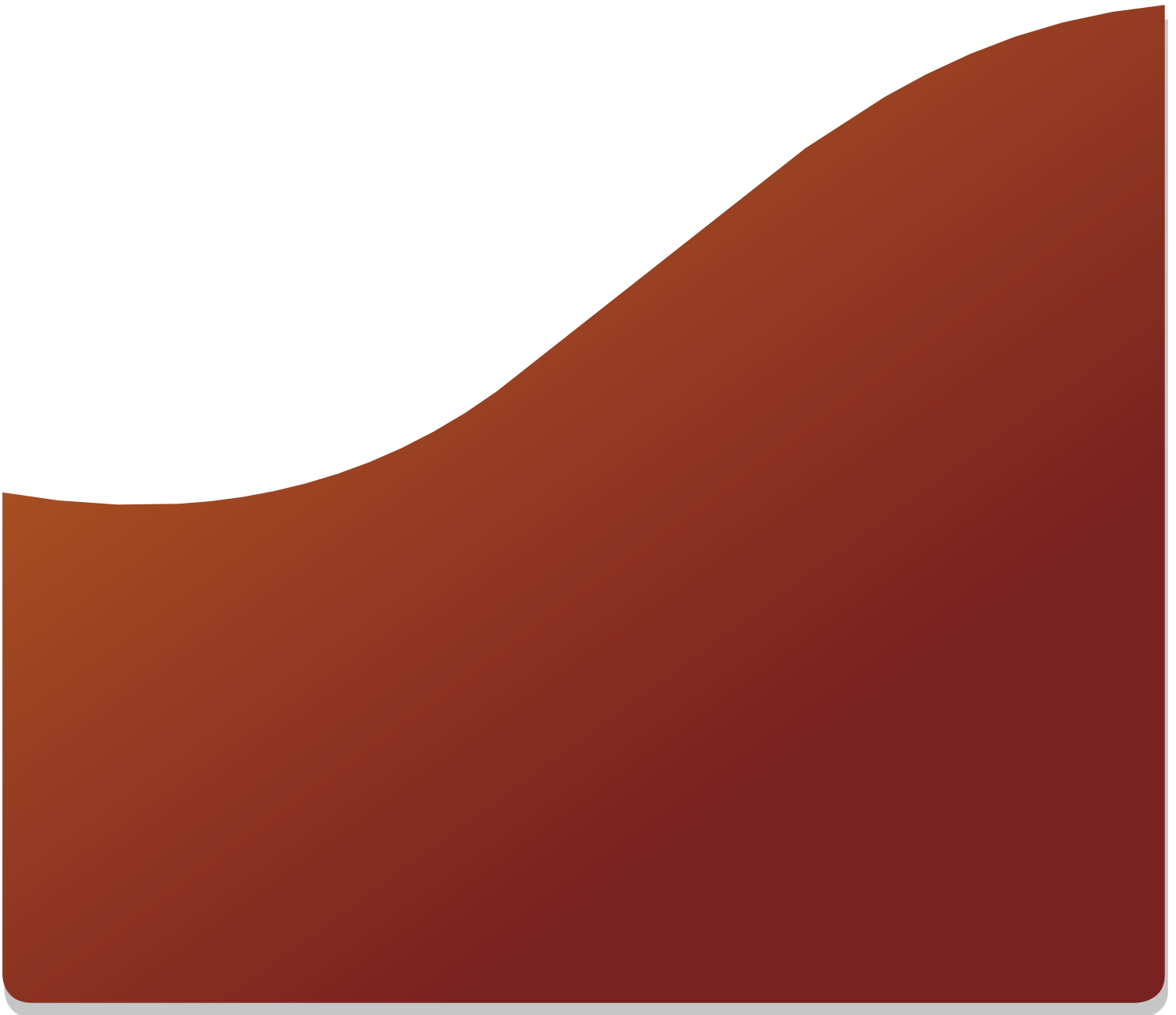


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Council Meeting
Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 7pm
Gisborne Administration Centre
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne



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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

5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

NIL

6 PETITIONS

NIL

7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL**Resolution 2022/94**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council suspends standing orders in order to hear questions from members of the public this evening.

