

AGENDA

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 27 April 2021

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

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 25 May 2021

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Code of Conduct Principles

WORKING TOGETHER

We Councillors will:

- acknowledge and respect that a diversity of opinion exists among us;
- recognise that each of us has different life experience, knowledge and values, and that all of these contribute collectively to our discussions;
- behave with courtesy towards each other, Council officers and our citizens;
- conform to the policy and precedents that guide the conduct of meetings;
- attend punctually and participate in all relevant meetings, workshops and briefings;
- share reasonably in the representation, ceremonial and hosting tasks of the full Council; and
- honour the majority decisions made by the Council, irrespective of our own position, and explain these decisions frankly to the community, once made.

BEHAVING WITH INTEGRITY

We Councillors will:

- identify our financial and personal interest, or potential interest, in any matter that comes before the Council;
- be honest and truthful;
- comply with laws and the regulations deriving there from;
- respect Council property and be frugal in its use, where allowed;
- avoid using our position for personal gain or to achieve advantage over others or to obtain preferential treatment;
- be sympathetic to the legitimate concerns of our citizens;
- act impartially when making decisions and have due regard to the needs of the community as a whole, rather than that of narrow vested interest; and
- acknowledge the role of Council officers in providing advice to us and in implementing Council decisions.

MAKING COMPETENT DECISIONS

We Councillors will:

- without diminishing the short term focus, approach decisions with due regard to the long term needs of the municipality;
- form policies with regard to the needs of the entire Shire;
- direct our attentions to the strategic and statutory needs of the municipality rather than short term, transient, operational issues;
- seek to fully inform ourselves on the issues before Council before making a decision;
- take all reasonable steps to improve our knowledge of matters relevant to our municipal duties; and
- use and respect the professional knowledge of Council officers and other advisers to Council.

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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**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES****Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 2021 and Friday 16 April 2021 as circulated, be confirmed.

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**7.1 DELEGATES REPORT - 23 MARCH 2021 TO 26 APRIL 2021****File Number:****Author: Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer****Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO****Attachments: Nil****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Delegates Report – 23 March 2021 to 26 April 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

	Cr Kirby	Cr Cunningham	Cr Gamble	Cr Getsom	Cr Rowe	Cr Sharkey	Cr Whitfield
Council Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Unscheduled Council Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Strategic Councillor Briefing	✓	✓	✓				✓
Portfolios	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Cr Helena Kirby

24 March	Colac Regional Advisory Group meeting
25 March	Round Table Dinner – Committee for Ballarat
26 March	G21 Board Meeting
26 March	Implementation Matters webinar
29 March	Virtual meeting with Libby Coker MP
30 March	Mayoral COVID Briefing meeting with The Hon. Shaun Leane MP
31 March	MAV Meeting Procedure Training
1 April	Visit to the Community Vaccination Hub
9 April	Small Business Friendly Council Charter Signing ceremony
9 April	KRock Media interview
14 April	Meeting with Richard Riordan MP
15 April	Active Ageing & Inclusion Advisory meeting
15 April	Virtual meeting with Catherine King MP
21 April	Geelong Energy Futures Forum
22 April	G21 Pillar Chairs, Deputies and Board Liaison Members collaboration meeting

Cr Brett Cunningham

30 March	Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Industry Event
22 April	G21 Economic Development Pillar virtual meeting
26 April	Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Board meeting

Cr Gavin Gamble

26 March G21 Board Meeting
13 April G21 Transport Pillar virtual meeting

Cr Ian Getsom

25 March Round Table Dinner – Committee for Ballarat
26 March G21 Board Meeting
13 April G21 Transport Pillar virtual meeting
15 April Timber Towns Victoria General virtual meeting

Cr Les Rowe

21 April MAV Strategic Planning Session

Cr Owen Sharkey

25 March Geelong Regional Library Committee virtual meeting
26 March G21 Board Meeting
1 April Geelong Regional Library Committee virtual meeting
21 April MAV Strategic Planning Session
22 April Geelong Regional Library Committee Board meeting

Cr Clayton Whitfield

26 March G21 Board Meeting

7.2 P04281 - 3920 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, MEREDITH (AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING POULTRY FARM PERMIT)

File Number:

Author: Sandra Tomic, Town Planner

Authoriser: Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development

Attachments: 1. Recommended Permit Conditions

RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant an amended Planning Permit for the use of the land for a poultry farm under Clause 35.07-1, construction of buildings (2 additional poultry sheds and associated works under Clause 35.07-4, by amending the permit preamble and amend the existing conditions by restricting the number of birds (chickens) and amending the associated plans, subject to conditions attached to this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there is one (1) objection to the application with the main concerns relating to number of chickens and increase in industry so close to town. This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application, and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

This report relates to an application to amend an existing planning permit. The application seeks to alter the use of the land for a Poultry farm under Clause 35.07-1, construction of buildings (2 additional poultry sheds and associated works under Clause 35.07-4. The proposed amendment will alter the permit preamble, amend existing conditions to restricting the number of birds (chickens) and amend the existing endorsed plans.

Under Clause 35.07-1 (FZ) a permit is required for any use listed in section 2 of the table of uses. Poultry farm is a section 2 (permit required) use. A planning permit is also required under clause 35.07-4 (FZ) for buildings and works associated with a section 2 use.

Pursuant to Clause 73.03 of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme a Poultry farm is defined as:
'Land used to keep or breed poultry'.

Section 73(1) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* states that Sections 47 to 62 apply to an application to amend a permit as if the application were an application for a permit and any reference to a permit were a reference to the amendment to the permit.

Section 72(3) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* states that a reference to a permit includes any plans, drawings or other documents approved under a permit.

The application satisfies the State and Local planning policies, the Farming Zone, and the decision guidelines of the Planning Scheme (Clause 65). There is suitable separation between the proposed Poultry farm and sensitive land uses. The proposal will facilitate the establishment of an important and productive agricultural industry in a manner that is consistent with orderly and proper planning and the protection of the environment. It is considered that the grant of a Notice of Decision to grant a permit will not cause material detriment to any person and this application is therefore recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

BACKGROUND

Site description

The subject site has an area of 59ha and is currently being used as a broiler farm with a capacity for 200,000 birds (chickens) housed in four large sheds, supported by a dwelling, and associated

outbuilding. The site gains access from the Midland Highway, which is a sealed road, managed by VicRoads. The site contains vegetation that has been planted along the northern southern and western boundaries with a landscape strip close to the existing sheds.

The western two thirds of the property is relatively flat with a gentle fall to the south east. The eastern section of the property forms an incised drainage line (Coolebarghurk Creek). The break of slope is approximately 450 metres from the eastern end of the existing sheds. A shallow dam is located near the eastern end of the sheds.

The site is located within the Farming Zone (FZ), with a small portion of land is within the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO), 6.84%. Land surrounding the site is also zoned Farming, with the closest dwelling to the shed approximately 590m to the north.

Subject site



Proposal

This application proposes to amend the existing permit (P04281) which allowed for:

The use of the land at Lot 3 PS432572S Midland Highway Meredith for a broiler farm to grow 40,000 birds in addition to the approved 160,000 birds (refer P01-249) making 200,000 birds in total, and to develop one further shed thereon subject to the following conditions

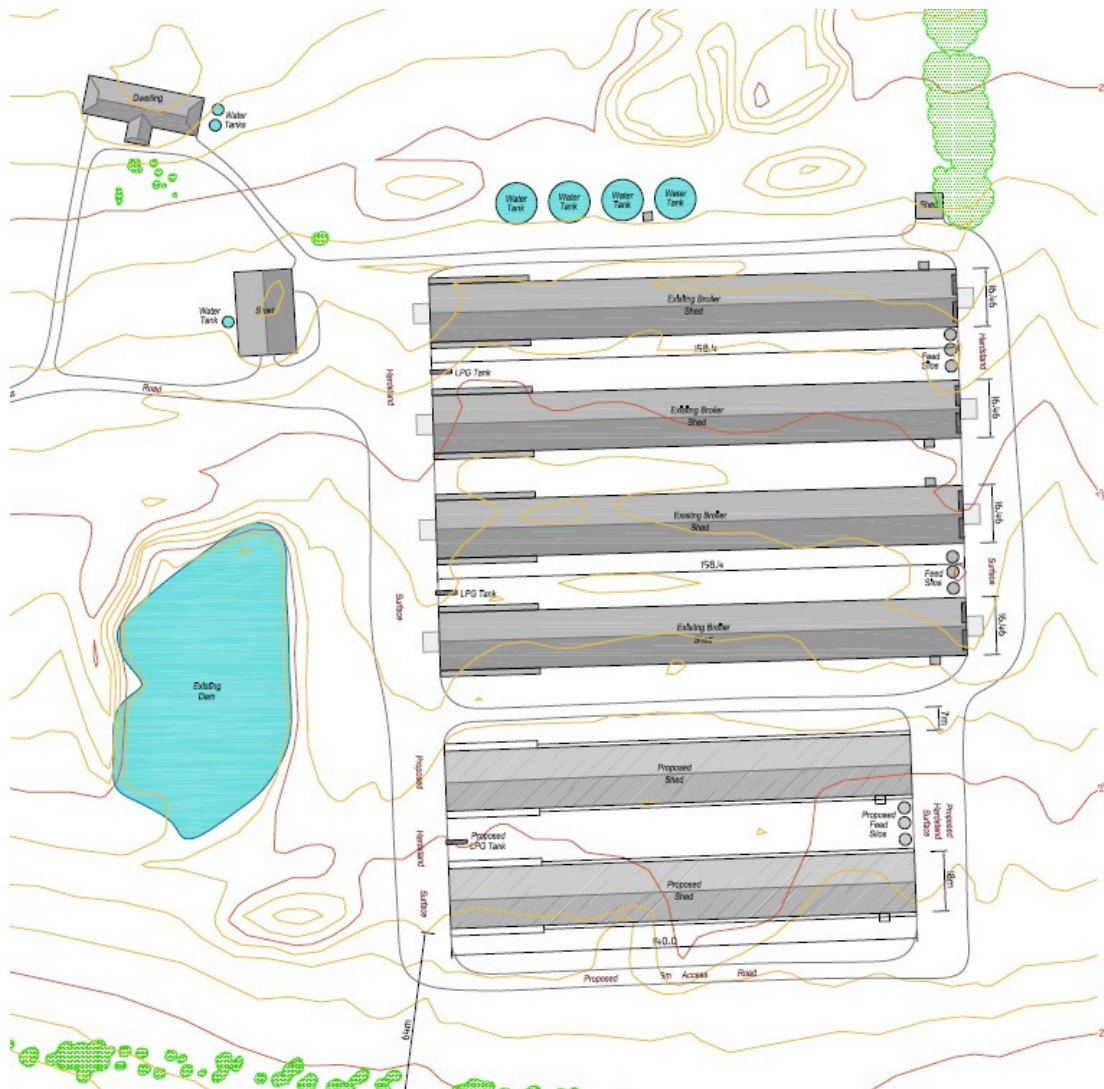
The amendment proposes to change the use of the land from Broiler farm to Poultry farm. In doing so, the application proposes to increase the maximum stocking rate of the Poultry farm to 370,000 chickens by utilising the four existing sheds and constructing two additional sheds.

The existing sheds will house up to 60,000 chickens each and the new sheds will house up to 65,000 chickens.

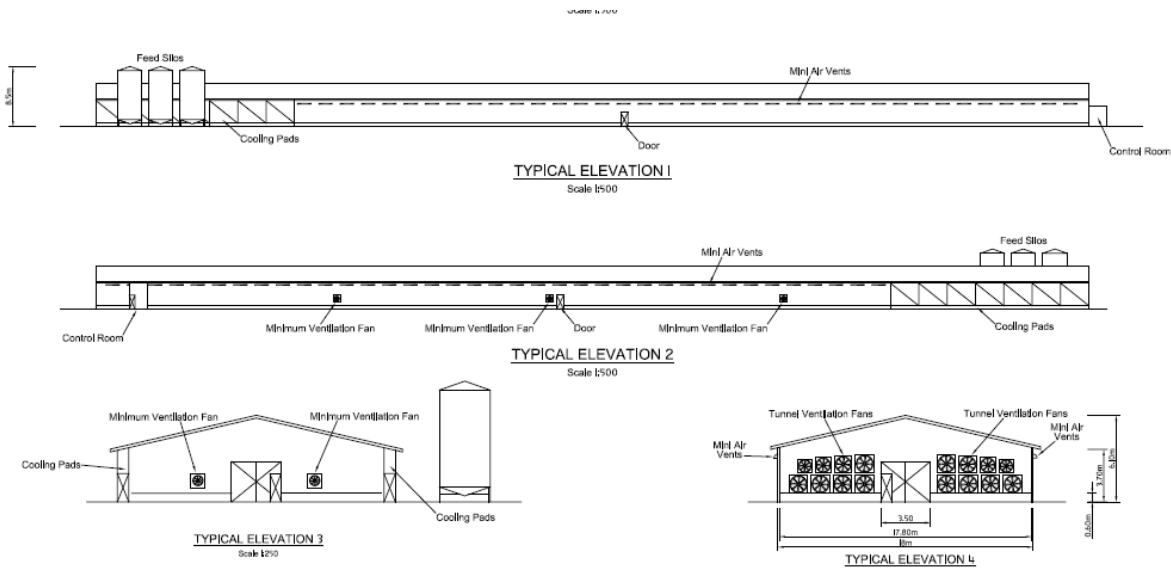
The amended application can be best described as follows:

- Change of use of the land from Broiler farm to Poultry farm.
- Increasing the number of birds (chickens).
- Building and works for the construction of two additional sheds 18m x 140m, with an internal floor area of 2520sqm. The maximum height of the sheds is proposed to be 6.1m to the ridgeline with 3.7m to the eave (wall height).

Proposed (and existing) site layout



Proposed buildings



The sheds are proposed to be setback 190m from the Midland Highway, 64m to the southern boundary and 850m from the eastern boundary. The floors are proposed to be raised above natural surface level approximately 0.6m and constructed from concrete wall panels with pale green Colourbond cladding and custom orb roofing. Vents and fans would be located at the end of the sheds with cooling pads located on the side walls.

Ancillary infrastructure would include three feed silos (maximum height of 8.5m) to be constructed of galvanized steel, an LPG tank and an access track to the new sheds; these elements do not trigger the need for planning approval.

A number of trucks will be required to service the farm. The anticipated truck movements are provided in the following table:

Pullet raising farm (2.3 batches / annum) 370,000 birds maximum		
Function	Visits / batch	Visits / annum
Day Old Chicks	6	14
Gas Deliveries	36	83
Litter In	8	19
Litter & manure out	30	69
Feed deliveries	96	221
Bird pick ups	30	69
Total	206	475

The permit applicant has provided the following description and detail regarding the proposed operation of the poultry farm:

Housing system

The existing sheds will be operated as a barn rearing system whereby the chickens are able to roam on a litter system in a manner similar to that used in a conventional broiler farm.

The two new sheds will utilise a 'Jump Start' aviary rearing system. Day-old chicks are placed on a slatted surface where they have direct access to feed and water.

As birds grow the difference between the base and the feeding and drinking levels gradually increases so the birds learn to jump to different levels and perches. The porch system incorporates winchable feed and drink lines, and hinged platforms.

Cycle of production

Day old chickens will be placed in each shed approximately every 22 weeks. It is anticipated that 2.3 batches per annum will be grown for each shed. The farm is run as a multi-age site so the sheds are always at different stages.

The proposed production cycle for each shed involves a growing period of approximately 16 weeks and approximately an 8 week period for shed clean up and turn around.

In accordance with animal health and welfare standards bird mass within the shed will not exceed 34 kg per square metre of shed floor or perch area.

While the total capacity of the farm will be 370,000 birds, it is likely that this will rarely, if ever, be reached given:

- Each shed will house chickens of a different age because the placement of chickens in sheds is staggered.
- Each shed will be empty for at least 16 weeks each year.
- The number of chickens placed in each shed is dependent on the number of pullets required by the recipient egg production farm and may be less than the maximum shed capacity.

Feed

An additional three 32 tonne silos will be constructed on the site. These are to be located centrally between the 2 new sheds at the eastern end.

Feed for the birds will be delivered by enclosed bulk delivery trucks and will be blown through a totally enclosed system from the trucks into the feed silos. From the silos, the feed is augured through an enclosed ducted system into an automatic feeding system within each shed.

Water

Drinking water to the sheds is to be provided from the mains system.

Water will be initially stored in the 4 large storage tanks located to the north of the existing sheds and then fed into an automatic watering system within the sheds. This system will be fitted with dripless drinking nozzles otherwise known as nipple drinkers in accordance with latest best practice.

Litter and Manure Management

Existing sheds:

The floors of the existing sheds are compacted clay. Prior to the introduction of the birds to the sheds, a 5 to 8 centimetre layer of wood shavings, sawdust, rice hulls or similar (litter) material will be distributed over the entire shed floor. The purpose of the litter is to decompose the droppings of the birds via micro-organic activity. This litter is removed from the sheds at the end of each batch and taken off-site. The spent litter is replaced with new material prior to the arrival of new birds.

Proposed sheds:

The floors of the proposed sheds are to be made of concrete. Above the floor will be a slatted platform upon which the chickens will be placed. Dropping from the birds will fall through the slats to the concrete floor. At the end of each batch, the slatted platform will be raised and the accumulated manure will be removed and taken off-site.

Vermin control

Vermin control is an important part of poultry farm management. In this instance, the fully enclosed feed delivery, storage, and distribution systems will ensure that there is no spillage of feed and thus no attraction of vermin. As previously stated, the solid concrete side walls will be recessed 0.15 metres below the floor level. This, plus the compacted clay / concrete floors will eliminate the entry of vermin into the shed.

Removal of dead and diseased birds

The proper removal of dead and diseased birds is an important management factor, from both the point of view of flock health and external environmental considerations. It is proposed that dead and diseased birds will be collected daily and disposed of in a high temperature incinerator.

Odour control

Proper litter placement will occur in the existing sheds at a depth of 5 to 8 centimetres, which is an appropriate depth to allow proper micro-organic activity which in turn decomposes the bird droppings. In addition, the litter will be kept in a dry condition by the fact that the shed floors are compacted clay and have been built up above adjacent surface levels with compacted clay, thus ensuring no moisture seepage into the shed.

The watering system used is fitted with automatic cut-off devices to ensure that overflowing and flooding of the deep litter does not occur. One of the daily management tasks will be to undertake routine checking (3-4 times daily) of the litter and the drinkers in the shed, and if any damp litter is found, to remove it and replace it with fresh litter.

In the proposed sheds, the manure will accumulate on the concrete floor and will dry as a result of the controlled warm temperature within the sheds and the constant movement of air drawn through the sheds. The watering system used will be similar to that used in the existing sheds.

Biosecurity

The sheds and their immediate environs, including the amenities and workshop building, are located within the biosecurity precinct of the farm. All persons entering this area must adhere to the processor's biosecurity protocols which include changing into clean clothes and boots upon entry. This minimises the opportunity for contamination from external sources including other poultry farms.

An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been submitted with the application and will be endorsed as part of any approval.

ASSESSMENT

The application was submitted to Council on 20 November 2020 and a preliminary assessment was undertaken. The application was internally referred to Council's Works Departments and to external authorities (CCMA and EPA) under Section 52. Council's works department had no objection to the issue of a permit subject to conditions being placed on the permit. The EPA and CCMA had no objection, with no conditions required.

Golden Plains Planning Scheme

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Clause 13.05-1S Noise abatement

The objective of the policy is to assist the control of noise effects on sensitive land use.

Strategy

Ensure that development is not prejudiced and community amenity is not reduced by noise emissions, using a range of building design, urban design, and land use separation techniques as appropriate to the land use functions and character of the area.

Clause 13.06-1S Air quality management

The objective of the policy is to assist the protection and improvement of air quality.

Strategies

Ensure that land use planning and transport infrastructure provision contribute to improved air quality by:

- Integrating transport and land use planning to improve transport accessibility and connections.
- Locating key developments that generate high volumes of trips in the Central City, Metropolitan Activity Centres and Major Activity Centres.
- Providing infrastructure for public transport, walking and cycling.

Ensure, wherever possible, that there is suitable separation between land uses that reduce air amenity and sensitive land uses.

Clause 13.07-1S Land use compatibility

The objective of this policy is to safeguard community amenity while facilitating appropriate commercial, industrial, or other uses with potential off-site effects.

Strategies

- Ensure that use or development of land is compatible with adjoining and nearby land uses.
- Avoid locating incompatible uses in areas that may be impacted by adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses.
- Avoid or otherwise minimise adverse off-site impacts from commercial, industrial and other uses through land use separation, siting, building design and operational measures.
- Protect existing commercial, industrial and other uses from encroachment by use or development that would compromise the ability of those uses to function safely and effectively.

Clause 14.01-1S Protection of agricultural land

The objective of this policy is to protect the state's agricultural base by preserving productive farmland.

Strategies

- Identify areas of productive agricultural land, including land for primary production and intensive agriculture.
- Consider state, regional and local, issues and characteristics when assessing agricultural quality and productivity.
- Avoid permanent removal of productive agricultural land from the state's agricultural base without consideration of the economic importance of the land for the agricultural production and processing sectors.
- Protect productive farmland that is of strategic significance in the local or regional context.
- Protect productive agricultural land from unplanned loss due to permanent changes in land use.
- Prevent inappropriately dispersed urban activities in rural areas.
- Protect strategically important agricultural and primary production land from incompatible uses.

Clause 14.01-1S Sustainable agricultural land use

The objective of this policy is to encourage sustainable agricultural land use.

Strategies

- Ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources.
- Support the development of innovative and sustainable approaches to agricultural and associated rural land use practices.
- Support adaptation of the agricultural sector to respond to the potential risks arising from climate change.
- Encourage diversification and value-adding of agriculture through effective agricultural production and processing, rural industry and farm-related retailing.
- Assist genuine farming enterprises to embrace opportunities and adjust flexibly to market changes.
- Support agricultural investment through the protection and enhancement of appropriate infrastructure.
- Facilitate ongoing productivity and investment in high value agriculture.
- Facilitate the establishment and expansion of cattle feedlots, pig farms, poultry farms and other intensive animal industries in a manner consistent with orderly and proper planning and protection of the environment.
- Ensure that the use and development of land for animal keeping or training is appropriately located and does not detrimentally impact the environment, the operation of surrounding land uses and the amenity of the surrounding area.

Clause 14.01-2L Animal industries

This policy applies to applications for the use and development of land for intensive animal husbandry that are not covered by a Code of Practice incorporated in the planning scheme.

The objectives of this clause are:

- To support the development of intensive animal industries.
- To ensure the use and development of land for intensive animal production does not impact on the environment, including on water catchments.
- To protect the amenity of residential uses with buffer areas and setbacks

Strategies

Direct intensive animal industries to land within or close to the Golden Plains Food Production Precinct shown on the Golden Plains Strategic Framework Plan at Clause 02.04.

Direct intensive animal industries to sites with an area of 4 hectares or more.

Locate enclosures, yards or buildings in which animals are raised on an intensive raising system more than:

- 200 metres from any river, creek, water course or pondage.
- 500 metres from a dwelling on any other property.
- 30 metres from any road (whether or not such road forms the frontage).

Clause 14.02-1S Catchment planning and management

The objective of this policy is to assist the protection and restoration of catchments, water bodies, groundwater, and the marine environment.

Clause 14.02-2S Water quality

The objective of this policy is to protect water quality.

Zone and overlay provisions

Farming Zone

The site is located in a Farming Zone (FZ). The purpose of the FZ is

- To implement the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- To provide for the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of productive agricultural land.
- To ensure that non-agricultural uses, including dwellings, do not adversely affect the use of land for agriculture.
- To encourage the retention of employment and population to support rural communities.
- To encourage use and development of land based on comprehensive and sustainable land management practices and infrastructure provision.
- To provide for the use and development of land for the specific purposes identified in a schedule to this zone,

Particular Provisions

Clause 53.09 Poultry Farm

The purpose of this Clause is to facilitate the establishment and expansion of poultry farms, including broiler farms, in a manner that is consistent with orderly and proper planning and the protection of the environment.

DISCUSSION

The site was previously granted approval for use and development of a Broiler farm. This amendment relates to the proposed conversion of this to a Poultry farm as detailed under the proposal heading of this report. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has been submitted with the application and as outlined, the objectives of the EMP is to ensure best practice management and continuous improvement in performance for the conversion to a Poultry farm.

The proposed application responds positively to the relevant policies within the Golden Plains Planning Scheme. Planning policy recognises the value and importance of agricultural land as is specified in Clause 14.01, whilst the site is located within Golden Plains food production precinct.

This proposal is consistent with Clause 14.01-2S (Sustainable agricultural land use) as it encourages a genuine farm enterprise and contributes to the diversification in the Golden Plains Shire. The proposed use will develop new infrastructure on the site that will ensure that the use operates with best practice management. The proposal also complies with the newly introduced Poultry Farm provision (Clause 53.09).

The proposal will enhance agricultural production by upgrading and expanding a highly productive enterprise while having minimal impact on traditional production.

The poultry farm will provide further value adding to the rural economy via expanded agricultural activities without detriment to the amenity, natural resources or biodiversity of the area on account of the use (and expansion) of existing infrastructure and the required adherence to guidelines and EMP for the operation of the use.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes

Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme have been considered in the officers' assessment.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme have been considered in the officers' assessment.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental considerations have been taken into account in formulating a recommendation in this matter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Notice of the application was given in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Notice was provided by mail to adjoining and neighbouring owners within a 1km radius and a sign was placed onsite and the application information was placed on Councils website.

As a result of the public notice one (1) objection was received.

The objector was concerned the area is increasing its industrial use so close to town, with this proposal almost doubling the number of chickens and concerned with the odour this would cause. Further adding, Meredith already has chicken facilities and feel the municipality has reached its limit.

A consultation meeting was convened for Thursday 4 March 2021. Council officers and the permit applicant attended the meeting and waited for over 20 minutes for the objector to join. The objector did not attend the meeting.

Objectors concerns

Increasing the number of chicken and limiting the number of facilities

Planning Permit No. P04281 allows the subject land to be used as a 4 shed, 200,000 bird Broiler farm. The amendment is to use the site as a Poultry farm for raising pullets to supply egg production farms. Although there will be an increase in the number from 200,000 to 370,000, the planning permit submitted with the application provides a detailed response to the operation of the use and how the site will be managed.

Although there is proposed to be an increase in the number of birds, this will not increase the number of trucks entering the site or an increase in odour. As the change of use to a Poultry farm is not expected to alter any amenity impacts.

The proposed infrastructure will be state of the art and existing facilities will have some level of upgrade to keep up with existing requirements for the use and management of such facilities as required by industry standards. The EMP forming part of this application provides a clear and detailed overview of how the site is proposed to be operated and covers matters such as waste, biosecurity, shed rotations, air flow and more. The site is suitably located and has previously been used for a very similar use.

Increasing the industrial use so close to town

The proposed use as defined in the Golden Plains Planning scheme (Poultry farm) is nested at Clause 73.04-3 as part of the Agriculture group (sub group of animal production), this is not an industrial use.

Odour.

The broiler farm commenced operation in 2004 and the proponent understands it has not been subject to any community complaints about alleged odour problems.

The policy for Animal Industries (14.01-2L) seeks to ensure that intensive animal uses are suitably located to ensure that the environment and residential amenity is protected from adverse impacts including offensive odours. To achieve this outcome the policy recommends a buffer distance of 500m between the poultry farm and neighbouring dwellings. The existing 590 metres separation distance of the existing sheds from the nearest off-site dwelling satisfies the recommended buffer distance requirements

In addition, the permit applicant has supplied information regarding Odour Emission Rate (OER), which details that the approved broiler farm of 200,000 birds and the amended poultry farm of 370,000 will be similar and that the existing 590 metres separation distance of the existing sheds from the nearest off-site dwelling will be sufficient to ensure that detriment odour impacts will not arise from the pullet raising proposal.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The recommendation, and determination made by the officer has been made in line with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and the Public Transparency Policy adopted by Council.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme (which consists of strategic plans) has been considered in the officers' decision making.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Objector may lodge an Application for Review at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal.
- Applicant lodging an Application for Review at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal; if the decision of Council is considered unfounded, costs may be awarded against Council. This outcome may impact Council's professional indemnity and reputational risk to Council.
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COMMUNICATION

For all options proposed for this application, the outcome will be communicated to all parties in writing.

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It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONSOption 1 – Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit

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This option is not recommended by officers as there is no outstanding information which would alter the officer recommendation on this matter.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regard to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The application satisfies the State and Local planning policies, the Farming Zone, and the decision guidelines of the Planning Scheme (Clause 65). There is suitable separation between the proposed Poultry farm and sensitive land uses. The proposal will facilitate the establishment of an important and productive agricultural industry in a manner that is consistent with orderly and proper planning and the protection of the environment. It is considered that the grant of a Notice of Decision to grant a permit will not cause material detriment to any person and this application is therefore recommended for approval, subject to conditions.

**AMENDED PLANNING APPLICATION P04281A FOR THE USE OF THE LAND FOR A
POULTRY FARM UNDER CLAUSE 35.07-1, CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDING (2
ADDITIONAL POULTRY SHEDS) AND ASSOCIATED WORKS UNDER CLAUSE 35.07-4,
AMEND THE PERMIT PREAMBLE AND AMEND THE EXISTING CONDITIONS
RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF BIRDS (CHICKENS)**

AT 3920 MIDLAND HIGHWAY, MEREDITH

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS FOR A NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT

Existing conditions P04281

1. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
 - a) The development and use are not started within two years of the date of this permit.
 - b) The development is not completed within four years of the date of this permit.

The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires or within three months afterwards.

