilities.	The full scope of works for this request requires further investigation. However, operational funding through the building renewal program and Recreation Facility Improvements would be appropriate to fund small scale improvements and maintenance.	Officers recommend this project be included in the Budget 2022/23
61	Female friendly facilities	Request the inclusion of \$30,000 to undertake detailed design planning	Officers are supportive of this initiative as a pre planning exercise. This is supported in the master plan review	Officers recommend this project be

		and documentation to develop a female friendly pavilion and upgraded netball courts at the Showgrounds Reserve to the draft Budget 2022/23.	which is yet to be considered by Council.	included in the Budget 2022/23 Officers recommend an additional \$67,000 be provide for the full detailed design and planning to include both items.
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6. Respond to all submitters in accordance with Council's *Community Engagement Policy*.

CARRIED

COR.4 COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2031 (YEAR TWO ACTIONS 2022-23)

Summary

The Council Plan forms part of the Strategic Planning and Reporting Framework, as outlined in the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA). The Council Plan must provide the strategic direction of Council, its objectives, the strategies to achieve these objectives and strategic indicators for monitoring the achievements.

At the Submitters Delegated Committee Meeting on 9 June 2022, Council received one (1) submission and no verbal submissions were received. A summary of the submission and an officer response has been included in this report.

Therefore, the purpose of this report is to note a summary of the submissions received and to adopt the Council Plan 2021-2031 (Year Two Actions 2022-2023).

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Adopts the draft Council Plan 2021–2031 (Year Two Actions 2022-2023), prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, and gives public notice of its decision to replace the previous Council Plan.
2. Endorses the officer responses to submissions as contained in this report; and
3. Responds to the submitter in accordance with *Council's Community Engagement Policy*.

Amended Officer Recommendation

Resolution 2022/76

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

Motion was amended in meeting from “Review the Draft Rural Land Use Strategy in light of community feedback received, and finalise the Rural Land Use Strategy for Council adoption with an implementation action plan” in the second table to “Review the Draft Rural Land Use Strategy in light of community feedback received, and determine next steps.”

Moved - Cr Moore, Seconded – Cr Guthrie CARRIED

That Council:

1. Having prepared the draft Council Plan 2021–2031 (Year Two Actions 2022-2023), placed it on public display and received and considered all submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, adopts the Council Plan 2021–2031 (Year Two Actions 2022-2023) with the following amendment,

From page 16 of the Plan, remove the following text:

Four- year strategic priorities	What we will do in 2022/23	Council role
Provide opportunities to experience open space and bushland reserves	• Commence actions to contribute to the delivery of the Rural Land Use Strategy	Deliver

And replace with:

Four- year strategic priorities	What we will do in 2022/23	Council role
Provide opportunities to experience open space and bushland reserves	• Review the Draft Rural Land Use Strategy in light of community feedback received, and determine next steps.	Deliver

and gives public notice of its decision to replace the previous Council Plan.

2. Endorses the officer responses to submissions as contained in this report; and
3. Responds to the submitter in accordance with *Council’s Community Engagement Policy*.

CARRIED

COR.5 ADOPTION OF REVISED GOVERNANCE RULES

Summary

At its Scheduled Council meeting on 23 March 2022, Council adopted a draft set of Governance rules for community consultation. The 28 day consultation process was completed at 5pm, on 27 April 2022. One submission was received from the community.

Based on subsequent discussion with Councillors and officers, and new information and legislative updates, the Draft Governance Rules require further revision, consultation and feedback. This report summarises the work done to date and recommends a report be delivered to a future meeting of Council for consideration.

Resolution 2022/77

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council

1. **Note the update on the development of the Governance Rules.**
2. **Note that a report will be provided to the September Scheduled Council Meeting including a revised set of draft Governance Rules for consideration.**

CARRIED

COR.6 DRAFT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL POLICY AND PLAN 2021-2025**Summary**

This report provides a draft Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and draft Fraud and Corruption Control System 2022-2025 for consideration and adoption by Council following feedback from Council's Audit and Risk Committee.

Resolution 2022/78

Moved: Cr Anne Moore
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council adopts the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and Fraud and Corruption Control System 2022-2025 to revoke the previous Fraud Management Policy and Procedure.

