

# **AGENDA**

## **Ordinary Council Meeting**

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**6.00pm Tuesday 24 July 2018**

**VENUE:**  
**Bannockburn Shire hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**12 High Street, Bannockburn**

NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
6.00pm Tuesday 28 August 2018

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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****Our Vision**

A healthy, safe, vibrant, prosperous and sustainable community supported by strong leadership, transparent governance and community partnerships - Our Community, Our Economy and Our Pride.

**Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, Help us to undertake our duties impartially and honestly, in the best interests of the people of the Golden Plains Shire. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Council acknowledges the traditional Wadawurrung owners of this land. 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**

That the minutes of the meeting of council held 26 June 2018, as circulated, be confirmed.

**5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

## **6 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

### **6.1 ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

**File Number:** 02-03-004

**Author:** Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer

**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO

**Attachments:** 1. Assembly of Councillors

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillors Record from 27 June 2018 to 23 July 2018 as attached.

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To present Council with written records of Assembly of Councillors in accordance with section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 from 27 June 2018 to 23 July 2018.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 a written record of assembly of Councillors must be reported at an ordinary Council meeting and minuted as soon as practicable.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The record must include:

- The names of all Councillors and members of Council staff attending
- The matters considered
- Any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending
- Whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest left the assembly

#### **CONSULTATION**

A formal consultation process is not required.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In Accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

#### **CONCLUSION**

The information provided in this report is compliant with Section 76A of the Local Government Act 1989.



### Assembly of Councillors Record

Date of meeting:	Tuesday 17 July 2018
Time:	1.00pm
Purpose of meeting:	Councillor Briefing session
Councillors present:	Cr Helena Kirby, Mayor Cr Joanne Gilbert Cr Nathan Hansford Cr Les Rowe Cr Owen Sharkey Cr Des Phelan Cr David Evans Arrived 2.00pm
Apologies:	
Council staff present:	Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer Greg Anders, Director Assets & Amenity Patti Wenn, Acting Director Community Services Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services Louisa White, Community Development Manager Nicole Langtip, Community Planning Facilitator
Other people present:	
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Councillors)	Nil
Conflict of Interest Disclosures (Officers)	Nil
Matters discussed:	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meredith Community Plan</li> <li>- Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA)</li> </ul> <p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citizenship Ceremony</li> <li>- Citizen Recognition</li> <li>- In-Principle Performance Statement and In-Principal Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018</li> <li>- Council Plan Implementation – June quarter 2018</li> <li>- Planning application P17-264 for variation to a restrictive covenant at 6 Doherty St, Bannockburn</li> <li>- Proposed change of Smythesdale Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort from Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre to Smythesdale Recreation Reserve</li> <li>- Safe Haven Report</li> <li>- Permits to Burn by private persons (Schedule 13)</li> <li>- Mayoral Attendance – National General Assembly, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2018</li> <li>- G21 Canberra Advocacy Delegation</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tender/Quote Evaluation process</li> <li>- Golden Plains Shire Australia Day Awards</li> <li>- Local Government Victoria – Rural Council Transformation Program</li> </ul> <p><b>Dinner Guest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chair RDA</li> </ul>
Completed by:	Eric Braslis, Chief Executive Officer 

## **7 BUSINESS REPORTS FOR DECISION**

### **7.1 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

**File Number:**

**Author:** Claire Martin, Administration Support Officer

**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO

**Attachments:** 1. Citizenship Ceremony Brochure

Council would like to congratulate the following residents on their decision to become Australian Citizens:

- Ms Rebecca Blasdell from the United Kingdom who resides in Bannockburn
  - Mrs Maria Cociuba from Romania who resides in Smythes Creek
  - Mrs Christine Diwell from England who resides in Meredith
  - Mrs Irene Hardy and Mr Terence Hardy from the United Kingdom who reside in Enfield
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Note - Council will need to resolve to suspend standing orders to allow for the presentation of the award and then to resume standing orders in order to move back into Council reports / ordinary business.



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM



Australians all let us rejoice, for we are young and free  
We've golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is girt by sea  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare  
In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair  
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross we'll toil with hearts and hands  
To make this Commonwealth of ours renowned of all the lands  
For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share  
With courage let us all combine to Advance Australia Fair  
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.

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## AUSTRALIAN CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

### CANDIDATE NAME

TUESDAY, 24 JULY 2018

BANNOCKBURN SHIRE HALL



## WELCOME

Citizenship Ceremonies provide Council with an opportunity to welcome its new citizens as formal members of the Australian community and in particular as members of the local Golden Plains Shire community.

The decision to become an Australian Citizen is a significant one. It involves commitment, responsibility and public recognition – the essence of Australian citizenship.

### Cameras and videos

Photos and video footage can be taken throughout today’s citizenship ceremony, including throughout the presentation of gifts and certificates. There will also be an opportunity for photographs to be taken with the Mayor at the conclusion of the ceremony.

In addition to the local newspaper, Council representatives will be taking photos for use in Council publications and on social media sites. Should you wish for your photo to not be used, please advise a Council representative either before or after the ceremony.