CARRIED

7.1 QUESTION PROVIDED BY MR DALE O'SULLIVAN.

As a result of attending the Shire's highly successful community luncheon at the Woodend RSL recently, I had the pleasure to meet members of our Ukrainian Community.

One thing because very clear they don't want help to become refugees if they lose the war against Russian invasion. They want help immediately to win the war, so as not to become refugees. What a wonderful statement.

In this regard our question is

1. What has the Shire Council done so far to fund Ukrain's immediate needs and does Council support them in such a worthy cause, to avoid becoming refugees in the future. At the moment the Shire appears silent on their priorities to self-help.
2. Can the Council show more public support such as direct funding donations to Ukraine's official donations office in Melbourne for example. (Details to be supplied if Shire interested)

Answer

At its Scheduled Meeting held in April this year, Council unanimously passed a motion confirming its position of solidarity with and support for the people of Ukraine.

As part of this April 2022 resolution, Council lit up the Kyneton Town Hall in Ukrainian flag colours, committed to provide assistance to Ukrainian refugees seeking shelter in the Macedon Ranges, and publicly expressed its gratitude and thanks to local organisations and individuals aiding Ukrainian refugees.

It's worth noting that Macedon Ranges Shire Council is a Refugee Council of Australia Refugee Welcome Zone, and supports a number of related initiatives, including the Back Your Neighbour campaign and the Macedon Ranges Rural Australians for Refugees (MRRR) committee, who have recently received a grant through our Community Funding Scheme.

The Mayor also advised that she and the CEO met with the Ukrainian ambassador earlier this year.

7.2 QUESTION PROVIDED BY SHAUNA MARTIN

With regards to the Romsey Sporting Precinct Draft plan, why has the Council not incorporated a swimming pool as this is something the community has been requesting during previous community consultations, so is the Council listening to the community?

Answer

The Romsey Sports Precinct Master Plan was originally adopted in 2010. The recent review was held with the current formal users of the precinct. The draft plan is to be considered by Council in today's meeting agenda for release for public consultation. The public will have the opportunity to make comment on the Romsey Sporting Precinct Draft Plan.

Council has heard the community seeking a new aquatic facility in the east. Aquatic Facility Feasibility Study Macedon Ranges Shire Council (East) is one of twelve projects within Council's Priority Project 2022 Prospectus. The prospectus is shared with the Federal Government, Victorian Government and funding agencies seeking funding for a feasibility study. This study will test the current demand for an aquatic facility in the east of the shire in the context of the wider demand and utilisation across the municipality.

Subject to need it will also determine the most appropriate location and enable the development of concept plans to support application for funding of any future construction.

7.3 QUESTION PROVIDED BY CASSY BORTHWICK

Peri urban growth offers a real and current threat to our regional lifestyle, history and future, if not executed with proper care and planning. Here tonight at this meeting have two options; the easy way and the hard way. The easy way is just say yes without pushing for accountability and planning, hope then that all the stakeholders come to the party. The hard, I hope you vote on, is to delay until the required strategic planning, commitment from your state, federal and utility alliances is guaranteed. The decision you make will impact well beyond Romsey - you tonight set the precedent for future towns that are targeted as the 'new peri urban hotspots.

Tonight you have an opportunity to drive realistic, solid, sustainable, courageous change and decision making for the district of Romsey. So my question is how many of you will fight, advocate for the necessary planning, additional time and guarantees from political, utility, developer and community stakeholders to achieve a brave, positive and sustainable outcome for the community of Romsey and beyond?

Answer

This question will be addressed in the response to the next question.