2. The layout of the site and the size of the building and works, as shown on the approved plans, shall not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority.
3. The use of the poultry shed hereby permitted must not be commenced until landscaping and environmental management plans have been submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. These plans to include:
 - a) A Landscaping Plan showing the existing vegetation and proposed tree planting around the shed site area, and including a schedule of all proposed trees and shrubs;
 - b) An Environmental Management Plan describing the ongoing operation of the shed hereby permitted; **(delete)**

All prepared to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

4. The poultry shed hereby permitted, shall be designed, and constructed using the tunnel-vented exhaust system or such other alternative technology under the Victorian Code for Broiler Farms, September 2001, as the Responsible Authority may approve. **(delete)**
5. Prior to commencement of use hereby permitted, the operator shall acknowledge the contents of the Environmental Management Plan and shall undertake to conduct the use in accordance with the matters contained in that document. The Environmental Management plan is deemed to be part of this permit and compliance with each of the provisions contained therein is a condition of this permit.
6. The use and development hereby permitted shall at all times be carried out in accordance with the approved plans including the approved:
 - a. Landscaping Plan.
 - b. Environmental Management plan

7. All trees and shrubs included in the approved Landscape Plan must be planted within six months of the completion of the development or within six months of the commencement of the use whichever is the earlier, and must thereafter be maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
8. The applicant shall prepare a fire prevention plan to the satisfaction of the Council Fire Prevention Officer. Such plan, when approved, shall form part of this planning approval.
9. No advertising sign or sign writing shall be located on any part of the site unless it is conforming with the provisions of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.
10. Litter shall be stockpiled in drained and crusted heaps. Suitable water and spraying facilities shall be used when required to enable wetting to encourage crusting and therefore reduce odour and dust emissions. Litter will not be stockpiled for greater than 12 weeks.
11. The removal of dry litter from the sheds by use of machinery shall occur between the hours of 7.00 am and 8.00 pm and no removal shall be undertaken on Christmas Day or Good Friday.
12. The applicant shall dispose of dead birds using a contractor specialising in this type of disposal or in an alternative manner to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
13. The provision and maintenance of an emergency water supply shall be provided on site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
14. Topsoil stripped from the site shall be spread on any exposed batters and exposed soils will be revegetated with perennial grasses and appropriate indigenous vegetation as soon as possible after construction.
15. The use shall be operated as a dry litter poultry operation only and the provision for the collection and disposal of solid wastes and for the collection, treatment and disposal of any liquid wastes to arise from the development and use hereby permitted shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Act, the Health Act, or any like subsequent statutory provisions, subject always to the conditions attaching to this permit.
16. If the Responsible Authority determines that the amenity of nearby residents is adversely affected in the emission of an unreasonable level of odour from the poultry farm the operators must immediately take actions and/ or undertake works, which may include adjusting stocking density in the sheds, removing unsatisfactory spent litter promptly, or any other actions to rectify the emission of offensive odour.
17. The poultry sheds and all feed stores must be vermin and bird proof to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
18. All water discharge from the site must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
19. Other than loading and placement of birds, no deliveries to or removals from the

site shall take place after 8.00pm or before 7.00am on any day without the prior written approval of the Responsible Authority.

20. The loading and unloading of vehicles and the delivery of goods to and from the premises must at all times be carried out entirely within the site and be so conducted as to cause minimum interference with other traffic.
21. The surface of the car parking and loading areas and access lanes must be constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority to prevent dust and drainage run-off causing a loss of amenity to the area.
22. No external floodlighting shall be installed without the written permission of the Responsible Authority.
23. All vehicles used in the pick-up and transportation of live birds during the night time hours shall be fitted with high performance sound reducing mufflers to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority and the permit holder shall use its best endeavours to ensure that such activities do not cause any detriment to the amenity by noise or excessive vehicle movements.
24. The permit holder must use its best endeavours to avoid sanitising sheds with odorous chemicals which give rise to offensive odours being detectable off site. Airborne sprays or odours must not be transmitted beyond the site to the detriment of any person.
25. All walls of the poultry sheds and farm buildings hereby permitted which will be exposed to general view shall be coloured or painted in non-reflective muted tones to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
26. All goods and materials must be stored out of view or so as not to be unsightly when viewed from nearby roads to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Conditions to be added

Construction Management

28. Before the construction commences a Construction Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. The plan must outline how issues such as runoff, mud on roads, dust generation and erosion and sediment control will be managed during the construction and post construction phase. Details of a contact person/site manager must also be provided, so that this person can be easily contacted should any issues arise. Management measures are to be in accordance with EPA guidelines for Environment Management, "Civil construction, building and demolition guide" Publication 1834 November 2020.

Stormwater management

29. Before the construction commences, provide a SMS in accordance with IDM clause 11 and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Specifically, details of the treatment of expected additional stormwater runoff volumes from new roof and hardstand areas is to be provided, as well as establishment of the capacity of the dam by survey, and details of overflow provisions. The SMS is to address both 5-year and 100-year storm events.

Drainage

30. Drainage requirements as identified in the SMS shall be designed and constructed. Works shall be in accordance with requirements of Golden Plains Shire Council contained in Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Construction plans

31. Before the construction works associated with the development, detailed construction plans, drainage computations and specifications to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. Construction plans shall be to Golden Plains Shire standards and specifications as detailed in current Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM).

Access

32. The internal access must be constructed to CFA and emergency vehicle access requirements.

Wastewater

33. Further details of wastewater management during shed cleaning are required. Specifically, the use of high-pressure spray equipment and how the generation of free flowing water is eliminated.
34. Except with the consent of the Responsible Authority the total number of birds on the property in relation to the Poultry farm is not to exceed 370,000 and the total number of birds per shed is not to exceed 60,000 (existing sheds) and 65,000 (new sheds).
35. An accurate running record, whether on paper or created electronically, must be kept of the number of birds held within each shed on the property, including the number brought or removed from each shed at any time. Upon request this record must be made available for inspection and copying by any employee of the responsible authority.
35. No security lighting or external floodlighting is to be installed which causes nuisance to surrounding properties or any user of roads adjacent to the site.
36. The shed ventilation systems are to be electronically controlled, monitored and backed up. All components of the ventilation systems must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority so as to be in proper working order at all times.
37. Before the commencement of the two new sheds, a landscaping plan to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plan will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions and prepared by a suitably qualified and/or experienced landscape architect. The plans must show the following details:
 - a) A survey showing all existing vegetation to be retained and/or removed.
 - b) Details of surface finishes of pathways and driveway.
 - c) A planting schedule or all proposed trees, shrubs, and ground covers, including botanical names, common names, pot sizes, size at maturity and quantities of each plant.
 - d) Landscaping and planting around the two new shed to provide a visual screen from the road and adjoining properties

- e) All species selected must be to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 38 Before the use starts or by such later date with the prior consent of the Responsible Authority, the landscaping works shown on the endorsed plans must be carries out and completed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 39. The landscaping shown on the endorsed plans must be maintained in accordance with the endorsed plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority, including replacing any dead, diseased, or damaged plans

Insert table at the bottom of the permit stating:

Date of Amendment	Nature of Amendment
Added	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Amend preamble b) Alter permit number from P04281 to P04271A c) Include 13 conditions d) Renumber conditions e) Delete condition 3& 4 f) Supersede previously endorsed plan under P04281 (2 Pages) g) Endorse new set of plans (2 Pages) h) Endorse EMP i) Pursuant to Section 76B of the Act an amendment to a permit begins from the date specified in the amended permit. Therefore, in accordance with condition number 1, the permit will expire if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The development and use are not started within two years of the date of this permit. b) The development is not completed within four years of the date of this permit.

7.3 P20428 - 18 YORKSHIRE CLOSE, BATESFORD (THREE LOT SUBDIVISION)**File Number:****Author:** Sandra Tomic, Town Planner**Authoriser:** Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development**Attachments:** 1. Recommended Conditions**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolves to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a Three (3) lot subdivision, subject to the recommended conditions attached to this report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a background to the application and a summary of the relevant planning considerations. Councillors have been provided with a full copy of the application, and objections for consideration prior to making a decision.

This report relates to a planning permit application for a three (3) lot subdivision, and the application has been referred to a Council meeting for determination because there are seven (7) objections to the application.

Objectors cited matters including increase in traffic, amenity impact (rural lifestyle), rural character, impact on services, lack of footpaths, effluent and drainage.

The proposed subdivision design will ensure there is no adverse effect on the character of the area and the proposed lots are considered to be capable of on-site effluent disposal and management of drainage. The subject site is in an appropriate location for an additional two lots and the proposal is consistent with relevant planning policy.

The issue of a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit is recommended, subject to conditions.

BACKGROUND**Site description**

The subject site is 1.5 hectares in area and currently containing an existing dwelling and some small outbuildings towards the rear of the site. The site contains minimal vegetation. There is one existing crossover close to the northern property boundary, this crossover is accessible from Yorkshire Close, which is a sealed Council road. Yorkshire Close continues north for approximately 140m before ending in a court bowl.

The site is located within the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) with Design and Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5) applying. Surrounding land is also zoned LDRZ and covered by the DDO5 with adjoining lots being similarly developed with dwellings, associated outbuildings and modest landscaping.

The land is not affected by any restrictive covenants or Section 173 agreements.

A planning permit is triggered under the following clauses of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme: -

- Clause 32.03-2 (LDRZ) – A permit is required to subdivide land.
- Clause 43.02-3 (DDO) – A permit is required to subdivide land.

Subject site**Proposal**

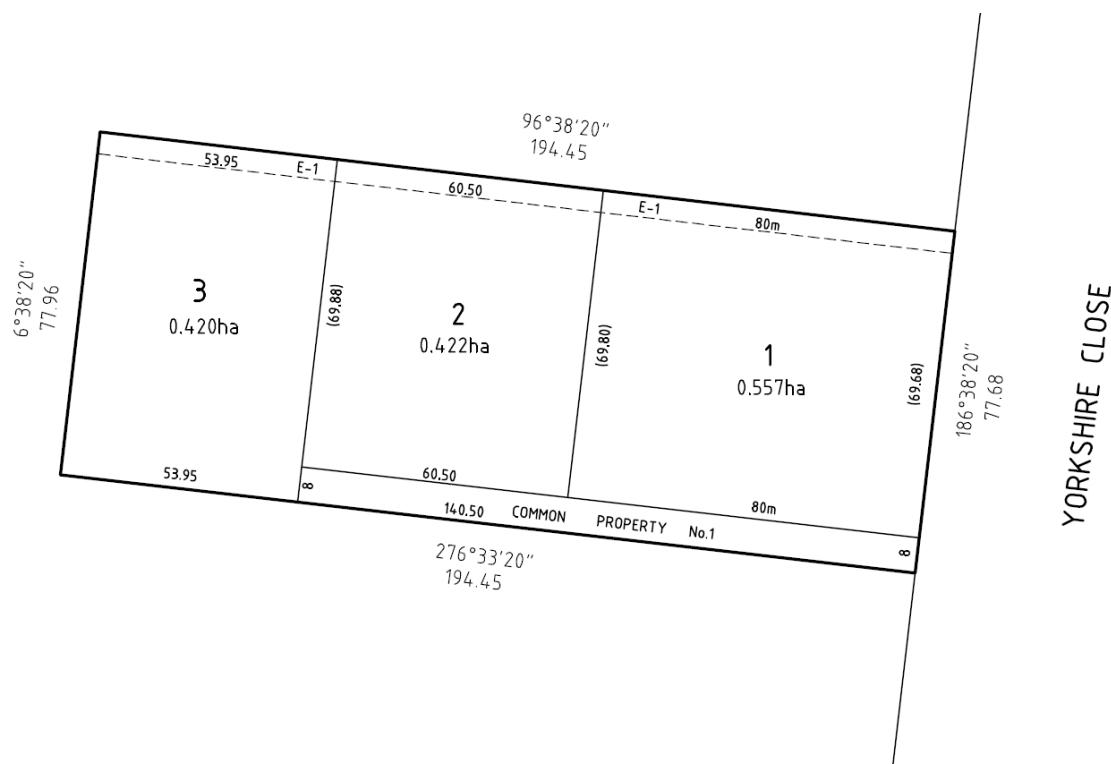
The application proposes a three (3) lot subdivision, with the following features: -

Lot 1 is proposed to be 5570sqm in area with a frontage approximately 69 m to Yorkshire Close and will contain the existing dwelling and access near the northern boundary.

Lot 2 is proposed to be 4220sqm, with access via the common property proposed to serve both lots 2 and 3. The common property is proposed to be 8m in width and located on the southern boundary. This lot would become a vacant parcel of land post subdivision.

Lot 3 is proposed to be 4200sqm, with access will be the common property proposed to serve both this lot and lot 2. The common property is proposed to be 8m in width and located on the southern boundary. This lot would become a vacant parcel of land post subdivision.

Proposed plan of subdivison



ASSESSMENT

The application was submitted to Council on 20 November 2020 and a preliminary assessment was undertaken. The application was internally referred to Council's Works Engineering and Environmental Health departments and to the required external authorities. These parties had no objection to the issue of a permit subject to conditions being placed on the permit.

Golden Plains Planning Scheme

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

Clause 11.02 Managing Growth

The objective of the policy for the supply of urban land (Clause 11.02-1S) is to ensure a sufficient supply of land is available for residential and other uses. Planning for urban growth should consider:

- Opportunities for the consolidation, redevelopment and intensification of existing urban areas.
- Neighbourhood character and landscape considerations.
- The limits of land capability and natural hazards and environmental quality.
- Service limitations and the costs of providing infrastructure.

Clause 15.01 – Urban Environment

The objective of the policy for subdivision design (Clause 15.01-3S) is to ensure the design of subdivision achieves, safe, accessible, diverse and sustainable neighbourhoods. In the development of new residential areas and the redevelopment of existing areas, subdivisions should be designed to create liveable and sustainable communities by, among other things, providing a range of lot sizes to suit a variety of dwelling and household types to meet the need and aspiration of the different groups of people.

Clause 16.01 – Residential Development

The objectives of the policy for the location of residential development (Clause 16.01-2S) is to locate new housing in designated locations that offer good access to jobs, services and transport. The policy seeks to increase the proportion of new housing in designated locations with

established urban areas, ensure an adequate supply of redevelopment opportunities within the established urban area to reduce the pressure for fringe development and to identify opportunities for increased residential densities to help consolidate urban areas.

Clause 15.01-6L - Low density residential subdivision

This policy applies to subdivisions in the Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ).

Strategies for this policy are as follows:

Encourage subdivision that respects the lot configuration and character elements of the surrounding area.

Maintain an open and spacious character for low density residential areas through:

- Design that provides for generous areas of open space and landscaping including along accessways.
- Retention of existing vegetation.
- Avoiding creation of lots with battleaxe access.
- The provision of wide driveways/access ways with areas available for landscaping.

Zone and overlay provisions

Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ)

The site is located in a Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ). The purpose of the LDRZ is to provide for low density residential development on lots which in the absence of reticulated sewerage, can treat and retain all wastewater. A permit is required to subdivide land under the provisions of the LDRZ. The LDRZ sets a minimum lot size of 0.4ha. The decision guidelines of The LDRZ require Council to consider, as appropriate.

Subdivision

- The protection and enhancement of the natural environment and character of the area including the retention of vegetation and faunal habitat and the need to plant vegetation along waterways, gullies, ridgelines and property boundaries
- The availability and provisions of utility services, including sewerage, water, drainage, electricity, gas and telecommunications.

Clause 43.02 Design & Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5)

The land is affected by the Design & Development Overlay Schedule 5 (DDO5) which relates to setbacks for the construction of buildings. The DDO5 does not contain any specific requirements related to subdivision.

Response

The proposed subdivision is considered to satisfy the relevant provisions of the planning scheme including the Low Density Residential Zone and local policy for Low density residential subdivision (Clause 15.01-6L) which supports subdivision of land down to 0.4 hectares where lots are of sufficient size to contain on site effluent disposal and the open and spacious character of low density residential areas is maintained.

The Land Capability Assessment submitted with the application demonstrates that the proposed lots are capable of on-site effluent disposal and Council's Environmental Health department has advised that the proposal complies with Council's Domestic Wastewater Management Plan. The proposed subdivision design will maintain the character of the area by providing open space and opportunities for landscaping, retaining existing vegetation, and creating lots of sufficient size to provide setbacks in accordance with the DDO5. It is recommended that a condition be placed on the permit requiring landscaping along the external boundaries of the land and the common property driveway to maintain the character of the area and enhance the appearance of the subdivision.

General provisions

In addition, before deciding on an application to subdivide land, the decision guidelines contained in Clause 65.02 must be considered, as appropriate:

- The suitability of the land for subdivision.
- The existing use and possible future development of the land and nearby land.
- The availability of subdivided land in the locality, and the need for the creation of further lots.
- The effect of development on the use or development of other land which has a common means of drainage.
- The subdivision pattern having regard to the physical characteristics of the land including existing vegetation.
- The density of the proposed development.
- The area and dimensions of each lot in the subdivision.
- The layout of roads having regard to their function and relationship to existing roads.
- The movement of pedestrians and vehicles throughout the subdivision and the ease of access to all lots.
- The provision and location of reserves for public open space and other community facilities.
- The staging of the subdivision.
- The design and siting of buildings having regard to safety and the risk of spread of fire.
- The provision of off-street parking.
- The provision and location of common property.
- The functions of any body corporate.
- The availability and provision of utility services, including water, sewerage, drainage, electricity and gas.
- If the land is not sewered and no provision has been made for the land to be sewered, the capacity of the land to treat and retain all sewage and sullage within the boundaries of each lot.
- Whether, in relation to subdivision plans, native vegetation can be protected through subdivision and siting of open space areas.

Open Space Contribution

A condition of the permit will require a payment in lieu of public open space being the equivalent of 5% of the site value in accordance with Section 18 of the *Subdivision Act* 1988. As a result of the subdivision there will be an increase in population density which will lead to more intensive use of existing open space and the need to improve existing open space.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes

Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme have been considered in the officers' assessment.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme have been considered in the officers' assessment.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental considerations have been taken into account in formulating a recommendation in this matter.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Notice of the application was given in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. Notice was provided by mail to adjoining and neighbouring owners and a sign was placed onsite and the application information was placed on Councils website.

As a result of the public notice seven (7) objections were received.

Objectors cited matters such as increase in traffic, amenity impact (rural lifestyle), rural character, impact on services, lack of footpaths, effluent and drainage.

A consultation meeting was held on Tuesday 16 March 2021. Two (2) of the seven objectors attended along with the permit applicant and property owner. No resolution was reached with the objectors that attended. The objector's concerns are summarised below and a response provided.

Objectors concerns

Impact on the character of the area

The purpose of the LDRZ is to provide for low density residential development on lots which can treat and retain all wastewater. The minimum lot size in the LDRZ is 0.4ha. The application satisfies the provisions of the LDRZ as the proposed lots meet the minimum lot size and are of sufficient size to treat and retain all wastewater. The proposed additional (2) lots can achieve a level of separation for any new buildings and there is ample room for new landscaping. The proposed subdivision of the land and future development of dwellings must satisfy the local policy for Low Density Residential Development and meet the minimum setback requirements set out in Schedule 5 to the Design and Development Overlay, which are designed to maintain and protect the low density character of the area – if these setbacks cannot be met for new buildings, a planning permit is required.

Privacy

Concerns were raised by the neighbour to the north of the site regarding future dwellings on the proposed new lots and what this might mean in terms of privacy on their property. It is acknowledged that there will be some impact on this adjoining neighbour given that currently the subject site contains only one dwelling which is located to the front of the site, with the remainder of the property containing modest outbuildings, setback from boundaries.

The (neighbouring) dwelling and outbuilding at 4 Yorkshire Close are located within approximately 5-10m of their southern boundary. This property is 3.2ha, however the existing location of the dwelling and outbuilding means that any further development of the adjoining lot to the south will be more noticeable on account of this existing condition.

Any future buildings on the proposed lots would need to comply with the DDO5 setbacks of 5m from the boundary and 15m from a dwelling not in the same ownership or will require a planning permit for approval. If a reduction in the setbacks is applied for, notification to the adjoining properties would be required. Given the setback requirements it is considered that any future dwelling will have minimal impact on the amenity on the adjoining property.

Increase in traffic

Traffic generation from two additional dwellings will have an insignificant impact to the operation of Yorkshire Close and will not impact its functionality. The application was referred to Council's Works Engineering department who confirmed that no upgrades to the road network are necessary as it is deemed capable of supporting 2 additional residential lots.

Drainage impacts

Stormwater and drainage management can occur on the site to ensure levels meet the requirements of Council's Works Engineering department and that pre-existing conditions are maintained. Similar to the traffic concerns, the management of stormwater and necessary drainage for two additional lots (and future development) can be managed by the recommended engineering conditions. The requirements of these conditions must be met which includes plan detail to be submitted and approved and, once approved, the works carried out in accordance with approved plans, which are inspected prior to sign off. A number of conditions have been recommended to deal with the drainage requirements of the site.

Effluent

Effluent management can occur on the site. A Land Capability Assessment (LCA) was submitted with the application and subsequently referred to the Environmental Health department who reviewed the LCA and have responded that they have no objection to the proposal, subject to the recommended conditions, which have been included. Post subdivision and as part of the process of getting relevant approvals for the construction of a dwelling, a further LCA is required to be lodged with Council's Environmental Health department for assessment and approval.

Servicing

Concerns were raised regarding services (power, water and telecommunications including NBN). The three-lot subdivision was referred, as required by Clause 66.01 of the planning scheme, to Powercor and Barwon Water. Both authorities consented to the application with conditions which have been included (refer to Attachment 1).

In relation to telecommunications, Clause 66.01-1 specifies the mandatory conditions to be applied to subdivision permits; these too have been included in the recommending conditions (refer to Attachment 1). In addition to the planning permit process, Clause 66.01-2 then requires referrals under to be carried out for certification and then statement of compliance pursuant to the Subdivision Act 1988.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The recommendation, and determination made by the officer has been made in line with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, and the Public Transparency Policy adopted by Council.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

In assessing and formulating a recommendation for this planning application, the Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme (which consists of strategic plans) has been considered in the officers' decision making.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- Objector may lodge an Application for Review at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal.
- Applicant lodging an Application for Review at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal; if the decision of Council is considered unfounded, costs may be awarded against Council. This outcome may impact Council's professional indemnity and reputational risk to Council.
- Applicant lodging an Application for Review at the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal, and due to the unnecessary delay, apply for costs against Council. This outcome may impact Council's professional indemnity insurance and reputational risk to Council.

COMMUNICATION

For all options proposed for this application, the outcome will be communicated to all parties in writing

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit

This option is recommended by officers as the proposed development achieves a high compliance against the provisions of the Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme.

Option 2 – Issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit

This option is not recommended by officers as the matters which are required to be considered have been, and the application achieves a high compliance to the provisions of the Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme.

Option 3 – Defer the matter to another Council Meeting for Consideration

This option is not recommended by officers as there is no outstanding information which would alter the officer recommendation on this matter.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The officer preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

A recommendation has been made to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to allow a Three (3) lot subdivision. Notice of the application was provided to adjoining properties and a sign on site. Seven objections to the application were received. The proposed subdivision design will ensure there is no adverse effect on the character of the area and the proposed lots are considered to be capable of on-site effluent disposal. The subject site is an appropriate location for an additional two lots. The proposal is consistent with relevant planning policy. The issue of a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit is recommended, subject to conditions.

**PLANNING APPLICATION P20428 FOR A THREE LOT SUBDIVISION AT 18
YORKSHIRE, BATESFORD**

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS FOR A NOTICE OF DECISION TO GRANT A PERMIT

Amended plans

1. Prior to certification of the Plan of Subdivision under Subdivision Act 1988, amended plans to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions generally in accordance with the plan submitted but modified to show:
 - a. Access to Lot 2 and 3 via a minimum 10 wide common property containing a shared access of minimum 5.5 wide crushed rock pavement with a 3.5m wide seal to the satisfaction of Responsible Authority.
 - b. Proposed crossover to access for Lot 2 and 3 to be sealed to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Landscape plan

2. Prior to certification of the Plan of Subdivision under Subdivision Act 1988, landscaping plans prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced person must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and form part of the permit. The plan must be drawn to scale with dimensions. The landscape plan must show:
 - a. A line of trees and shrubs along the one side of the common property access, taking into account any infrastructure requirements.
 - b. Details of surface finished for the driveway
 - c. A planting schedule of all proposed trees/shrubs, including botanical and common names, pot sizes, size at maturity and quantities of each plants.
 - d. Site preparation and establishment regime, including watering.

All to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.

Note: Landscape species should be selected from the native planting guides provided on the Golden Plains shire website

3. Before the statement of compliance is issued under the Subdivision Act 1988, landscaping works as shown on approved plan must be carried out and completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority, unless otherwise approved in writing by the responsible authority. Where works are deferred a bond of 150% of the value of uncompleted works must be lodged with the responsible authority.
4. The landscape shown on the approved plans must be maintained for a period of 12 months from the date of practical completion for the works, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority

Endorsed plans

5. The layout of the subdivision and the size and dimensions of the proposed lots must conform generally with the endorsed plan. Each lot must have a minimum area of 0.4ha.

General

6. The owner of the land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity and gas services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.

7. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.
8. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.
9. Before a statement of compliance is issued all existing buildings/structures on Lot 2 and 3 must be removed.

Telecommunications

10. The owner of land must enter into an agreement with:
 - a. A telecommunications network or service provider for the provision of telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. A suitably qualified person for the provision of fibre ready telecommunication facilities to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network will not be provided by optical fibre.
11. Before a Statement of Compliance is issued for any stage of the subdivision under the Subdivision Act 1988, the owner of the land must provide written confirmation from:
 - a. A telecommunications network or service provider that all lots are connected to or are ready for connection to telecommunications services in accordance with the provider's requirements and relevant legislation at the time; and
 - b. A suitably qualified person that fibre ready telecommunications facilities have been provided in accordance with any industry specifications or any standards set by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the land is in an area where the National Broadband Network will not be provided by optical fibre.

Open Space Contribution

12. Before the issue of statement of compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988 for the subdivision, the applicant or owner must pay to Council a sum of equivalent to 5% of the site value of all the land in that stage of the subdivision in lieu of public open space in accordance with Section 8 of the Act. The applicant or owner must pay the Council's reasonable costs and expenses to provide valuation for payment in lieu of open space.

Environmental Health

13. Before the issue of a statement of compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the existing septic tank system must be altered/decommissioned/replaced and brought into compliance with the latest version of the 'EPA Code of Practice – Onsite Wastewater Management' to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
14. All waste water must be treated and retained within the lot/s in accordance with the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) under the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.

Works Department

15. Prior to Certification under the Subdivision Act 1988, trees are to be assessed and protected as per IDM and AS 4970-2009 - Protection of trees on development sites. if any works are

- proposed within the TPZ of significant trees or trees on adjoining property, a qualified and experienced arborist is to provide a report on the impact of the works on the trees.
16. Prior to the issue of Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988 a vehicle crossing to the common property driveway must be provided and the existing vehicle crossing upgraded by provision of a crushed rock drive entry, reinforced concrete pipe culvert and mountable end walls conforming to requirements of Golden Plains Shire Council contained in Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) standard drawing SD 255 and to the satisfaction of Responsible Authority.
 17. Prior to Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988 a 5.5m wide all-weather vehicle access must be provided for the length of the shared access to Lots 1 and 2 and a 10m radius turning circle provided at the end of the shared access conforming to requirements of CFA and Golden Plains Shire Council contained in Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) and to the satisfaction of Responsible Authority. The minimum width for the common property driveway is to be 10m or as agreed with GPSC Development Unit providing for open drains and utility services.
 18. Prior to issue of Statement of Compliance provide:
 - a. Open earth drains on the northern boundary of all Lots and the common driveway, discharging to the table drain in Yorkshire Close
 - b. Catch drains on the eastern boundary of Lots 2 & 3, discharging to the drain 1) above or as agreed with GPSC Development Unit and provide to each allotment in the subdivision a discharge point. Where required, the drainage in Yorkshire Close shall be upgraded. Works shall be in accordance with requirements of Golden Plains Shire Council contained in Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM) and to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Open drains, where required, shall be contained within a drainage easement, minimum 5m wide, which must be set aside on the Plan of Subdivision for this purpose.
 19. Prior to Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, demonstrate that:
 - a. The development meets the current best practice performance objectives for stormwater quality as contained in the Urban Stormwater – Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines (Victorian Stormwater Committee 1999) as amended.
 - b. Stormwater flows from the subdivision site are restricted to predevelopment level with the use of a means On-site Detention (OSD)
 20. Storages for the purpose of OSD must be connected to contributing areas or plumbed into a dwelling or shed generally in accordance with the approved drainage design and computations for the purpose of detention.
 21. Prior to Certification and before any construction works associated with the development or subdivision start, detailed construction plans, drainage computations and specifications to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. Construction plans shall be to Golden Plains Shire standards and specifications as detailed in current Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM).
 22. Prior to issue of Statement of Compliance services to the existing retained house must be modified so that they are exclusive to and totally within the boundaries of the new lot to which it is appurtenant. In particular, the following existing services must be modified:
 - a. All downpipes, stormwater drainage and sanitary drainage must be taken to an approved legal point of discharge to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 - b. Electricity, telephone, gas, water and sewerage.

Section 173 Agreement

23. Prior to the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the owner/subdivider must enter into an agreement with the Council, pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
This agreement must be registered by the owner/subdivider pursuant to Section 181 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 on the titles to the lots resulting from approval of the

subdivision and the costs of preparation and registration of the agreement must be met by the owner/subdivider.

The agreement shall require that the purchaser of the specified Lot(s) must connect OSD storage to contributing areas or any roofed structure constructed, generally in accordance with the approved drainage design and computations upon completion of the structure, for the purpose of detention.

Powercor

24. This letter shall be supplied to the applicant in its entirety.
25. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 shall be referred to the Distributor in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.
26. The applicant shall provide an electricity supply to all lots in the subdivision in accordance with the Distributor's requirements and standards.
Note:- *Extension, augmentation or rearrangement of the Distributor's electrical assets may be required to make such supplies available, with the cost of such works generally borne by the applicant.*
27. The applicant shall ensure that existing and proposed buildings and electrical installations on the subject land are compliant with the Victorian Service and Installation Rules (VSIR).
Notes: *Where electrical works are required to achieve VSIR compliance, a registered electrical contractor must be engaged to undertake such works.*

Barwon Water

General

23. The plan of subdivision must be referred to Barwon Water in accordance with the Subdivision Act 1988 and any subsequent amendments to the plan provided to Barwon Water.
24. The certified plan must create implied easements under Section 12(2) of the Subdivision Act, over all proposed and existing private potable water (including recycled water where applicable) and sewerage services within the subdivision.
25. The creation of an unlimited Owners Corporation to encumber Lots 2 & 3 within the subdivision.
26. The developer is to apply to Barwon Water for details relating to servicing requirements and costing for the provision of a potable water supply and where applicable, recycled water and/or sewerage services to the proposal. It would be appreciated if all communication between the developer/agent and Barwon Water quote Barwon Water reference number L018293.

Portable Water

27. The provision and installation of a potable water supply to the development.
28. An additional potable water connection(s) is to be provided to service the proposed development. A dimensioned plan showing location of all new connections relative to the allotment boundaries is to be submitted, where a meter is not being fitted.
Note that tappings and service lines are not to be located under existing or proposed driveways.

