



AGENDA

Council Meeting

6.00pm Tuesday 12 October 2021

VENUE:
Virtual

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING
6.00pm Tuesday 26 October 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**
- 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

3 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION

3.1 VERBAL SUBMISSIONS FOR THE LOCAL LAW - GENERAL PUBLIC AMENITY

File Number:**Author:** Matthew Sims, Coordinator Community Safety**Authoriser:** Phil Josipovic, Director Infrastructure and Development**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council hear submissions from those requesting to address Council in support of their written submission in relation to the Draft Local Law.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In June 2020, Council resolved to commence proceedings to update and review Local Law No. 2 General Public Amenity. A draft Local Law was prepared and in August and September 2020, was put on public display on Council's website or printed off when requested by a member of the public.

In a Strategic Planning Workshop in February and a Council Briefing in March, Councillors were informed of the contentious issues and amendments were made and discussed.

Between April and June, Council Officers met with the solicitors engaged to assist with the Local Law, Harwood Andrews, and worked on the changes. Over the past 3 months, the Local Law has been checked, re-checked, and formatted by Harwood Andrews.

On the 22 September 2021 Council advertised on social media and on Council's website that verbal submissions can be made by submitters who wrote to Council last year. On 28 September and 7 October, a targeted email was sent to all submitters who requested to make a verbal submission. At the time of writing this report, nine (9) submitters have chosen to speak.

BACKGROUND

In August and September 2020 Council presented the draft to the public and requested submissions from the public. Council received 684 submissions and 401 of those were from Golden Plains Shire residents. 175 Submitters requested to present a verbal submission; of those 95 are residents of the Shire.

DISCUSSION

At the time of writing this report, nine (9) submitters have requested to make a verbal submission. This number may increase prior to the meeting. Submitters were allocated a time in order of Council receiving their request.

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)	No
Service Performance (Consideration of Service Performance Principles under s.106 of LGA 2020)	No
Risk Assessment	No
Communication	Yes
Human Rights Charter	Yes

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

The Local Law has been prepared in accordance the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 and 2020.

POLICY/RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY

The Draft Local Law was placed on public exhibition in August and September 2020. The draft Local Law was made available for inspection online. Any person could make written submission and 684 submitters took up this option.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no identified risk implications associated with this report.

COMMUNICATION

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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 regard to this matter.

CONCLUSION

After hearing from submitters at this Unscheduled Council Meeting, Council will consider the submissions and, if considered necessary, make changes to the Draft Local Law before it is presented to Council at a later date for adoption.