7.4 QUESTION PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

The Romsey EOP structure plan strategy needs to be developed in a way that ensures appropriate services and infrastructure is in place before we increase the population of Romsey. We want to build a sustainable community with a good quality of life for all. What guarantees do the current residents of Romsey have that we will receive the proper investment from the State Government, local government and service providers with this proposed increase in population? What mechanisms and controls for infrastructure and services will be applied before the increase in population?

Answer

The role of a Structure Plan is to set a high-level framework that will include requirements for detailed service delivery plans to be developed. The services required under these plans may be delivered by Council, by the developer or other agencies.

Through the rezoning and planning permit process, state government, agencies and Council have the opportunity to provide comments and conditions relating to adequate infrastructure provision.

7.5 QUESTION PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

The Romsey Emerging Options Paper seeks to endorse the Greater Western Water Sewerage Treatment Plant buffer reduction from 900 metres to 600 metres. Have Councillors been provided adequate research to support this reduction and has this research allowed for any sewerage treatment plant expansion for future population growth?

Answer

The Romsey Emerging Options Paper does not seek to endorse the Greater Western Water Buffer to 600m. The Emerging Options Paper identifies that with adequate modelling and analysis buffers on treatment plants can be reduced to 600m.

The Emerging Option Consultation Report identifies as action 36 to 'continue working with Greater Western Water in finalising the buffer areas around the Romsey Water Treatment Plant to ensure this outcome feeds into the draft Romsey Structure Plan'.

7.6 QUESTION PROVIDED BY DAVID RODDEN

1. Are Councillors aware that the resolution before them, to adopt the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report, effectively disregards all prior strategic planning, including the Romsey Outline Development Plan November 2009, which provides for two priority future residential areas, including the north east (north of Romsey Road and east of Tickawarra Road)?
2. As identified by officers in the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report (in the Officer response to 2.9.3 Option 3: East and South Growth), the Emerging Options Paper acknowledges that there are some desirable options for growth to the south and east but also constraints, for some unknown and unexplained reason the Consultation Summary Report then concludes that one growth area should be chosen over another, without any analysis or thorough planning process that would require detailed mapping of opportunities and constraints. This work is the role of the Structure Plan, which is yet to be presented to Council for consideration. In summary, we are seeking confirmation that the Council will ensure that a thorough and proper planning process is undertaken to inform any decision on the growth of Romsey for the next 30 years?

Answer

1. The Romsey Outline Development Plan identifies opportunities for further growth (page 65). By endorsing the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report, it is acknowledging that the preference is for infill development in the first instance and growth to the south of Romsey.
2. The Draft Structure Plan will include proper planning practice to identify the new township boundary for Romsey.

7.7 QUESTION PROVIDED BY HAL PRITCHARD

Given, as stated in the EOP Consultation Summary Report that "The role of the structure plan is not to challenge the settlement strategy but rather to articulate how Romsey will move into its role as a large district town", why are 3 of the 4 population growth scenarios in the EOP significantly above the limit expressly recommended in the Settlement Strategy of "Based on the lack of railway infrastructure, limited community services and concerns regarding existing road infrastructure in comparison to other towns in the Shire, it is recommended Romsey could accommodate a population of approximately 6000 by 2036"? Since the Settlement Strategy in 2011 has there been any significant improvements to the Rail, Road, Public Transport, Education, Health and community services infrastructure that suggests, Council in any good conscience could advocate for a greater population for Romsey than the Settlement Strategy expressly suggests?

Answer

The role of Romsey as a large district town has been identified in state and local policies as a town which can sustain a smaller level of growth compared to the regional centres of Gisborne and Kyneton. The Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy indicates that Romsey will be a 'large district town' with a population between 6000 and 10,000 people. The preparation of the Romsey Structure Plan will identify growth and development for the next 30 years (2050) which extends past that of the Settlement Strategy timeline of 2036.

The options that were presented in the Emerging Options Paper were aimed to stimulate debate and discussion with the community and stakeholders. They were for testing and discussion purposes only. With a current population of 4935 people, all options/growth scenarios provided are with the parameters of a large district town as identified in the Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy.

