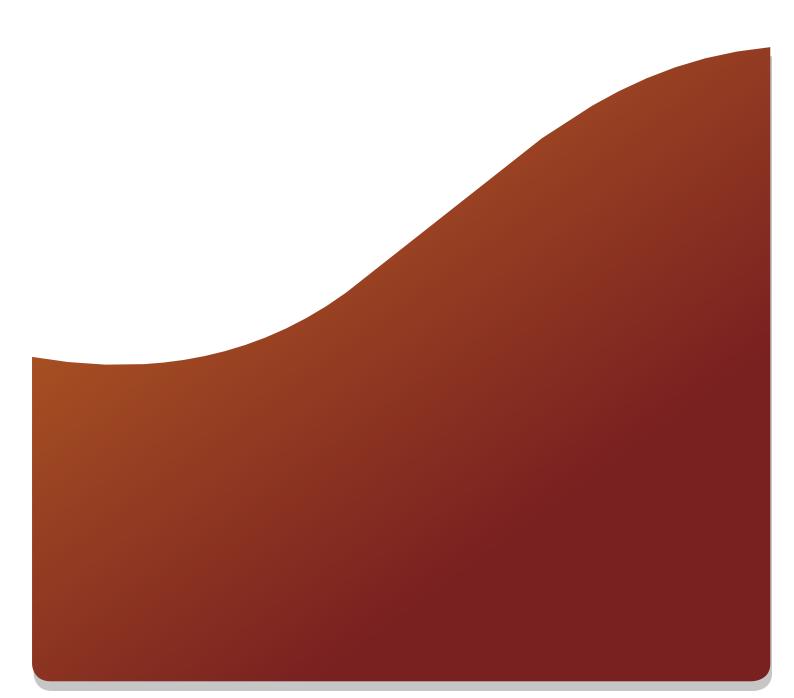


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Council Meeting
Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 7pm
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne



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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 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), Shane Walden (Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Patricia Clive (Coordinator Governance), Lucy Webb-Wilson (Senior Officer Governance - Council Business)

4 APOLOGIES

Cr Dominic Bonanno (on leave)

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Geoff Neil declared a general conflict of interest with agenda item AO.3 Capital Works Monitoring as he has a family member who is involved with the Kyneton Dog Obedience Club.

6 PETITIONS

NIL

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Resolution 2022/118

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council suspends standing orders in order to hear questions from the public.

7.1 QUESTIONS PROVIDED BY MR TONY TREVAN

Question 1

As a resident of Malmsbury want to know how long the Bridge in Ross Street will be closed to residents' vehicles?

Answer

Council Officers expect to have bridge repair/upgrade options from a consulting bridge engineer within the next fortnight. The timing of the works will be dependent project costs and the budget availability, however, the bridge is required to be closed until these works are complete. This may be for another 12 months.

Question 2

As the underneath of the bridge has recently been repaired by your contractor why was the bridge then closed?

Answer

The works completed recently were minor maintenance works to re-instate dislodge and loose bluestones on the end wall and abutments of the bridge and were not to address the safety issues of the bridge.

7.2 QUESTIONS PROVIDED BY MS ANDREA PERHAM

Question 1

Why has the 100 year old plus bridge in Ross Street Malmsbury not received sufficient funding in previous budgets for ongoing repairs and maintenance?

Answer

The bridge has been receiving maintenance and officers were aware the bridge was approaching the requirement for renewal. There was a budget item for the Financial Year 20/21 to undertake works on the bridge. However, there was community interest in protecting the integrity of bluestone structure – this significantly increased the budget almost fourfold and the works were postponed to enable further investigation.

Question 2

Given the known age of the bridge; why has there not been adequate maintenance and ongoing repairs to prevent the sudden closure of the bridge without the actual repairs being carried out?

Answer

Council undertakes annual inspections on this bridge and all other bridges within the Shire. These annual inspections determine Council's bridge maintenance and renewal programs, including the works required to the Ross Street bridge budget as provided for in the Financial Year 20/21.

The sudden closure of the bridge resulted from a consulting engineer's full structural and safety bridge assessment. This assessment was undertaken following the postponement of the original planned works.