IMPORTANT NOTE — *where the existing potable water main is a cracked asbestos water pipe, Barwon Water will undertake the tapping of this pipeline, including excavation and spoil removal. Barwon Water requires your plumber to provide 5 clear working days notice for this work. Under no circumstances shall anyone excavate within the vicinity of this pipeline.*

29. Barwon Water's records indicate that an existing potable water service and meter is located on this property. A dimensioned plan showing the location of existing meters, and the location of the meter relative to the existing boundaries, and its number, is to be submitted. Private potable water service pipes are not permitted to cross allotment boundaries and must be plugged and abandoned at the boundaries of such allotments.
30. The payment of a standardised New Customer Contribution is required for any new connection or any upsize to an existing connection. The number of standardised charges applied will be determined on the basis of an equivalent lot calculation and is based on potable domestic water meter size or water service size (where a meter is not being fitted). An equivalent lot is a measure of the additional demand a connection will place on the infrastructure in terms of the water consumption and sewage discharge for an average connection utilising a 20mm tapping and/ or meter. If there is more than one meter within a single meter assembly, the size of the largest meter (excluding the fire service meter) will determine the number of equivalent connections. If there is a combined fires and domestic meter assembly proposed (incorporating a low flow meter), whereby the meter size is largely dictated by the fire service requirements, the developer is required to submit to Barwon Water the proposed peak flow (probable simultaneous demand) associated with the domestic supply in accord with AS/NZS 3500. Barwon Water will then assess the equivalent number of connections.

Expiry

31. This permit will expire if:
 - a. The plan of subdivision is not certified within two years of the date of this permit; or
 - b. The registration of the subdivision is not completed within five years of the date of certification.

The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires or within six months afterwards.

Notes

Pursuant to section 17(2)(b) of the Subdivision Act 1988 and Clause 5 of the Subdivision (Permit and Certification Fees) Regulations 2000, the prescribed maximum fee for supervision of works will be up to 2.5 percent of the cost of constructing those works, which are subject to supervision. Such a fee must be paid to the responsible authority prior to the issue of a statement of compliance.

Pursuant to section 43(2)(a)(iv) of the Subdivision Act 1988 and Clause 6 of the Subdivision (Permit and Certification Fees) Regulations 2000, the prescribed maximum fee for checking engineering plans will be 0.75 percent of the estimated cost of constructing the works proposed on the engineering plan. Such a fee must be paid to the responsible authority prior to the issue of a statement of compliance.

A works within road reserve permit must be obtained from the Council prior to the carrying out of any vehicle crossing works. Prior to certification a plan showing the location of all existing and proposed vehicles crossings and the setbacks distance from the closets property boundary is to be submitted in accordance with Regulation 36 of the Subdivision Regulations , to the satisfaction of the

Responsible Authority. Upload a culvert plan directly into SPEAR once available and street allocation can be then completed

7.4 PREPARATION OF 2021-22 DRAFT BUDGET - ENDORSE FOR EXHIBITION

File Number:**Author:** Fiona Rae, Manager Finance**Authoriser:** Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:**

1. Draft 2021-22 Budget Booklet (under separate cover)
2. Draft 2021-22 Capital Budget (under separate cover)
3. Draft 2021-22 Schedule of Fees and Charges (under separate cover)
4. Draft 2021-22 Revenue and Rating Plan (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, place the draft 2021-22 Annual Budget on public exhibition and that:
 - (a) The Chief Executive Officer by authorised to:
 - (i) Give public notice of this, in accordance with Section 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*; and
 - (ii) Make available for public inspection the draft 2021-22 budget.
 - (b) Council consider any submissions to include in the 2021-22 Budget contained in the draft 2021-22 Annual Budget, made in accordance with Section 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020* at a Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 June 2021.
 - (c) Council consider to adopt the 2021-22 Annual Budget at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021.
2. Endorse the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-22 to 2024-25 to be made available for public inspection.
3. Endorse the draft 2021-22 schedule of fees and charges for adoption at the Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 22 June 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The budget seeks to achieve the actions and activities set out in the Council Plan by balancing the demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay. The 2021-22 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan has been prepared in accordance with the new requirements in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to prepare a budget annually in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* which is required to be adopted by 30 June 2021 following a one month public consultation process. These annual requirements, together with key timeframes were outlined in the December 2020 council report.

The draft 2021-22 capital budget was prepared following a workshop with key staff resulting in the identification of specific projects noting that some projects are dependent on government funding to proceed. If the funding applications are not successful alternative projects will need to be selected.

Any expenditure above Business-As-Usual (BAU) levels is identified as a new initiative for consideration to include in the 2021-22 budget. A list of new initiatives together with the draft 2021-22 operating budget have been presented to Council with financial sustainability impacts considered by reviewing scenario modelling on key financial indicators.

The *Local Government Act 2020* includes a new requirement to prepare a Revenue and Rating Plan which must be approved by Council by 30 June 2021.

DISCUSSION

The 2021-22 Draft Budget is appended to this report and includes a detailed list of the capital works program. The proposed fees and charges are provided in attachment two. The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared based on the adopted principles within the 2021-2025 Council Plan and Financial Plan, however, some of the longer term assumptions have been altered to better reflect the current environment and known future changes.

The inputs to the draft budget have been presented to Council over the last 5 months commencing in December 2020 which is outlined in the table below.

November 2020 – Councillor Induction Session	10am to 3pm induction session facilitated by Mark Davies, (Previous CEO and Chartered Accountant) to discuss, financial statements, budget process and rating structure and strategy.
December 2020 Councillor briefing	2021/22 Budget overview presentation, draft 2021/22 capital budget and draft 10-year capital budget.
January 2021 Councillor briefing	2021/22 draft budget presentation, including key assumptions to operating budget, draft capital budget and proposed new initiatives
February 2021 Strategic Councillor briefing	One-hour session including draft fees and charges schedule and income, draft capital budget, draft capital schedules, presentation on current operating budget, proposed new initiatives.
February 2021 Councillor briefing	Review and presentation of Councillors and council officers proposed new initiatives
March 2021 Councillor briefing	Draft budget presentation, draft capital budget and new initiatives proposed to be included.
April 2021 Councillor briefing	Draft budget for endorsement.

Draft Operating Budget

The budget seeks to maintain and improve services and infrastructure as well as deliver projects and services that are valued by our community, delivering these within the 1.5% rate cap increase mandated by the State Government. Key indicators of the 2021-22 budget:

- Total operating revenue of \$49.3m
 - Rate revenue modelled on pre-valuations with a 1.5% average rate cap increase in accordance with the Minister for Local Government's announcement in December 2020
 - Waste Management Fee increase to \$385 per property comprised of:
 - State Government Waste Levy Increase - The State Government impose a levy on the disposal of waste to Landfills. As per the Recycling Victoria policy, that rate was due to increase by \$20/t over 3 years (an increase of over 100%) however the implementation was deferred due to COVID. The increase will now be spread over 2 years commencing in 21/22, increase from \$65.90/t to \$105.90/t, equating to an additional \$20 per household with another \$20 per household increase the following year, 2022/23.
 - Cleanaway Recycling contract – The G21 contract with Cleanaway will equate to an additional \$10 increase per household for the processing of recyclables materials.
 - Landfill rehabilitation – Deferred from last year, knowing that we have an estimated \$1.75m in outstanding liabilities related to landfill rehabilitation. \$14 per household has been included to ensure that we can commence the rehabilitation of the former Rokewood landfill (\$450k) and the Teesdale

landfill (current estimated is \$1.3m; however a peer review report estimated to cost \$50k is planned in 21/22 to confirm scope and estimated cost of rehabilitation works in compliance with current EPA standards). The waste reserve currently has a balance of 776k, before we use \$450 for Rokewood.

- Roadside stockpile removal – With a legacy of stockpiles scattered across the whole of the Shire, the Council has an obligation for these to be cleaned up. It is understood that there are over 60 of these stockpiles. Without analysing each stockpile it is difficult to determine the disposal costs as each pile is likely to vary in terms of the level of contaminants. Using an average of \$30k per stockpile, the total disposal costs are \$1.8m. To commence the removal process, \$6 per household has been applied so that 2 stockpiles can be removed each year over the next 30 years.
- Council user fees at 1.5% increase
- Statutory fees as set by Statute
- Lomandra Drive/Bakers Lane land sales –\$2m estimated profit on land sales included in 2021-22
- Windfarm income – \$415k estimate included for Mount Mercer and Berrybank windfarms
- Operating expenditure of \$44.0m to continue to deliver services to the Golden Plains community with expenses increased by 1.5% in line with the rate cap.
 - Waste management costs increased by State Government mandated landfill levy increase and contracted expenses
 - Salaries and wages increase based on estimates of new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
 - Insurance costs increased by \$200k. Council is a member of the MAV (Municipal Association of Victoria) Workcare Scheme for self-insurance. WorkSafe Victoria have refused to renew MAV's Workcare self-insurance licence which may result in Council having to source Workcare from another insurance provider and as a result we have anticipated to be at a higher cost than historical premiums. The 2021-22 budget includes an allowance for an increase in Workers compensation premium.
- Operating surplus of \$5.3m
- Underlying deficit of \$0.5m

As indicated above, the 2021-22 Draft Budget is generating an adjusted underlying deficit of (\$0.5m) noting that this is below the Council's financial sustainability threshold of zero. However, when preparing the 2021-22 budget long term financial modelling confirms this deficit is sustainable due to a stronger financial result in future years with a forecast in revenue from external sources such as the Berrybank windfarm and Lomandra Drive/Bakers Lane land sales.

The 2020-21 forecast is based on year-to-date financial trends, which indicates the adjusted underlying result will come in better than expected at a \$374k surplus compared to a budget deficit of (\$1.8m), also assisting the sustainability of the 2021-22 adjusted underlying deficit of (\$0.7m).

Rating Strategy

The Rating Strategy was reviewed during last year (2019-20) with the following key changes effective from 1 July 2020:

- Removal of growth differentials from all rating categories
- Establishing separate farm differentials for broadacre, intensive and small farms
- Increase business property differential rate to 120% for Bannockburn

In addition, last year (2020), the Victorian Government committed to a review of the local government rating system to ensure local government rates are fair and equitable for all community. This included establishing an independent panel to lead the review in consultation with the community, ratepayers and Councils. The final report included 56 recommendations to Government, with the response from Government released early this year (2021). As a result of the timing of the Governments response to the recommendations and how this may impact on councils rating strategies and also taking into account the extensive review undertaken by the previous council on GPSC rating strategy, a review of the rating strategy will be considered in August 2021 for future years.

This year, rates will be based on new 2021 valuations with rate increases varying across the differential rating categories and individual properties. There can be a misunderstanding that as properties are revalued, council receives additional revenue. However, this is not the case, but instead the total revenue is re-distributed across all properties in the shire. As such, as property values increase, the rate in the dollar will decrease. Total income from rates can only be increased by the 1.5% rate cap, a reduction from the 2.0% 2020-21 rate cap.

Council's current rating strategy ensures that the financial burden is shared equitably amongst ratepayers, whilst generating sufficient revenue to meet the increasing demands of future infrastructure and service needs of the Shire.

Capital Works Program

The 2021-22 budget includes Capital Works investment of \$14.6 million with \$9.6 million funded out of council cash.

Key allocations in the capital program include:

- Funding has been redirected as compared to 2020-21:
 - Reseals increased from \$0.90m to \$1.0m.
 - Local Road Improvements increased from \$0.50m to \$0.70m.
 - Specific Local Road Projects (subject to successful \$1.5m roads to recovery funding).
 - Gravel Resheeting increased from \$0.60m to \$0.70m.
 - Footpaths & Trails increased from \$300k to \$350k.
 - Kerb and Channel retained at 20-21 levels of \$250k.
 - Bridge renewal of \$282k included
 - Bridge replacement/rehabilitation reduced from \$3.0m to \$1.4m.
- Projects attracting significant grant funding include:
 - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program \$1.3m (bridge guard replacements, intersection upgrades, Paddy Gully Road bridge replacement, Rokewood junction).
 - Enfield Playground.
 - Anticipated Ross Creek Play and Active Rec Upgrade.
 - Linton Oval Drainage Upgrade.
 - Anticipated Leighdale Equestrian Upgrade Female Friendly.
 - Anticipated Bannockburn Victoria Park Safety Netting.
 - Bannockburn Skate Park Upgrade.
 - Lethbridge Cricket Net Upgrade.
 - Rural development projects (seeking \$480k for three trails)

In addition, new Initiatives include:

- Future Road Design Work \$100k.
- Future Bridge Design Work \$100k.

- Future Drainage Design Work \$100k.
- Future Building Design Work \$100k.
- Sport & Rec Future Design Work \$175k.
- Environmental Initiatives \$75k.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The 2021-22 Draft Budget also addresses the strategic objectives of the Golden Plains Shire's 2021-2025 Council Plan, which addresses the Four Themes (Strategic Priorities) of the Golden Plains Community Vision 2040 and the additional theme of Leadership. The 21 Strategic Objectives and the Strategic Priority they contribute to the achievement of are listed below:

Strategic Objective 1: Community

- 1.1 Safe, resilient and proud communities
- 1.2 Celebrating and connecting communities
- 1.3 Community participation, engagement and ownership
- 1.4 Valuing community diversity and inclusion

Strategic Objective 2: Liveability

- 2.1 Connected and accessible roads, crossings, paths and transport
- 2.2 Supporting healthy and active living
- 2.3 Provide for a diversity lifestyle and housing options
- 2.4 Attractive and well-maintained infrastructure and public spaces

Strategic Objective 3: Sustainability

- 3.1 Valuing and protecting nature, cultural heritage and the environment
- 3.2 Effective and responsive waste services and education
- 3.3 Responsibly maintaining and managing natural landscapes and resources
- 3.4 Mitigating climate change and clean and green technology

Strategic Objective 4: Prosperity

- 4.1 Education, learning and skill development
- 4.2 Supporting local producers, agriculture and business
- 4.3 Improved options for shopping, hospitality, tourism and events
- 4.4 Local employment and training
- 4.5 Partnerships, advocacy and opportunities for investment

Strategic Objective 5: Leadership

- 5.1 Information and engagement to involve community in decision making
- 5.2 Accountable and transparent governance and financial management
- 5.3 Responsive service delivery supported by systems, resources and a skilled workforce
- 5.4 Planning, advocating and innovating for the future

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement	Yes

(Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020

Local Government Amendment (Fair Go Rates) Act 2015

Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020

Financial Plan

Annual Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmentally sustainable design and construction is included for all projects.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The principles contained in the 2021-2025 Council Plan were adopted after an extensive community engagement and consultation process. As mentioned earlier in the report the Draft Budget has been prepared based on these adopted principles.

The 2021-22 Draft Budget is to be placed on public exhibition as part of the legislated four week consultation period. The draft budget will be made available for inspection and comment up to the 28 May 2021. Any person can make written comment on any proposal contained in the budget. Feedback will be heard at a council meeting on 8 June 2021.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The public consultation process facilitates transparency of the budget submitted for adoption and all Council reports are available for the public to access.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared ensuring consistency with Council's long term financial plan, and also ensuring alignment with the 2021-2025 Council Plan.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. Financial sustainability is monitored by considering the financial result for the period and key financial indicators within Council's long term financial plan.

SERVICE PERFORMANCE

Service performance levels are considered when developing the annual budget to ensure sufficient funds are available to meet required levels of performance.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* incorporating long term financial plan requirements to ensure financial sustainability over the short and long term.

COMMUNICATION

The 2021-22 Draft Budget has been reported to Council as it has been formulated with a series of workshops held with Council to facilitate the development of the draft budget. The 2021-22 Draft Budget will be placed on public exhibition for a four week period up to 28 May 2021, with public submissions considered at the 8 June 2021 Council meeting, and adoption of the budget at the 22 June 2021 Council meeting.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Council endorse the 2021-22 budget and endorse to place on public exhibition

This option is recommended by officers as it is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020 to prepare an annual budget, place on public exhibition for a four week period, and formally adopt the budget by 30 June. Council have been provided with an extensive amount of information on all aspects of the budget and have also been involved in key decisions such as the level of expenditure included.

Option 2 – Council request changes to be made to the 2021-22 budget prior to placing on public exhibition

This option is not recommended by officers as Council have been provided with an extensive amount of information on all aspects of the budget with opportunity for input throughout this process. Any changes made at this point would need to be completed prior to the April Council meeting to meet legislated timeframes of placing the budget on public exhibition.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The strategies and long-term financial plans adopted by Council must underpin the preparation of the 2021-22 Draft Budget. It is also impacted by the Shire's unique demographics, increased demand for new services, population growth, extensive local road network of 1,800 kilometres and the competing interests between rural and urban communities.

In accordance with the legislation, Council will place the Budget out for public exhibition prior to the adoption of the final budget 2021-22 by 30 June 2021.

7.5 DRAFT COUNCIL PLAN 2021-2025

File Number:**Author:** Ben Jordan, Manager Community and Council Planning**Authoriser:** Lisa Letic, Director Community Services**Attachments:** 1. Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (under separate cover)**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (Attachment 1) to be made available for public exhibition and submission from 28 April until 26 May 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires that all Councils prepare and adopt a Council Plan for a period of at least the next 4 financial years by 31 October in the year following a general election.

This report details the key stages undertaken to develop the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 which have included:

- Council adoption of a project plan and timelines for Council Plan development in November 2020
- Council adoption of the Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 in December 2020
- Internal priorities developed by teams across Council – December 2020 to February 2021
- Councillor priorities provided and identified through survey and workshops
- Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan community engagement process conducted from 18 January 2021 to 21 February 2021
- Analysis and workshopping of community engagement responses for consideration in Draft Council Plan
- Drafting and development of Draft Council Plan (Attachment 1).

The Draft Council Plan includes the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and proposes key deliverables for Council over the four year period (2021-2025) in alignment with the Themes and Community Priorities identified in the Community Vision 2040.

Proposed public exhibition of the Draft Council Plan will be from 28 April to 26 May with the document made available and promoted through extensive communications and supported by Councillor engagement sessions in May 2021.

BACKGROUND

Upon commencement of a new Council term, the *Local Government Act 2020* requires that Golden Plains Shire Council develop and adopt a new Council Plan by 31 October in the year following an election. The current Council Plan (2017-2021) comes to a close on 30 June 2021.

The project plan and timelines, as endorsed by Council in November 2021, proposed an adoption date for the new Council Plan 2021-2025 of 22 June 2021. This requires the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 (Attachment 1) to be presented to the Council Meeting on 28 April 2021 to enable for a public exhibition and submission period.

Initial stages of developing the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 were undertaken throughout late 2020 and early 2021 and included a review of previous engagement information, internal priorities identified by work teams from across Council and information gathered and discussed through Councillor workshops and a survey of Councillors.

Consistent with development of the 2017-2021 Council Plan, it was determined that Council would seek to incorporate health and wellbeing matters and the legislative requirements of a Municipal

Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (*Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*) into the Council Plan 2021-2025. This ensures an integrated approach to the planning and implementing of actions is undertaken to ensure health and wellbeing is embedded as a responsibility across all areas of Council. Section 27 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* provides Council's with the option to seek an exemption (through the Department of Health Victoria) from producing a stand alone Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan through the inclusion of public health and wellbeing matters specified in section 26(2) into the Council Plan.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with the Strategic Planning Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), the Draft 2021–2025 Council Plan addresses the Themes and Community Priorities identified in the development of the Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040. This includes the four themes of the Community Vision – Community, Liveability, Sustainability and Prosperity with the additional theme of Leadership that has been added to represent the Council specific regulatory, governance, leadership and advocacy activities required to achieve outcomes for the community.

Deliberative community engagement to inform the Council Plan centred around identifying priorities for Council to deliver that address the five Themes (outlined above) and Health and Wellbeing. Engagement activities that were undertaken between 18 January and 21 February 2021 included:

- An online survey available on Council's 'Have Your Say' page
- Postcards made available at Customer Service centres, community facilities and events
- A feature in the February 2021 issue of The Gazette (community newsletter)
- Council Plan conversation posts at the following locations:
 - Rokewood Township / Dereel Multi Town Garage Sale
 - Bannockburn Farmers' Market
 - Smythesdale Arts and Music Fiesta.
- An online Councillor 'Zoom' Workshop
- Coffee with the Councillors sessions held at 9 different townships across the Shire
- Engagement at the Skate, Scoot and BMX clinic/competition in Bannockburn.

A total of 219 written responses were received from the community to inform the Council Plan 2021-2025. A summary of who participated and the key findings of the engagement are summarised in Attachment 1 (pages 15-16).

At the March 2 2021 Strategic Briefing with Councillors, the engagement findings were presented and discussed and workshopping was undertaken to translate community priorities into strategic deliverables for the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025.

The Draft Council Plan (Attachment 1) was compiled in March 2021 in collaboration with teams across Council and includes the following for the four year period 2021-2025:

- (a) the strategic direction of the Council;
- (b) strategic objectives for achieving the strategic direction;
- (c) strategies for achieving the objectives for a period of at least the next 4 financial years;
- (d) strategic indicators for monitoring the achievement of the objectives;
- (e) a description of the Council's initiatives and priorities for services, infrastructure and amenity;

A specific section addressing the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) requirements has been provided (pages 18-23) in the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 with actions and initiatives that address the identified health and wellbeing priorities of the community incorporated and labelled with icons throughout the document.

A further workshop session with Councillors to refine the content, actions and indicators of the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 was conducted on 6 April 2021 with amendments and updates added prior to presentation of the document to the April Council Briefing.

From 28 April 2021, it is proposed that the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 will be provided on Council's website and at Customer Service Centres and will be supported by online and print communications to advise that it is available for public exhibition and submission. In May 2021, a second round of the Coffee with Councillors sessions will be promoted and conducted with a focus for being engagement on the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 and Budget.

Community members will be invited to make written submissions on the Draft Council Plan and Budget between 28 April and 26 May 2021 and provided the opportunity to speak to their submission (should they wish) at a Special Meeting of Council on 8 June 2021.

It is also proposed that following endorsement of the Draft Council Plan, Council will follow the process and timelines provided by the Department of Health (Victoria) for seeking an exemption from producing a standalone Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. This includes providing a written request to the Department Secretary with a checklist showing how matters specified in section 26(2) have been adequately addressed in the Council Plan.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The governance principles in Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, have and will continue to be applied to the development of the Council Plan 2021-2025 including:

- Engaging the community in strategic planning and strategic decision making.
- Priority is given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations
- Taking into account regional, state and national plans and policies in strategic planning and decision making.
- Ensuring transparency of Council decisions, actions and information.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

The development, public exhibition and adoption of the Council Plan 2021-2025 (scheduled for June 2021) will ensure Council can deliver on a number of the legislative requirements in the *Local Government Act 2020* including Section 89 (Strategic Planning Principles) and Section 90 (Council Plan).

The Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 also addresses Section 27 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* through the inclusion of public health and wellbeing matters in the Council Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Good governance to ensure the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district are all areas addressed in the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025.

The Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023 provides the focus area of 'tackling climate change and its impact on health' that needs to be addressed in Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan - this has been incorporated under the theme of Sustainability in the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement in the development of the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 has been undertaken in accordance with the community engagement principles in the *Local Government Act 2020*. The processes for the development of the Council Plan have included deliberative engagement practices as defined in Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Further engagement on the Draft Council Plan will be undertaken following endorsement of the document for public exhibition and submission including coffee with Councillors sessions in May 2021.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The development of the Draft Council Plan and delivery of the Council Plan 2021-2025 provide public transparency in decision making through actions and information that are accessible and guided by members of the community.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

In undertaking development of the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025, Council has given effect to the Strategic Planning principles under Section 89 of the Act which include:

- (a) an integrated approach to planning, monitoring and performance reporting is to be adopted;
- (b) strategic planning must address the Community Vision;
- (c) strategic planning must take into account the resources needed for effective implementation;
- (d) strategic planning must identify and address the risks to effective implementation;
- (e) strategic planning must provide for ongoing monitoring of progress and regular reviews to identify and address changing circumstances.

In addition, the Draft Council Plan has been developed to incorporate the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (as required under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*) which includes addressing priorities in alignment with the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019–2023.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

In accordance with the Act, the Council Plan must take into account the resources needed for effective implementation and both the Budget and Financial Plan are required to give effect to the Council Plan and other strategic plans of the Council.

Development of the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 has been undertaken in alignment with processes for the Budget to ensure that both the current and future resources required for the delivery of actions and initiatives in the Council Plan are considered and provided for.

RISK ASSESSMENT

- The extensive engagement process undertaken and endorsement of a Draft Council Plan for public viewing / submission enables community involvement in Council decision making and minimises the risk that the community does not substantively support the final document.
- Community engagement processes and the preparation of a Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 have directly addressed the risk of not meeting the legislative requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* and *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.
- A comprehensive approach to incorporating the requirements of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* into the Council Plan has been undertaken to minimise the risk of not being granted an exemption from producing a stand-alone Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. The proposed adoption of the Council Plan prior to 30 June 2021, minimises the risk of not meeting the MPHWP legislative deadline - by 31 October 2021, if an exemption (from the Department of Health Victoria) is not granted from producing a stand-alone Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

COMMUNICATION

The key stages and timelines determined for developing the Council Plan 2021-2025 have been communicated internally and externally.

In particular, the community engagement processes were extensively promoted to encourage participation in identifying Council Plan priorities for delivery from 2021-2025. Further communication will be undertaken to promote the Draft Council Plan and the public exhibition and submission process during April and May 2021.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Endorse the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 to be made available for public exhibition and submission from 28 April until 26 May 2021.

This option is recommended by officers as it enables the Council to provide information back to the community for further review following the community engagement in early 2021 and development of the Draft Council Plan document.

This also enables the Council Plan to be considered for adoption on 22 June 2021 prior to the commencement of the period (2021-2025) and in alignment with the Budget.

Option 2 – Do not endorse the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 to be made available for public exhibition and submission.

This option is not recommended by officers as the previously adopted project plan and timelines for development of the Council Plan 2021-2025 included providing the Draft Council Plan for public exhibition and submission (for a 28 day period) to enable further community review and feedback.

Option 3 – Defer endorsement of the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 for public exhibition and submission

This option is not recommended by officers as the timelines for the Council Plan have been developed to enable the Draft to be provided for public exhibition and submission (for a 28 day period).

Any further updates to the Council Plan arising from community submissions or Council can be made up until adoption of the final Council Plan document which is scheduled for 22 June 2021.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regard to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 has been developed following extensive community engagement and provides the strategic direction of Council for the four year period 2021 to 2025.

The Draft Council Plan addresses the Themes and Community Priorities of the Golden Plains Community Vision 2040 and incorporates the requirements of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 is recommended for endorsement by Council to be provided for public exhibition and submission for the period 28 April to 26 May 2021. If endorsed, a written request for an exemption from the requirement to produce a standalone Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan will be provided to the Department of Health on 28 April 2021.

Following the public exhibition period, submissions and further amendments will be considered for the final Council Plan 2021-2025 which is scheduled to be presented to Council for adoption on 22 June 2021.

7.6 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - QUARTER THREE

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Attachments: 1. Quarterly Financial Reports

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the content in the Quarterly Finance Report for the 9 months ended 31 March 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As at 31 March 2021, the Income Statement reports total operating revenue of \$41.4m and total operating expenditure of \$30.6m, which results in a year to date surplus of \$10.8m. This is \$6.2m favourable compared to the original budget, and \$3.6m favourable to the revised budget.

The Capital Works Statement indicates total capital works expenditure of \$14.1m, which is \$2.0m below the original budget, and \$3.4m below the revised budget.

The Finance Quarterly Report will also be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at the 11 May 2021 meeting for noting.

BACKGROUND

The content of this report assists Council to gain assurance in relation to financial management of Council's operations. Section 138 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires a statement, comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date, to be presented to Council at least every three (3) months.

Council has completed nine (9) months of the 2020-21 financial year. The attached budget report has been prepared on an operating basis and includes a comparison of actual results for the period to 31 March 2021 to the annual budget adopted by Council for the following financial statements:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Statement of Capital Works
- Corporate Summary
- Key Strategic Area Report
- Operating and Capital Grants

DISCUSSION

Budget Report

The operating result for the period is reporting a surplus of \$10.8m compared to the original budgeted surplus of \$4.6m and revised budgeted surplus of \$7.2m. This favourable variance of \$3.6m against the revised budget surplus is primarily due to:

- \$497k higher rates and charges revenue than budgeted due to higher levels of growth in customers and higher volumes of supplementary notices processed than estimated,
- \$425k operating grants carried forward from 2019-20 due to the timing of performance obligations being met after 30 June 2020 (2019-20 reporting date),

- \$28k lower User Fees and Charges due to reduction in childcare fees stemming from a reduction in enrolments and COVID-19 related closures of community facilities.
- Contract and materials costs \$1.4m lower than revised budget lower maintenance costs of facilities due to decreased use resulting from COVID-19 restrictions partially offset by increased spending on temporary consultants and contractors/
- Employee costs \$1.4m lower than revised budget due to employee leave taken lower than budgeted, lower maintenance employee costs due to COVID-19 related restrictions leading to decreased usage of facilities, and savings on vacant positions which are currently in the process of being filled. BCSC redundancy payments were lower than budget by approximately \$250k due to a number of resignations in the children services area since the budget was calculated.
- The Waste Management account's end of year position is also better than expected and forecast to be in a surplus position due to a number of reasons including; the State Government landfill levy that was budgeted to commence from 1 January 2021 was deferred for 6 months as directed by the State Government, due to resourcing constraints and covid impact, both waste education and street sweeper costs were lower than budget and additional revenue than budgeted from the Rokewood Transfer station. Any forecast surplus will be transferred to the dedicated waste management reserve.

The 'Adjusted Underlying Result' removes any non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure, non-monetary asset contributions and other capital contributions to fund capital expenditure from the operating result. This formula is prescribed within the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*. At 31 March 2021 the 'Adjusted Underlying Result' is a surplus of \$5.3m, compared to a budget surplus of \$1.6m, this is due to the \$3.6m favourable variance in the operating result and timing of capital grants received.

Capital Projects

Actual versus Budget

Total expenditure in the Statement of Capital Works including commitments is \$14.1m, \$2.0m below the original budget of \$12.1m, and \$3.4m below the revised budget of \$17.5m.

The capital program has delivered 80% of the YTD revised budget. The revised budget includes projects totalling \$6.5m rolled forward into 2020-21 for projects that span multiple years (refer attached capital projects report). Significant capital projects and amounts rolled forward include:

- Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre \$3.2m
- Bakers Lane/Lomandra Drive Stage 4 Development Costs \$1.5m
- Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade \$586k
- Turtle Bend Upgrade \$259k

Delivery of Projects

A number of projects have been completed during the quarter as outlined below:

Project	Project Budget \$	Project Cost \$	\$ Variance	% Variance	Comments
Replacement of Tandem Tipper Truck	210,000	206,156	3,844 <i>Favourable</i>	1.8% <i>Favourable</i>	Price came in slighter lower than budget
Ute Purchases	118,000	89,877	28,123 <i>Favourable</i>	24% <i>Favourable</i>	One changeover not required due to lower kms travelled
Teesdale Tennis Lighting power upgrade	15,000	14,528	472 <i>Favourable</i>	3% <i>Favourable</i>	Price came in slightly lower than budget
Bannockburn Rec Precinct Shade Sail	26,655	26,655	0 <i>Favourable</i>	0% <i>Favourable</i>	Price came in on budget

Any overall savings made with these projects will be automatically transferred to consolidated revenue with the opportunity to assist funding the 2020-21 capital program which will be presented to Council for consideration.