7.8 QUESTION PROVIDED BY JAMES DIBBLE

1. Councillors, are you aware that the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report contains actions, notably within Actions 4, 52 and 56, which ,if endorsed, commit Council to directions on the growth of Romsey for the next 30 years in the absence of any detailed planning analysis, and prior to the preparation and consideration of the draft Romsey Structure Plan?
2. Will Councillors ensure that the directions for growth are considered as part of a proper planning process which provides for a detailed analysis of all relevant planning considerations, including updated census data, lot supply, growth projections and detailed analysis of opportunities and constraints for all areas including within Option 3 of the Romsey Emerging Options Paper?

Answer

1. The Draft Structure Plan will include proper planning practice to identify the new township boundary for Romsey. In the first instance the detailed analysis will be undertaken for infill development and then further growth to the south of Romsey.
2. The Draft Structure Plan will include proper planning practice to identify the new township boundary for Romsey.
3. Councillors have access to all submissions provided as part of the Emerging Options Paper.

7.9 QUESTION PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

Why if the town's residents have overwhelmingly stated through the submission process that they do not wish for the town boundary's to change is the council pushing ahead with the large district town? Can the Macedon Ranges Planning Scheme be amended to reflect the fact that the residents of Romsey and surrounds do not wish for Romsey to be a large district town?

Answer

The 'large district town' designation has been set since 2011 by the Settlement Strategy for Macedon Ranges, and more recently by the Victorian State Government's Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy (2019), and is included in the Planning Scheme.

Given the direction from state government it is unlikely that a change in the Macedon Ranges settlement hierarchy would be supported by the Minister for Planning.

7.10 QUESTION PROVIDED BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

We are seeking clarification on the statement on page 21, to “Review minimal easterly growth south of Romsey Road”

If it has been determined that south of Romsey is the preferred greenfield expansion option, why is any easterly growth necessary? Will development within the existing town boundary, along with greenfield expansion south of Romsey, not provide for sufficient growth?

What are the benefits of easterly growth to the community, and how will it improve the character and environmental qualities of Romsey? Do those benefits outweigh the negatives, such as:

- higher levels of traffic congestion through the main township
- reduction of the rural break between Romsey and Wallan
- erosion of township character and rural feel
- impact on the visual and environmental setting of the township
- loss of rural land and natural resources and features
- requirement for extensive new (and expensive) infrastructure?

Answer

The area identified in Action 56 reads as follows:

Review minimal easterly growth south of Romsey Road to ensure suitable township interfaces and bushfire buffers are created but avoid impacting on the Romsey Water Treatment Plant buffer areas.

This statement is intending to ensure that growth in the south area is congruent to the Water Treatment Plant as well as bushfire risk and its interface with other residential areas.

The statement is referring to the south land, not the “easterly” north of Romsey Road.

Council will undertake a further detailed analysis of growth scenarios through the Draft Structure Plan Process. This work is underway and is expected in early to mid 2023.

7.11 QUESTION PROVIDED BY PATRICK FRANCIS

Before Council endorses the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report will it release to the Romsey community and rate payers the modelling undertaken by its own planners and/or P2P which estimates annual greenhouse gas emissions generated between 2021 and 2041 associated with the proposed increases in population, development and housing for each of the three Scenarios described in Figure 25 of the Draft Romsey Structure Plan . And by what percentage or annual amount each year to 2041 will Council’s strategies as a founding partner to the TAKE2 pledge program to achieve emissions reductions targets, reduce each of the three Scenarios greenhouse gas emissions totals to meet its own, the state’s and the federal government’s target of zero net emissions polices by 2050?

As background to this question the Draft Romsey Structure Plan’s summary document for Sustainability and Resilience states “six opportunities have been developed that would provide a range of benefits to the town related to ...lower greenhouse gas emissions...”. But there is no data or reference to find out the quantitative context for “lower greenhouse

gas emissions” other than a general statement that “with new development being connected only to electricity infrastructure and not gas”. This statement does not reflect the additional amounts of greenhouse gases generated from all sources associated with each of the three scenarios to 2041. Council’s own Climate Change Action Plan 2017 documents states “Promote the vision of a zero net emissions shire by 2050 as a shared council-community vision, consistent with the state government target for a zero net emissions Victoria.”