### Citizenship enquiries

Any enquiries in relation to citizenship should be directed to:

Department of Home Affairs  
 Citizenship Information Line – 131 881  
[www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Citi](http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/Trav/Citi)



## THE PROGRAM

**Welcome and introduction** by the Mayor, Cr Helena Kirby

**Citizenship Ceremony** conducted by the Mayor, Cr Helena Kirby

**Presentation of Certificate** by the Mayor Cr Helena Kirby

**Affirmation Ceremony** – Australian Citizenship Affirmation is a statement all Australians can make to affirm their loyalty and commitment to Australia and its people. The recitation of the affirmation is voluntary and has no legal effect.

Any non-citizens are invited to join from the second line of the affirmation:

*“As an Australian citizen,  
 I affirm my loyalty to Australia and its people,  
 Whose democratic beliefs I share,  
 Whose rights and liberties I respect,  
 And whose laws I uphold and obey.”*

**National Anthem** – words for the Australian National Anthem can be found on the back of this program.

**Conclusion and congratulations** by the Mayor, Cr Helena Kirby, along with the presentation of the gift and certificate.

**Refreshments** – you are invited to enjoy some refreshments in our dining room to celebrate this occasion whilst the Council Meeting continues.



**7.2 CITIZEN RECOGNITION****File Number:****Author:** Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil

Golden Plains Shire is proud to recognise the fantastic achievements and contributions made by young people in the community. We are fortunate today to present a Citizen Recognition Award, which includes a certificate of recognition to Tahlia Eastgate.

Tahlia Eastgate is being recognised for her achievement in sport.

- Tahlia 10 years old, lives in Teesdale and has been competing in Calisthenics since she was 7.
- Tahlia competed in the National Championships Competition in early July, with the Sub-Junior team representing Victoria.

Note - Council will need to resolve to suspend standing orders to allow for the presentation of the award and then to resume standing orders in order to move back into Council reports / ordinary business.

### **7.3 IN PRINCIPLE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT AND IN-PRINCIPLE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

**File Number:**

**Author:** Jason Clissold, Finance Manager

**Authoriser:** Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services

**Attachments:** Nil

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Delegate approval of the 'In-Principle' Performance Statement and 'In-Principle' Financial Statements to the Audit and Risk Committee with power to act in accordance with Section 132 of the Local Government Act 1989.
  2. Authorise the Mayor (or her deputy) and Cr Hansford (or his delegate) to certify the Performance Statement and the Financial Statements on behalf of Council, in accordance with Section 132 of the Local Government Act 1989.
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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Due to the tight timeline in approving the 'In-Principle' Performance Statement and 'In-Principle' Financial Statements following completion of the audit, it is necessary to delegate authority to the Audit and Risk Committee to approve the Statements and to authorise the two Councillor representatives of the Committee to certify them at the meeting scheduled for 11 September 2018. The signed Report and Audit Certificate are required to be with the Minister by 21 September 2018.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Section 131 of the LGA requires Council to prepare an Annual Report containing:

- a Report of Operations of the Council;
- an audited performance statement;
- audited financial statements;
- a copy of the auditor's report on the performance statement prepared under section 132;
- a copy of the auditor's report on the financial statements under Part 3 of the Audit Act 1994;
- any other matter required by the regulations.

Section 132 to 134 of the LGA provides the following:

- The Annual Report must be submitted to the Minister by 30 September each year;
- Council must pass a resolution giving its approval in principle to the performance statement and financial statements;
- Council must authorise two Councillors to certify the performance statement and financial statements in their final form, after any changes have been made following the audit; and
- Council must hold a publically advertised meeting to discuss the Annual Report as soon as practicable after it has been sent to the Minister.

**POLICY CONTENT**

Local Government Act 1989

Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014

Audit Act 1994

**DISCUSSION**

The following timetable outlines the process to achieve the requirements of *The Act*:

<b>TASK</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Council to delegate approval of In Principle Statements to the Audit and Risk Committee and authorise two Councillors to sign annual statements.	24/07/2018
Accounts available for audit	13/08/2018
Completion of audit	24/08/2018
Distribution of completed financial statements to Auditor-General	04/09/2018
First review by Audit and Risk Committee with Auditor-General	11/09/2018
Committee resolution to adopt the In Principle Statements (under delegation)	11/09/2018
Audit Opinion issued by Auditor-General	12/09/2018
Annual report posted to Minister	21/09/2018
Advertise Annual Report and Council meeting to consider the report	06/10/2018
Council meeting to consider Annual Report financial statements and auditor's report	23/10/2018

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Due to the relatively tight timetable required to meet the legislative requirements, it is necessary to have appropriate delegations in place to ensure that decisions can be made promptly to comply with the deadlines. In the absence of this delegation, Special Meetings of Council would need to be called at short notice.

This system of delegation has operated effectively in the past and is in accordance with the Charter of the Audit and Risk Committee.

**7.4 COUNCIL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - JUNE QUARTER 2018****File Number:** 01-01-002**Author:** Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services**Authoriser:** Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:**

1. Pillar 1 - Promoting Healthy & Connected Communities (under separate cover)
2. Pillar 2 - Enhancing Local Economies (under separate cover)
3. Pillar 3 - Managing the Natural & Built Environment (under separate cover)
4. Pillar 4 - Delivering Good Governance & Leadership (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, as at 30 June 2018.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To update Council on the progress made to 30 June 2018, in completing the 2017-18 actions contained in the Council Plan 2017-2021. The Council Plan 2017-2021 contains 40 actions framed around 4 Pillars. This is the fourth quarterly report to Council regarding implementation of the Plan for 2017-18 which shows that all proposed actions for the 2017-18 year have been completed.