To bring the bridge up to contemporary standards there is significant works involved and officers are investigating this currently. One of the major safety concerns identified and also raised by members of the community, is in regards to the bridge's width and lack of edge support. New works will need to ensure that this is addressed, as well as consider the heritage value of the bluestone structure.

Officers will be finalising repair options shortly.

7.3 QUESTIONS PROVIDED BY MR ROSS CORNELL

Question 1

The MRSC has been aware of the dangerous and unsafe nature of the Ross Street (north) bridge Malmsbury, since residents brought to their attention back in August 2020, more than two years ago now. Just closing the bridge for 12-18 months, hoping problems with the bridge will simply go away is not a satisfactory option for residents. Residents frustrated by the lack of funding and action on this unsafe bridge in the past, want to know why funding wasn't allocated for the bridge in the 2022-2023 budget?

Answer

There was no allocated funding in the 2022/23 budget as at the time of budget submissions Council Officers were undertaking further investigations with a consulting bridge engineer into the structural integrity and safety of the bridge. At that time Council Officers were unaware that the recommendation was going to be to close the bridge and did not have potential bridge repair/upgrade options and associated costs to provide a budget submission for Council's consideration.

Question 2

Back in August 2020, over two years ago now I first emailed the MRSC about the neglect and unsafe condition of the bridge Ross St (north) Malmsbury.

Over the next 12 months I had email conversations with Mahmoud Salem and Ms Danielle Orr, MRSC Heritage Planner, who both confirmed that repairs on the bridge were to be undertaken.

In this very same forum in March 2021 - Public Questions in Council Meetings, I asked a specific question about the nature of the bridge's proposed concrete decking.

So with planning apparently well underway in early 2021, 18 months ago, residents would like to know the reasons why they have to wait another 12 to 18 months to eventually get a safe and functioning bridge in Ross Street?

Answer

There was a budget item for the Financial Year 20/21 to undertake works on the bridge. However, there was community interest in protecting the integrity of the bluestone structure – this significantly increased the cost almost fourfold and the works were postponed to enable further assessment. This resulted in a consulting engineer undertaking a full structural and safety bridge assessment.

To bring the bridge up to contemporary standards there are significant works involved and officers are investigating options currently. This process could take a further 12 months, depending on budget consideration. New works will need to ensure that this is addressed, as well as consider the heritage value of the bluestone structure.

Officers will be finalising repair options shortly.

Resolution 2022/119

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

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

CARRIED

8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Resolution 2022/120

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Bill West

That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 28 September 2022 as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYOR'S REPORT

9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 2022

Resolution 2022/121

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.

10 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF

10.1 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS - SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 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 2022/122

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

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

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

PE.1 ANNUAL ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2021/22

Summary

Each year Council Officers prepare an Annual Environment Report, which outlines Council's progress towards achieving the vision and the objectives of Council's Environment Strategy. The reporting framework is consistent with the indicators in Councils *Environment Strategy - Refreshed 2021*.

Highlights from Council's 2021-22 Annual Environment Report include:

- Sourcing all of Council's electricity from renewable sources from 1 July 2021, through the Victorian Energy Collaboration.
- Completing community climate change action plans for Romsey/Lancefield, Gisborne and Riddells Creek.
- Completing the Snow Gum Monitoring Project that identified that the Macedon Ranges is an 'epicentre for low lying Snow Gums'.
- 22,245 people exposed to the environmental messages from the Kyneton Museum exhibit, 'A Biodiversity Crisis: Animals and Plants of the Macedon Ranges'.
- Winning the Premiers Choice Sustainability Award for our Healthy Landscapes program.
- Completing the roll-out of a four bin kerbside collection service with a significant reduction in household items received at our transfer station
- Responding to the environmental impacts of the 2021 Storm Events.

Resolution 2022/123

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council notes the Annual Environment Report 2021-22, as attached.

PE.2 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF BARRM BIRRM

Summary

The former Shone and Schultz subdivision in Riddells Creek, known as 'Barrm Birrm' (place of many yam roots), has high quality woodlands in private and Council ownership. This report provides Councillors with an update on the current status of Barrm Birrm and outlines the next steps to progress toward permanent protection of the site.