Answer

No greenhouse gas modelling was undertaken as part options provided in the Romsey Emerging Option Paper. Any modelling would be heavily reliant on ‘assumptions’ and projected behaviour change.

The Environment Strategy Refresh 2021 identified a Zero Net Emissions Plan for Council Operations to be prepared. The plan will consider how best to monitor and mitigate Council’s increased emissions relating to urban development such as lighting, waste collection (and disposal) etc.

7.12 QUESTION PROVIDED BY SHAUNA MARTIN

With regards to the Romsey Structure plan, with 62% of the results of the survey showing people want either option 1 growth within the current boundary or prefer no growth, why is the Council insistent on pursuing development to the south and east considering all the concerns raised in the detailed submissions. Are the Council asking the community for feedback and still going to actively ignore it for their own gains, many of whom do not live in Romsey?

Answer

The role of Romsey as a large district town has been identified in state and local policies as a large district town which can sustain a smaller level of growth compared to the regional centres of Gisborne and Kyneton. Council’s Settlement Strategy and the Macedon Ranges Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) underwent significant community consultation.

The development of these policies identified the need for a revised Structure Plan that includes sufficient land to accommodate growth while also protecting Romsey’s neighbourhood character and key agricultural areas. It is not the role of the Structure Plan to change or alter the position of Romsey within the Macedon Ranges settlement hierarchy.

Council is committed to the preparation of a Draft Structure plan that responds to Council’s existing policies as well as feedback provided by the community.

Resolution 2022/95

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council resumes standing orders in order to consider Officer recommendations on the items on the agenda this evening.

CARRIED

8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**Resolution 2022/96**

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 24 August 2022 as circulated be confirmed.

CARRIED

9 MAYOR'S REPORT**9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2022****Resolution 2022/97**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.

CARRIED

10 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF

10.1	RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL OFFICERS - AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2022
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Summary

Rule 31(a) of Council's Governance Rules requires a written record of matters discussed at specified meetings of Councillors 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.

Recommendation

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

Procedural Note: Cr Death moved an amended officer recommendation

Resolution 2022/98

Moved: Cr Annette Death
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff as outlined in this report with the following amendments:

- 1. Leanne Khan, Coordinator Strategic Planning present at the Councillor Briefing on 23 August 2022; and**
- 2. Material conflict of Interest with Ross Watt Road development plan application and actions taken during the meeting noted for Cr Guthrie at Councillor Briefings on 23 August 2022, 13 September 2022 and 20 September 2022.**

CARRIED

11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS

PE.1 ROMSEY STRUCTURE PLAN - EMERGING OPTIONS PAPER COUNSULTATION SUMMARY REPORT AND NEXT STEPS

Summary

This report presents the Romsey Emerging Options Consultation Summary Report (Attachment 1) and a summary of key themes, submissions, officer response and further actions to progress work on the draft Romsey Structure Plan project.

Resolution 2022/99

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Romsey Emerging Options Paper Consultation Summary Report and contained actions to continue work on the draft Romsey Structure Plan;**
- 2. Notifies submitters and project subscribers of Council's decision; and**
- 3. Continues quarterly project updates to submitters and project subscribers.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PE.2 WOODEND COMMUNITY CENTRE PROJECT – DESIGN ENDORSEMENT**Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement of the jointly funded Council and Regional Development Victoria Woodend Community Centre Redevelopment – Concept, Schematic & Detailed Design project.

The Woodend Community Centre Redevelopment designs have been prepared by lead design consultant, City Collective, with input from Council officers, key stakeholders associated with the site, and the community via Have Your Say on Council's website and Community Consultation sessions.