The following projects are on track to be delivered on time in 2020-21.

- Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre
- Teesdale Turtle Bend Pedestrian Footbridge
- Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade
- Bannockburn Youth Hub
- Lethbridge Lighting and Irrigation Install

Contracts approved under CEO delegation via the Contracts, Tenders and Grants Committee

As part of continuous improvement and reporting in relation to procurement activities, contracts that have been awarded between the values of \$200,000 and \$400,000 are presented to the Contracts, Tenders and Grants Committee to recommend for approval to the CEO. Contracts awarded between these values during the quarter are listed in the table below.

Contracts Awarded – Contract Value Between \$200,000 - \$400,000			
Project	Approved by:	Awarded To	Contract Value \$
Bannockburn Skate Park Upgrade	CEO	CONVIC Pty Ltd	310,000
10m3 Tandem Tipper Truck	CEO	Hino Motor Sales Australia (Australia) Pty Ltd	206,156

Council officers have been pro-active with earlier planning of projects and allocation of budgets than traditional processes, which has enabled a number of tenders to be issued and awarded well in advance of a normal year. Projects advertised during the quarter include:

- RFT-19-2020 Panel of Suppliers – Tree Maintenance Services
- RFT-03-2020 10m3 Tandem Tipper Truck

The table below outlines all tenders and subsequent contracts awarded during the quarter.

Project	Approved by:	Awarded To	Contract Value \$
Bannockburn and District Bowls Club Upgrade – Construction of New Bowling Green	Council	SportsBuild Pty Ltd	603,560
Bannockburn Soccer Pitch 2 – Sports Lighting	CEO	DeAraugo & Lea Electrical Contractors	161,300
Bannockburn Skate Park Upgrade	CEO	CONVIC Pty Ltd	310,000
Inverleigh Sporting Complex Changeroom and Social Space Upgrade	Council	Bowden Corporation	1,655,337
10m3 Tandem Tipper Truck	CEO	Hino Motor Sales Australia (Australia) Pty Ltd	206,156

In addition, if there have been any contract variations to contracts valued over \$200,000 greater than 10% but less than 15% they will be reported to provide transparency in relation to variances. There were no contract variations of this nature during the quarter.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS:

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	No
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Golden Plains Shire Council Quarterly Finance Report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020

Local Government Amendment (Fair Go Rates) Act 2015

Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020

Financial Plan

Annual Budget

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Environmentally sustainable design and construction is included for all projects.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A formal consultation process was not required.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

Financial reports are prepared ensuring consistency with Council's long term financial plan.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Quarterly Finance Report is focused on the financial management and results for the reporting quarter. Council's financial management processes are in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*, *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*, Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements. Financial sustainability is monitored by considering the financial result for the period and reporting key financial indicators on the financial dashboard.

RISK ASSESSMENT

In accordance Section 97 of the *Local Government Act 2020* a Quarterly Finance Report comparing the budgeted revenue and expenditure for the financial year with the actual revenue and expenditure to date is required to be presented to Council at least every three months.

COMMUNICATION

The Finance Quarterly Report will be presented at the 11 May 2021 Audit and Risk Committee meeting for noting.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONSOption 1 – Council note this report

This option is recommended by officers as the Quarterly Finance Report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* and presents a favourable financial result to budget and strong financial position.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The content included in this agenda and the attached documents are consistent with the adopted Budget and long term

Financial Plan after taking to account the movements described above. Officers will continue to monitor variances over the remainder of the year, to ensure Council's operating sustainability is maintained.

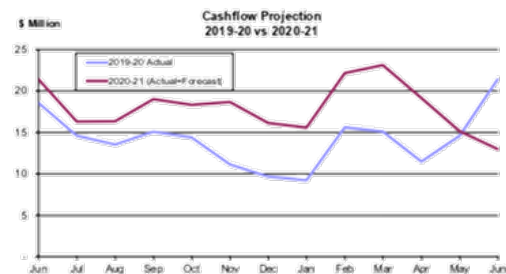
GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
Key Financials

For 9 Months Ended 31 March 2021

Income Statement Summary	Annual		YTD at 31 March 2021				Comments	
	2020-21 Original Budget \$'000	2020-21 Revised Budget \$'000	Original Budget \$'000	Revised Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Actual v Revised Budget Variance \$'000		%
Rates and Charges Revenue	24,357	24,357	24,180	24,180	24,677	497	2%	Actual rates revenue has increased due to higher customer growth than budgeted.
Grants - Operating	11,126	12,034	6,131	7,086	7,393	307	5%	\$425k Operating Grants carried forward from 1920 due to the timing of performance obligations for these grants being met after 30/6/2020 (2019/20 reporting date). The balance of the variance is due to timing differences in the receipt of grant funding.
Grants - Capital	8,153	11,491	3,248	5,787	5,637	(150)	(5)%	Variance due to timing differences in the receipt of grant funding.
Other Income	6,489	5,856	3,951	3,616	3,696	80	2%	
Total Revenue	50,125	53,738	37,510	40,669	41,403	734	2%	
Materials and Services	(14,362)	(15,985)	(10,749)	(11,520)	(10,088)	1,432	13%	Recycling collection and garbage disposal costs lower by \$37.7k due to timing of receipt of invoices. Maintenance & operating expenses for Barnookburn Cultural Centre, Kindergartens and Smythesdale Business Hub are lower by \$7.2k as COVID-19 related restrictions led to decreased usage and activity. Vehicle operation costs are lower by \$6.5k due to work from home arrangements and the resulting drop in usage. Debt collection costs are lower by \$6.3k due to debt relief provided as part of COVID-19 relief measures. Roadside signing, sweeping and tree clearing costs are lower by \$23.7k with pending budget expected to be spent over the next few months. Plant General Maintenance costs are lower by \$80k. Public toilets cleaning and drainage maintenance costs are lower by \$99k.
Employee Benefits	(20,145)	(19,467)	(15,065)	(14,898)	(13,467)	1,431	9%	AL, LSL & Sick Leave taken at this point in the year are \$35.7k lower than what was budgeted. HR employee costs are lower by \$134k which is offset by increased spending on contractors of \$139k. Community Development employee costs are lower by \$164k. Reserves and Stadiums maintenance employee costs are lower by \$83k as COVID-19 related restrictions led to decreased usage of these facilities. Personal Care (CHSP) and Social Support Group (CHSP/HAC) employee costs are lower by \$27.2k due to reduction in service demand stemming from COVID-19 related restrictions. Building Control employee costs are lower by \$19.2k which is partially offset by increased spending on temporary contractors of \$20k.
Depreciation	(8,788)	(8,814)	(8,591)	(8,598)	(8,555)	41	1%	
Other Expenses	(7,44)	(7,44)	(466)	(450)	(600)	(80)	(1.1)%	
Total Expenditure	(44,039)	(45,010)	(32,871)	(33,464)	(30,616)	2,854	9%	
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	6,086	8,728	4,639	7,205	10,793	3,588	77%	
Operating Cash Inflow/(Outflow)	15,380	16,288			9,154			
Capital Spend	(14,982)	(24,122)	(12,186)	(17,536)	(14,078)	3,458	(80)%	Delays in purchase of vehicles and heavy plant & equipment due to COVID-19 restrictions. Timing of spend on other Capex projects with budget expected to be spent in the coming months.
Closing Cash Balance	9,646	12,984			23,132			
Total Borrowings	13,500	13,254			13,796			

Underlying Result Summary	Annual			YTD at 31 March 2021		
	Original \$'000	Revised \$'000	Variance \$'000	Revised \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000
Total Comprehensive Result	6,086	8,728	2,642	7,205	10,793	3,588
Non-recurrent grants used to fund capital expenditure	(6,820)	(10,158)	(3,338)	(5,121)	(4,968)	(153)
Non-monetary asset contributions	(1,125)	(1,125)	-	-	-	-
Other contributions to fund capital expenditure	-	(492)	(492)	(492)	(492)	-
Adjusted Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,859)	(3,047)	(1,188)	1,592	5,333	3,741

Capital Works Summary	Annual			YTD at 31 March 2021		
	2020-21 Original Budget \$'000	2020-21 Revised Budget \$'000	Carry-forward from 2019-20	Revised Budget \$'000	Actual \$'000	Variance \$'000
Property	3,248	12,505	4,760	8,122	6,673	(1,449)
Plant and Equipment	1,029	1,515	518	1,432	878	(554)
Infrastructure	10,705	10,102	1,197	7,382	6,527	(1,455)
Total Capital Spend	14,982	24,122	6,475	17,536	14,078	(3,458)



FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS					
Indicator	Measure	YTD March 2020-21	Forecast 2020-21	Budget 2020-21	Forecast v Budget
Efficiency	Total expenditure / no. of assessments	\$2,766	\$4,064	\$3,579	✓
Liquidity	Working Capital	437.1%	150.3%	135.8%	✓
Obligations	Interest bearing loans and borrowings / rate revenue	58.3%	54.4%	56.4%	○
	Non-current liabilities / own income revenue	54.3%	49.0%	47.9%	○
Asset renewal	Asset renewal expenditure / depreciation	83.4%	80.8%	80.8%	○
Operating position	Adjusted underlying surplus (deficit) / Adjusted underlying revenue	-1.8%	-7.3%	-4.4%	○

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Income Statement

For 9 Months Ended 31 March 2021

****	Annual					Year To Date					Comments
	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast	Forecast to Revised Budget	Variance	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Actual to Revised Budget	Variance	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	
Operating Revenue											
Rates and Charges	24,356,760	24,356,760	24,903,077	546,317	2	24,180,406	24,180,406	24,676,964	496,558	2	Higher customer growth than budgeted.
Grants - Operating	11,215,796	12,034,253	12,340,725	306,472	3	6,131,059	7,086,251	7,392,723	306,472	4	\$425k grants carried forward from 2019-20 due to the timing of performance obligations not being met after 30 June 2019.
Grants - Capital	8,152,655	11,491,475	11,341,431	(150,044)	(1)	3,248,155	5,787,075	5,637,031	(150,044)	(3)	Revised budget includes \$500k carried forward for Inverleigh Sporting Complex Upgrade and new grant income for Inverleigh Sporting Complex Upgrade, Bannockburn Youth Hub, Bannockburn Skate Park & Lethbridge Lighting Irrigation.
Contrib's and Recoup. - Monetary	1,413,538	1,807,973	1,807,780	(193)	()	1,159,134	1,465,566	1,465,373	(193)	()	Increased public open space contributions and development contributions due to greater development activity, \$140k Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade contribution received and budgeted in 2019-20.
Contrib's and Recoup.- Non Monetary	1,125,000	1,125,000	1,125,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Roads, footpaths, and street trees which are constructed as part of new developments are recognised as gifted assets (non-monetary revenue). Funds not recognised until end of year to effect final valuation.
Statutory Fees and Charges	683,600	683,600	709,862	26,262	4	531,747	531,747	610,779	79,032	15	
User Fees and Charges	2,975,567	2,037,450	2,065,836	28,386	1	2,108,160	1,467,284	1,495,670	28,386	2	Lower User Fees and Charges due to reduction in childcare fees stemming from a reduction in enrolments and COVID-19 related closures.
Other Income	202,000	202,000	111,760	(90,240)	(45)	151,506	151,506	61,266	(90,240)	(60)	
Net Gain/(Loss) on Disposals	-	-	62,933	62,933		-	-	62,933	62,933		
Total Operating Revenue	50,124,916	53,738,511	54,468,404	729,893	1	37,510,167	40,669,835	41,402,739	732,904	2	
Operating Expenditure											
Materials and Services	(15,163,309)	(15,985,494)	(15,060,650)	924,844	6	(10,749,699)	(11,520,232)	(10,088,074)	1,432,158	12	Delay in timing of recycling collection and garbage disposal cost invoices, lower maintenance costs of facilities due to decreased use resulting from COVID-19 restrictions.
Employee Benefits	(19,343,679)	(19,466,773)	(18,249,338)	1,217,435	6	(15,065,532)	(14,898,372)	(13,467,518)	1,430,854	10	Employee leave taken lower than budgeted, lower maintenance employee costs due to COVID-19 related restrictions leading to decreased usage of facilities, savings on vacant position which are currently in the process of being filled, partially offset by BCSC redundancy payments processed against employee costs.
Depreciation	(8,787,826)	(8,813,901)	(8,771,638)	42,263		(6,590,859)	(6,595,998)	(6,553,735)	42,263	1	
Finance Costs	(356,139)	(356,139)	(324,348)	31,791	9	(265,332)	(251,166)	(219,375)	31,791	13	
Other Expenses	(276,530)	(276,531)	(286,732)	(10,201)	(4)	(190,642)	(190,642)	(200,843)	(10,201)	(5)	
Bad Debts	(111,700)	(111,000)	(182,646)	(71,646)	(65)	(8,769)	(8,244)	(79,890)	(71,646)		
Total Operating Expenditure	(44,039,183)	(45,009,838)	(42,875,352)	2,134,486	5	(32,870,833)	(33,464,654)	(30,609,435)	2,855,219	9	
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	6,085,733	8,728,673	11,593,052	2,864,379	33	4,639,334	7,205,181	10,793,304	3,588,123	50	

• Original budget	Adopted Budget by the Council										
• Revised budget	Adopted budget including budget amendments + carryovers										
• Forecast Budget	Based on actual year to date plus remaining budget (inclusive of additional grants received after 1 July)										

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Original Budget 2020-21 \$	Revised Budget 2020-21	Actual 31-Mar-21 \$	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash Assets	9,645,783	12,984,434	23,131,635	Timing of capital spending
Receivables	2,881,679	2,956,419	6,892,959	Timing of Rates payment due dates
Inventories - Consumables	20,660	21,663	(21,047)	Balance is negative due to a fuel tax credit adjustment relating to prior years. This will unwind once the rebate amount has been apportioned against the relevant plant numbers.
Other Current Assets	441,630	673,528	99,723	
Total Current Assets	12,989,752	16,636,043	30,103,270	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Land	31,787,131	33,287,131	30,375,545	Increase in revised budget due to roll forward of Bakers Lane project costs
Land Under Roads	4,335,968	4,335,968	4,342,605	
Buildings Specialised	35,631,173	38,876,406	28,755,878	Increase in revised budget due to roll forward of GPCCC project costs, actuals under WIP. Furthermore some buildings have been reclassified to Rec, Leisure and Community as part of Assetic implementation
Buildings Unspecialised	2,538,112	2,552,829	1,988,224	Actuals have been impacted by reclassification of buildings to other categories as part of Assetic implementation
Heritage Building	855,481	855,481	1,067,725	Actuals have been impacted by reclassification from other building categories as part of Assetic implementation
Parks, Open Spaces & Streetscapes	4,365,944	4,885,366	1,285,558	
Recreational, Leisure & Community	8,295,028	12,273,714	10,863,426	Revised budget is higher due to funding for new capex projects including Inverleigh sporting complex change room upgrade, playground renewal and Youth Hub Bannockburn. Actuals impacted due to reclassification of assets from buildings category.
Car Park	1,039,226	1,039,226	1,047,618	
Furniture & Equipment	69,285	69,285	102,155	
Plant & Machinery	4,546,405	4,656,659	3,993,737	
Road	335,453,718	335,727,338	334,586,327	
Bridges	17,119,132	17,819,132	15,505,004	
Footpath	12,281,229	11,966,229	12,073,238	
Drainage	5,222,438	5,222,438	5,472,595	
Information Communications Technology	837,615	1,143,620	591,518	
Work in Progress	3,221,104	3,221,104	10,575,136	Actuals include Capex projects currently in progress
Investment in Associate	723,670	790,636	790,636	
Gravel Pit	302,281	302,206	317,661	
Total Non-Current Assets	468,624,941	479,024,769	463,734,586	
TOTAL ASSETS	481,614,693	495,660,812	493,837,856	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Payables	3,414,533	4,383,906	580,670	Timing of creditor payments
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	2,284,137	2,243,035	1,394,942	
Employee Benefits	3,129,000	3,278,796	3,161,721	
Trust Funds	554,315	652,827	858,044	
Provision for Rehabilitation of Gravel Pit	70,000	70,000	60,000	
Provision for Landfill Rehabilitation	115,000	440,053	0	
Total Current Liabilities	9,566,985	11,068,617	6,055,377	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Interest-Bearing Liabilities	11,216,087	11,011,087	12,401,325	
Employee Benefits	525,000	484,000	411,928	
Provision for Rehabilitation of Gravel Pit	899,798	899,798	730,315	
Provision for Landfill Rehabilitation	1,608,503	1,608,503	1,582,982	
Total Non-Current Liabilities	14,249,388	14,003,388	15,126,550	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	23,816,373	25,072,005	21,181,927	
NET ASSETS	457,798,319	470,588,807	472,655,929	
EQUITY				
Accumulated Surplus	457,798,318	470,588,807	472,655,929	
TOTAL EQUITY	457,798,318	470,588,807	472,655,929	
RECONCILIATION:				
Total Equity - Opening Balance	451,712,586	461,860,134	461,862,625	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	6,085,733	8,728,673	10,793,304	
Total Equity - Closing Balance	457,798,319	470,588,807	472,655,929	

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For 9 Months Ended 31 March 2021

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Actual/ Original Budget
	2020-21	2020-21	31-Mar-21	
	\$	\$	\$	%
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
(Inclusive of GST where applicable)				
Receipts from Ratepayers	24,479,298	24,479,298	20,750,268	85
Grants	19,280,594	24,337,638	12,265,099	64
Interest Received	78,401	78,401	52,837	67
User Fees	4,148,027	2,746,210	2,045,167	49
Contributions and Recoupments	1,581,283	2,882,160	1,266,290	80
Payments to Employees	(19,272,768)	(19,367,735)	(13,784,686)	72
Payments to Suppliers	(15,937,506)	(19,832,904)	(14,451,088)	91
Net GST Refunded	1,022,178	965,405	1,009,990	99
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	15,379,507	16,288,472	9,153,876	60
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
(Net of GST)				
Payment for Land & Buildings	(722,999)	(2,162,999)	(2,667,889)	369
Payment for Infrastructure Assets	(10,704,655)	(10,102,071)	(3,345,965)	31
Payment for Plant & Machinery	(825,000)	(935,254)	(180,668)	22
Payment for Furniture & Equipment	(306,000)	(612,005)	(217,417)	71
Payment for Other Structures	(2,423,000)	(10,309,608)	(917,495)	38
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	514,000	514,000	61,760	12
Net Cash Outflow from Investing Activities	(14,467,654)	(23,607,937)	(7,267,674)	50
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Interest Paid	(356,139)	(356,139)	(219,375)	62
Repayment of Borrowings	(1,380,561)	(1,335,559)	(834,517)	60
Proceeds from Loan	850,000	600,000	600,000	71
Trust Funds	80,000	(18,512)	285,217	357
Net Cash Inflow from Financing Activities	(806,700)	(1,110,210)	(168,675)	21
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	105,153	(8,429,675)	1,717,526	1,633
Cash at start of year	9,540,631	21,414,109	21,414,109	224
Cash at end of year	9,645,783	12,984,434	23,131,635	240

GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL
Capital Expenditure Detail
For 9 Months Ended 31 March 2021

GL Account	Annual			Year to Date				Actuals/Revised Budget	Comments
	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast	Revised Budget	YTD Actuals	Commitments	Actuals + Commitments		
BUILDING SPECIALISED									
06172 Minor Building Works	(103,000)	(103,000)	(103,000)	(103,000)	(58,050)	0	(58,050)	56%	Remaining budget allocated to Bannockburn Shire Family Services flooring.
BUILDING SPECIALISED Total	(103,000)	(103,000)	(103,000)	(103,000)	(58,050)	0	(58,050)	56%	
BUILDING UNSPECIALISED									
06163 Shefford Depot Refurbishment	0	0	(2,787)	0	(2,787)	0	(2,787)	0%	Project complete.
06085 Environment Strategy			(300)			(300)	(300)	0%	
06174 Three Trails	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	0	0	0	0%	Application has been submitted for additional funding to expand project scope. Furniture to be committed during April.
BUILDING UNSPECIALISED Total	(500,000)	(500,000)	(503,087)	(500,000)	(2,787)	(300)	(3,087)	1%	
BUILDINGS									
06095 BCSC Portable Reutilisation	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(38,944)	(2,310)	(41,254)	69%	Building permit and designs for DDA compliance to be received shortly.
BUILDINGS Total	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	(38,944)	(2,310)	(41,254)	69%	
INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY									
07000 Councilors' Computers	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	(6,000)	0	(6,000)	100%	Project complete.
07006 Computer Hardware	(200,000)	(231,359)	(231,359)	(213,359)	(171,917)	(5,878)	(177,795)	83%	
07007 Computer Software	(100,000)	(258,848)	(258,848)	(193,988)	(3,500)	(6,047)	(9,547)	5%	New licensing arrangements under Microsoft Office 365 are operating costs rather than capital. Therefore savings made in capital are offset by overspend in operating budget of \$71k.
07070 Asset Management Software System	0	(84,000)	(84,000)	(84,000)	(36,000)	(38,410)	(74,410)	89%	Implementation of building assets complete. Commenced implementation of transport assets, migrating asset register and maintenance for road defect inspections. Implementation will continue into 21/22.
INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY Total	(306,000)	(580,005)	(580,005)	(497,345)	(217,417)	(50,335)	(267,752)	54%	
INFRASTRUCTURE									
04064 Storm Water Drainage Improvements	(100,000)	(100,000)	(117,670)	(74,997)	(117,670)	0	(117,670)	157%	Moore St underground upgrade, includes installing underground pipe from Pope to Milton St as stage 1, stage 2 will require funding for kerb and channel.
09001 Local Roads Resealing	(900,000)	(900,000)	(989,888)	(900,000)	(989,888)	0	(989,888)	110%	Project complete.
09007 Local Roads Improvements (Roads to Recovery)	(1,333,000)	(1,333,000)	(1,333,000)	(1,333,000)	(508,200)	(385,254)	(893,454)	67%	Meredith-Shefford Road widening project 2km upgrade, tender awarded in January 2021 with works commenced.
09008 Local Roads Improvements	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(336,494)	(129,957)	(466,451)	93%	Harvey/Brisbane Rd intersection complete.
09009 Gravel Resheeting - Local Roads	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	(304,940)	0	(304,940)	51%	As per program, nearing completion.
09025 Trails	(50,000)	(50,000)	(50,000)	(37,503)	(14,594)	0	(14,594)	39%	
09043 Periodic Footpath/Kerb Replacement	0	0	(2,182)	0	(2,182)	0	(2,182)	0%	
09044 Bridge Rehabilitation	(2,300,000)	(2,300,000)	(2,300,000)	(1,155,000)	(376,316)	(1,309,676)	(1,685,992)	146%	Tender awarded for Slate Quarry Road bridge with construction started in Feb 2021 and anticipated to be completed in August 2021.
09054 Bridge Replacement - Gaggies Road	(700,000)	(700,000)	(700,000)	(700,000)	(236,494)	(154,364)	(390,858)	56%	Tender awarded, works commenced.
09062 Bridge renewal - Reserve Road, Rokewood	0	(700,000)	(700,000)	(300,000)	(312,277)	(111,241)	(423,518)	141%	Tender awarded, works commenced.
09067 Milton Street Service Road Widening at School Site	0	0	(154)	0	(154)	0	(154)	0%	
09081 Cressy-Pitfield Road Widening (R2R & FCR)	0	0	(8,881)	0	(8,881)	0	(8,881)	0%	
09083 Barwon Park Road Widening	0	(31,071)	(31,071)	(31,071)	(16,676)	0	(16,676)	54%	Works commenced in 19/20 but project delayed due to supplier material delays during bridge construction.
09084 Future Road Design Work - Infrastructure	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(112,500)	(115,787)	(22,661)	(138,448)	123%	
09085 Kerb & Channel	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	0	(113,288)	(113,288)	45%	Byron St completed, remaining works to be determined. Milton Street kerb and channel to be completed by June 30.
09086 Fixing Country Roads	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(500,000)	0	0	0	0%	Awaiting Govt advice on funding for the program.
09087 Footpaths (TAC)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	(250,000)	0	(86,001)	(86,001)	34%	Awaiting grant funding announcement from TAC.
09090 Shefford - Mt Mercer Road (BS)	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	0	(687,046)	(687,046)	62%	Tender awarded, works commenced.
09091 Russells Bridge Road (BS)	(138,000)	(138,000)	(138,000)	(138,000)	0	0	0	0%	Tender awarded, works commenced.
09092 Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program	(1,333,855)	0	(186,522)	0	(5,412)	(181,110)	(186,522)	0%	Multiple projects - Reserve Rd bridge \$700k tender awarded, Maude Water \$15k (CHMP completed and awaiting approval), playgrounds \$240k commenced with one playground completed, Inverleigh FNC \$177k tender awarded, GPS Youth Hub \$100k portable buildings relocated from Civic Centre to site, Bannockburn Skatepark \$100k, Shefford-Meredith Rd upgrade tender awarded and works commenced.
INFRASTRUCTURE Total	(10,704,655)	(10,102,071)	(10,407,368)	(7,982,071)	(3,345,965)	(3,180,598)	(6,526,563)	82%	
LAND HELD FOR RE-SALE									
00789 Land for Re-sale - Bakers Lane Stage 4 Development east	0	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	0	(88,414)	(37,960)	(126,374)	0%	Significant design change required to manage drainage from road reserve and expect design to be completed by end of March.
LAND HELD FOR RE-SALE Total	0	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	0	(88,414)	(37,960)	(126,374)	0%	
PARKS, OPEN SPACES & STREETSCAPES									
04021 Refurbishment of Playgrounds	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(100,000)	(2,423)	0	(2,423)	2%	Final approval on designs from Sport and Recreation required.
06145 Cypress Tree Replacement	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	(180,000)	0	0	0	0%	Resignations in engineering area has resulted in staff shortage to manage. Replacement graduate engineer advertised and appointed and will commence work on this project.
09040 Skate Park Upgrade - Bannockburn	0	(449,900)	(449,900)	(200,000)	0	0	0	0%	Tender awarded. Engaging with contractors to start works happening. Design work and engagement due to be completed in April.
06176 Streetscape Design Work	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0	0	0	0%	RFQ closed at end of March, will award in April and deliver over May & June.
PARKS, OPEN SPACES & STREETSCAPES Total	(405,000)	(854,900)	(854,900)	(555,000)	(2,423)	0	(2,423)	0%	

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GL Account	Annual			Year to Date				Actuals/Revised Budget %	Comments
	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Forecast	Revised Budget	YTD Actuals	Commitments	Actuals + Commitments		
PLANT & MACHINERY									
08013 Vehicle Purchases	(310,000)	(310,000)	(310,000)	(310,000)	0	(70,797)	(70,797)	23%	Timing delayed due to COVID-19 impacts. Revised changeover timing applied to plant replacement program with a number of vehicles now scheduled to be replaced in 2021-22 instead of 2020-21. 2 vehicles in quote stage to purchase and 2 ordered. Delivery will be delayed due to stock coming into Australia.
08014 Ute Purchases	(118,000)	(118,000)	(118,000)	(118,000)	0	(89,877)	(89,877)	76%	
08084 IFUEL mobile fuel system			(25,805)			(25,805)	(25,805)	0%	
08143 Crane Truck (P338) Replacing Isuzu FRR500	0	(160,000)	(163,418)	(160,000)	(163,418)	0	(163,418)	102%	
08144 Purchase of Plumfleet Keybox	0	(17,250)	(17,250)	(17,250)	(17,250)	0	(17,250)	100%	
08155 Isuzu Tipper - GIGA 455 CXY (P344)	(210,000)	(210,000)	(210,000)	(210,000)	0	(206,156)	(206,156)	98%	
08158 Super dog - Hamalex Trailer (P354)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0	0	0	0%	
08158 Trailer - P Featherstone (P411A)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0	0%	
08159 Sign Trailer - (P414)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0	0%	
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08159 Sign Trailer - (P414)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0	0%	
08159 Sign Trailer - (P414)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0	0%	
08159 Sign Trailer - (P414)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(5,000)	0	0	0	0%	
PLANT & MACHINERY Total	(723,000)	(900,250)	(929,473)	(900,250)	(180,668)	(392,635)	(573,303)	64%	
RECREATIONAL, LEISURE & COMMUNITY									
04045 World Game - Soccer Change, Lighting and Fencing	(366,000)	(366,000)	(366,000)	(366,000)	(76,803)	(165,020)	(241,823)	66%	Fencing 90% complete, lighting tender awarded with works due to start in April. Change rooms in the process of detailed design due to complete by end of April with tender in May.
04071 Bannockburn Heart (RDV)	0	0	(909)	0	0	(909)	(909)	0%	Project complete.
06166 Hard Wicket Replacement Program	0	0	(64,586)	0	(48,506)	(16,080)	(64,586)	0%	Upgrade of Bannockburn Oval 1 & Teesdale in progress.
06168 Tennis Lighting Power Upgrade - Teesdale	0	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)			(14,528)	97%	Project complete.
06170 Environmental Initiatives	(50,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(50,000)	(10,543)	(42,606)	(53,149)	106%	Solar project at the BCC deferred. Works programmed to upgrade lighting components in a number of GPS council buildings to increase efficiency.
06177 Bannockburn Heart Stage 2 Design	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(3,780)	0	(3,780)	5%	Concept works being completed by Sport and Recreation.
06178 Inverleigh Sporting Complex Clubroom Upgrade	0	(1,777,000)	(1,824,320)	(1,513,000)	(138,983)	(1,685,337)	(1,824,320)	121%	Construction will start mid March and temporary facilities provided for the sporting clubs.
06179 Bannockburn Soccer Club - female friendly changerooms	(832,000)	(832,000)	(832,000)	0	(37,548)	(3,870)	(41,418)	0%	Part of World Game Soccer Change, Lighting and Fencing project.
06182 Future Design Work - Recreational, Leisure & Community	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	(75,000)	0	0	0	0%	Design works for Linton Oval, Smythsdale Oval lighting and Rokewood Netball.
06183 Linton Cricket Nets Upgrade	(102,000)	(202,550)	(202,550)	(102,000)	0	(7,905)	(7,905)	8%	RFO for detailed design issued.
06184 Inverleigh Social Room Upgrade	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(400,000)	0	0	0	0%	Part of World Game Soccer Change, Lighting and Fencing project.
06185 Bannockburn Rec Precinct Shade Sail	0	(26,655)	(26,655)	(26,655)	(26,655)	0	(26,655)	100%	Project complete.
09024 Lookout Water Supply - Maude Recreation Reserve	0	(15,500)	(33,758)	(15,500)	(13,693)	(20,065)	(33,758)	218%	Water connection works due to take place mid-late April and project to be complete by EOFY.
09029 Playground Renewal - Dereel, Linton, Garibaldi, Haddon Lions Park	0	(240,455)	(240,455)	(140,455)	(95,125)	0	(95,125)	68%	Dereel and Haddon complete, Garibaldi to start at the end of March. Linton completed as part of Refurbishment of Playgrounds project.
09035 Youth Hub - Bannockburn	0	(471,032)	(471,032)	(400,000)	(35,628)	(27,352)	(62,980)	16%	Detailed design due to be complete end of March, with tender target in April.
RECREATIONAL, LEISURE & COMMUNITY Total	(2,000,000)	(4,696,192)	(4,827,265)	(3,178,610)	(501,792)	(1,969,144)	(2,470,936)	78%	
WORK IN PROGRESS									
04009 Open Space Strategy Implementation	(45,000)	(45,000)	(45,000)	(45,000)	(33,182)	0	(33,182)	74%	Sport and Recreation - Costings for a path renewal at Ross creek into the Primary school.
06039 Golden Plains Community & Civic Centre	0	(3,185,233)	(3,185,233)	(2,388,924)	(2,479,695)	(41,130)	(2,520,825)	106%	Ongoing project, stage 2 complete, stage 3 (landscaping and carpark) commenced in February.
06059 Disability Action Plan (Toilet DDA Compliant)	0	(60,000)	(60,000)	(60,000)	0	0	0	0%	Investigations to take place to identify where work should take place.
06089 Major Rec Facilities Renewal	(75,000)	(75,000)	(84,293)	(56,250)	(37,695)	(46,597)	(84,292)	150%	Project nearing completion.
06151 Bannockburn Streetscape Upgrade	0	(69,522)	(69,522)	(52,146)	(4,121)	(53,840)	(57,961)	111%	Mains connection agreement lodged with Barwon water to obtain adequate supply and pressure.
06152 Linton Depot Refurbishment	(60,000)	(74,717)	(74,717)	(56,034)	(9,429)	(7,611)	(17,040)	30%	Delivery of pound refurbishment and relocation of portable toilets from Linton office.
06160 Bannockburn Bowls Upgrade	0	(586,397)	(625,495)	(586,397)	(21,389)	(604,105)	(625,494)	107%	Construction started early March and due to be completed by end of May.
06165 Turtle Bend Upgrade (Berry Bank / Federal)	0	(259,249)	(259,249)	(194,436)	(92,073)	(163,047)	(255,120)	131%	Shop drawings for the pedestrian bridge approved, being fabricated and installation due end of April/start of May.
06169 Lethbridge Lighting Install	0	(435,398)	(435,398)	(285,398)	(176,982)	(197,410)	(374,392)	131%	Project anticipated to be completed by the end of May.
06171 Shire Beautification	0	0	(3,405)	0	(3,405)	0	(3,405)	0%	
08136 Heavy Plant monitoring system	0	0	(2,100)	0	0	(2,100)	(2,100)	0%	
08151 Tow Behind Site Hut (Linton Depot)	0	(35,004)	(35,004)	(35,004)	(35,004)	0	(35,004)	100%	Project complete.
WORK IN PROGRESS Total	(180,000)	(4,825,520)	(4,879,416)	(3,759,589)	(2,892,975)	(1,115,840)	(4,008,815)	107%	
Total	(14,981,655)	(24,121,938)	(24,644,514)	(17,535,865)	(7,329,435)	(6,749,122)	(14,078,557)	80%	