**BACKGROUND**

The Council Plan 2017-2021 contains 40 actions framed around 4 Pillars. This is the fourth quarterly report to Council regarding implementation of the Plan for 2017-18. Council's management team has established an implementation timetable and monitors the organisation's progress of the Plan on a monthly basis to ensure that all of the actions set by Council are achieved by the end of the year. Each of the actions is numbered for ease of reference.

**POLICY CONTENT**

Council Plan 2017-2021

**DISCUSSION**

The following table indicates the quarter the actions are to be finalised (●) and the quarter they are completed and reported on to Council is shown by a tick (✓).

<b>Pillar 1: Healthy &amp; Connected Communities</b>						
<b>Action</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>PM Ref</b>
1. Provide and support programs, activities, and spaces to promote and encourage health and wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities	Access & Inclusion				✓	1.3.01
	Arts & Culture				✓	
	Community Development				✓	
	Recreation			✓		
2. Develop a longer term vision and planning for an integrated approach to providing quality health and community services infrastructure	Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan				✓	1.3.02
3. Support local sporting and community groups to provide participation and engagement opportunities and continue to encourage and value volunteering in our community	Recreation				✓	1.1.01
4. Provide and support contemporary and innovative community development programs initiatives and opportunities	Community Development				✓	1.2.01
5. Identify, facilitate and advocate for initiatives to increase access to public and community transport	Ageing Well				✓	1.2.02
6. Support people at all life stages and abilities to maximise their potential and participation in community life	Municipal Early Years		✓			1.2.03
	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				
7. Lobby, advocate and work with others to maintain and enhance the safety and security of all people across our community and proactively address family violence	Governance	✓				1.3.03
8. Communicate, consult, and engage with our community to ensure the provision of responsive and effective services and to enable people to increase control over, and to improve, their wellbeing	Community Engagement			✓		1.3.04
	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				
9. Respect, celebrate and protect the history and diversity of our heritage, the arts and community spaces	Arts & Culture				✓	1.2.04
10. Implement a range of activities and programs to support young people in our Shire to be healthy, resilient and empowered	Youth		✓			1.3.05

<b>Pillar 2: Local Economies</b>						
<b>Action</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>PM Ref</b>
11. Implement a strategic approach to support, promote and grow our local business sector, attract new business investment, and build our visitor economy	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		2.1.01
12. Promote and support the development and sustainability of our rural economy	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		2.1.02
	Road				✓	
	Road Management Plan				✓	
	Northern Settlement				✓	
13. Promote and support innovative, environmentally sustainable and value adding approaches and solutions within our business, rural and visitor economies	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		2.1.03
	Environment				✓	
	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				
14. Advocate, facilitate and provide built, service and technology infrastructure to support business and industry growth and development	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		2.1.04
	Access & Inclusion				✓	
15. Promote and advocate for education, vocational and lifelong learning opportunities to support skill development and employment opportunities	Youth		✓			2.1.05
16. Lobby, advocate, collaborate and develop strategic relationships with government, business, community and key stakeholders to facilitate local economic development and job creation	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		2.1.06
	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				
17. Encourage greater investment in the Shire through creative industries, local events and festivals	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				2.1.07
	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		
	Arts & Culture				✓	



<b>Pillar 3: Natural &amp; Built Environment</b>						
<b>Action</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>PM Ref</b>
18. Support and encourage community resilience to respond to a changing climate and the impact of natural disasters	Environment				✓	3.1.01
19. Define a pathway to achieving carbon neutrality for Council operations	Environment				✓	3.1.02
20. Encourage all landholders to more effectively manage the risk of pest and invasive plants across the municipality	Environment				✓	3.1.03
21. Implement waste management and minimisation practices that are innovative, effective and reflect best practice	Waste			✓		3.2.01
22. Promote and support innovative and environmentally sustainable management of water resources through strategic partnerships	Environment				✓	3.1.04
23. Review the existing Road Strategy and Road Asset Management Plan in consultation with the community and continue to advocate for improvements to arterial roads and highways	Road				✓	3.3.01
	Road Management Plan				✓	
24. Implement our Paths and Trails Strategy to increase safety, connectivity, and active transport networks within and between townships	Paths & Trails				✓	3.4.01
25. Progressively review township structure plans and urban design frameworks to effectively manage growth, encourage diversity and maintain township character	Urban Design Frameworks		✓			3.5.01
26. Proactively support and encourage an increase in civic pride and build ownership of place	Community Development				✓	3.6.01
27. Invest in maintenance, renewal and improvement of community infrastructure	Bannockburn Community Infrastructure Development Plan			✓		3.3.02
	Recreation			✓		
	Access & Inclusion				✓	
28. Implement the Municipal Fire Management Plan and fire related statutory controls	Environment				✓	3.1.05
	Governance	✓				