Resolution 2022/100

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council:

- 1. Notes submissions (including survey responses) received to the Woodend Community Centre Redevelopment – Concept, Schematic & Detailed Design project, and thank submitters for their contribution;**
- 2. Endorses the Woodend Community Centre Redevelopment – Concept, Schematic & Detailed Designs for the project; and**
- 3. Notes that Council will continue to seek external funding in order to progress the Woodend Community Centre Redevelopment.**

CARRIED**12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

Nil

13 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS**COR.1 CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED AS AT SEPTEMBER 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 2022/101

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council:

1. **Notes that the following contracts will be awarded by Council officers under delegated authority:**
 - (a) **C2023.9 Guardrail Reinstatement Works**
 - (b) **C2023.11 Provision of Mulching Services**
2. **delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award the following contracts:**
 - (a) **C2023.13 Cleaning Council Facilities**

CARRIED

COR.2 COUNCIL MEETING FOR ELECTION OF THE MAYOR**Summary**

Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, sections 26(4) and 26(5) the date for the open Council meeting for the election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by the Council that is as close to the end of the term of the current Mayor as is reasonably practicable.

Resolution 2022/102

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council resolves to hold the election of the Mayor in a Council meeting that is open to the public on Tuesday 22 November 2022 at 11:00am, at the Gisborne Administration Centre, 40 Robertson Street, Gisborne.

CARRIED

COR.3 INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to amend the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to address legislative compliance. It is necessary to remake the Chief Executive Officer's Instrument of Delegation regularly so that it applies to all legislation current at the time.

It is proposed to include a specific limit for expenditure required under legislation that is above the Chief Executive Officer's financial delegation. In section 11 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* the Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer MUST specify the maximum monetary limits.

Resolution 2022/103

Moved: Cr Annette Death
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council

1. resolves that the Chief Executive Officer may exceed the financial delegation where the expenditure is required by legislation in which case the expenditure must not exceed \$1,100,000 (including GST) inclusive of the initial \$1,000,000 (including GST) limit;
2. resolves to adopt the amended Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer at Attachment 1;
3. authorises signing of the Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer at Attachment 1; and
4. notes that the amended Instrument of Delegation from Council to the Chief Executive Officer comes into force immediately after signing.

CARRIED

COR.4 INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT AND AUTHORISATION**Summary**

This report seeks Council's approval to appoint authorised officers under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (the Act) by an Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation. Under the Act only Council, by a resolution, can appoint authorised officers who must be employees of Council. In addition, Council is required to revoke any appointments for authorised officers who are no longer employees of Council.

An Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation is required for a number of staff who have recently commenced with Council. In addition, several Instruments are required to be revoked as the authorised officer no longer works for Council or has moved to a position that does not require an Instrument.

Resolution 2022/104

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie

Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council

1. **resolves that in the exercise of the powers conferred by section 147(4) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*:**
 - (a) **the Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation for the officers outlined in the table in Attachment 1 be revoked;**
 - (b) **Council Officers named in the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation provided at Attachment 2 be appointed and authorised;**
 - (c) **any previous Instruments issued to the officers in Attachment 2 by Council are revoked;**
 - (d) **the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation come into force upon signing and remain in force until Council determines to vary or revoke these; and**
 - (e) **the Instruments of Appointment and Authorisation at Attachment 2 be signed.**

CARRIED

COR.5 AUSTRALIA DAY GRANTS AND AWARDS COMMUNITY NOMINATIONS**Summary**

The purpose of this report is for Council to support the commencing seeking nominations for Australia Day Awards and applications for the Australia Day Grants for 2023.

Resolution 2022/105

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council:

1. **Supports the commencement of the Australia Day Awards and Australia Day Grants processes for 2023;**
2. **Endorses that from 2023 the Australia Day Award categories will be: Citizen of the Year Award; Connecting Communities Award; Healthy People and Environment Award; and Business and Tourism Award; and**
3. **Delegates the determination of the Australia Day Grants to the Chief Executive Officer beginning with the 2023 grants.**

CARRIED

COR.6 RIDDELLS CREEK CFA FIRE STATION**Summary**

This report presents a proposal by the CFA to lease part of the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve to relocate the CFA fire station, and seeks Council's endorsement to release the draft proposal to consultation with the community on the use of the proposed site for this purpose.

