



# **MINUTES**

## **Council Meeting**

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**6.00pm Tuesday 9 June 2020**

**VENUE:**  
**Golden Plains Civic Centre**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2 Pope Street, Bannockburn**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 23 June 2020

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**MINUTES OF GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE GOLDEN PLAINS CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2 POPE STREET,  
BANNOCKBURN  
ON TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2020 AT 6.00PM**

**PRESENT:** Cr Helena Kirby, Cr David Evans, Cr Joanne Gilbert, Cr Nathan Hansford, Cr Des Phelan, Cr Les Rowe, Cr Owen Sharkey (Mayor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Eric Braslis (CEO), Phil Josipovic (Director Infrastructure and Development), Philippa O'Sullivan (Director Corporate Services), Lisa Letic (Director Community Services), Fiona Rae (Manager Finance)

**Cr Owen Sharkey (Mayor) read the following statement:**

Welcome everyone tonight to this Council Meeting to hear the Submissions on the 2020-21 Budget.

As Chair of the Meeting I give my consent for this open Council meeting to be streamed live, recorded and published online, in accordance with Section 27 of Council's Local Law No. 1 of 2019.

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Should technical issues prevent the continuation of the stream a recording will be made available on our website.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in line with new guidelines from the Victorian Government, this meeting is not open to members of the public. Only Councillors and essential staff members are in physical attendance tonight, with social distancing and hygiene requirements in place. The submitters who have registered to speak tonight will do so in a virtual form.

Tonight is our Special Budget Meeting and Council will hear directly from several residents who will share their Draft Budget submission.

Before we progress with the submission, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a significant achievement that was announced yesterday.

As part of the Queen's Birthday honoree list, Bill McArthur was awarded an Order of Australia medal for service to local government and the community of the Golden Plains Shire. As Mayor of Golden Plains, I'd like to extend the congratulations of the Council and the whole Golden Plains community for this significant achievement to Bill McArthur.

As acknowledged by the award of the OAM, Bill has an extensive list of service in local government and just a few of his commitments include serving as a local Councillors for a remarkable 24 years, including a term as Mayor from 2004 to 2005. In addition, Bill was the president of the Municipal Association of Victoria from 2009 to 2016, and served as a director and the vice-president of the Australian Local Government Association for many years.

As many appreciative residents will know, Bill has always been very active and involved in the Haddon community. He was a CFA volunteer firefighter with the Haddon Brigade for 18 years, the President of the Haddon Recreation Centre for 12 years; and the Member of the Haddon Primary School Council for 14 years, including two years as President.

It's a remarkable resume – and yet there's even more. I'd encourage everyone to read the article on Bill's service to the Golden Plains Shire and regional Victoria in this week's Golden Plains Times newspaper.

Again, on behalf of Golden Plains Shire Council and our residents across the Shire, we thank Bill for his decades of community work and representation; and we congratulate him on this very well-deserved recognition to join the Order of Australia network.

Thank you.

## **1 OPENING DECLARATION**

We the Councillors of Golden Plains Shire declare that we will undertake, on every occasion, to carry out our duties in the best interest of the community and that our conduct shall maintain the standards of the code of good governance so that we may faithfully represent and uphold the trust placed in this Council by the people of Golden Plains Shire.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledge the traditional Wadawurrung owners of the land where we meet today. Council pays its respects to Wadawurrung Elders both past and present and extends that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People who are part of Golden Plains Shire.

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## **4 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 5 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 5.1 SUBMISSIONS TO THE 2020-21 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 28 April 2020, Council resolved to publically exhibit the 2020-21 Draft Annual Budget in accordance with Section 223 of *the Local Government Act, 1989* (the Act).

Submissions from the public were invited via email, hardcopy mail or through Council's Have Your Say webpage, with a closing date of 29 May 2020. In addition, Council included a four page article in the Golden Plains Shire Gazette on the 2020-21 Draft Annual Budget, with distribution to residents across the Shire. The primary focus of the budget being to continue to deliver services under the rates cap, with investment in roads, infrastructure and local community projects was outlined. The draft budget also included the revised rating strategy and also highlighted rating strategy review changes and rates support for ratepayers and businesses explained in detail. Social media was also used as a medium to promote and communicate the key points from the draft 2020-21 budget.

Nine (9) public submissions were received, of which 4 submitters have requested to be heard. The hearing of submissions will commence at 6.00pm on 9 June 2020, with 5 minutes being allowed for each presentation. Officers provided responses to submitters to answer specific questions asked this year, which was due to the current COVID-19 environment whereby the public did not have an opportunity to ask questions at the two scheduled conversation posts which were cancelled in accordance with COVID-19 requirements.

The 2020-21 Draft Annual Budget will be presented to the 23 June 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting for final adoption.

#### Submitters Heard:

1. John and Anne Bolitho
2. Barbara Baird
3. David Head
4. Cameron Steele

#### RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Joanne Gilbert

Seconded: Cr Nathan Hansford

That Council

1. Receives and notes the submissions relating to 2020-21 Draft Annual Budget, and
2. Hear the submissions from those requesting to address Council in support of their submission lodged under Section 129 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**CARRIED**

**The Meeting closed at 6.55pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting of the Golden Plains Shire Council held on 23 June 2020.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**