Unfortunately, due to a legacy of planning from the 1880s, this 118.6 hectare site is divided into 162 lots and owned by 130 different landowners. Due to the site's natural values, high fire risk, land form constraints and lack of services, the land is not considered to be suitable for development. As a result, current planning controls prevent development in the estate – creating frustration for many of its owners.

In response to the 24 August 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting Council resolution to advocate to the Victorian Government for the public purchase of the privately owned lots within Barrm Birrm, an advocacy document has been prepared (Attachment 1). This document will be used to support council and the community by telling the story of why Barrm Birrm is important and what we are asking the State Government to do.

The proposed actions intend to resolve a historic planning decision that creates conflict and risk for the environment and adjacent community.

Resolution 2022/124

Moved: Cr Annette Death Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council:

- 1. Supports the ongoing advocacy to the State Government, in the lead up to the State Election on 26 November 2022, for the purchase of the privately owned lots in Barrm Birrm for both community and environment benefit. This includes, but is not limited to, inclusion of the project in Council's Priority Projects Prospectus and on-going liaison with State Government representatives.
- 2. Notes that detailed ecological and cultural heritage assessments are planned that will help demonstrate the significant ecological and heritage values of the site.
- 3. Continues to offer the gift back program to all landholders and consider waiving outstanding rates to expedite this offer.
- 4. Continues to explore possible options to protect the site including seeking probate for deceased estates and new planning provisions.
- 5. Continues to liaise with real estate agents, new landholders or prospective buyers of the subdivision to ensure that they are aware of planning restrictions, native vegetation protection, access difficulties and promotion of natural values.
- 6. Continues to work with community groups to build awareness of the site's importance and natural values.

PE.3 AGR/2022/5 - END OF SECTION 173 AGREEMENT AU829337V - 52B MURPHY STREET, ROMSEY

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's in principle support to end Section 173 Agreement AU829337V ('the Agreement') in relation to 52B Murphy Street, Romsey.

The Agreement was registered on the title in 2021 in accordance with planning permit PLN/2019/288 which sought the Subdivision of Land into Two (2) lots. The Agreement contains restrictions in relation to building envelope and compliance and maintenance of landscaping area for Lot 2.

It is considered that the ending of the Agreement is appropriate and would facilitate the medium density development in accordance with the objectives of Design and Development Overlay (Schedule 18). It is recommended that Council provide in principle support to end the Agreement.

Recommendation

That Council provides in principle support for the ending of section 173 Agreement AU829337V for the land at Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 830900H at 52B Murphy Street, Romsey in accordance with Section 178A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Procedural note: Cr Guthrie moved an alternative motion.

Resolution 2022/125

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council not provide in principle support for the ending of section 173 Agreement AU829337V for the land at Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 830900H at 52B Murphy Street, Romsey in accordance with Section 178A of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The section 173 agreement was to ensure compliance with the landscape plan and the provision of a building envelope to Lot 2 to meet the setback requirements of DDO18.

In Favour: Crs Jennifer Anderson, Rob Guthrie, Annette Death, Anne Moore and Janet

Pearce

Against: Crs Geoff Neil, Mark Ridgeway and Bill West

CARRIED 5/3

12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

CX.1 ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Summary

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's 2021-22 Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 98 of the Victorian Local Government Act 2020 (the Act). Section 100 of the Act requires a Council to consider its annual report at a meeting of Council.

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receives the Annual Report 2021/22; and
- 2. In accordance with Section 98 of the Victorian Local Government Act 2020, gives public notice that the Annual Report 2021/22 has been prepared and that it will be available on Council's website and at Council offices.

Procedural note: Cr Moore moved an amended officer recommendation.

Procedural note: At 7:12pm, Cr Geoff Neil left the meeting and at 7:14pm, Cr Geoff Neil returned to the meeting.

Resolution 2022/126

Moved: Cr Anne Moore Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council defers the item, and that the Annual Report 2021/22 be presented for consideration at a Council meeting to be scheduled for Monday 31 October 2022 at 4:30pm, to be held online.

CARRIED

CX.2 CEO EMPLOYMENT AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Summary

To provide the community with a transparent record of the comprehensive process to complete the annual evaluation of the performance of the CEO.