Resolution 2022/106

Moved: Cr Annette Death

Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

That Council:

1. **Acknowledges the draft proposal from the CFA to relocate the Riddells Creek fire station from its current location to the south-west corner of the Riddells Creek Recreation Reserve;**
2. **Endorses releasing the draft proposal for community consultation; and**
3. **Receives a report at a future Scheduled Council meeting including the outcomes of the consultation and recommended next steps.**

CARRIED

14 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY REPORTS

Nil

15 DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS**AO.1 DRAFT GILBERT GORDON OVAL MASTER PLAN****Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the draft Gilbert Gordon Oval Master Plan (Attachment 1) for four weeks of community consultation.

Resolution 2022/107

Moved: Cr Anne Moore

Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council endorses the release of the draft Gilbert Gordon Oval Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.

CARRIED

AO.2 DRAFT ROMSEY PARK SPORTS PRECINCT MASTER PLAN**Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the draft Romsey Park Sports Precinct Master Plan (Attachment 1) for four weeks of community consultation.

Resolution 2022/108

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That Council endorses the release of the draft Romsey Park Sports Precinct Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.

CARRIED

AO.3 DRAFT KYNETON SHOWGROUNDS MASTER PLAN**Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the draft Kyneton Showgrounds Master Plan (Attachment 1) for four weeks of community consultation.

Resolution 2022/109

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway
Seconded: Cr Janet Pearce

That Council endorses the release of the draft Kyneton Showgrounds Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.

CARRIED

AO.4 PUBLIC TOILET AND BARBECUE STRATEGY**Summary**

At the Scheduled Council Meeting of 25 August 2021 (item 4 of the resolution below) Council requested Officers present the draft Public Toilet and Barbecue Strategy (draft strategy) at the February 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting and subsequently deferred to the October 2022 Scheduled Council Meeting.

The draft Public Toilet and Barbecue Strategy (PTBS) has been completed and is now ready for review.

Resolution 2022/110

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council endorses the release of the draft Public Toilet and Barbecue Strategy for four weeks of community consultation.

CARRIED

AO.5 CAPITAL WORKS MONITORING**Summary**

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

Resolution 2022/111

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council

1. **Adopts the following changes to the FY22/23 budget relating to the following infrastructure projects:**
 - (a) **Barkley Square Resurfacing – increase the budget for this project by \$215,000 from \$750,000 to \$965,000**
 - (b) **Riddells Creek Recreation Room Expansion – increase the budget for this project by \$120,000 from \$230,000 To \$350,000**
 - (c) **Building Program – Gardiner Reserve Social Club Rooms Design – cancel this project returning \$25,000 to the budget**
 - (d) **Building Program – Lancefield Golf Course Clubhouse – cancel this project returning \$10,000 to the budget**
 - (e) **Building Program – Kyneton Bowls Club – recognised a budget surplus returning \$164,000 to the budget**
 - (f) **Building Program – Lancefield Swimming Pool Change rooms – cancel this project returning \$40,000 to the budget pending mid-year budget review**
 - (g) **Building Program – Woodend Swimming Pool Change rooms – cancel this project returning \$60,000 to the budget pending mid-year budget review**
 - (h) **Building Program – Kyneton Hurry Reserve Design and Planning – cancel this project returning \$20,000 to the budget**
 - (i) **Building Program – Gisborne Shire Office Roof Design – cancel this project returning \$50,000 to the budget pending mid-year budget review**
2. **Notes that recommendation 1 (above) currently provides a surplus of \$34,000 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.**

In Favour: Crs Jennifer Anderson, Rob Guthrie, Annette Death, Anne Moore, Janet Pearce, Mark Ridgeway and Bill West