29. Work with the community and fire agencies to improve community preparedness and resilience	Environment				✓	3.1.06
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**Pillar 4: Good Governance & Leadership**

Action	Strategy	Sept	Dec	Mar	June	PM Ref
30. Develop a long term (25 year) community plan outlining a future vision for Golden Plains Shire	Governance				✓	4.1.01
31. Continue long term financial planning that outlines the emerging challenges for the Shire	Finance	✓				4.2.01
32. Further develop and implement an advocacy framework in partnership with the community	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		4.3.01
33. Maintain active regional partnerships with a focus on economic development, wellbeing, environmental sustainability and shared services	Economic Development & Tourism			✓		4.3.02
34. Provide a consistent coordinated and innovative approach to communicating with the community	Events, Marketing & Communications	✓				4.4.01
	Access & Inclusion				✓	
	Arts & Culture				✓	
35. Review decision making and governance processes and structures to improve transparency, accountability and progressively implement Council's Community Engagement Strategy	Community Engagement			✓		4.1.02
	Access & Inclusion				✓	
	Arts & Culture				✓	
36. Build commitment to the organisational Customer Service Charter	Customer Service				✓	4.5.01
37. Work towards the application of 'deliberative engagement' processes	Community Engagement			✓		4.1.03
38. Continue to implement Council's commitment to equal employment opportunity and influencing broader access, inclusion and gender equity issues in our community	Organisational Development		✓			4.6.01

<p>39. The Golden Plains Community and Civic Centre will be a redevelopment of the Bannockburn Customer Service Centre to provide a suite of community, municipal and office spaces to meet the needs of community access to Council, Council governance processes and Council staff delivery of the key pillars of the Council Plan</p>	<p>Governance</p>				<p>✓</p>	<p>4.6.02</p>
<p>40. Provide a workplace that facilitates the highest level of productivity and supports a healthy lifestyle for employees</p>	<p>Governance</p>				<p>✓</p>	<p>4.6.03</p>
	<p>Organisational Development</p>		<p>✓</p>			
	<p>Community Development</p>				<p>✓</p>	

A detailed explanation of actions can be obtained from Attachments 1a to 1d– Council Plan 2017-2021 Actions Quarterly Report for June 2018.

**CONSULTATION**

A formal consultation process was not required.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer and Authoriser preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

The adopted implementation timetable is an effective monitoring method to enable Council to complete the 2017-18 actions contained in the 2017-2021 Plan by the 30 June 2018.

**7.5 PLANNING APPLICATION P17-264 FOR A VARIATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AJ155743K TO ALLOW TWO DWELLINGS ON THE LAND AT 6 DOHERTY STREET, BANNOCKBURN**

<b>File Number:</b>	<b>P17-264</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Leigh Page, Town Planner</b>
<b>Authoriser:</b>	<b>Greg Anders, Director Assets and Amenity</b>
<b>Applicant:</b>	<b>Smith Land Surveyors</b>
<b>Owner:</b>	<b>Luke Parker &amp; Jacqui Cockerill</b>
<b>Proposal:</b>	<b>Variation of Restrictive Covenant AJ155743K to allow two dwellings on the land</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>6 Doherty Street, Bannockburn</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>1. Recommended Conditions (under separate cover)</b> <b>2. Copy of Application (under separate cover)</b> <b>3. Copy of Objections (under separate cover)</b> <b>4. VCAT Appeal P778/2016 (under separate cover)</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to vary restrictive covenant AJ155743K over 6 Doherty Street, Bannockburn to allow two dwellings on the Lot, with the conditions shown on the attachment.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report relates to a planning permit application which proposes to vary the registered restrictive covenant AJ155743K, to allow two dwellings on the land at 6 Doherty Street, Bannockburn. This report provides a background to the application, a summary of the relevant planning considerations and an officer recommendation which supports the issue of a planning permit.

**PURPOSE**

The application has been referred to the Council Meeting for determination as there are three (3) outstanding objections to the issue of a planning permit.

**DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officers preparing this report declare no conflict of interest in regard to this matter.

**COUNCIL PLAN**

Managing natural and built environments.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The application proposes a variation of the restrictive covenant AJ155743K affecting the land at 6 Doherty Street, Bannockburn, to allow two dwellings on the lot (see attachment 2).

The applicant is seeking to alter (i) of part (a) from

(a) Shall not at any time hereafter erect or build or cause or suffer to be erected or built on the Lot or any part thereof:

(i) any more than one single house.