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	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	%
00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE								
Expenditure	(1,293,069)	(1,312,730)	(1,186,687)	(961,492)	(981,091)	(855,048)	126,043	13
Income	3,900	3,901	58,907	3,178	3,169	58,175	55,006	1,736
00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE Total	(1,289,169)	(1,308,829)	(1,127,780)	(958,314)	(977,922)	(796,873)	181,049	19
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP								
Expenditure	(2,763,000)	(3,105,188)	(2,932,566)	(1,987,266)	(2,116,572)	(1,943,950)	172,622	8
Income	203,395	203,366	162,083	182,535	182,535	141,252	(41,283)	(23)
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP Total	(2,559,605)	(2,901,822)	(2,770,483)	(1,804,731)	(1,934,037)	(1,802,698)	131,339	7
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT								
Expenditure	(492,424)	(495,211)	(513,853)	(382,789)	(383,626)	(402,268)	(18,642)	(5)
Income	81,588	361,587	343,502	71,944	351,944	333,859	(18,085)	(5)
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Total	(410,836)	(133,624)	(170,351)	(310,845)	(31,682)	(68,409)	(36,727)	(116)
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE								
Expenditure	(4,147,595)	(4,462,871)	(4,105,279)	(2,980,283)	(3,187,512)	(2,829,920)	357,592	11
Income	1,980,797	2,118,783	2,590,001	1,399,476	1,537,476	2,061,464	523,988	34
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE Total	(2,166,798)	(2,344,088)	(1,515,278)	(1,580,807)	(1,650,036)	(768,456)	881,580	53
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT								
Expenditure	(2,241,459)	(2,252,914)	(1,968,296)	(1,555,878)	(1,560,126)	(1,325,267)	234,859	15
Income	29,558,447	29,558,514	29,613,277	24,131,159	24,131,213	24,185,976	54,763	0
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Total	27,316,988	27,305,600	27,644,981	22,575,281	22,571,087	22,860,709	289,622	1
05 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES								
Expenditure	(8,189,459)	(7,515,813)	(6,612,875)	(6,030,090)	(5,681,200)	(4,724,712)	956,488	17
Income	5,243,897	4,448,223	4,529,443	3,966,498	3,519,138	3,600,358	81,220	2
05 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES Total	(2,945,562)	(3,067,590)	(2,083,432)	(2,063,592)	(2,162,062)	(1,124,354)	1,037,708	48
06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT								
Expenditure	(5,224,130)	(5,816,575)	(5,292,533)	(4,161,658)	(4,577,947)	(4,053,905)	524,042	11
Income	1,668,144	2,081,245	2,000,720	1,290,228	1,700,994	1,620,469	(80,525)	(5)
06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Total	(3,555,986)	(3,735,330)	(3,291,813)	(2,871,430)	(2,876,953)	(2,433,436)	443,517	15
07 ASSETS SERVICES								
Expenditure	(11,296,889)	(11,396,385)	(11,616,185)	(8,550,466)	(8,605,515)	(8,825,315)	(219,800)	(3)
Income	6,805,783	6,805,774	6,805,166	2,313,759	2,313,750	2,313,142	(608)	(0)
07 ASSETS SERVICES Total	(4,491,106)	(4,590,611)	(4,811,019)	(6,236,707)	(6,291,765)	(6,512,173)	(220,408)	(4)
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT								
Expenditure	(8,904,916)	(9,165,490)	(8,840,274)	(6,570,808)	(6,680,582)	(5,901,601)	778,981	12
Income	5,092,723	8,670,457	8,558,501	4,536,695	7,314,541	7,202,585	(111,956)	(2)
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT Total	(3,812,193)	(495,033)	(281,773)	(2,034,113)	633,959	1,300,984	667,025	105
10 CLEARING								
Expenditure	(4,673,000)	(4,673,000)	(4,530,420)	(3,511,198)	(3,511,198)	(3,155,200)	355,998	10
Income	4,673,000	4,673,000	4,530,420	3,435,790	3,435,790	3,293,210	(142,580)	(4)
10 CLEARING Total	0	0	0	(75,408)	(75,408)	138,010	213,418	(283)
Total	6,085,733	8,728,673	11,593,052	4,639,334	7,205,181	10,793,304	3,588,123	50

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00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE							
100 COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING							
Expenditure Total	(513,705)	(710,175)	(567,909)	(539,042)	(396,776)	142,266	26
Income Total	10	20	54,474	9	54,463	54,454	100
100 COMMUNICATIONS & MARKETING Total	(513,695)	(710,155)	(513,435)	(539,033)	(342,313)	196,720	36
101 CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES							
Expenditure Total	(597,354)	(602,555)	(618,777)	(442,049)	(458,271)	(16,222)	(4)
Income Total	3,883	3,881	4,434	3,160	3,713	553	18
101 CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRES Total	(593,471)	(598,674)	(614,343)	(438,889)	(454,558)	(15,669)	(4)
102 EVENTS							
Expenditure Total	(182,010)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Income Total	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
102 EVENTS Total	(182,003)	0	0	0	0	0	0
00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE Total	(1,289,169)	(1,308,829)	(1,127,778)	(977,922)	(796,871)	181,051	19
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP							
110 GOVERNANCE							
Expenditure Total	(835,562)	(951,772)	(899,563)	(745,408)	(693,199)	52,209	7
Income Total	14,593	14,589	7,365	10,944	3,720	(7,224)	(66)
110 GOVERNANCE Total	(820,969)	(937,183)	(892,198)	(734,464)	(689,479)	44,985	6
111 ELECTIONS							
Expenditure Total	(203,670)	(203,713)	(152,355)	(77,714)	(26,356)	51,358	66
Income Total	0	0	588	0	588	588	
111 ELECTIONS Total	(203,670)	(203,713)	(151,767)	(77,714)	(25,768)	51,946	67
112 MEETINGS							
Expenditure Total	(39,502)	(39,766)	(46,608)	(29,320)	(36,162)	(6,842)	(23)
Income Total	1	0	21	0	21	21	
112 MEETINGS Total	(39,501)	(39,766)	(46,587)	(29,320)	(36,141)	(6,821)	(23)
113 CORPORATE PLANNING							
Expenditure Total	(1,202,295)	(1,211,622)	(1,175,402)	(886,036)	(849,816)	36,220	4
Income Total	57,209	57,193	28,277	42,903	13,987	(28,916)	(67)
113 CORPORATE PLANNING Total	(1,145,086)	(1,154,429)	(1,147,125)	(843,133)	(835,829)	7,304	1
114 EMERGENCY MGT PLAN & SES							
Expenditure Total	(121,356)	(321,981)	(294,718)	(97,861)	(70,598)	27,263	28
Income Total	123,291	123,288	121,642	122,466	120,820	(1,646)	(1)
114 EMERGENCY MGT PLAN & SES Total	1,935	(198,693)	(173,076)	24,605	50,222	25,617	104
115 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY							
Expenditure Total	(304,429)	(319,593)	(288,044)	(238,698)	(207,149)	31,549	13
Income Total	4,011	4,008	2,077	3,006	1,075	(1,931)	(64)
115 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY Total	(300,418)	(315,585)	(285,967)	(235,692)	(206,074)	29,618	13

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116 RISK MANAGEMENT							
Expenditure Total	(56,186)	(56,741)	(75,877)	(41,535)	(60,671)	(19,136)	(46)
Income Total	4,290	4,288	2,114	3,216	1,042	(2,174)	(68)
116 RISK MANAGEMENT Total	(51,896)	(52,453)	(73,763)	(38,319)	(59,629)	(21,310)	(56)
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP Total	(2,559,605)	(2,901,822)	(2,770,483)	(1,934,037)	(1,802,698)	131,339	7
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
200 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
Expenditure Total	(408,377)	(410,819)	(443,831)	(321,042)	(354,054)	(33,012)	(10)
Income Total	46,581	326,578	321,944	325,682	321,048	(4,634)	(1)
200 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Total	(361,796)	(84,241)	(121,887)	4,640	(33,006)	(37,646)	811
204 FARMERS MARKET							
Expenditure Total	(84,047)	(84,392)	(70,023)	(62,584)	(48,215)	14,369	23
Income Total	35,007	35,009	21,558	26,262	12,811	(13,451)	(51)
204 FARMERS MARKET Total	(49,040)	(49,383)	(48,465)	(36,322)	(35,404)	918	3
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Total	(410,836)	(133,624)	(170,352)	(31,682)	(68,410)	(36,728)	(116)
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE							
300 STATUTORY PLANNING							
Expenditure Total	(1,023,969)	(931,231)	(902,071)	(686,269)	(657,109)	29,160	4
Income Total	892,669	892,666	1,207,650	729,839	1,044,823	314,984	43
300 STATUTORY PLANNING Total	(131,300)	(38,565)	305,579	43,570	387,714	344,144	790
301 BUILDING CONTROL							
Expenditure Total	(761,896)	(841,196)	(619,840)	(562,069)	(340,713)	221,356	39
Income Total	117,303	192,302	225,241	174,798	207,737	32,939	19
301 BUILDING CONTROL Total	(644,593)	(648,894)	(394,599)	(387,271)	(132,976)	254,295	66
303 FIRE PROTECTION							
Expenditure Total	(303,480)	(305,289)	(232,377)	(241,122)	(168,210)	72,912	30
Income Total	47,869	47,868	19,405	44,657	16,194	(28,463)	(64)
303 FIRE PROTECTION Total	(255,611)	(257,421)	(212,972)	(196,465)	(152,016)	44,449	23
305 COMMUNITY SAFETY							
Expenditure Total	(712,922)	(717,312)	(698,577)	(509,925)	(491,190)	18,735	4
Income Total	565,640	565,638	525,216	231,448	243,796	12,348	5
305 COMMUNITY SAFETY Total	(147,282)	(151,674)	(173,361)	(278,477)	(247,394)	31,083	11
306 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH							
Expenditure Total	(613,807)	(643,314)	(620,551)	(470,288)	(447,525)	22,763	5
Income Total	238,724	238,719	316,457	184,793	262,531	77,738	42
306 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Total	(375,083)	(404,595)	(304,094)	(285,495)	(184,994)	100,501	35
307 STRATEGIC PLANNING							
Expenditure Total	(504,060)	(722,068)	(689,129)	(472,244)	(439,305)	32,939	7
Income Total	38,589	101,587	76,875	91,941	67,229	(24,712)	(27)
307 STRATEGIC PLANNING Total	(465,471)	(620,481)	(612,254)	(380,303)	(372,076)	8,227	2

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308 DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING							
Expenditure Total	(227,461)	(302,461)	(342,735)	(245,595)	(285,869)	(40,274)	(16)
Income Total	80,003	80,003	219,158	80,000	219,155	139,155	174
308 DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERING Total	(147,458)	(222,458)	(123,577)	(165,595)	(66,714)	98,881	60
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE T	(2,166,798)	(2,344,088)	(1,515,278)	(1,650,036)	(768,456)	881,580	53
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT							
400 GENERAL REVENUE							
Expenditure Total	(4,298)	(4,384)	(4,225)	(3,222)	(3,063)	159	5
Income Total	28,835,985	28,835,985	29,046,428	23,677,125	23,887,568	210,443	1
400 GENERAL REVENUE Total	28,831,687	28,831,601	29,042,203	23,673,903	23,884,505	210,602	1
401 PROPERTY & RATING							
Expenditure Total	(825,100)	(829,962)	(734,292)	(539,515)	(493,604)	45,911	9
Income Total	464,008	464,008	392,539	260,198	188,729	(71,469)	(27)
401 PROPERTY & RATING Total	(361,092)	(365,954)	(341,753)	(279,317)	(304,875)	(25,558)	(9)
402 CORPORATE REPORTING & BUDGETING							
Expenditure Total	(397,626)	(400,573)	(412,807)	(264,238)	(276,472)	(12,234)	(5)
Income Total	5,010	5,008	2,607	3,756	1,355	(2,401)	(64)
402 CORPORATE REPORTING & BUDGETING	(392,616)	(395,565)	(410,200)	(260,482)	(275,117)	(14,635)	(6)
403 PROCUREMENT & CONTRACT MANAGEMENT							
Expenditure Total	(385,430)	(388,559)	(348,553)	(281,996)	(241,990)	40,006	14
Income Total	7,443	7,512	3,918	5,634	2,040	(3,594)	(64)
403 PROCUREMENT & CONTRACT MANAGEM	(377,987)	(381,047)	(344,635)	(276,362)	(239,950)	36,412	13
406 BORROWINGS							
Expenditure Total	(335,237)	(335,244)	(303,444)	(251,427)	(219,627)	31,800	13
406 BORROWINGS Total	(335,237)	(335,244)	(303,444)	(251,427)	(219,627)	31,800	13
408 PLANT REPLACEMENT							
Expenditure Total	(293,768)	(294,192)	(164,974)	(219,728)	(90,510)	129,218	59
Income Total	246,001	246,001	167,783	184,500	106,282	(78,218)	(42)
408 PLANT REPLACEMENT Total	(47,767)	(48,191)	2,809	(35,228)	15,772	51,000	(145)
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Total	27,316,988	27,305,600	27,644,980	22,571,087	22,860,708	289,621	1
05 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES							
500 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH							
Expenditure Total	(666,729)	(685,525)	(658,465)	(499,418)	(472,358)	27,060	5
Income Total	399,877	399,877	423,754	294,322	318,199	23,877	8
500 MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH Total	(266,852)	(285,648)	(234,711)	(205,096)	(154,159)	50,937	25

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501 CHILDRENS SERVICES							
Expenditure Total	(519,891)	(658,585)	(535,176)	(449,116)	(272,157)	176,959	39
Income Total	14,580	63,788	30,476	60,147	26,835	(33,312)	(55)
501 CHILDRENS SERVICES Total	(505,311)	(594,797)	(504,700)	(388,969)	(245,322)	143,647	37
502 ACTIVE AGEING & INCLUSION HOME & COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM							
Expenditure Total	(579,034)	(641,660)	(466,333)	(474,830)	(299,503)	175,327	37
Income Total	267,487	267,483	240,827	200,613	173,957	(26,656)	(13)
502 ACTIVE AGEING & INCLUSION HOME & C	(311,547)	(374,177)	(225,506)	(274,217)	(125,546)	148,671	54
503 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT							
Expenditure Total	(122,743)	(123,155)	(87,386)	(90,851)	(55,082)	35,769	39
Income Total	7,648	7,648	3,069	5,733	1,154	(4,579)	(80)
503 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT Total	(115,095)	(115,507)	(84,317)	(85,118)	(53,928)	31,190	37
504 COMMUNITY FACILITIES							
Expenditure Total	(1,037,686)	(957,498)	(844,273)	(710,175)	(596,950)	113,225	16
Income Total	124,223	124,217	63,364	89,601	28,748	(60,853)	(68)
504 COMMUNITY FACILITIES Total	(913,463)	(833,281)	(780,909)	(620,574)	(568,202)	52,372	8
506 KINDERGARTENS							
Expenditure Total	(1,236,393)	(1,255,432)	(1,155,183)	(923,146)	(822,897)	100,249	11
Income Total	1,217,560	1,217,558	1,311,477	868,160	962,079	93,919	11
506 KINDERGARTENS Total	(18,833)	(37,874)	156,294	(54,986)	139,182	194,168	(353)
507 BANNOCKBURN CHILDRENS SERVICES							
Expenditure Total	(1,931,798)	(947,107)	(947,107)	(947,107)	(947,107)	0	0
Income Total	1,825,272	1,035,906	1,035,906	1,035,906	1,035,906	0	0
507 BANNOCKBURN CHILDRENS SERVICES	(106,526)	88,799	88,799	88,799	88,799	0	0
508 FAMILY DAY CARE							
Expenditure Total	(412,280)	(245,992)	(248,270)	(181,501)	(183,779)	(2,278)	(1)
Income Total	350,050	182,654	217,890	131,995	167,231	35,236	27
508 FAMILY DAY CARE Total	(62,230)	(63,338)	(30,380)	(49,506)	(16,548)	32,958	67
509 ACTIVE AGEING & INCLUSION COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM							
Expenditure Total	(1,682,905)	(1,745,802)	(1,443,445)	(1,288,153)	(985,796)	302,357	23
Income Total	1,037,200	1,038,444	1,075,071	777,341	813,968	36,627	5
509 ACTIVE AGEING & INCLUSION COMMONW	(645,705)	(707,358)	(368,374)	(510,812)	(171,828)	338,984	66
510 Bannockburn Family Services Centre							
Expenditure Total	0	(255,057)	(227,238)	(116,903)	(89,084)	27,819	24
Income Total	0	110,648	127,606	55,320	72,278	16,958	31
510 Bannockburn Family Services Centre Total	0	(144,409)	(99,632)	(61,583)	(16,806)	44,777	73
05 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES Total	(2,945,562)	(3,067,590)	(2,083,436)	(2,162,062)	(1,124,358)	1,037,704	48
06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT							
505 HEALTH PROMOTION							
Expenditure Total	(629,785)	(766,223)	(619,045)	(589,285)	(442,107)	147,178	25
Income Total	486,434	524,522	482,386	404,340	362,204	(42,136)	(10)
505 HEALTH PROMOTION Total	(143,351)	(241,701)	(136,659)	(184,945)	(79,903)	105,042	57

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600 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT							
Expenditure Total	(1,017,588)	(1,172,846)	(830,432)	(892,720)	(550,306)	342,414	38
Income Total	9,170	34,167	98,470	31,876	96,179	64,303	202
600 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Total	(1,008,418)	(1,138,679)	(731,962)	(860,844)	(454,127)	406,717	47
601 LIBRARIES							
Expenditure Total	(453,898)	(454,024)	(454,624)	(340,237)	(340,837)	(600)	(0)
Income Total	715	718	352	540	174	(366)	(68)
601 LIBRARIES Total	(453,183)	(453,306)	(454,272)	(339,697)	(340,663)	(966)	(0)
602 ARTS & CULTURE							
Expenditure Total	(180,033)	(180,937)	(135,865)	(140,781)	(95,709)	45,072	32
Income Total	4	2	5,085	0	5,083	5,083	
602 ARTS & CULTURE Total	(180,029)	(180,935)	(130,780)	(140,781)	(90,626)	50,155	36
603 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT							
Expenditure Total	(387,917)	(404,975)	(335,315)	(291,949)	(222,289)	69,660	24
Income Total	72,472	72,469	49,806	71,001	48,338	(22,663)	(32)
603 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT Total	(315,445)	(332,506)	(285,509)	(220,948)	(173,951)	46,997	21
604 RECREATION PLANNING							
Expenditure Total	(585,247)	(617,629)	(513,429)	(456,894)	(352,694)	104,200	23
Income Total	24,319	24,337	12,109	18,243	6,015	(12,228)	(67)
604 RECREATION PLANNING Total	(560,928)	(593,292)	(501,320)	(438,651)	(346,679)	91,972	21
607 MAJOR PROJECTS							
Expenditure Total	(1,925,690)	(2,175,710)	(2,376,621)	(1,833,413)	(2,034,324)	(200,911)	(11)
Income Total	1,074,886	1,424,886	1,352,420	1,174,886	1,102,420	(72,466)	(6)
607 MAJOR PROJECTS Total	(850,804)	(750,824)	(1,024,201)	(658,527)	(931,904)	(273,377)	(42)
608 VOLUNTEERS							
Expenditure Total	(43,972)	(44,231)	(27,199)	(32,668)	(15,636)	17,032	52
Income Total	144	144	91	108	55	(53)	(49)
608 VOLUNTEERS Total	(43,828)	(44,087)	(27,108)	(32,560)	(15,581)	16,979	52
06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Total	(3,555,986)	(3,735,330)	(3,291,811)	(2,876,953)	(2,433,434)	443,519	15
07 ASSETS SERVICES							
700 SEALED RD RTNE MTCE							
Expenditure Total	(1,680,165)	(1,686,226)	(1,856,201)	(1,291,735)	(1,461,710)	(169,975)	(13)
Income Total	174,270	174,267	187,117	130,698	143,548	12,850	10
700 SEALED RD RTNE MTCE Total	(1,505,895)	(1,511,959)	(1,669,084)	(1,161,037)	(1,318,162)	(157,125)	(14)
701 LOCAL ROADS DEPRECIATION							
Expenditure Total	(3,812,863)	(3,812,881)	(3,923,800)	(2,859,645)	(2,970,564)	(110,919)	(4)
701 LOCAL ROADS DEPRECIATION Total	(3,812,863)	(3,812,881)	(3,923,800)	(2,859,645)	(2,970,564)	(110,919)	(4)
702 LOCAL ROADS RESEALING REHABILITATION							
Expenditure Total	(438,612)	(459,428)	(455,631)	(417,032)	(413,235)	3,797	1
Income Total	5,149	5,147	2,547	3,861	1,261	(2,600)	(67)
702 LOCAL ROADS RESEALING REHABILITATION Total	(433,463)	(454,281)	(453,084)	(413,171)	(411,974)	1,197	0

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703 LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENTS							
Expenditure Total	(44,981)	(45,422)	(41,898)	(33,242)	(29,718)	3,524	11
Income Total	4,907,516	4,907,512	4,998,350	2,002,297	2,093,135	90,838	5
703 LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENTS Total	4,862,535	4,862,090	4,956,452	1,969,055	2,063,417	94,362	5
704 GRAVEL ROADS RESHEETING & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE							
Expenditure Total	(1,251,833)	(1,255,594)	(1,241,573)	(929,260)	(915,239)	14,021	2
Income Total	9,727	9,727	8,627	7,299	6,199	(1,100)	(15)
704 GRAVEL ROADS RESHEETING & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE Total	(1,242,106)	(1,245,867)	(1,232,946)	(921,961)	(909,040)	12,921	1
705 GRAVEL ROADS DEPRECIATION							
Expenditure Total	(1,205,917)	(1,205,932)	(1,270,895)	(904,440)	(969,403)	(64,963)	(7)
705 GRAVEL ROADS DEPRECIATION Total	(1,205,917)	(1,205,932)	(1,270,895)	(904,440)	(969,403)	(64,963)	(7)
706 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE							
Expenditure Total	(615,159)	(615,569)	(643,480)	(460,923)	(488,834)	(27,911)	(6)
Income Total	1,502,431	1,502,433	1,518,597	1,827	17,991	16,164	885
706 BRIDGE MAINTENANCE Total	887,272	886,864	875,117	(459,096)	(470,843)	(11,747)	(3)
709 GRAVEL PITS							
Expenditure Total	(179,279)	(179,466)	(116,555)	(134,313)	(71,402)	62,911	47
Income Total	102,715	102,718	25,892	77,040	214	(76,826)	(100)
709 GRAVEL PITS Total	(76,564)	(76,748)	(90,663)	(57,273)	(71,188)	(13,915)	(24)
710 ASSET MANAGEMENT							
Expenditure Total	(634,830)	(683,123)	(617,600)	(493,348)	(427,825)	65,523	13
Income Total	2,874	2,871	2,633	2,151	1,913	(238)	(11)
710 ASSET MANAGEMENT Total	(631,956)	(680,252)	(614,967)	(491,197)	(425,912)	65,285	13
717 DRAINAGE MAINT. TOWNSHIPS & RURAL							
Expenditure Total	(721,090)	(721,948)	(749,491)	(540,106)	(567,649)	(27,543)	(5)
Income Total	35,005	35,003	53,557	26,253	44,807	18,554	71
717 DRAINAGE MAINT. TOWNSHIPS & RURAL Total	(686,085)	(686,945)	(695,934)	(513,853)	(522,842)	(8,989)	(2)
718 PRIVATE WORKS							
Expenditure Total	(24,662)	(24,860)	(20,069)	(18,298)	(13,507)	4,791	26
Income Total	11,430	11,429	3,241	8,568	380	(8,188)	(96)
718 PRIVATE WORKS Total	(13,232)	(13,431)	(16,828)	(9,730)	(13,127)	(3,397)	(35)
719 LINEMARKING GUIDEPOSTS & SIGN							
Expenditure Total	(271,628)	(289,533)	(291,511)	(214,832)	(216,810)	(1,978)	(1)
Income Total	1,501	1,500	1,201	1,125	826	(299)	(27)
719 LINEMARKING GUIDEPOSTS & SIGN Total	(270,127)	(288,033)	(290,310)	(213,707)	(215,984)	(2,277)	(1)
720 STREET LIGHTING							
Expenditure Total	(114,582)	(114,679)	(132,848)	(85,935)	(104,104)	(18,169)	(21)
Income Total	1,020	1,020	2,303	1,020	2,303	1,283	126
720 STREET LIGHTING Total	(113,562)	(113,659)	(130,545)	(84,915)	(101,801)	(16,886)	(20)

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723 BUS SHELTERS							
Expenditure Total	(12,687)	(12,697)	(14,951)	(6,453)	(8,707)	(2,254)	(35)
723 BUS SHELTERS Total	(12,687)	(12,697)	(14,951)	(6,453)	(8,707)	(2,254)	(35)
724 PATHS & TRAILS							
Expenditure Total	(288,601)	(289,027)	(239,682)	(215,953)	(166,608)	49,345	23
Income Total	52,145	52,147	1,102	51,611	566	(51,045)	(99)
724 PATHS & TRAILS Total	(236,456)	(236,880)	(238,580)	(164,342)	(166,042)	(1,700)	(1)
07 ASSETS SERVICES Total	(4,491,106)	(4,590,611)	(4,811,018)	(6,291,765)	(6,512,172)	(220,407)	(4)
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT							
800 GARBAGE COLLECTION							
Expenditure Total	(2,984,528)	(2,978,907)	(2,841,380)	(2,236,384)	(1,769,456)	466,928	21
Income Total	3,050,482	3,060,481	3,153,078	3,030,093	3,122,690	92,597	3
800 GARBAGE COLLECTION Total	65,954	81,574	311,698	793,709	1,353,234	559,525	70
801 MUNICIPAL TIPS							
Expenditure Total	(127,416)	(127,642)	(139,159)	(94,944)	(106,461)	(11,517)	(12)
Income Total	14,904	14,902	31,179	11,178	27,455	16,277	146
801 MUNICIPAL TIPS Total	(112,512)	(112,740)	(107,980)	(83,766)	(79,006)	4,760	6
802 LITTER CONTROL							
Expenditure Total	(54,021)	(82,181)	(57,458)	(61,211)	(36,488)	24,723	40
Income Total	858	857	424	642	209	(433)	(67)
802 LITTER CONTROL Total	(53,163)	(81,324)	(57,034)	(60,569)	(36,279)	24,290	40
805 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY							
Expenditure Total	(687,235)	(721,402)	(636,788)	(517,917)	(433,303)	84,614	16
Income Total	56,701	56,701	60,713	55,275	59,287	4,012	7
805 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY Total	(630,534)	(664,701)	(576,075)	(462,642)	(374,016)	88,626	19
807 RECREATION CONSTRUCTION							
Expenditure Total	(277,064)	(426,363)	(365,646)	(223,443)	(162,726)	60,717	27
Income Total	1,886,154	5,453,897	5,243,139	4,151,966	3,941,208	(210,758)	(5)
807 RECREATION CONSTRUCTION Total	1,609,090	5,027,534	4,877,493	3,928,523	3,778,482	(150,041)	(4)