Against: Cr Geoff Neil

CARRIED 7/1

16 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION**NO. 48/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR BONANNO**

I, Councillor Dominic Bonanno, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/112

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

That Council

1. Notes that I, Councillor Dominic Bonanno, have been endorsed as a candidate for the District of Macedon in the upcoming Victorian State election on 26 November 2022.
2. Grants me leave under section 35(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020* commencing immediately and concluding with the determining of the outcome of the electoral result for the District of Macedon in the Victorian State election.
3. Notes that I, Councillor Dominic Bonanno, will not receive any Councillor allowances from 8 September 2022 until the conclusion of the election for the District of Macedon in the Victorian State election.

CARRIED

NO. 49/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - MAV STATE COUNCIL - EARLY MOTIONS

I, Councillor Jennifer Anderson, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/113

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That Council resolves to support the intent of the attached motions (Attachment 1) prepared for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 14 October 2022.

CARRIED

**NO. 47/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - SUPPORT FOR MOONEE VALLEY MAV
MOTION - COUNCIL CULTURE**

I, Councillor Jennifer Anderson, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/114

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce
Seconded: Cr Annette Death

That Council

1. **resolves to support the intent of the following motion relating to the Local Government Culture Taskforce prepared by Moonee Valley City Council for the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council meeting on 14 October 2022:**
 - (a) **That the MAV:**
 - (i) **Notes that the Local Government Culture Project Insights Report concludes that, to address cultural challenges and Councillor conduct, and bring about long-term systemic cultural change, sector-wide ownership of next steps is required.**
 - (ii) **As a key component of cultural change, endorse the view that we, as Councillors, are accountable and responsible for creating a safe and healthy working environment, in the same way as all local government employees.**
 - (iii) **Establishes a Local Government Culture Taskforce to achieve sector-wide ownership and agreement of the issues with respect to local government culture, and actions to address these issues; and that**
 - (1) **the Taskforce comprise representatives of the MAV, VLGA, ALGWA, LGPro, Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) and other relevant local government stakeholders;**
 - (2) **the Taskforce identify short-term recommendations to address issues of Councillor conduct by early-2023, and circulate these to the sector for feedback;**
 - (3) **the Taskforce develop medium to long-term recommendations for changes ahead of the 2024 Victorian local government elections, and that these be circulated to the sector for feedback; and**
 - (iv) **Writes to the Minister for Local Government to request that the Minister and Local Government Victoria work proactively in partnership with the MAV and the sector to respond to recommendations and continually improve the legislation and regulations governing Councils and Councillors to ensure:**

- (1) effective and timely dispute resolution processes, including standardised paths for breaches of a Council's Code of Conduct; and
- (2) a sector-wide culture of creating safe and healthy workplaces for Councillors and Council staff.

CARRIED

NO. 50/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - TO SUPPORT CAMPASPE COUNCIL'S MOTION

I, Councillor Jennifer Anderson, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/115

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

That the MAV:

1. advocate to the State Government to introduce legislation for the banning of the sale of e-cigarettes without a prescription; and
2. advocate to the State Government to introduce legislation to restrict the promotion and consumption of e-cigarettes, to mirror the restrictions placed on the promotion and consumption of traditional tobacco products.

CARRIED

NO. 51/2022-23: NOTICE OF MOTION - THE PASSING OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II

I, Councillor Jennifer Anderson, give notice that at the next Meeting of Council to be held on 28 September 2022, I intend to move the following motion:

Resolution 2022/116

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil
Seconded: Cr Anne Moore

That Council extends its sincere condolences to His Majesty King Charles III and The Royal Family in their time of mourning following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

CARRIED

17 URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**Resolution 2022/117**

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 1041 Ashbourne Road - Pump Procurement**CARRIED**

Confidential reasons**18.1 1041 Ashbourne Road - Pump Procurement**

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.

This report details information concerning a private property and costs incurred as a result of using the site for green waste processing.

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

The meeting closed at 8:22pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 26 October 2022.