To be amended to become

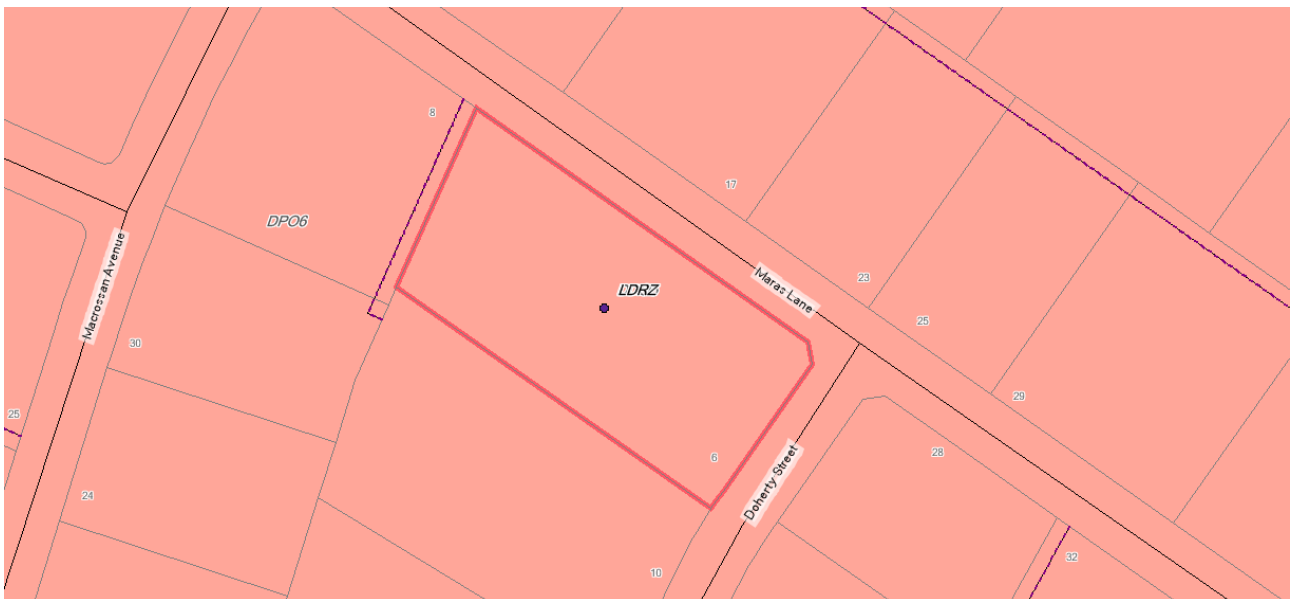
(a) Shall not at any time hereafter erect or build or cause or suffer to be erected or built on the Lot or any part thereof:

(i) any more than two single houses

### Locality

The subject land is situated at 6 Doherty Street, Bannockburn and is formally described as Lot 111 on Plan of Subdivision 642122E. The site is located within a Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ) area of the Bannockburn township. Design and Development Overlay 5 (DDO5) and Development Plan Overlay 6 (DPO6) also apply to the site.

DDO5 seeks to ensure that the siting and design of any new buildings is in keeping with the character and appearance of the area. DPO6 will only be applicable to the site if an application for planning permit to subdivide the land is received in the future.



The land parcel has an area of 8001 square metres and it contains an existing dwelling and associated shed with the site having access from both Doherty Street and Maras Lane.

The lots within this area of Bannockburn range in size from around 4,000 square metres up 9,000 square metres; are predominately rectangular in shape, and contain single dwellings with associated shedding.

The application was received by Council on 18 October 2017 and a preliminary assessment of the application was undertaken. Council requested a copy of title for all 63 lots benefitted by the covenant; which were received on 18 December 2017.

### CONSULTATION

Notice of the application was given in accordance with Section 52 of the Act. Notice was provided by registered mail to all adjoining and neighbouring owners and occupiers that are beneficiaries to the covenant. A sign was placed onsite and a copy of the notice placed in a Saturday edition of the Geelong Advertiser.

As a result of the public notice three (3) objections were received (see attachment 3). The objections related to:

- Loss of privacy
- Devaluation
- Amenity impacts

- Increased traffic
- Precedent

A consultation meeting with the objectors and the applicant was held on 16 May 2018, however there was no resolution reached.

## **ASSESSMENT**

### **Planning Scheme**

#### Particular Provisions

##### Clause 52.02 – Easements, restrictions and reserves

A planning permit is required under Clause 52.02 to create, vary or remove an easement or restriction.

The purpose of the clause is to enable the removal and variation of an easement or restrictions to enable a use or development that complies with the planning scheme but only after the interests of affected people are considered.

A permit is required under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* before a person proceeds under Section 23 of the *Subdivision Act 1988* to create, vary or remove a restriction. Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider the interests of affected people.

In the case of a restrictive covenant, the affected people are primarily the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries are those who own land affected by the same covenant to which a variation is sought. Non-beneficiaries can still make an objection.

#### General Provisions

The decision guidelines contained in Clause 65 of the planning scheme require Council to consider the following matters, as appropriate:

- The matters set out in Section 60 of the Act
- The State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.
- The purpose of the zone, overlay, or other provision.
- Any matter required to be considered in the zone, overlay or other provision.
- The orderly planning of the area.
- The effect on the amenity of the area.
- The proximity of the land to any public land
- Factors likely to cause or contribute to land degradation, salinity or reduce water quality.
- Whether the proposed development is designed to maintain or improve the quality of stormwater within and exiting the site.
- The extent and character of native vegetation and the likelihood of its destruction.
- Whether native vegetation is to be or can be protected, planted or allowed to regenerate.
- The degree of flood erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land and the use, development or management of the land so as to minimise any such hazard.