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808 RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE							
Expenditure Total	(3,232,455)	(3,237,494)	(3,096,883)	(2,447,984)	(2,307,373)	140,611	6
Income Total	70,040	70,038	58,797	55,199	43,958	(11,241)	(20)
808 RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE Total	(3,162,415)	(3,167,456)	(3,038,086)	(2,392,785)	(2,263,415)	129,370	5
809 TREE MAINTENANCE							
Expenditure Total	(747,101)	(792,770)	(768,351)	(503,433)	(354,651)	148,782	30
Income Total	3,575	3,574	1,877	2,682	985	(1,697)	(63)
809 TREE MAINTENANCE Total	(743,526)	(789,196)	(766,474)	(500,751)	(353,666)	147,085	29
810 TOWNSHIPS MAINTENANCE							
Expenditure Total	(795,096)	(798,731)	(934,608)	(595,266)	(731,143)	(135,877)	(23)
Income Total	10,009	10,007	9,294	7,506	6,793	(713)	(9)
810 TOWNSHIPS MAINTENANCE Total	(785,087)	(788,724)	(925,314)	(587,760)	(724,350)	(136,590)	(23)
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT T	(3,812,193)	(495,033)	(281,772)	633,959	1,300,984	667,025	105
10 CLEARING							
ONCOST CLEARING							
Expenditure Total	(3,573,000)	(3,573,000)	(3,461,121)	(2,686,198)	(2,360,900)	325,298	12
Income Total	3,573,000	3,573,000	3,609,258	2,610,793	2,647,051	36,258	1
ONCOST CLEARING Total	0	0	148,137	(75,405)	286,151	361,556	(479)
PLANT CLEARING							
Expenditure Total	(1,100,000)	(1,100,000)	(1,069,299)	(825,000)	(794,299)	30,701	4
Income Total	1,100,000	1,100,000	921,162	824,997	646,159	(178,838)	(22)
PLANT CLEARING Total	0	0	(148,137)	(3)	(148,140)	(148,137)	100
10 CLEARING Total	0	0	0	(75,408)	138,011	213,419	(283)
Total	6,085,733	8,728,673	11,593,052	7,205,181	10,793,304	3,588,123	50

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00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE						
10070 Grant - Australia Day Collateral Printing	0	0	0	0	9,000	
10260 Grant - Bushfire Relief (RDV)	0	0	0	0	45,000	
00 CITIZEN & CUSTOMER SERVICE Total	0	0	0	0	54,000	
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP						
11472 Grant - MAV Emergency Management Officer (O)	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	120,000	100
01 CIVIC LEADERSHIP Total	120,000	120,000	0	120,000	120,000	100
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
20074 Grant - Three Trails Project (RDV) (O)	0	50,000	(50,000)	50,000	50,000	100
20078 Grant - Smythesdale Well Digital Hub (Vic Gov)	0	30,000	(30,000)	30,000	30,000	100
20087 Grant - Bushfire Recovery	0	200,000	(200,000)	200,000	200,000	100
02 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Total	0	280,000	(280,000)	280,000	280,000	300
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE						
30176 Grant - Women Building Surveyor's Program	0	75,000	(75,000)	75,000	75,000	100
30572 School Crossing Subsidy	43,000	43,000	0	0	42,287	98
30680 Grant - Tobacco Reform Funding (O)	16,975	16,975	0	8,488	10,185	60
30773 Grant - Bannockburn Growth Plan (VPA)	0	63,000	(63,000)	63,000	63,000	100
03 DEVELOPMENT & REGULATORY SERVICE Total	59,975	197,975	(138,000)	146,488	190,472	96
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT						
40074 General Purpose Grant (O)	6,125,194	6,125,194	0	2,296,950	2,194,472	36
04 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT Total	6,125,194	6,125,194	0	2,296,950	2,194,472	36
06 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES						
50072 Grant - Parenting Support	22,877	22,877	0	11,438	27,711	121
50076 Grant - Children's Week (O)	500	500	0	500	700	140
50078 Grant - M & C H Services (O)	315,123	315,123	0	236,349	244,527	78
50079 Grant - Facilitated Playgroup	57,588	57,588	0	43,191	44,095	77
50190 Grant - Central Enrolment DET (O)	6,000	6,000	0	4,500	0	0
50192 Grant - Children services small service grant (O)	0	0	0	0	8,794	
50196 Grant - School Readiness Funding	0	49,212	(49,212)	49,212	15,605	32
50270 DHS Grant - Home Care to Community Care (O)	53,523	53,523	0	40,140	51,352	96
50272 DHS Grant - Property Maintenance (O)	13,123	13,123	0	9,846	10,120	77
50275 DHS Grant - Personal Care (O)	10,572	10,572	0	7,929	0	0
50277 DHS Grant - Respite (Home & Community Care) (O)	2,496	2,496	0	1,872	0	0
50281 DHS Grant - Planned Activity Group (High) (O)	10,561	10,561	0	7,920	0	0
50282 DHS Grant - Flexible Service Response Social Support (O)	11,704	11,704	0	8,775	17,395	149
50283 DHS Grant - Volunteer Coordination (O)	4,586	4,586	0	3,438	3,537	77
50284 DHS Grant - Delivered Meals (O)	1,866	1,866	0	1,398	1,439	77
50286 DHS Grant - Assessment & Care Management (O)	58,965	58,965	0	44,226	45,468	77
50287 DHS Grant - Service Systems Resourcing (Senior Cts) (O)	21,200	21,200	0	15,903	16,115	76
50288 DHS Grant - Volunteer Coordination (Other Costs) (O)	1,040	1,040	0	783	802	77
50295 DHS Grant - Disability Respite (O)	2,527	2,527	0	1,899	0	0
50674 Teesdale Kindergarten Income	279,510	279,510	0	216,907	282,515	101
50683 Inverleigh Kindergarten Income	172,722	172,722	0	135,162	188,060	109
50685 Meredith Kindergarten Income	87,372	87,372	0	66,882	101,595	116
50686 Rokewood Kindergarten Income	87,372	87,372	0	66,882	95,249	109
50694 IOC Transition Payments	0	0	0	0	4,114	
50695 Grant - Kindergarten Cluster Management Program (O)	51,250	51,250	0	38,436	47,198	92
50771 Pre-School Funding - BCS	33,795	135,663	(101,868)	135,663	135,663	100
50776 Kindergarten Teacher Supplement - BCS	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	
50870 Grant - Family Day Care (O)	20,000	20,000	0	10,000	20,000	100
50872 FDC Child Care Benefit	266,791	99,393	167,398	74,547	95,569	96
50877 FDC Transition Payments	0	0	0	0	24,687	
50970 Grant - Domestic Assistance (CHSP) (O)	254,476	254,476	0	190,857	192,771	76
50972 Grant - Home Maintenance (CHSP) (O)	40,885	40,885	0	30,663	30,971	76
50975 Grant - Personal Care (CHSP) (O)	169,567	169,567	0	127,176	128,451	76
50977 Grant - Flexible Respite (CHSP) (O)	29,210	29,210	0	21,906	22,128	76
50979 Grant - Assessment & Care Management (CHSP) (O)	117,829	117,829	0	88,371	115,770	98
50981 Grant - Social Support Group (CHSP) (O)	233,235	233,235	0	174,927	176,681	76
50982 Grant - Home Modifications (CHSP) (O)	32,316	32,316	0	24,237	24,480	76
50984 Grant - Delivered Meals (CHSP) (O)	20,411	20,411	0	15,309	15,699	77
50986 Grant - Other Food Services (CHSP) (O)	312	312	0	234	0	0
50989 Grant - Sector Support & Development (CHSP) (O)	41,300	42,549	(1,249)	30,975	31,912	75
50992 Grant - Senior Citizens (CHSP) (O)	2,200	2,200	0	1,100	0	0
50996 COVID 19 Emergency Meal Funding	0	0	0	0	4,361	
50997 Grant - Workforce Retention Payment (O)	0	0	0	0	1,920	
06 HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES Total	3,145,824	3,296,268	(150,444)	2,597,176	2,960,028	90

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06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT						
50570 Grant - VicHealth Walk to School Project (O)	15,000	15,000	0	15,000	0	0
50571 Grant - MAV (O)	0	0	0	0	2,500	
50572 DHS Grant - Health Promotion (O)	385,788	393,455	(7,667)	295,092	263,648	67
50578 Grant - DHHS Allied Health (O)	81,629	83,249	(1,620)	62,433	94,966	114
50587 DHHS Planning for Health Project	0	28,800	(28,800)	28,800	0	0
60075 Grant - DHHS Community Activation and Social Isolation (C)	0	25,000	(25,000)	25,000	90,764	363
60079 Grant - COVID 19 Community Activation and Social Isolation	0	0	0	0	45	
60270 Grant - RAF Relief Project Funding	0	0	0	0	5,000	
60372 Grant - Victorian Youth Week (O)	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	100
60376 Grant - Engage Program (2018-2020) (O)	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	20,255	101
60378 Grant - (Engage! 2021-23)	20,000	20,000	0	20,000	0	0
60391 Grant - Freeza Program (2019-2021) (O)	24,500	24,500	0	24,500	24,500	100
60787 Grant - Outdoor eating and entertainment (O)	0	250,000	(250,000)	250,000	250,000	100
60795 Grant - Working for Victoria (O)	1,074,886	1,074,886	0	824,886	752,420	70
60797 Grant - Rural Councils ICT Infrastructure Program	0	100,000	(100,000)	100,000	100,000	100
06 REC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Total	1,623,803	2,036,890	(413,087)	1,667,711	1,606,098	79
07 ASSETS SERVICES						
70382 Grant - Roads to Recovery (C)	1,333,000	1,333,000	0	666,500	669,267	50
70393 Grant - Black Spot Program (C)(S)	1,238,000	1,238,000	0	0	0	0
70396 Grant - Fixing Country Road (C)	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0	0	0
70397 Grant - Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Prog. (C)	1,333,655	1,333,655	0	1,333,655	1,423,168	107
70680 Grant - Bridge approach warning signage (Sharp Road Mau)	0	0	0	0	17,360	
70685 Grant - Slate Quarry Rd - Bridge Renewal (C)(F)	1,150,000	1,150,000	0	0	0	0
70686 Grant - Geggies Rd - Bridge Replace (C)(F)	350,000	350,000	0	0	0	0
72494 Grant - TAC Footpath (C)	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	0	0
07 ASSETS SERVICES Total	6,454,655	6,454,655	0	2,050,155	2,109,795	33
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT						
80073 Grant - Transition Plan	0	10,000	(10,000)	10,000	10,000	100
80574 Grant - Roadside Weed Control (O)	41,000	41,000	0	41,000	47,727	116
80583 Grant - New Invaders Project (O)	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	100
80753 Grant - Banno. Youth Hub - Growing Suburbs Fund (C)	0	271,032	(271,032)	271,032	271,032	100
80755 Grant - Lethbridge Junior Football Club Lighting Project	0	85,398	(85,398)	85,398	85,398	100
80756 Grant - Lethridge Lighting and Irrigation Upgrade (SRV)	0	250,000	(250,000)	250,000	225,000	90
80757 Grant - Bannockburn Rec Precinct Shade Sail	0	26,655	(26,655)	26,655	26,655	100
80758 Grant - Bannockburn Soccer Club (Female friendly change r	832,000	832,000	0	832,000	832,000	100
80759 Grant - Rokewood Oval Lighting (O)	0	16,926	(16,926)	16,926	16,926	100
80764 Grant - Linton Cricket Nets Upgrade - SRV [C]	0	100,000	(100,000)	100,000	90,000	90
80769 Grant - Skate Park - Bannockburn (State Gov. funding) [C]	0	349,900	(349,900)	0	27,500	8
80770 Grant - World Game (Bannockburn) Funding SRV	366,000	464,535	(98,535)	464,535	418,081	90
80771 Contribution - Berrybank 3 Trails	0	0	0	0	0	0
80777 Grant - (SRV) Inverleigh Sporting Complex Change Room U	0	1,527,300	(1,527,300)	1,527,300	1,374,570	90
80778 Grant - RDV 3 Trails	500,000	500,000	0	0	0	0
80781 Grant - Inverleigh Sporting Complex Upgrade (C)	0	500,000	(500,000)	50,000	50,000	10
80782 Grant - SRV - Recreation Strategy 2020-2030 (O)	0	0	0	0	3,000	
80790 Grant - Linton Cricket Nets Upgrade [C]	0	30,000	(30,000)	30,000	27,000	90
08 COMMUNITY PLACES AND ENVIRONMENT Total	1,749,000	5,014,746	(3,265,746)	3,714,846	3,514,889	70
Total	19,278,451	23,525,728	(4,247,277)	12,873,326	13,029,754	803

7.7 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 IMPLEMENTATION - QUARTER THREE

File Number:

Author: Sophie Brown, Governance and Corporate Services Administration Officer

Authoriser: Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: 1. Quarterly Progress Report - Q3 Council Plan 2017-2021 (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the report and achievements attained in the implementation of the actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021 for the third quarter from 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is to update Council on the progress made in completing the 2020-21 actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

BACKGROUND

The Council Plan 2017-2021 contains 40 actions framed around 4 Pillars. This is the third quarterly report to Council regarding implementation of the Plan for 2020-21. Council's management team had previously established an implementation timetable and only selected actions were reported against each quarter. The current reporting template allows for all actions to be updated quarterly so Council is aware of continuous progress being made across all areas of the Council Plan.

DISCUSSION

Progress for the 2020/21 period has continued across all pillars in the implementation of the Council Plan. Whilst COVID-19 continues to have an impact on some activities, many tasks have been achieved in the third quarter. Key achievements / highlights in quarter three include:

- Integration of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into Council Plan is being undertaken for the period 2021-2025. Preventing family violence and advancing gender equity have been included as priority areas.
- A junior cricket program was initiated in Smythesdale, attended by approximately 30 children, in partnership with Cricket Victoria and RSA Sports Central.
- A review of Council's Community Planning Program including engagement was conducted. Following this, a Community Planning Action Plan 2021-2024 was presented to Council and adopted on 23 March 2021.
- A review of Council's Community Transport service has been undertaken with an objective to increase resident's access to the service and improve transport connections both within the Shire and into bordering regional cities.
- Council's Active Ageing & Inclusion Plan 2020-2024 was adopted at the February Council Meeting. The Plan provides the framework to address active ageing, disability access and inclusion issues across all areas of Council's operations.
- Golden Plains Family Day Care have applied for Australian Government Community Child Care Fund (CCCF) Open Competitive grant funding. The funding assists services to remain viable and supports sustainability of those operating in regional, rural and remote areas.

- The Golden Plains Community Awards 2021 were rebranded and awarded on Australia Day, with a Citizenship Ceremony.
- Two events as part of 16 Days of Activism were delivered to build an understanding of Intersectionality and Inclusion and building community awareness and understanding of family violence and bystander action.
- Community engagement processes in this quarter were presented on: Public Holiday Consultation, Digital Hub, Council Plan 2021 – 2025, Active Ageing & Inclusion Plan, Inverleigh Play Space Name, Youth Survey, Teesdale Structure Plan and Lethbridge Road Name.
- Community training on mental health with the focus areas of alcohol & other drugs, youth, social inclusion and isolation, community awareness have commenced in partnership with BCYF.
- INFANT training has been completed with the Health and Wellbeing team working in conjunction with MCH to imbed the program for new parents.
- Golden Plains Shire Council endorsed its draft Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) and a new Flag Policy that will see the Torres Strait Islander flag fly alongside the Australian and Aboriginal flags.
- Students from Bannockburn College attended the Alpine School for Student Leadership in Term 1 and developed a community leadership project based on a pump track for young people.
- The Consultants Project Brief for the development of the new Economic Development, Tourism & Investment Attraction Strategy 2021 - 2031 has been completed for distribution early April.
- A grant application was developed for the Regional Infrastructure Fund through RDV to assist in funding a stormwater management system for the land south of the existing industrial estate.
- The first Golden Plains Youth Network meeting was held with representatives from local and neighbouring youth agencies, organisations and service providers attending.
- The Digital Hub project in Smythesdale was launched and community engagement was conducted from potential users of the Shire's first co-working space.
- The first Outdoor Dining location was opened in Bannockburn and Meredith, with further locations in Smythesdale and Inverleigh, funded by the State Government.
- The Events Calendar has been revived with the return of community events and youth events post-COVID.
- (VECO) Emissions Reduction Action Plan will go to the April Council Briefing, focusing on sourcing energy from more renewable sources lowering carbon emissions.
- A grant application was developed for Sustainability Victoria to investigate innovative pro rata waste options.
- Trail upgrades at Lethbridge Lake have been completed as has installation of a connecting trail to Lethbridge Recreation Reserve.
- The draft Bannockburn Growth Plan was heard by the standing advisory committee.
- Background work on the Smythesdale Structure Plan has commenced and continues to be refined.

- Officers finalised fire hazard inspections and have also undertaken work on a number of Fire Access Tracks.
- The Golden Plains Shire Community Vision 2040 was developed in partnership with a dedicated Community Reference Group and included extensive community engagement.
- The Community Engagement Policy was adopted by Council on 23 February.

A detailed explanation of all actions completed to date can be obtained from Attachment 1 – Council Plan Implementation Report – Quarter 3.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

In accordance with the principles in Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2020, the quarterly reporting of the Council Plan will specifically:

- Contribute to innovation and continuous improvement
- Ensure transparency of Council decisions, actions and information.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

The quarterly progress report is provided in relation to the Council Plan 2017 – 2021. Ongoing monitoring of progress is a requirement under section 89 of the LGA 2020.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The Council Plan quarterly progress report is available for the public to view as part of the Council Meeting agenda or on request.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

The quarterly Council Plan reports provide for ongoing monitoring of progress and regular reviews under section 89 of the LGA 2020.

SERVICE PERFORMANCE

The quarterly progress report focuses on Council's performance in relation to the 40 actions of the Council Plan 2017-21. Each quarterly report is a valuable tool in demonstrating service gains and improvements.

COMMUNICATION

The Council Plan quarterly progress report will be available for the public to view as part of the Council Meeting agenda or on request.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

As can be seen in the attached report, many of the planned activities for the 2020/21 period have continued strongly. Continued action against future planning should see the successful completion of all actions by the end of the 2020/21 period.

7.8 EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACTION PLAN - ADOPTION

File Number:**Author:** David Collins, Coordinator Environment & Sustainability**Authoriser:** Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development**Attachments:**

1. Emissions Reduction Action Plan Report (under separate cover)
2. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan (Ironbark) (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Supports the development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan based on data from the attached Ironbark Report
 2. Establishes an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Councils Environment Strategy 2019 - 2027 sets a zero-net emissions target for Council operations by 2040 along with some interim targets. In 2019/20 Council engaged Ironbark Sustainability to develop a corporate emissions inventory and report on the essential elements for a corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Action Plan. This report highlights options to reduce Council emissions and outlines some high-level cost benefit analysis.

These elements will form the basis of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan for Council operations which will be developed with the support of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group. The development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan and the establishment of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group shows Council's commitment and leadership to take action on Climate Change.

BACKGROUND

Councils Environment Strategy 2019 - 2027 sets a zero-net emissions target for Council operations by 2040 along with some interim targets.

In order to achieve a position of zero net emissions, the emissions generated by Council activities must be quantified and a plan formed to reduce, eliminate and offset them.

In 2019/20 Council engaged Ironbark Sustainability to develop a corporate emissions inventory and report on the essential elements for a corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Action Plan. The GHG emissions inventory was developed with 2018/19 as the baseline year and the analysis of appropriate emissions reduction pathways for Council to 2030/31 presented potential actions and their likely costs.

This report will serve as a basis for an Emissions Reduction Action Plan that will also require input from staff across Council as all areas of Council.

DISCUSSION

There are a number of actions Council can take to reduce its emissions. These can be broadly grouped generally into a hierarchy of Avoid, Find Efficiencies, Renewables and Offsets.

Council is already undertaking some actions that will reduce its emissions. These include actions in the Renewable category such as participation in the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (LGPPA) and installation of solar panels on Council facilities. We're also working in the Find Efficiencies category through various lighting upgrades.

There're likely opportunities in the Avoid category as well, though these have not yet been explored in detail.

Some activities Council undertakes will unavoidably result in GHG emissions including running facilities, our fleet, building and maintaining roads. To balance these unavoidable emissions, the final category of actions (the purchase of carbon offsets) will be required.

There are already a number of Victorian councils that are carbon neutral (including City of Yarra, Moreland, Maribyrnong and Melbourne) with others having far more ambitious targets than both the State and Federal Governments. It should be noted that any council in Australia that currently achieves corporate carbon neutrality does so with the use of carbon offsets.

All actions can be explored in detail through an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group. We propose that this group will:

- Investigate tools to capture and track our electricity and emissions data
- Prioritise actions to reduce emissions
- Look to revise our zero-net emission date
- Support the development of a final Emissions Reduction Action Plan based on the ironbark report and their own input.

The development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan and the establishment of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group shows Council's commitment and leadership to take action on Climate Change.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS:

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	No
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Consultation has occurred with key staff in the development of the plan. Further consultation will be required to amend the plan if required and implement the various actions suggested.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

Underpinning GHG emissions reduction target setting for governments is the Paris Agreement. At the United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Conference in 2015, the Australian Government signed an international agreement between 195 countries to keep any temperature rise “well below 2°C”, and to drive efforts to keep warming below 1.5°C higher than pre-industrial levels. On this basis, the Victorian State Government has established a target of net zero emissions target by 2050 and there are currently thirty-three Victorian councils with zero carbon corporate operations targets.

Within the Victorian Local Government Act 2020, an overarching governance principle for councils is that ‘the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted’.

This sets the scene for councils to look at emissions of both the whole district and their own operations. This plan is focused on the operational emissions of Golden Plains Shire Council as an organisation and the steps that can be taken to reduce them. The plan supports Theme 4.2 (Climate adaptation and mitigation) under Council’s Environment Strategy 2019-2027.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

This Plan has direct sustainability implications as it is providing a pathway to lower Council’s carbon emissions.

COMMUNICATION

The report will need to be communicated across all areas of Council. A number of staff will be required to review and implement the suggested actions through participation in the proposed internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group. Once internal communication has been completed, the report could be communicated publicly to highlight Council leadership in taking action on Climate Change.

OPTIONS

The report considers three options:

Option 1 – No Emissions Reduction Action Plan or Environment and Sustainability Reference Group

This option is not recommended by officers as it will mean no clear pathway to reduce our emissions and less sharing of information across Council. There are no additional costs associated with this option.

Option 2 – Emissions Reduction Action Plan with no Environment and Sustainability Reference Group

This option is not recommended by officers as although it produces an Emissions Reduction Action Plan, it will be more difficult to get buy in from across the organisation. There are costs associated with this option (the development of the Plan) and these will be paid through the Environment Strategy Implementation Operational budget.

Option 3 – Emissions Reduction Action Plan with an Environment and Sustainability Reference Group

This option is recommended by officers as it produces an Emissions Reduction Action Plan that will have buy in from across the organisation. There are costs associated with this option (the development of the Plan) and these will be paid through the Environment Strategy Implementation Operational budget.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The report developed by Ironbark Sustainability Report highlights options to reduce Council emissions and outlines some high-level cost benefit analysis.

This information can now be used to develop a clear Emissions Reduction Action Plan for Council operations with the support of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group. Both the development of an Emissions Reduction Action Plan and the establishment of an internal Environment and Sustainability Reference Group shows Council's commitment and leadership to take action on Climate Change.

7.9 PROPOSED SALE OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND LOMANDRA DRIVE, TEESDALE**File Number:****Author:** Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development**Authoriser:** Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development**Attachments:** 1. Location and Subdivision Plan**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note that public notices were published in the Golden Plains Times on 4 June 2020 and Geelong Advertiser on 6 June 2020 in accordance with sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act*.
2. Note that no objections were received by the closing date and time for submissions.
3. Note the subdivision of land will be undertaken over 3 stages.
4. Approve the sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale, following the subdivision of the land.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2020, Council issued a Planning Permit for the subdivision of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale. In addition to meeting the requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act* and the Golden Plains Planning Scheme in gaining a permit to create multiple lots, Council must comply with sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act* (the Act) prior to the sale of any Council owned land.

Council published two notices to comply with the requirements of the Act, one in the Golden Plains Times and one in the Geelong Advertiser. Both notices indicated that the closing date for submissions was 5.00 pm on Monday 6 July 2020.

At the closing time, no objections to the proposed sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale were received.

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary Meeting held on 25 February 2020, Council resolved to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for a multi-lot subdivision (37 lots) at Lot A on Plan of Subdivision 529738U, Lomandra Drive, Teesdale. The land is Council owned. As no appeals were lodged with VCAT in the prescribed time, a Planning Permit was issued on 6 April 2020. The site in Teesdale is zoned Low Density Residential. The site is an undeveloped parcel of land with a total area of 20.85 hectares. The Planning Permit allows for the development of the land for a 37 lot subdivision. The subdivision includes the construction of an internal road network from Lomandra Drive and Caladenia Street.

Prior to selling any land, Council must comply with sections 189 and 223 of the Act. As a result of these requirements, Council considered a report at its 26 May 2020 Ordinary Meeting. Council resolved as follows:

That Council:

1. *In accordance with sections 189 and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989, publishes a public notice advising of its intention to sell Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale after subdivision works have been completed, and seeks public submissions; and*
2. *Considers submissions and hears any submitters wishing to be heard at a future meeting of Council, prior to making a decision on the proposal.*

Following the above resolution, Council published two notices in compliance with the relevant requirements of the Act, one in the Golden Plains Times on 4 June 2020, and one in the Geelong Advertiser on 6 June 2020. The notices required submissions to be received by 5.00 pm on Monday 6 July 2020. No objections to the proposed sale were received.

DISCUSSION

As mentioned previously, no objections to the proposed sale of Council owned land have been received. One email from an adjoining property owner / developer was received querying whether Council should have a future road reserve to the land's southern boundary allowing for a future road connection into land to the south when and if development is allowed. The Draft Teesdale Structure Plan recently endorsed by Council maintains the growth areas currently identified and does not identify land to the south of the Council owned land for growth. This may change in the future following Planning Panel Victoria's consideration (assuming a Panel will need to be appointed following the public exhibition process scheduled to commence in the near future) or the next review of the Teesdale Structure Plan. The current configuration of Lomandra Drive ends in a 'court' at the south of the development site, as approved by the Planning Permit. Any change to extend the Lomandra Drive road reserve to the southern boundary of the land would require a Planning Permit Amendment and result in the loss of some designated open space, and is not recommended.

It should be noted that approximately 150 metres to the east of the eastern boundary of the Council owned land is Tulla Drive, which currently extends to the edge of the land currently zoned Low Density Residential. If in the future land to the south is developed, connection to Tulla Drive is possible. In addition, further east again is Red Gum Drive, which also has a through connection to the boundary.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS:

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	No
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The proposed subdivision and sale of land aligns with the principle that *the ongoing financial viability is to be ensured*. The eventual sale of 37 lots will provide income to Council that could be used for improvements within the municipality.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

Golden Plains Shire Council Plan 2017-2021

Local Government Act 2020

Public notice was given in accordance with legislative requirements, as discussed in this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Notice of the Planning Permit application referred to above was given in accordance with section 52 (1) (a) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. As a result of the public notice, four [4] objections were received.

Two public notices pursuant to sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act* were published and no objections were received. There was one query received, which has been addressed in this report.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The community was informed about the proposed subdivision of land through the planning permit process and the public notice process indicating Council's intent to sell Council owned land.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

As mentioned, 37 lots will be created ranging in size between 4,000 sq.m and 6,000 sq.m. In accordance with best practice and legislative requirements, sale will be based on market value as advised by a Licensed Valuer. The method of sale is yet to be determined and will be the subject of further information to Council in the future.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The main risk is that the return on Council's investment is not realised. There is an existing budget to develop the land, with design commenced. To mitigate this risk, a staging plan has been developed which will result in development in stages, with the next stage not to proceed until such time as enough lots in the previous section have been sold and generated income to fund next stage. This approach will minimise Council's financial risk.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – That Council approve the sale of Council owned land at Lomandra Drive, Teesdale

This option entails development of the land in accordance with the planning permit and sell the individual lots created. This option is recommended by officers as the most desirable outcome.

Option 2 – That Council retain the land at Lomandra Drive

This option is not recommended by officers as the land does not serve a public purpose, is zoned for residential purposes and would require ongoing maintenance with little community benefit.

Option 3 – Sell the land as a single parcel

This option is not recommended by officers as development of the land into 37 lots will generate a greater level of income and provide greater benefit to Council and the community.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

As no objections have been received to the proposed sale of land after subdivision works are completed, it is recommended that Council resolve to sell the land.