Resolution 2022/127

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council notes the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee's successful completion of the assessment of Bernie O'Sullivan's performance as Chief Executive Officer of Macedon Ranges Shire Council during the first year to 30 June 2022, in accordance with Council's CEO Employment and Remuneration Policy and the *Local Government Act 2020*.

13 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS

COR.1 CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED AS AT OCTOBER 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 2022/128

Moved: Cr Bill West

Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council:

- Notes that the following contracts will be awarded by Council officers under delegated authority:
 - (a) C2023.12 Road Reconstruction Hamilton and Fitzgerald Streets Riddells Creek
 - (b) C2023.15 Project Management Services Shared Trails
 - (c) C2023.16 Five Mile Creek Footbridge Wood St Woodend
 - (d) C2023.18 Woodend Golf Club Renewal
- 2. Grants delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award the following contracts:
 - (a) C2023.14 Public Place and Reserve Litter Bin Clearance
 - (b) C2023.08 Bulk Waste and Recycling Services

COR.2 INVESTMENT POLICY

Summary

The Investment Policy was last reviewed and adopted by Council in April 2019. This policy has been reviewed by officers and Council's Audit and Risk Committee and is now presented to Council for adoption.

Resolution 2022/129

Moved: Cr Anne Moore Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Investment Policy as attached to the agenda effective from 27 October 2022, replacing the previous Investment Policy.
- Notes the ongoing work to consider further application of responsible investment and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) principles, including seeking community feedback and understanding the potential risks and benefits.

CARRIED

COR.3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Summary

The annual financial statements (the Statements) for the year ended 30 June 2022 are attached for Council's consideration and 'in principle' approval.

The Statements comply with the Australian Accounting Standards (AAS), other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the Local Government Act 2020, and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020.

The Statements are audited by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office.

Council's Audit and Risk Committee considered the financial statements at its meeting on 5 October 2022.

Prior to submitting the statements to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office for final approval, the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to pass a resolution giving its approval in principle.

Resolution 2022/130

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council:

1. Approves 'in principle' the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee.

- 2. Delegates to its Councillor members of the Audit and Risk Committee, authorisation to certify the Financial Statements.
- 3. Endorses the Financial Statements be included in the Annual Report upon certification.

CARRIED

COR.4 PERFORMANCE STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Summary

The Performance Statement has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) and the Local Government (Finance and Reporting) Regulations 2020 (the regulations).

The Performance Statement was audited by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office (VAGO) and considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 5 October 2022. Prior to finalising the Performance Statement with VAGO for, the Performance Statement must be given in principle support by Council.

Once the Performance Statement has been audited by VAGO has been finalised, it must be certified in its final form by two Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Accounting Officer.

Resolution 2022/131

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council:

- 1. Approves 'in principle' the Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022, on the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Committee.
- 2. Delegates to the nominated Councillor members of the Audit and Risk Committee, authorisation to certify the Performance Statement.
- 3. Endorses the Performance Statement be included in the Annual Report upon certification.

COR.5 GOVERNANCE RULES

Summary

This report is seeking Council endorsement of the draft Governance Rules for community consultation for two weeks, commencing no later than 31 October 2022. A consultation process was undertaken in April 2022 on proposed amendments to the Governance Rules. As a result of community and Councillor feedback, and further consideration of the structure and content, the draft Governance Rules have been changed significantly since the previous consultation. Therefore, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020, a further round of consultation is proposed prior to Council considering and adopting all amendments.

Resolution 2022/132

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council endorses the draft Governance Rules for community consultation commencing no later than 31 October 2022.

14 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY REPORTS

COM.1 SMALL PROJECTS 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 2022/23 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.

Three applications have been received, seeking a total of \$4,500 in funding. The applications have been evaluated against the eligibility criteria and all are deemed to be eligible.