#### Section 60 of the Planning and Environment Act

Section 60 of the Act specifies a number of matters that the responsible authority must consider before deciding an application. Under Section 60(2) of the Act for covenants listed post 1991 (the covenant in this application was registered in 2011), Council must satisfy itself that the owners of any land benefitted by a covenant will be unlikely to suffer detriment of any kind. Section 60(2) states the following

*The responsible authority must not grant a permit which allows the removal or variation of a restriction unless it is satisfied that the owner of any land benefitted by the restriction will be unlikely to suffer:-*

- (a) *financial loss; or*
- (b) *loss of amenity; or*
- (c) *loss arising from change to the character of the neighbourhood; or*
- (d) *any other material detriment:–*

*as a consequence of the removal or variation of the restriction.*

Therefore if an objection is received from a person benefitting from the covenant, Council must not grant a permit unless they are satisfied that the grant of a permit is unlikely to cause detriment to the person/s benefitted by the covenant.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **(i) VCAT Decision**

VCAT decision P778/2016 *Pawlak v Golden Plains SC* (2016) provides Council with guidance in the assessment of covenant variations similar to this application. In this case Council decided to refuse the application for planning permit on the grounds that the application failed to satisfy Section 60 (2) of the Act.

VCAT set Council's decision aside and directed that a planning permit be granted to vary the restrictive covenant to allow two dwellings on the land.

The VCAT member commented that they were satisfied that the beneficiaries would be unlikely to suffer any of the detriments outlined in section 60(2) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* (attachment 4).

### **(ii) Planning and Environment Act 1987**

When considering an application to vary or remove a restrictive covenant, with objections from beneficiaries to the covenant, Council must consider each of the matters listed (as outlined previously in this report) in Section 60(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, being:

#### **(a) Financial Loss**

There has been no evidence supplied by any of the objectors that may support the claim of financial loss as a direct result of this proposed variation to restrictive covenant. Further, VCAT has made clear over time that objection to planning applications based on property devaluation is speculative. It is therefore considered that it would be unlikely that the variation of the restrictive covenant will decrease the value of the lots in the estate.

#### **(b) Loss of Amenity**

Given the size of the land, the subdivision and development of the lot would only create a single additional dwelling on the land which still meets the minimum lot size requirements of the LDRZ.

It is considered that the traffic impacts generated by a second dwelling on the land would be insignificant and will not affect the capacity and functionality of the surrounding streets. The land would also be large enough to accommodate the increased car parking demands of a second dwelling.

#### **(c) Loss arising from change of neighbourhood character.**

As per the above response relating to loss of amenity, as the proposal would only allow a single additional dwelling on the land it is not considered that this will change the character of the neighbourhood.

By allowing the variation of the restrictive covenant, this will not in itself allow any development on the land and the applicant will still require a planning permit to use and develop the land for a second dwelling or to subdivide the land. Any future development will be required to meet the minimum setback requirements set out in Schedule 5 to the Design and Development Overlay, the objective of which is which is aimed at protecting the low density character of the area and maintaining the high level of amenity in low density residential areas.

*(d) Other material detriment*

The Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the planning scheme provide for covenants to be varied in appropriate cases.

The fact that beneficiaries perceive that they will be materially affected by an alteration to their original expectation is not a ground for refusal under Section 60(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Concerns relating to the setting of a precedent also fall into the category of perceived detriment and again is not grounds for refusal under Section 60(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

**OPTION ANALYSIS**

Not applicable to this application.

**CULTURAL HERITAGE IMPLICATIONS**

This proposal does not require the preparation of a Cultural Heritage Management Plan under the Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2007.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that there are no risk implications associated with this application.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered that there are no financial implications associated with this application.

**CONCLUSION**

A recommendation has been made to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit to allow the variation to restrictive covenant AJ155743K to allow two dwellings on the land. It is considered that the beneficiaries would be unlikely to suffer from any of the detriments outlined in Section 60(2) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and therefore the application meets the relevant requirements of the planning scheme.



## 7.6 SAFE HAVEN ENTERPRISE VISA ZONE

**File Number:****Author:** Louisa White, CD Manager**Authoriser:** Jill Evans, Director Community Services**Attachments:** 1. Resident Letter**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council write to the Federal members for Corangamite and Wannon requesting that Golden Plains Shire become a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) Zone incorporating the following postcodes – 3213, 3218, 3321-3324, 3328-3333, 3342, 3351, 3352, 3360.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has received a request for the Shire to be included as part of the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Zone. Refugees who hold these visas are required to work three and a half years out of five in an area listed with the Department of Home Affairs. The benefits of being listed as part of the scheme means that refugees who work in the Shire can fulfil their visa requirements which will allow them to apply for a range of permanent visas.

**BACKGROUND**

Councillors have received a letter from a resident on June 20, 2018 outlining the experiences of a young man who narrowly escaped with his life from Afghanistan and the Taliban (attached). This young man is now happily living and working in Golden Plains Shire; however, he is unable to use the employment he has obtained as part of his visa conditions as Golden Plains Shire is not listed with the Department of Home Affairs as an eligible Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Zone. Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV) holders are required to work and/or study without receiving income support for a total of three and a half years of the five year visa to then be able to apply for a range of permanent visas. While working in Golden Plains will not be in breach of his visa conditions, the time spent working here will not be counted as part of the required three and a half years working in a regional area unless Golden Plains Shire is listed as one of the SHEV areas.