CARRIED

COR.7 CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED - JUNE 2022**Summary**

This report provides details of contracts proposed to be awarded under a delegation from Council, from the date of the last report. Although this report recommends noting the power delegated to Council officers, Council has the power to:

- a) direct that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) award the contract under the direct delegation from Council; or
- b) specifically delegate the power to the CEO.

Resolution 2022/79

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council

1. **Notes that the following contracts will be awarded by Council officers under delegated authority:**
 - (a) **C22.1166 Woodend Community Centre Design and Documentation**
 - (b) **C22.1167 Landscape Upgrade Stage 1 – Manna Gum**
 - (c) **C22.1168 Kyneton Museum – Minor Works retender**
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2. Note the breach of the Procurement Policy.**CARRIED**

COR.8 2022-2023 GROWING SUBURBS FUND**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement from Council for the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the 2022-23 Growing Suburbs Fund (GSF). The recommendation is to apply to the GSF for funding in priority order for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and the construction of the Gisborne Skate Park and Pump Track.

Recommendation**That Council**

- 1. Endorses the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the 2022-2023 Growing Suburbs Fund in priority order as follows:**
 - (a) Electric Vehicle Charging Station**
 - (b) Gisborne Skate Park and Pump Track**
- 2. Requests that community stakeholders are contacted and notified of Council's intention to apply for funding through this program and seek letters of support.**

Cr Bonanno moved the following motion:

Resolution 2022/80

Moved: Cr Dominic Bonanno
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council

- 1. Endorses the Chief Executive Officer to submit an application to the 2022-2023 Growing Suburbs Fund in priority order as follows:**
 - (a) Gisborne Skate Park and Pump Track**
 - (b) Electric Vehicle Charging Station**
- 2. Requests that community stakeholders are contacted and notified of Council's intention to apply for funding through this program and seek letters of support.**

CARRIED

Councillors would like it noted that this motion was carried unanimously.

14 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY REPORTS**COM.1 EVERY AGE COUNTS****Summary**

Council is committed to addressing ageism and promoting age-friendly practices across the shire, as demonstrated through a range of actions outlined within the Council Plan 2021-2031, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 and Participate Positive Ageing Plan 2020-2025.

This report provides an update on some of Council's key work in promoting an age-friendly shire to-date, and recommends that Council 'take the pledge' in support of the national EveryAGE Counts advocacy campaign.

Resolution 2022/81

Moved: Cr Annette Death
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council:

- 1. Takes the following pledge, in support of the EveryAGE Counts campaign: Council stands for a world without ageism, where all people of all ages are valued and respected and their contributions are acknowledged. Council commits to speak out and take action to ensure older people can participate on equal terms with others in all aspects of life.**
- 2. Joins the EveryAGE Counts Coalition, to work in partnership with groups and individuals across Australia to progress towards a society where every person is valued, connected and respected, regardless of age.**

CARRIED

Councillors would like it noted that this motion was carried unanimously.

15 DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS**AO.1 ASSET PLAN****Summary**

Under the Victorian *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must create an Asset Plan. Council officers present the final draft Asset Plan for adoption post community consultation.

Resolution 2022/82

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council

1. **Adopts the Asset Plan effective from 23 June 2022, noting it includes Council's *Asset Management Policy*; and**
2. **Revokes the previous *Asset Management Policy*, *Asset Management Strategy* and various Asset Management Plans that become obsolete with the adoption of the Asset Plan effective from 23 June 2022.**

CARRIED

AO.2 DRAFT TOWNSHIP STREET AND PARK TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY REVIEW

Summary

This report seeks Council adoption of the Draft Township Street and Park Tree Management Policy, following the review of community consultation and the subsequent amendments.

Resolution 2022/83

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council:

1. **Adopts the Township Street and Park Tree Management Policy effective from 23 June 2022 ; and**
2. **Revokes the Tree Management Policy effective from 23 June 2022 as this new Policy supersedes it.**

CARRIED

16 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION

Nil

17 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**Resolution 2022/84**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie

Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That pursuant to section 66(1) and (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council closes the meeting to the public to consider the confidential report(s) listed below, which are confidential on grounds provided in Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

18.1 Consideration of Bequest**CARRIED**

At 9:17pm, Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment) left the meeting due to previously declared conflict of interest with item 18.1 and did not return to the meeting.

Confidential reasons**18.1 Consideration of Bequest**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - e and f of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies and personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

Council did not move out of Closed Council into Open Council again.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 27 July 2022.