Lomandra Drive – Development of Council Owned Land



Figure 1 – Location Plan

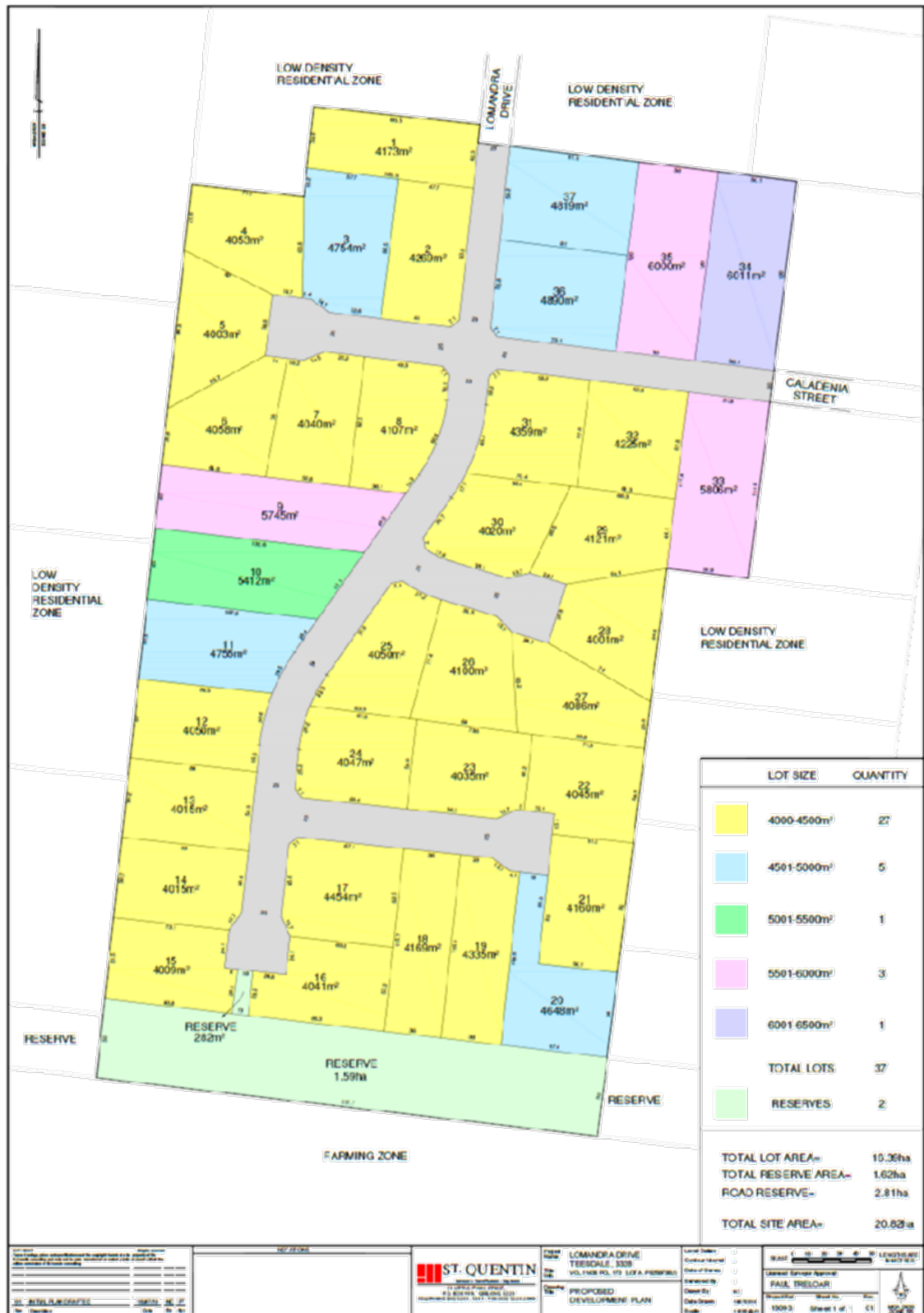


Figure 2 – Endorsed Plan of Subdivision

7.10 SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND IN SMYTHESDALE

File Number:

Author: Geoff Alexander, Strategic Planner

Authoriser: Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Declare the land outlined in red and green in figure 1 of this report as surplus to Council's needs.
 2. Commence the statutory process to subdivide and sell the land and determine the future road alignment for Taylor Street.
 3. Establish a dedicated Community Roads and Infrastructure Future Fund (Reserve) so that nett profits from the sale of the land or any residential development is set aside for future development or purchases across the Shire.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council owns land in Taylor Street, Smythesdale which is fenced off and unutilised for any Council or public purpose. The land appears best suited for subdivision and sale.

BACKGROUND

Council owns vacant land in Smythesdale which is currently fenced off and is not in use for any Council or public purpose. Adjoining this land are unmade and partially redundant road reserves. This land is depicted in figure 1 below. Parts of these road reserves could be discontinued which would make them Council owned allotments. The land is vacant, in the Township Zone (no minimum subdivision size), within the sewer district and not encumbered by any Overlay, easement or covenant. At face value it appears that the land has the potential for sale as a development lot (after consolidation with redundant unmade road reserve areas), or it could be subdivided and later sold. The land has no address but is opposite to 20 Elizabeth Street in Smythesdale.

The land includes one existing Council allotment of 6,500 square metres and road reserves either side. It is unknown how Council came to own the 6,500 square metre allotment, however it pre-dates Council's electronic records (approx. the last 20 years). Most of the unmade road reserve area could be discontinued because of the design of the existing road network, as well as the boundaries of the sewer district (which cuts off at the southern boundary of the subject land) which render it unnecessary. The potentially developable area is approximately 1ha. It is understood that Council has the power to discontinue the relevant parts of the road reserves at which point the road reserves would automatically be converted to titled lots under the ownership of Council as per the *Road Management Act 2004*. Small parts of the eastern road reserves could not be discontinued as some land would still be needed for road reserve purposes.



Figure 1 Subject Land

DISCUSSION

The subject land is fenced off and is currently not benefiting the community. It is worth appreciating all potential options for the land to ensure an optimal decision regarding its future.

Should the sale of the land occur in future it has the potential to finance the construction of facilities located on the balance of the Recreation Precinct. Due to recent announcements in relation to Social Housing as a result of the State Government's 'Big Housing Build' and the \$15 million dollar commitment to Golden Plains Shire, there is also scope to consider the use of one or some of the future parcels yielded from future subdivision to facilitate social housing. Council staff are currently participating in the preparation of a Social Housing Plan for the municipality, facilitated by G21 – Geelong Region Alliance, which will identify surplus Council land which could potentially be utilised for social housing.

Doing nothing

Doing nothing may be beneficial if the value of the land increases. This has occurred in the past but the future outlook is uncertain. Realestate.com.au indicates that the median dwelling price in Smythesdale increased from \$310,000 in 2012 to \$497,000 today. Furthermore the sewerage of the land in 2012 enhanced the ability of the land to be subdivided.

Convert the land to open space or community facilities

The fence around the land could be removed and a park could potentially be established on the land. This will have limited benefit because Smythesdale is notable for its abundant underutilised crown land (as depicted in figure 2) which is effectively unimproved and underutilised passive open space. Other than open space, the crown land mentioned is generally unusable for residential or commercial development due to constraints affecting the land including flood, bushfire and salinity issues (all recognised in Overlays affecting the land). In addition to Crown Land, Smythesdale contains a significant amount of Council land (including open space) and community facilities for its size. This includes a football oval with pavilion, cricket oval, equestrian centre, Skate Park, tennis courts, the police camp historic precinct, and the Smythesdale gardens.



Figure 4 – Unknown Ownership Land

Steps for Subdivision and Sale

A number of steps would be required to take place before the land would be eligible for subdivision and sale. While the sale of the land could be pursued independently of any subdivision, the process including subdivision is described below. In the absence of subdivision, all steps but subdivision would apply.

- Notify neighbours who may have fenced off the land that the land will be subject to a subdivision application, and to remove the existing fencing (if responsible for it). Alternatively, Council could remove the fencing in the event that nobody claims responsibility.
- Contact utilities authorities to ensure the land can be adequately serviced.
- Undertake a general law title search for the land outlined in red in figure 5.
- Discontinue the relevant parts of the unused road reserves under the *Road Management Act 2004*. Estimated timeframe: 8 weeks. This process would involve publishing a notice in the Government Gazette stating that the road is discontinued while allowing for submissions to be considered. If submissions are received this is likely to require an additional Council report.
- Subdivide the land in accordance with the Golden Plains Planning Scheme, fulfil post approval planning requirements (known as certification and compliance) and register the new lots with the titles office. Estimated timeframe: 6-12 months. This process would involve engaging consultants for the technical reports to support the subdivision such as a flora and fauna assessment, engaging a land surveyor to draft a plan of subdivision, Council applying to itself for subdivision, advertising the subdivision in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, connecting each new lot to utilities, constructing crossovers, constructing drains, offsetting native vegetation losses if required, fulfilling any other works required by the planning permit, then applying to the titles office for new titles once all post approval processes are finalised. This would also be an appropriate stage to remove the fencing.

- Fulfil legislative requirements associated with the sale of Council land, ensure internal policy on the sale of Council land is met. Estimated timeframe: 30-60 days. Requirements under the *Local Government Act 2020* include publishing a notice at least four weeks prior to sale, allowing for submissions (except for former road reserves), and arranging a valuation.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The recommendations of this report are proposed with a view to achieving the best outcome for the municipality.

The land is not currently generating benefits for the community; however the eventual sale of the land could generate revenue that is then put towards generating community benefits.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

There are several Acts relevant to the steps under this report that would need to be abided by at the relevant stages.

Subdivision would need to occur in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* and the Golden Plains Planning Scheme.

Discontinuing the roads would need to occur in accordance with the *Road Management Act 2004*.

The sale of the land would need to occur in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ENVIRONMENTAL/SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The land is subject to minimal vegetation which would be investigated as part of the subdivision application. Under Clause 52.17 of the Golden Plains Planning Scheme native vegetation is required to be retained where possible and offset if it cannot be offset. Beyond this there are no obvious sustainability issues.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

As outlined in steps 1 to 6 of this report, community engagement would need to occur for declaring road reserves redundant, pursuing subdivision and selling the land. There are statutory engagement requirements under the relevant acts. Notably the subdivision process offers the public the right to lodge an objection, with third party appeal rights if the objection is not resolved with Council.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The various engagement processes at different stages of the project will ensure a transparent process.

STRATEGIES/PLANS

The land is identified as “Core Township Area – Residential 1 Zone” in the Smythesdale Urban Design Framework (2006). The Urban Design Framework supports the residential development of the land.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The process to subdivide the land would require financing in order to hire a land surveyor, as well as consultants for specialist reports e.g flora/fauna management and stormwater management plan.

Should subdivision be successful, the most significant costs are anticipated through the post subdivisional works including extending utilities to the site, constructing crossovers, planting landscaping and fulfilling any other requirements of the planning permit assuming one is granted.

It is anticipated that:

- A budget for costs associated with subdivision will be put to Council in the 2021/22 budget.
- A budget for costs associated with post subdivisional works will be put to Council through the 2022/23 budget.

COMMUNICATION

The proposal will be communicated to the public through the engagement processes outlined in steps 1 to 6.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Do nothing

This option is not recommended by Council officers as the land is currently not benefiting the community and may or may not increase in value in a weak economy.

Option 2 – Convert the land to open space or community facilities (not recommended)

This option is not recommended by officers due to the high amount of underutilised open space in Smythesdale. The land is unnecessary for this purpose.

Option 3 – Subdivide and sell the land (recommended)

This option is recommended by Council officers as the land appears to be well suited to residential development, and the proceeds have the potential to benefit other underutilised open space.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

There is approximately 1 hectare of Council land within Smythesdale (including unmade road reserves) which provides no current benefit to the community and would not add value as open space.

The land is within the designated sewer district, is within the Township Zone, has no Overlays, covenants or easements and appears to have sound development potential. The land could be subdivided and sold (subject to a successful subdivision outcome) or simply sold. Any subdivision would require an application to Council's statutory planning area on equal terms to privately initiated subdivisions.

7.11 ICT CUSTOMER PROPERTY AND REGULATORY SYSTEMS - AWARDING OF TENDER

File Number:

Author: Rebecca Failla, Manager ICT & Digital Transformation

Authoriser: Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Resolves to award the Contract for the ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems to CouncilFirst for a three (3) year contract for the sum of \$873,976.00 (*exclusive of GST*) for the project.
 2. Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate authority to execute the contract on behalf of Council.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Golden Plains Shire Council wishes to engage suitably qualified experienced provider for the provision of a suitable 'Customer, Property and Regulatory Systems' software solution, with the confidential evaluation panel reports provided to Councillors previously.

BACKGROUND

The broad objectives of the contract are to deliver Core ICT Systems as follows:

- Property Management System
- Rating Management System
- Receipting and Payments Management System
- Animal Management System
- Infringements Management System
- Local Laws Permits System
- Customer Requests System

With '*Optional*' components including:

- Accounts Receivable Management System (Debtors, Debt Management)
- Property Leases and Licenses
- Bonds
- Registers
- Records Management

The forecasted cost of our current ICT systems over the next 3 years is estimated to be a total of \$696,000. In comparison, the cost of this new system is \$873,976 for the total over the 3-year period with the total difference being an increase of \$177,976 or \$59,325 per annum and with this new system enables significant efficiencies and ability to meet Council's future growth requirements, while the current system cannot.

DISCUSSION

The tender was released to market 10th October 2020 and was open for 26 days. Three (3) supplier responses were reviewed, and compliance checked. OHS team reviewed the submissions and provided a final report. The evaluation panel has extensively reviewed each submission through demonstrations, request for information (RFI), clarifications and reference checks. The panel reviewed and recommended by consensus on 14/4/2021 that CouncilFirst has been recommended by the evaluation panel as the preferred supplier based on consensus measured by *capacity, capability, and best value* for Council.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 200)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Approve Tender Evaluation Report – GPSC-RFT-12-2020 - ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems.

This option is recommended by Council officers through the Tender evaluation and selection process which recommends CouncilFirst as the preferred supplier for GPSC-RFT-12-2020- ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems.

Option 2 – do not award contract to any tenderer.

This option is not recommended as the works have been identified as high need and if a contract is not awarded, may result in reputational damage for Council.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regard to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The Evaluation Panel has conducted a comprehensive and detailed assessment of the submissions which were received in response to Council's request for tender GPSC-RFT-12-2020 - ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems as outlined in this report to ensure compliance with:

1. *relevant provisions of the Local Government Act 1989 (Vic); and*
2. *Council's Procurement Policy requirements*

The forecasted cost of our current ICT systems over the next 3 years is estimated to be a total of \$696,000. In comparison, the cost of this new system is \$873,976 for the total over the 3-year period with the total difference being an increase of \$177,976 or \$59,325 per annum and with this new system enables significant efficiencies and ability to meet Council's future growth requirements, while the current system cannot.

In conclusion, CouncilFirst meets the Council's tender requirements and are best placed to provide the required ICT Customer Property and Regulatory Systems project for Council.

7.12 MEREDITH INTERPRETIVE CENTRE - CHANGE TO TERMS OF LEASE DUE TO COVID-19

File Number:**Author:** Ben Jordan, Manager Community and Council Planning**Authoriser:** Lisa Letic, Director Community Services**Attachments:**

1. Letter of request for rent relief - CLAW Enterprises (under separate cover)
2. Lease Agreement - Meredith Interpretive Centre (signed April 2020) (under separate cover)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Endorses the proposal to subsidise the lease for the Meredith Interpretive Centre with CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd by 75% in response to the letter of request (Attachment 1) and recognition of the impacts of Covid-19.
2. Invoice CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd. for \$3,300 being 25% of \$13,200, the Year 2 Lease rate
3. Refer the balance of \$9,900 to Council's COVID Relief Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In April 2020, a lease agreement for the Meredith Interpretive Centre was signed and executed between Council and CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd (tenant) for a total possible term of 7 years.

CLAW Enterprises provided a written request to Council in March 2020 regarding the impact that Covid19 has had on its business (in particular commencing new activities) and requesting that Council extend the "peppercorn" arrangement outlined in the lease by an additional year.

Following discussions with CLAW Enterprises, it is proposed that a 75% reduction in the fee applied to the 2nd year of the lease be provided. This equates to a \$3,300 inc GST rental fee for the year from 29 April 2021 to 28 April 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Meredith Interpretive Centre is located at 10 Wallace Street, Meredith, a prominent location along the Midland Highway where the land and building are both owned and maintained by Golden Plains Shire Council.

In July 2019, Council sought Expressions of Interest from commercial operators, community groups and social enterprises to lease the vacant site at 10 Wallace Street, Meredith. In February 2020, Council endorsed the proposal to lease the land and facilities at 10 Wallace Street, Meredith to CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd – a locally based social enterprise, and undertake statutory procedures pertaining to the lease and seeking public submissions under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Notification of intention to lease the Meredith Interpretive Centre was advertised for a period of four weeks in March and April 2020 with no public submissions were received.

The lease agreement for the Meredith Interpretive Centre between Council and CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd was signed and executed on 29 April 2020.

DISCUSSION

The lease agreement for the Meredith Interpretive Centre at 10 Wallace Street, Meredith (premises) to CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd (tenant) was signed and executed for a total possible term of 7 years in April 2020.

The Council lease agreement included the following terms:

- Purpose: Establishment of a creative co-working/training space, create pop-up shops, establish a community garden and community meeting space.
- Commencement Date: 29 April 2020 (following a period of public exhibition).
- Term: 12 months establishment term, then two 3 year optional extensions.
- Rent Year 1: Peppercorn Rate - \$11 inc GST for first 12 months.
- Rent Year 2: Commercial Rate - \$13,200 inc GST + 2% rental escalation per annum.

The written request by CLAW in March 2021 outlines that due to Covid-19 and subsequent permit amendment delays, their ability to activate many of the planned and permitted uses for the Meredith Interpretive Centre that would provide significant activity and community benefit have been significantly impacted (these are further detailed in Attachment 2).

In recognition of the difficult circumstances in establishing a new community-based social enterprise over the past 12 months, Council officers have made contact with CLAW Enterprises and have advised proposing a 75% subsidy to Year 2 of the agreement (equivalent to a \$9,900 Year 2 fee reduction for the period 29 April 2021 to 28 April 2022) and that the 75% gap be funded from Council's COVID Relief Fund. At this time, it is proposed that Year 3 of the agreement will revert to the original proposed terms being a Commercial Rate - \$13,200 inc GST + 2% rental escalation per annum.

It is hoped that in the coming 12 months, CLAW Enterprises are able to operate in a far less restricted manner (than during the initial peppercorn period), and progress their business plan including activation of the Meredith Interpretive Centre with public bookings and face to face training and programming including with the Meredith Primary School and local community.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Overarching governance principles in s.9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* have been considered in the preparation of this report including giving priority to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations and ensuring the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

The *Local Government Act 2020* provides that Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The relevant law in relation to this report is Council's power to lease land which is dealt with under Section 115 of the Act.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement on the public Expression of Interest process for the Meredith Interpretive Centre was promoted from Thursday 5 September to Monday 28 October 2019 through comprehensive advertising via newspapers, community newsletters, social media and site signage.

Furthermore, the proposal to lease the land and facilities at 10 Wallace Street, Meredith to CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd was publicly advertised between 5 March and 2 April 2020 with no submissions received.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

Public transparency principles were applied to the previous processes of seeking open Expressions of Interests and advising the community of Council's intent to enter into a lease (including inviting community submissions) at the Meredith Interpretive Centre.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The main financial implication of endorsing the recommendations in this report is a 75% reduction in Council rental income for the period in the short-term (Year 2).

It is envisaged however that over time, the viability of a local social enterprise will provide both a community benefit and deliver a commercial rate of financial return for rental of the Meredith Interpretive Centre.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – That Council endorses the proposal to alter the terms of the lease for the Meredith Interpretive Centre with CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd in response to the letter of request.

This option is recommended by officers in recognition that the previous 12 months have been restrictive for operating all businesses, let alone establishing a new social enterprise. It is anticipated that a 75% subsidy in the Year 2 rental fee will allow additional time for CLAW Enterprises to commence planned community activities and generate income post Covid-19.

Option 2 – That Council does not endorse the proposal to alter the terms of the lease for the Meredith Interpretive Centre with CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd in response to the letter of request.

This option is not recommended by officers as CLAW Enterprises have been unable to utilise the peppercorn period to establish operations that will lead to the generation of income. It is likely that significant financial losses may be incurred if the commercial rate of rent is applied now (as of 29 April 2021) which may jeopardise the long-term viability of the rental agreement.

Option 3 – Defer a decision to alter the terms of the lease for the Meredith Interpretive Centre with CLAW Enterprises Pty Ltd in response to the letter of request.

This option is not recommended by officers as although the longer-term impacts of Covid-19 on CLAW Enterprise's operations may still be uncertain, reducing the Year 2 rental fee now (following the peppercorn period) will enable CLAW Enterprises to focus on community based activities and allow further time to generate the income to enable a commercial rate of rental to be paid in future years.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The lease agreement with CLAW Enterprises for the Meredith Interpretive Centre was signed and executed in April 2020 following processes including an open Expression of Interest and Council's intent to enter the lease being subject to public notice and submission.

Following a first year of operations that has been significantly impacted by restrictions due to Covid-19, CLAW Enterprises have written to Council requesting assistance in the form of alterations to their lease agreement.

In recognition of the impact that Covid-19 has had on the local social enterprise establishing operations, it is recommended that Council provide assistance through the provision of a 75% rental subsidy funded by Council's COVID Relief fund.

7.13 HERITAGE DESIGNATION - ROKEWOOD UNITING CHURCH, 60 FERRARS STREET, ROKEWOOD

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive and note the interim update as required by its resolution, Item 5.3 from the 16 April, 2021 Unscheduled Council meeting.
 2. Receive a subsequent report at the May Council meeting to consider if the Uniting Church should be recognised as having State heritage significance.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide feedback on the heritage status of the Uniting Rokewood Church as requested by Council resolution at its meeting of 16 April 2021.

BACKGROUND

An unscheduled meeting of the Council was called by the Mayor, Cr Kirby on 16 April to consider a petition received in relation to the pending sale of the United Church at 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood. The petition generally requested that the Council consider heritage protection of the building and pursue Council compulsory acquisition of the building so that it could be entrusted back to the Presbyterian congregation.

DISCUSSION

Item 5.3 of the motion passed at the unscheduled meeting requested that the Chief Executive Officer to report to the next Council meeting;

1. *On the extent to which 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood VIC 3330 (VHD Place ID: 23678) is subject (or not) to Heritage protections under the Local Government Act 1989, the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the Heritage Act 2017 and any other state or federal acts.*
2. *On whether any form of interim Heritage protection is necessary and possible.*
3. *With at least a broad and rudimentary plan for the fullest, long-term protection of this unique building.*

It is noted that the building itself is currently designated under the Golden Plains Shire Planning Scheme as HO61, which ensures its ongoing protection. Uniquely, this heritage protection, unlike many other buildings protected under a heritage overly, also extends to the interior of the building. However, it is noted that prior to the Council resolution on 16 April, planning officers had already commenced the preparation of a report to seek further heritage protections by requesting Heritage Victoria to consider the building as being of State significance. That report will be presented to the May Council meeting.

As the building is not in an immediate threat of demolition and as noted above, and giving that it already has a heritage overly, as per item 2, no interim protection is required or necessary.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	No
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	No
Human Rights Charter	Yes

STRATEGIES/PLANS

Heritage protection and preservation is an important part of the Council Plan, and further protection of this unique and special Church is considered an important part of Rokewood's history and built environment.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (VIC).

OPTIONS

Option 1 - This option is recommended by officers. To note the update and receive a further report in May to consider the designation of the building as having State significance

Option 2 - This option is not recommended by officers. Not to receive a further report to consider the designation of the building as having State significance

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The Council receive the interim update as requested by its 16 April Council resolution and that a further report be received at the May Council meeting.

7.14 COUNCILLOR EXPENSES AND MEETING ATTENDANCE - QUARTER THREE**File Number:****Author:** Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. 2020-21 Year to date Councillor Expenses
2. 2020-21 3rd Quarter Councillor Expenses**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for the third quarter of 2020/21 being the quarter ended 31 March 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides a record of expenditure made on behalf of Councillors in the performance of their duties for the third quarter of 2020/21. This report also includes quarterly updates on Councillor attendance at both scheduled and unscheduled meetings of Council. Providing regular updates throughout the year on the Councillor attendance at meetings enables enhanced transparency rather than only one annual update as reported in Council's annual report.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Legislation and policy, Councillors can be reimbursed for eligible out of pocket expenditure in relation to resources and training to undertake their role as Councillors.

Furthermore, Councillors have a number of roles in providing leadership to the community including decision making on behalf of the community. The formal decision making process is conducted through council meetings which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meetings provide an opportunity for community members to attend and if required, address the Council in support of their submissions. This report now provides a regular update on Councillor attendance at Scheduled meetings and Unscheduled meetings of Council during the year.

DISCUSSION

Summarised in the attached document are the figures for allowances and expenses for the Mayor and Councillors for the third quarter of 2020/21.

The actual expenditure in comparison to the annual budget is as follows:-

Category	Annual Budget \$	Actual \$	Percentage spent
Conferences & Training Expenses	17,442	642	3.7%
Travel Expenses	5,430	360	6.6%
Car Expenses	8,000	2,108	26.4%
IT & Communications	3,265	2,842	87.0%
Childcare Expenses	-	-	0.0%
Total Councillor Allowances	34,137	5,952	17.4%

It is worth noting that as a result of the council elections, an extensive councillor induction program was delivered to Councillors to assist them in understanding their role as Councillor and understand key requirements of the role. The induction program was included in the Council's 2020/21 budget under election costs and is captured as a Council administration cost.

Councillor attendance at scheduled and unscheduled meetings of council

The table below outlines the Councillor attendance at both ordinary and special meetings of Council for the third quarter of 2020/21.

Council held the following meetings:

- 3 scheduled Council meetings held in January, February and March 2021.

The Council did not hold any unscheduled meetings in the third quarter.

Councillor	Scheduled Meetings (3 meetings)	Unscheduled Meetings (0 meetings)	Total Meetings (3 meetings)
Brett Cunningham	3	0	3
Gavin Gamble	3	0	3
Ian Getsom	3	0	3
Helena Kirby	3	0	3
Les Rowe	3	0	3
Owen Sharkey	3	0	3
Clayton Whitfield	3	0	3

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS:

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	No

Human Rights Charter	No
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POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

In accordance with section 41B of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council must adopt and maintain an expenses policy in relation to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for Councillors and members of delegated committees.

The expenses outlined in this report comply with Golden Plains Shire Council's, Councillors expenses and entitlement policy.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

In accordance with Section 58 of the *Local Government Act, 2020*, information contained within this report complies with the public transparency principles.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Councillor expenses and reimbursements are monitored against the annual financial budget to ensure expenses remain within the budget provision adopted.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – That Council note the contents of this report.

This option is recommended by officers as it ensure compliance with legislated requirements.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

That Council note the contents of the Councillor Expenses and attendance report for the third quarter of 2020/21 being the quarter ended 31 March 2021.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - 2020/2021

	Cr Helena Kirby	Cr Des Phelan	Cr Nathan Hansford	Cr David Evans	Cr Owen Sharkey	Cr Joanne Gilbert	Cr Brett Cunningham	Cr Ian Getsom	Cr Gavin Gamble	Cr Clayton Whitfield	Cr Les Rowe	TOTAL
July 2020	55	83	-	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	243
August 2020	48	98	15	13	949	41	-	-	-	-	13	1,176
September 2020	32	45	20	13	140	19	-	-	-	-	13	282
October 2020	48	100	7	7	54	32	-	-	-	-	7	212
November 2020	38	13	1	9	401	45	-	-	-	-	9	490
December 2020	178	-	-	-	27	-	27	27	27	27	27	340
January 2021	221	-	-	-	42	-	42	42	42	42	42	473
February 2021	236	-	-	-	114	-	114	114	114	114	114	920
March 2021	372	-	-	-	181	-	181	181	181	181	181	1,457
April 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
May 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
June 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Expenses	1,227	312	29	28	2,012	137	364	364	364	364	392	5,592

	Cr Helena Kirby	Cr Des Phelan	Cr Nathan Hansford	Cr David Evans	Cr Owen Sharkey	Cr Joanne Gilbert	Cr Brett Cunningham	Cr Ian Getsom	Cr Gavin Gamble	Cr Clayton Whitfield	Cr Les Rowe	TOTAL
1. Conferences & Training Expenses	92	-	-	-	92	-	92	92	92	92	92	642
2. Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Car Mileage Expenses	531	-	-	-	1,577	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,108
4. IT & Communication Expenses	604	312	29	28	344	137	272	272	272	272	300	2,842
5. Childcare Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL Expenses	1,227	312	29	28	2,012	137	364	364	364	364	392	5,592

1. Conferences & Training Expenses
 This category covers registration fees & all other costs (eg accommodation, meals) associated with attendance by Councillors at local conferences, training, functions and seminars. These are normally held by Local Government related organisations, professional bodies and institutions, education institutions and private sector providers on areas and events which impact the roles of Councillors and the Shire in general. This category also includes memberships and subscriptions to bodies and organisations whose activities are relevant to the role of Councillors.

2. Travel Expenses
 This category covers costs associated with assisting Councillors in meeting the transport costs incurred in attending meetings, functions and other commitments within and outside the municipality. This comprises use of a taxi, reimbursement for use of private vehicle while conducting Council business, car parking fees, the provision of car parking permits etc as described in the Councillor Expenses Policy. This category also comprises costs associated with accommodation and incidentals when travelling on Council business.

3. Car Mileage Expenses
 This category covers car mileage expenses for the use of Council vehicles by Councillors whenever travelling to conduct Council business.

4. IT & Communication Expenses
 This category covers mobile telephone use associated with ensuring that Councillors are accessible and are able to communicate with constituents, stakeholders, other Councillors, Council Officers and family members while conducting Council business.

5. Childcare Expenses
 The Council will reimburse the cost of necessary carer expenses incurred by Councillors in the course of carrying out their duties, at functions of which partners are invited. This covers childcare and other forms of care needed to support immediate family members.

SCHEDULE OF COUNCILLOR EXPENSES - Quarter end 31 March 2021								
	Cr Helena Kirby	Cr Owen Sharkey	Cr Brett Cunningham	Cr Ian Getsom	Cr Gavin Gamble	Cr Clayton Whitfield	Cr Les Rowe	TOTAL
January 2021	221	42	42	42	42	42	42	473
February 2021	236	114	114	114	114	114	114	920
March 2021	372	181	181	181	181	181	181	1,457
TOTAL Expenses	829	337	337	337	337	337	337	2,849

	Cr Helena Kirby	Cr Owen Sharkey	Cr Brett Cunningham	Cr Ian Getsom	Cr Gavin Gamble	Cr Clayton Whitfield	Cr Les Rowe	TOTAL
1. Conferences & Training Expenses (Accommodation, meals) (11012)	92	92	92	92	92	92	92	642
2. Travel Expenses (11008)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Car Mileage Expenses (11014)	354							354
4. IT & Communication Expenses (11010)	383	245	245	245	245	245	245	1,853
5. Childcare Expenses								-
TOTAL Expenses	829	337	337	337	337	337	337	2,849

7.15 REVIEW OF MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES

File Number:**Author:** Sophie Brown, Governance and Corporate Services Administration Officer**Authoriser:** Philippa O'Sullivan, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:** 1. December 2019 - Minister Advice regarding Change to Category**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Endorse the remuneration levels for Mayoral and Councillor allowances of \$72,268.40 for the Mayoral allowance and \$25,237.58 for Councillor allowances which includes the additional 9.5% that is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee.
2. Invite public submissions on the remuneration levels for Mayoral and Councillor allowances between 27 April 2021 and 25 May 2021, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.
3. Note that following receipt and consideration of any submissions, a report recommending the Mayoral and Councillor allowances will be presented to Council for determination at its meeting to be held on 22 June 2021.
4. Where no submissions are received, Council resolve to approve Councillor and Mayoral allowances being Mayoral allowance of \$72,268.40 and Councillor allowances at \$25,237.58 which includes the additional 9.5% that is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee, without further resolution of Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Mayors and Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance while performing their duties as an elected official.