**DISCUSSION**

A Safe Haven Enterprise Visa is one of two types of temporary protection visas (TPV) available to those claiming asylum. The visa provides protection for five years (compared to the three available under the TPV). Its main feature is that people who hold it must intend to work or study in a part of 'regional Australia'. 'Regional Australia' is defined by the law as including specific areas in Australia. Attachment two shows the current list of regional Australia postcodes that are included in the SHEV scheme – none of them in Golden Plains Shire.

For Council to become part of the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Scheme, it must contact Federal Government local members and request to be included. Council's postcodes will then be listed as areas that refugees can live and work if they choose. Although refugees can still choose to live in the Shire, any work completed will not be counted towards the requirements of the SHEV.

**CONSULTATION**

A communications plan will need to be developed if Golden Plains Shire is approved to be part of the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa Scheme.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

**CONCLUSION**

Councillors have received a request to support a refugee with a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa by including the postcodes of Golden Plains Shire in the scheme. If this does not occur, refugees are still able to live and work in Golden Plains Shire but their work will not be included as part of the requirements of their visa. The benefits of being listed as part of the scheme means that refugees who work in the Shire can fulfil their visa requirements, which in turn will allow them to apply for a range of permanent visas.

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Friday June 15, 2018

Dear Councillors Kirby, Phelani, Evans, Gilbert, Hansford, Rowe and Sharkey,

I have lived in the Golden Plains Shire for almost 6 years, and I would like to tell you about a remarkable young man who has recently gained employment in the Shire. I will call him 'Jawan'. In order to protect his privacy.

I first met Jawan five years ago. He was 17 years old and had been living in a share house in Corio for over a year. When he was 16, he experienced a very disturbing series of events in Afghanistan at the hands of the Taliban, and narrowly escaped with his life. Not being able to return home, for fear of leading the Taliban to the surviving members of his family, he kept running in order to seek safety as a refugee.

Due to his Afghani documents not meeting the proof-of-age requirements of Australian authorities, Jawan was deemed to be 18 years old. Therefore, he had not been provided with schooling on arrival, and had very limited English. His initial visa did not permit him to work, so he had nothing meaningful with which to fill his days. Thankfully, due to Victorian education legislation allowing students who are over 18 years of age to be accepted at the Principal's discretion, I was able to assist Jawan to enrol in a Secondary College where he received excellent support. He blossomed during his time at the school; learning English, making friends, playing soccer, studying VCAL, gaining his Construction Induction White Card and attending his graduation ceremony.

Part way through his Year 12, Jawan was granted work rights. He applied for an ABN and, very soon after finishing school, he moved to Melbourne to begin working as a tiling labourer. Unfortunately the companies who engaged him were not always honourable, and Jawan was often under-paid, not paid on time, or on occasions not paid at all. However, he persevered and was never out of work for more than few weeks at a time. In late 2016, Jawan was granted a Safe Haven Enterprise Visa (SHEV). SHEVs are for refugees in genuine need of protection, and last for five years. One of the requirements of a SHEV is that the holder agrees to live and work in a regional area. If SHEV holders work and/or study without receiving income support for a total of three-and-a-half of the five years, they can apply for a range of permanent visas. Jawan was happy to return to the Geelong region. He is very much part of my family, and has close friends living here. However, it meant giving up his ongoing work in Melbourne. Since moving back to Geelong six months ago, Jawan has worked as a casual construction labourer and has taken seasonal food production work. He also worked for a while as a full-time factory hand in Geelong, but was forced to leave that role due to being subjected to very unsafe work practices, racism and bullying.

Very happily, Jawan has just secured a position in a local factory in Golden Plains Shire. His new company appears to have excellent human resources processes, strict OHS policies

and is an equal opportunity employer. However, there is one problem. The postcodes in the Golden Plains Shire are not listed with the Department of Home Affairs as eligible SHEV postcodes. While working in Golden Plains will not be in breach of Jawan's visa conditions, the time spent working here will not be counted as part of this three-and-a-half years working in a regional area. Jawan is doing everything he can to rebuild his life in the region and to integrate into the Australian community. He hates the idea of relying on income support, and wants to work hard, pay tax and contribute to society. It is a great shame that his employment in Golden Plains will not assist him to gain permanent residency and a much-needed sense of belonging and of becoming a real Australian.

Would the Golden Plains Shire Council please reconsider its decision not to join the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa program? It could make a life-changing difference to Jawan and to others in his situation who are immeasurably grateful for the safety they have found here, and who want to make Australia their forever home.

I hope that you will seriously consider my request.