Resolution 2022/133

Moved: Cr Bill West Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council approves the awarding of a Small Project Grant of \$1,500 to:

- (a) Sunbury Cobaw Community Health for their 16 Days of Activism Film Project. This will support the costs of producing and editing the film in time for the 16 Days of Activism, to raise awareness and campaign against gender-based violence.
- (b) Romsey Playgroup for their Outdoor Cubby Upgrade Project. This will support the costs of repainting the cubby and purchasing outdoor play furniture to enhance the outdoor play area for children and families using this space.
- (c) Lancefield Football Netball Club for their 150 year History Book Project. This will support the club to research, compile, edit and print a book detailing the club's history, with funding used to cover the costs of printing and publication.

15 DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS

AO.1 CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF ROAD ONTO THE PUBLIC ROAD REGISTER - TALBOTS LANE LANCEFIELD

Summary

This report responds to a request (CRM 258020) by the 122 Talbots Lane, Lancefield, resident to add an access track named Talbots Lane in Lancefield to Council's Register of Public Roads.

In considering the access track for inclusion into the Register of Public Roads, officers assessed it under the Public Roads Procedure Policy (2018). The access track requires considerable repairs and upgrades to meet Council's minimum standards for a Category 6 unsealed local road. Council officers recommend not adding the access track to the Register of Public Roads.

Resolution 2022/134

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council resolves not to include Talbots Lane, Lancefield, in the Register of Public Roads and advise the requestor of this decision;

CARRIED

AO.2 GISBORNE SKATE PARK REVIEW AND DESIGN

Summary

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the draft Gisborne Skate Park Review and Design (Attachment 1) and the supporting Consultation Report (Attachment 2) for four weeks of community consultation.

Resolution 2022/135

Moved: Cr Anne Moore Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council endorses the release of the draft Gisborne Skate Park Review and Design for four weeks of community consultation.

CARRIED

Procedural note: At 8:08pm, Cr Geoff Neil left the meeting due to his declared general conflict of interest with item AO.3 Capital Works Monitoring.

AO.3 CAPITAL WORKS MONITORING

Summary

This report provides transparency on cost escalations on infrastructure projects and seeks further funding, scope change or the cancellation of infrastructure projects.

Resolution 2022/136

Moved: Cr Anne Moore Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council

- 1. Adopts the following changes to the Financial Year 2022/2023 budget relating to the following infrastructure projects:
 - (a) Kyneton Obedience Dog Club Project and Barkly Square Public Toilet Project cancel this project returning \$167,000 to the budget
 - (b) Barkly Square Multiuse Building, design and plan provide a budget (as returned by item 1(a)) to undertake this revised project
 - (c) Carrington Street, Macedon Footpath Installation Project increase the budget for this project by \$43,000 from \$116,650 to \$159,650
 - (d) The Crescent, Lancefield Footpath Installation Project increase the budget for this project by \$68,000 from \$102,500 to \$170,500
 - (e) Bloomfield Road Gisborne Footpath Installation cancel this project returning \$230,739.99 to the budget
 - (f) Bloomfield Road, Gisborne Drainage cancel this project returning \$26,899.99
- 2. Notes that recommendation 1 (above) currently provides a capital works surplus of \$146,639.98 to the financial year 2022-2023 budget. Officers will continue to manage the overall infrastructure project program within the initial overall infrastructure project program 2022-2023 budget.

CARRIED

Procedural note: At 8:13pm, Cr Geoff Neil returned to the meeting.

16 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION

NO. 52/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - FLOOD EFFORTS - OCTOBER 2023

I, Councillor Geoff Neil, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 26 October 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/137

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council:

- recognises and acknowledges the efforts of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council leadership and staff, Victorian emergency services and community groups in preparing for and responding to the Macedon Ranges extreme weather event and flooding during October 2022;
- 2. commends the Shire community for supporting one another, and their resilience in dealing with the impacts of these events; and
- 3. conveys our well wishes and thoughts to other Victorian communities impacted by these weather events in their recovery efforts.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17 URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Resolution 2022/138

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie Seconded: Cr Annette Death

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 Design consultant variation request
- 18.2 CEO Employment and Remuneration

CARRIED

Confidential reasons

18.1 Design consultant variation request

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - g(ii) 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 private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

18.2 CEO Employment and Remuneration

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - 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 personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

This report contains personal information relating to performance and remuneration.

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

The meeting closed at 8.47pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 31 October 2022.