A key reform of the Local Government Act 2020 (LGA2020) is the transfer of responsibilities in determining mayoral, deputy mayoral and councillor allowances from the Minister for Local Government to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (The Tribunal). However, as the Minister has not yet requested a determination by the Tribunal, Local Government Victoria has advised that the framework under the Local Government Act 1989 (LGA1989) continues to apply until the first determination is made by the Tribunal under the LGA2020.

As such, in accordance with section 74(1) of the LGA89, Council's must review and determine the level of Mayoral and Councillor allowances within 6 months of general election or by 30 June 2021, whichever is later. This also includes a period of public exhibition to allow submissions from the public before a final decision is made by 30 June 2021.

BACKGROUND

The *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA20) transfers responsibility for determining Mayoral, Deputy Mayoral and Councillor allowances from the Minister for Local Government (the Minister) to the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the Remuneration Tribunal). As a request from the Minister for the Remuneration Tribunal to make a determination has not yet been made under the LGA20, the allowance framework under the LGA89 continues to apply. Therefore, Council is required to undertake a review of allowances under s74(1) of the LGA89 and a person has a right to make a submission under s223 if the LGA89 in respect of that review.

DISCUSSION

Local Government Victoria classifies Councils (except for Melbourne City Council and City of Greater Geelong that are determined under separate acts) into three categories to determine Councillor allowances with the categories based on the current income and population for each Council. The category amounts are provided in the table below:

Category 1 (Lowest)	Mayors: Up to \$62,884 per annum	Councillors: \$8,833 - \$21,049 pa
Category 2 (Mid)	Mayors: Up to \$81,204 per annum	Councillors: \$10,914 - \$26,245 pa
Category 3 (Highest)	Mayors: Up to \$100,434 per annum	Councillors: \$13,123 – \$31,444 pa

**The above number exclude the additional superannuation equivalent.*

It is important to note that on 23 December 2019, the Minister for Local Government advised Golden Plains Shire that Golden Plains Shire Council's had been approved to progress from the allowance Category 1 (lowest level) to Category 2 (mid-level) as per the letter presented in Attachment 1. This change was justified due to the increase in number of residents in the shire district and the increase in the Council's recurrent revenue numbers.

As a result, the upper limit of allowances that may now be paid to the Mayor and Councillors in a Category 2 Council are:

- Mayoral allowance: up to \$81,204. (excluding superannuation equivalent)
- Councillor allowances: \$10,914 to \$26,245 (excluding superannuation equivalent)

The Mayor and Councillors at Golden Plains Shire currently receive the following allowances excluding superannuation equivalent:

- Mayoral allowance: \$62,855.75
- Councillor allowances: \$20,952.74

An additional 9.5% of the above allowances is also payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee resulting in the total amount of allowance currently being received is:

- Mayoral allowance: \$68,827
- Councillor allowances: \$22,943

The table below presents some historical context for Golden Plains Shire Council (excluding superannuation equivalent)

Year	Mayoral Allowance	Councillor Allowances
2016/17 2.5% adjustment effective 1 December 2016	\$59,230.38	\$19,744.24
2017/18 2.0% adjustment effective 1 December 2017	\$60,414.99	\$20,139.13
2018/19 2.0% adjustment effective 1 December 2018	\$61,623.29	\$20,541.91
2019/20 2.0% adjustment effective 1 December 2019	\$62,855.75	\$20,952.74
2020/21 0.0% adjustment (as per Ministers letter)	\$62,855.75	\$20,952.74
Current allowance Including Superannuation equivalent.	\$68,827.05	\$22,943.25

To assist with the review, the table below provides the level of allowances paid by other councils in the South West Region.

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Southern Grampians (top of range)	Surf Coast Shire (top of range)	City of Ballarat (Crs \$30,222 and Mayor at \$96,534)
Ararat Rural City (top of range)	Moorabool Shire (top of range)	

Corangamite Shire (top of range)	Moyne Shire (top of range)
Borough of Queenscliffe (Crs top of range, Mayor at \$40k)	Warrnambool City (top of range)
Mansfield Shire (top of range)	Horsham Rural City (top of range)

Council must determine the level of the Mayoral and Councillor allowance within the category but has no capacity to change the Council's remuneration category.

Based on the Minister's determination to increase Golden Plains Shire Council category from category 1 (lowest category) to category 2 (mid category) which is based on the increasing population and the increased revenue in the shire, it is recommended to increase the Mayoral and Councillor allowances to reflect the increasing population that the Mayor and Council are now serving across the Shire.

As a result, it is recommended The Mayor and Councillors at Golden Plains Shire receive the following allowances excluding superannuation equivalent:

- Mayoral allowance: \$65,998.54
- Councillor allowances: \$23,048.01

An additional 9.5% of the above allowances is also payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee resulting in the total amount of allowance currently being received is:

- Mayoral allowance: \$72,268.40
- Councillor allowances: \$25,237.58

If Council resolves to endorse the above levels of remuneration of Mayoral and Councillor allowances, it will remain unchanged until the Remuneration Tribunal makes its first determination.

In addition, the LGA20 now allows Councillors the option to elect to receive the whole allowance, a specified part of the allowance or no allowance.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	Yes
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	No

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

In conducting this statutory review, Council will be ensuring it is giving priority to the Governance Principles contained in the Local Government Act 2020, including the need to achieve best outcomes for the municipal community.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

This process ensures Council's compliance with the Local Government Act 1989 which remains in force until such time as the Minister requests a determination by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal under the new Local Government Act.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following initial adoption of the remuneration levels, the matter will be placed on public exhibition with submissions being invited for Council's consideration prior to final decision being made.

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

Mayoral and Councillor allowances are determined in open Council with payments being published on the website and through the Council Chamber on a quarterly basis. A summary is also included in Council's Annual Report.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

A budget for Mayoral and Councillor allowances is in place to cover the costs outlined in this report.

COMMUNICATION

The initial decision will be placed on public exhibition via Council's website and public notice for comment.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Determine levels of remuneration and place on exhibition for public submissions

This option is recommended by officers as it will ensure compliance with Council's obligations under the legislation.

Option 2 – Do not determine levels of remuneration

This option is not recommended by officers as failure to carry out the review in accordance with the legislation would be a compliance breach.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regard to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Council has one opportunity during its term to set the levels of remuneration for the Mayor and Councillors and is now required to commence that process to ensure compliance with Local Government legislation.



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Mr Eric Braslis
Chief Executive Officer
Golden Plains Shire Council
PO Box 111
BANNOCKBURN VIC 3331

File: 12/006458-01


Dear Mr Braslis

I advise that that following a recent review of mayoral and councillor allowance categories under section 73A of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) the Hon Adem Somyurek MP, Minister for Local Government, has approved the alteration of the Golden Plains Shire Council's allowance category.

The review had regard to changes in the number of residents in your council's municipal district and variations in the council's recurrent revenue figures (adjusting for inflation). These factors justified an alteration of your council's category from Category 1 to Category 2. Based on a points system combining population and recurrent revenue, Golden Plains Shire Council currently is 42.8 points*.

The following allowance range and limit currently apply to Category 2 councils:

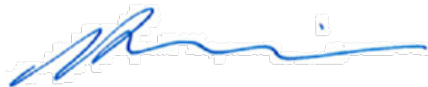
Mayors: Up to \$81,204 per annum
Councillors: Between \$10,914 and \$26,245 per annum

An additional 9.5% of the above allowances is payable as an equivalent of the Commonwealth Superannuation Guarantee.

As a consequence of this alteration, your council may at its discretion undertake a new review of its mayoral and councillor allowances under section 74(1B) of the Act to determine allowances payable. This review would consider allowance amounts within the range and limit that apply to Category 2 councils. The process for the review would be along the same lines as the mayoral and councillor allowance review required to be conducted after each general election under section 74(1) of the Act, and involve the consideration of public submissions under section 223. Until such review results in different allowances payable, the current allowances previously determined by your council (annually adjusted) continue to be payable.

If you require further information, please contact Tim Presnell, Manager Governance and Integrity on 9948 8508 or via email on tim.presnell@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Colin Morrison
Acting Executive Director
Local Government Victoria

23/12/2019

* The points range for a Category 2 council is 40 points or greater.

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be protected under the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*. It will only be used or disclosed to appropriate Ministerial, Statutory Authority, or departmental staff in regard to the purpose for which it was provided, unless required or authorized by law. Enquiries about access to information about you held by the Department should be directed to foi.unit@delwp.vic.gov.au or FOI Unit, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, PO Box 500, East Melbourne, Victoria 8002.



7.16 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY (NGA) OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2021 - MAYORAL ATTENDANCE

File Number:

Author: Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer

Authoriser: Eric Braslis, CEO

Attachments: 1. 27th National General Assembly Program

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 and the related expenditure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Seek approval for Councillor Kirby to attend the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra from Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23 June, and request a written report following participation of the event.

BACKGROUND

The National General Assembly (NGA) is convened annually by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), attracts in excess of 800 delegates from councils across Australia and has been running annually for more than 20 years. The NGA is the premiere event in the local government calendar and is an opportunity for key local government representatives to debate issues of national significance, hear from political and academics speakers as well as to develop policy and fiscal strategy for the coming year.

The 2021 NGA will be held from Sunday 20 to Wednesday 23 June at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. In the past, it has been common practice that the Mayor would represent the Council at this conference. The NGA is an important event for Golden Plains Shire Council, as it provides Council with the opportunity to communicate and jointly advocate on major strategic issues and projects across the region. Councillors attending the conference will also gain insight into a range of issues affecting the Local Government sector and bring crucial information back to Council.

DISCUSSION

The theme for the 2021 NGA is Working Together for our Communities which focuses on the scope and importance of Local Government and its ability to influence and affect change and improvement at the community level. Cr Kirby will have the opportunity to debate issues of national significance and influence ALGA policy, in addition to meeting with members of Parliament to advocate for our communities and promote issues of importance to Golden Plains Shire.

Sessions during the NGA will include discussions from leading politicians; receiving deep insights from nation-leading experts; being inspired by keynote speakers at the forefront of COVID and crisis recovery; and concurrent sessions exploring our post COVID future and local economic stimulus.

A copy of the conference program is attached.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS

Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles	No

(Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	No
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

COMMUNICATION

A written report will be presented to Council following participation of the event.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – That Council approve the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 and the related expenditure.

This option is recommended by officers as this is a key event in Local Government and provides an opportunity to elevate the Shire and our priorities to the Federal level.

Option 2 – That Council do not approve the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 and the related expenditure.

This option is not recommended by officers as this is a key event in Local Government and provides an opportunity to elevate the Shire and our priorities to the Federal level.

Option 3 – That Council requires further information for the attendance of the Mayor at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2021 and the related expenditure.

This option is not recommended by officers as all of the relevant information has been provided.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

The National General Assembly of Local Government provides Council with a vital opportunity to elevate the Shire and our priorities to the Federal level. The Mayors attendance at this conference

will allow her to gain insight into a range of issues affecting the Local Government Sector and bring crucial information back to Council. The Mayors attendance at the NGA is highly recommended, as she will have the opportunity to influence ALGA policy for the coming year, as well as advocate for our communities.

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Regional Forum 2020
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION & EXHIBITION OPENING The Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening will be held within the Exhibition Hall at the National Convention Centre.

Monday, June 21, 2021

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATIONS OPEN DAY ONE
	Opening Ceremony
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome to Country
9:20 AM - 9:30 AM	ALGA President's Welcome & Opening
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Prime Minister of Australia Address (invited) The Hon Scott Morrison PM
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	ALGA President's Address Mayor Linda Scott
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	MORNING TEA DAY ONE
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Keynote Address: All Politics is Local - The Context for the Next Federal Election Peter Van Onselen
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Debate on Motions
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH DAY ONE
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	COVID - The Long Goodbye Professor Mary-Louise McLaws, Epidemiology, Hospital Infection and Infectious Diseases Control, UNSW Professor Gigi Forster, School of Economics, UNSW
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Debate on Motions Session 2
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	AFTERNOON TEA DAY ONE
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Debate of Motions Session 3

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Shadow Minister Address (invited) The Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
5:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Close of Day 1
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	NETWORKING DINNER The Networking Dinner is being held at the National Arboretum

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATIONS OPEN DAY TWO		
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote Address: Planning our Post COVID Future Danielle Wood, CEO, Grattan Institute		
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel of Mayors: Local Economic Stimulus		
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	MORNING TEA DAY TWO		
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel of Mayors: Positive Futures		
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	ALGA - Federal Election Priorities		
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH DAY TWO		
	BREAKOUT SESSION 1	BREAKOUT SESSION 2	BREAKOUT SESSION 3
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Actions on Climate - At Home and Around the World	Local Government - Employer of Choice	The Circular Economy and You
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	AFTERNOON TEA DAY TWO		
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Federal Local Government Minister Address (invited) The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government		
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Keynote Address: 'Local Voice' and Closing the Gap Speaker TBA		
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Leader of the Opposition Address (invited) The Hon Anthony Albanese		
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	GA DINNER The GA Dinner is being held at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)		

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Keynote Address: Recovery from Crises Speaker TBA
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel Discussion Council Recovery Experiences
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	MORNING TEA DAY THREE
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Keynote Address: Strengthening Communities Speaker TBA
11:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Keynote Address: Leadership, Human Rights and Persistence Craig Foster AM, Human Rights and Refugee Ambassador
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	ALGA President's Closing Address
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	LUNCH DAY THREE

7.17 COUNCILLOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

File Number:**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** 1. **Council Expenses and Entitlements Policy - 28 July 2020 (under separate cover)**

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve, in accordance with Section 10.3 of the Council Expenses and Entitlement Policy, the additional funds of \$2,184.45, above the maximum per councillor allocation of \$3,000 per annum, to Cr Sharkey to undertake the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course as part of Councillors professional development opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with Golden Plains Shire Council's Council Expense and Entitlements Policy that was adopted at the 28 July 2020 council meeting, each individual councillor is allocated a maximum of \$3,000 per annum to pay for professional development and registration fees that is considered relevant to the role of the Councillor.

Where expenditure by a Councillor is above the \$3,000, Council may formally resolve to allocate additional funds to the Councillor.

Cr Sharkey has identified an opportunity to increase his professional development and strengthen his contribution to the role of a councillor by undertaking the Company Directors course.

As such, Cr Sharkey has enrolled in the course at a total cost of \$7,368.90 (inclusive of GST) and is now seeking approval from Council to fund an additional \$2,184.45 which is 50% of the difference between the \$3,000 Councillor allocation and the total cost.

BACKGROUND

As part of its role to support Councillors, The Municipal Association Victoria (MAV) identifies a number of courses that are highly regarded to enhance councillors' and senior local government officers' ability to contribute at a higher level and create opportunities for themselves. One course being the Company Directors Course which is run through a partnership program between the MAV and the AICD being a five-day training program suited to mayors, deputy mayors, returning councillors, CEOs and other sector executive and senior officers.

To support Golden Plains Shire Councillors to take up these professional development opportunities, the Council Expenses and Entitlements Policy allocates \$3,000 per annum per councillor to attend or partake in professional development courses to enhance their roles as councillors to contribute to a higher level.

DISCUSSION

The AICD course is a highly regarded course that is promoted by the Municipal Association Victoria (MAV) as part of its professional development opportunities that enhances councillors' and senior local government officers' ability to contribute at a higher level and create opportunities for themselves.

Cr Owen Sharkey has enrolled in the course to increase his professional development in this area with the total cost to attend being \$7,368.90 (including GST). This results in an additional cost above the councillor allocation of \$4,368.90 and Cr Sharkey is now seeking approving from Council to fund 50% of the difference being \$2,184.45.

In accordance with the section 10.6 of the policy, Council may formally resolve to allocate additional funds to the councillor when it exceeds the maximum allocation.

REPORTING AND COMPLIANCE STATEMENTS*Local Government Act 2020 (LGA 2020)*

Implications	Applicable to this Report
Governance Principles (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Policy/Relevant Law (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Environmental/Sustainability Implications (Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020)	No
Community Engagement (Consideration of Community Engagement Principles under s.56 LGA 2020)	No
Public Transparency (Consideration of Public Transparency Principles under s.58 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Strategies and Plans (Consideration of Strategic Planning Principles under s.89 of LGA 2020)	No
Financial Management (Consideration of Financial Management Principles under s.101 of LGA 2020)	Yes
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	Yes
Communication	No
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Consideration of the Governance Principles under s.9 of LGA 2020 has been provided in writing this report

PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The Council expenses and entitlement policy ensures that funds provided to Councillor to undertake their role is used appropriately.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Budget is provided to enable Councillors to attend courses and professional development opportunities. Any additional funds approved will be re-directed from unused councillor allocated funds.

HUMAN RIGHTS CHARTER

It is considered that this report does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (VIC).

OPTIONS

Option 1 – That Council approve the additional funds of \$2,184.45 for Cr Sharkey to undertake the Company Directors course.

This option is recommended by officers as this is in accordance with the Council Expenses and Entitlement policy to request additional funds toward professional development opportunities.

Option 2 – That Council do not approve the additional funds for Cr Sharkey to undertake the Company Directors Course.

This option is not recommended by officers as this is professional development course is supported and promoted by MAV as a valuable course to enhance councillors contribution in their role.

Option 3 – That Council requires further information.

This option is not recommended by officers as all of the relevant information has been provided.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer involved in preparing this report has any conflicts of interest in regards to this matter.

CONCLUSION

Where expenditure by a Councillor is above the \$3,000, Council may formally resolve to allocate additional funds to the Councillor.

Cr Sharkey has identified an opportunity to increase his professional development and strengthen his contribution to the role of a councillor by undertaking the Company Directors course.

As such, Cr Sharkey has enrolled in the course at a total cost of \$7,368.90 (inclusive of GST) and is now seeking approval from Council to fund an additional \$2,184.45 which is 50% of the difference between the \$3,000 Councillor allocation and the total cost.

8 NOTICES OF MOTION**8.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - ENVIRONMENTAL UPGRADE FINANCE AGREEMENTS FOR ALL BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS WITHIN THE GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL**

File Number:

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That the Golden Plains Shire Council investigates and prepares a report on the feasibility, implications and benefits of the Shire facilitating Environmental Upgrade Financial Agreements to all businesses and homeowners within the Golden Plains Shire.

RATIONALE

To provide recommendation (or not) on the Council offering Environmental Upgrade Finance Agreements to all businesses and homeowners within the Golden Plains Shire.

It would allow significant increases in the upgrade of buildings in the community to be more energy efficient, sustainable and climate resilient.

The Council would be acting in accordance with the Environmental and Sustainability Strategic Plan and provide citizens with financial, environmental, safety and health and well being benefits.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



NOTICE OF MOTION

This form lodges a notice of intention to move a Notice of Motion in accordance with Section 25 of the Governance Rules.

A Notice of Motion must be:

- *In writing, or sent electronically, and generally be in a form approved by the Chief Executive Officer;*
- *Be signed by the Councillor intending to move the motion;*
- *Be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm 7 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient time for the Notice of Motion to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting.*

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble give notice of my intention to move at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 4 / 2021 that:

Wording of proposed motion:

That the Golden Plains Shire Council investigates and prepares a report on the feasibility, implications and benefits of the Shire facilitating Environmental Upgrade Financial Agreements to all businesses and homeowners within the Golden Plains Shire.

Reasoning for proposed motion:

To provide recommendation (or not) on the Council offering Environmental Upgrade Finance Agreements to all businesses and homeowners within the Golden Plains Shire.

It would allow significant increases in the upgrade of buildings in the community to be more energy efficient, sustainable and climate resilient.

The Council would be acting in accordance with the Environmental and Sustainability Strategic Plan and provide citizens with financial, environmental, safety and health and well being benefits.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE

(This section to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 8.18 am on 15, 4, 2021

CEO SIGNATURE

NOM NUMBER: 1

8.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - WELCOME AND INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EASTERN MAAR ABORIGINAL CORPORATION TO ATTEND AND SPEAK AT A MAIN COUNCIL MEETING

File Number:

Attachments: 1. **Notice of Motion**

MOTION

That the Golden Plains Shire Council formally welcomes and invites representatives of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation to attend and speak at a main council meeting.

RATIONALE

To acknowledge the significance of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation receiving, in February 2020, official status, by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, of being the traditional custodians of land that extends into the Golden Plains Shire.

To learn more about the Eastern Maar peoples “the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders for the management and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the determined area”.

To help foster a relationship of respect and goodwill between Golden Plains Shire Council, the Eastern Maar peoples and all traditional custodians.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



NOTICE OF MOTION

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A Notice of Motion must be:

- In writing, or sent electronically, and generally be in a form approved by the Chief Executive Officer;
- Be signed by the Councillor intending to move the motion;
- Be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm 7 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient time for the Notice of Motion to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble give notice of my intention to move at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 4 /2021 that:

Wording of proposed motion:

That the Golden Plains Shire Council formally welcomes and invites representatives of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation to attend and speak at a main council meeting.

Reasoning for proposed motion:

To acknowledge the significance of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation receiving, in February, 2020, official status, by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council, of being the traditional custodians of land that extends into the Golden Plains Shire

To learn more about the Eastern Maar peoples "the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge holders for the management and protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage within the determined area".

To help foster a relationship of respect and goodwill between Golden Plains Shire Council, the Eastern Maar peoples and all traditional custodians.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.

COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE

(This section to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 9.10 am/pm on 19, 4, 2021

CEO SIGNATURE

NOM NUMBER: 2

8.3 NOTICE OF MOTION - QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE COUNCIL ON ACTIONS, PROGRESS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS CONTAINED IN THE "SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT" REPORT

File Number:

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That Council provides quarterly reports to the council on actions, progress and implementation of the recommendations as contained in the "Sexual Harassment In Local Government" report conducted by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, December 2020 and adopted by Golden Plains Council in February 2020.

RATIONALE

To provide information to the Councillors, council staff and the community on the progress of implementing the recommendations.

To signal to the community and council staff the seriousness of the issue and raise the general consciousness of the issue.

To assist council in providing leadership and understanding of how the issue is being addressed.

To help create a culture of respect and safety where anyone who suffers sexual harassment can feel they can report or speak out, be listened to and actions taken. I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



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- *Be signed by the Councillor intending to move the motion;*
- *Be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm 7 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient time for the Notice of Motion to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting.*

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble give notice of my intention to move at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 4 / 2021 that:

Wording of proposed motion:

The Golden Plains Shire Council provides quarterly reports to the council on actions, progress and implementation of the recommendations as contained in the "Sexual Harassment In Local Government" report conducted by the Victorian Auditor-General's Office, December 2020 and adopted by Golden Plains Council in February 2020.

Reasoning for proposed motion:

- To provide information to the councillors, council staff and the community on the progress of implementing the recommendations.
- To signal to the community and council staff the seriousness of the issue and raise the general consciousness of the issue.
- To assist council in providing leadership and understanding of how the issue is being addressed
- To help create a culture of respect and safety where anyone who suffers sexual harassment can feel they can report or speak out, be listened to and actions taken.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.


COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE

(This section to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 9:23 am pm on 19 / 4 / 2021


CEO SIGNATURE

NOM NUMBER: 3

8.4 NOTICE OF MOTION - TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL ADOPTED AT THE UNSCHEDULED MEETING ON 16 / 04 / 2021

File Number:

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion

I, Councillor Owen Sharkey, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That Council rescind the previous resolution of Council (below) adopted at the Unscheduled Meeting on 16 / 04 / 2021 and that the motion be considered at the Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 04 / 2021.

Resolution of 16 / 04 / 2021

Recognising Council does not have the power to compulsorily acquire the property at 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood Victoria, that Council resolve to write to the Minister to request the Minister exercise such a power to compulsorily acquire the property and re-entrust it to The Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation for continued use as a Christian place of worship in accordance with the *Presbyterian Synod of Victoria Act 1859*, *Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1900* and other acts of the Parliament of Victoria which govern the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

RATIONALE

The reasons for this Notice of Motion is to rescind the previous resolution include:

1. Procedural

- Two Councillors were not present when the motion was put to the vote on 16 / 04 /2021
- One of the Councillors had not received notification of the unscheduled meeting held on 16/04/2021
- Notification of the meeting being received on the same day the meeting was conducted with insufficient time to review papers and prepare.
- Exceptional circumstances justifying an unscheduled meeting did not exist
- Lack of clarity and understanding of proposed motions during the meeting
- Concerns that a precedent has been set for the way future petitions may be received.
- The purpose of this Notice of Motion to rescind the previous resolution is to provide Council the opportunity to properly consider the implications of the resolution of Council on 16 / 04 / 2021, and whether what Council is requesting the Minister to do is legally possible.

2. Inadequate and flawed resolution

- Compulsory acquisition is when an authority like the Government acquires privately owned land or property for public purposes such as large infrastructure projects and other public acquisition overlays. The resolution passed by Council is fundamentally flawed and does not meet the relevant tests in terms of compulsory acquisition or public acquisition. This has the potential for reputational and organisational risk.
- Public acquisition is:
 - To reserve land for a public purpose and to ensure that changes to the use or development of the land do not prejudice the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.

- To designate a Minister, public authority or municipal council as an acquiring authority for land reserved for a public purpose.
- The resolution as passed does not meet the above requirements for public acquisition and the use of the land for a place of worship is not a public purpose.
- My understanding is the motion resolved is flawed as any Notice of Intention to Acquire can only be served after the land has been reserved for a public purpose or is the subject of certification by the Governor in Council.

3. Preconceived bias

- The Mayor should have declared a conflict of interest having passionately promoted the petition across the Shire with immediate family members.
- The Mayors actions in promoting the petition suggests the Mayor had a predetermined view prior to calling the meeting and considering the matter.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



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- Be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5pm 7 days prior to the date of the meeting to allow sufficient time for the Notice of Motion to be included in the agenda for the next Council meeting.

I, **Councillor Owen Sharkey** give notice of intention to rescind a previous resolution of Council made at the **Unscheduled Meeting of Council on 16 / 04 / 2021**, and to consider the motion at the **Schedule Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 04 / 2021**.

Wording of proposed motion:

To rescind the previous resolution of Council (below) adopted at the **Unscheduled Meeting on 16 / 04 / 2021** and that the motion be considered at the **Scheduled Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 04 / 2021**.

Resolution of 16 / 04 / 2021

Recognising Council does not have the power to compulsorily acquire the property at 60 Ferrars Street, Rokewood Victoria, that Council resolve to write to the Minister to request the Minister exercise such a power to compulsorily acquire the property and re-entrust it to The Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation for continued use as a Christian place of worship in accordance with the *Presbyterian Synod of Victoria Act 1859*, *Presbyterian Church of Australia Act 1900* and other acts of the Parliament of Victoria which govern the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Reasoning for proposed motion:

The reasons for this Notice of Motion is to rescind the previous resolution include:

1. Procedural

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- Lack of clarity and understanding of proposed motions during the meeting
- Concerns that a precedent has been set for the way future petitions may be received.
- The purpose of this Notice of Motion to rescind the previous resolution is to provide Council the opportunity to properly consider the implications of the resolution of Council on 16 / 04 / 2021, and whether what Council is requesting the Minister to do is legally possible.

2. Inadequate and flawed resolution

- Compulsory acquisition is when an authority like the Government acquires privately owned land or property for public purposes such as large infrastructure projects and other public acquisition overlays. The resolution passed by Council is fundamentally flawed and does not meet the relevant tests in terms of compulsory acquisition or public acquisition. This has the potential for reputational and organisational risk.

- Public acquisition is:
 - To reserve land for a public purpose and to ensure that changes to the use or development of the land do not prejudice the purpose for which the land is to be acquired.
 - To designate a Minister, public authority or municipal council as an acquiring authority for land reserved for a public purpose.

The resolution as passed does not meet the above requirements for public acquisition and the use of the land for a place of worship is not a public purpose.

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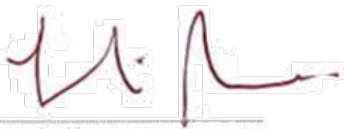
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- The Mayor should have declared a conflict of interest having passionately promoted the petition across the Shire with immediate family members.
- The Mayors actions in promoting the petition suggests the Mayor had a predetermined view prior to calling the meeting and considering the matter.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE



COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE
(SECONDER)

(This section to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 9:38 am/pm on 16 / 4 / 2021



CEO SIGNATURE

NOM NUMBER: 4

8.5 NOTICE OF MOTION - FOR COUNCIL TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

File Number:

Attachments: 1. Notice of Motion

I, Councillor Gavin Gamble, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on 27 April 2021, I intend to move the following motion:-

MOTION

That Council:

1. Acknowledges we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local government.
2. Embeds this climate emergency acknowledgement and declaration into the Council Plan, future strategies and budgetary processes.
3. Undertakes meaningful actions per an investigative report and recommendations by council officers to be presented to the May council meeting.

RATIONALE

For council to provide leadership and acknowledgement of the climate emergency.

To seek recommendations and understanding of how the issue is best addressed by Golden Plains Council and Shire

To signal to the community and council staff the seriousness of the issue and raise the general consciousness of the issue.

To provide an umbrella statement which will facilitate actions to lower carbon emissions and mitigate impacts.

To take action against the dangerous effects of climate change, as understood by mainstream science and in line with people and governments all around the world; recognising the impact of climate change to our future prosperity; health; environment; sustainability and legacy for future generations.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.



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I, Councillor Gavin Gamble give notice of my intention to move at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 27 / 4 / 2021 that:

Wording of proposed motion:

That Council:

- Acknowledges we are in a state of climate emergency that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local government.
- Embeds this climate emergency acknowledgement and declaration into the Council Plan, future strategies and budgetary processes.
- Undertakes meaningful actions per an investigative report and recommendations by council officers to be presented to the May council meeting.

Reasoning for proposed motion:

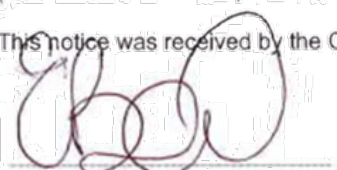
- For council to provide leadership and acknowledgement of the climate emergency .
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- To provide an umbrella statement which will facilitate actions to lower carbon emissions and mitigate impacts.
- To take action against the dangerous effects of climate change, as understood by mainstream science and in line with people and governments all around the world; recognising the impact of climate change to our future prosperity; health; environment; sustainability and legacy for future generations.

I commend this Notice of Motion to Council.


COUNCILLOR SIGNATURE

(This section to be completed and signed by Chief Executive Officer)

This notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer at 7:45 am/pm on 20 / 4 / 2021.


CEO SIGNATURE

NOM NUMBER: 5

9 PETITIONS

Nil

10 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS FOR DECISION**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020:

10.1 P20024 - 79 Vaggs Road, Ross Creek (VCAT Ref No:P1952/2020 - Consent to an Amended Permit via a Compulsory Conference)

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - k 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 information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition.