Yours sincerely,





cc sent by email

## 7.7 PROPOSED CHANGE OF SMYTHESDALE NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE - PLACE OF LAST RESORT FROM WOODY YALOK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE TO SMYTHESDALE RECREATION RESERVE

**File Number:****Author:** Matthew Sims, Emergency Management Officer**Authoriser:** Richard Trigg, Director Corporate Services**Attachments:**

1. Map of proposed NSP-PLR, Smythesdale Recreation Reserve
2. CFA NSP-PLR Assessment Summary Report (under separate cover)
3. CFA NSP-PLR Compliant Assessment Report (under separate cover)
4. CFA NSP-PLR Preliminary Assessment Report (under separate cover)
5. NSP-PLR Signage (under separate cover)

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Decommission the Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre as a Neighbourhood Safer Place - Place of Last Resort.
2. Endorses that the open space in front of the Smythesdale Recreation Reserve pavilion become the designated Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort for the Smythesdale area.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, Golden Plains Shire Council was approached by District 15 CFA and Smythesdale Fire Brigade to move the Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort (NSP-PLR) from the Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre to the Smythesdale Recreation Reserve. This was requested as the Smythesdale Fire Brigade preferred to use the equestrian centre as a staging area instead of the recreation reserve as they currently do.

### BACKGROUND

The Victorian Government established NSP-PLRs in response to the recommendations from the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission regarding the need for a range of community shelter and relocation options in the event of a bushfire threat.

NSP-PLRs are identified spaces within the community that may afford some protection from radiant heat, the biggest killer during a bushfire. They are a place of last resort in bushfire emergencies only. NSP-PLRs are open space areas where residents can go when their personal fire plans have failed and they are left with no other option. There is no guarantee of safety at a NSP-PLR. There are no special facilities and no provision of food, water or built shelter. The NSP-PLR may be uncomfortable and exposed to smoke and embers and is only intended to provide a place of last resort during the passage of a fire.

Councils Municipal Fire Prevention Officer requested CFA assess the suitability of the area to the front of the Smythesdale Recreation Reserve as an NSP-PLR. After confirmation from Tony Brady, Vegetation Management Officer at CFA, that the area between the hall and the oval was a suitable location, Council contacted the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee who voted in favour of decommissioning the NSP-PLR at the Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre and designating the Smythesdale Recreation Reserve as a new NSP-PLR. Section 50G of the CFA Act 1958 states that's municipal councils must identify and designate NSP-PLRs.

### DISCUSSION

The Smythesdale Recreation Reserve is Crown Land, delegated to Golden Plains Shire Council and under a management agreement to a committee. The reserve is 10.6 hectares and located at 55

Heales Road Smythesdale. The site is currently home to a Council emergency relief centre, which may be opened during an emergency.

Council will remove signage from the Woody Yaloak Equestrian Centre and install this signage at the Smythesdale Recreation Reserve and along Brooke Street Smythesdale.

Officers will utilise Council's website, social media, the Smythesdale Market and the October Gazette to inform the local community of the change in location of the NSP-PLR.

### **CONSULTATION**

Council has consulted with the CFA and the Golden Plains Shire Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee. The new location is an ideal location for the Smythesdale community, as it is close to the town centre, the Relief Centre, shops and other facilities.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer and authoriser preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

The proposed Smythesdale Neighbourhood Safer Place - Place of Last Resort provides the Smythesdale community with a place of last resort should their own bushfire plans fail in the event of a fire impinging on the township and surrounding areas. The site meets CFA and Municipal assessment criteria and is a more suitable location for the public in times of emergency.

Proposed Smythesdale NSP-PLR



## 7.8 MAYORAL ATTENDANCE - NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (ALGA) 2018

**File Number:****Author:** Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO**Attachments:** Nil**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the Mayoral conference report in relation to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mayor Kirby, along with the CEO, attended the 2018 National General Assembly (NGA) of Australian Local Government Association in Canberra from Sunday 17 to Wednesday 20 June, 2018.

**BACKGROUND**

Mayor Kirby attended the conference along with in excess of 800 delegates from Councils across Australia. Many seminars were attended addressing Building Tomorrows Communities gaining insight into advances made in councils both similar in size to Golden Plains Shire and larger councils through to the large city councils.

**POLICY CONTENT**

*Council Plan 2017-2021* - A healthy, safe, vibrant, prosperous and sustainable community supported by strong leadership, transparent governance and community partnerships - **Our Community, Our Economy, and Our Pride.**

**DISCUSSION**

Council's attendance at this annual Assembly provides the opportunity to listen to the current challenges confronting the sector from Councils across the country and consider solutions or innovative ideas that may be relevant to Golden Plains Shire.

The theme for the 2018 NGA – Australia's Future: Make It Local – reflects not just the wide scope and importance of Local Government, but its ability to influence and affect fundamental change and improvement at the community level. The 2018 theme also hints at the strong possibility a federal election being called later this year or early next. That being the case, Local Government will need to be ready and able to speak up on behalf of our constituents.

ALGA and the State and Territory Local Government Associations are already well advanced in their election advocacy strategies, but this conference provided important input into the fine-tuning of those plans. A significant number of motions were put to the Assembly, generating lively, vigorous and constructive debate. All of the motions that were supported at the NGA are submitted to the ALGA board for consideration and, ultimately, to advance the cause of Local Government and the communities we seek to serve.

The program for this year's NGA was extensive, with multiple streams of specialist presentations for you to select from, and a range of keynote speakers that informed and inspire us. Not surprisingly for a NGA that's being staged with a federal election in the wings, the expert panels also boasted plenty of individuals with insider views of Capitol Hill.

Keynote speakers were David Speers, Political Editor, SKY NEWS; Virginia Haussegger, Australian Journalist, Media Commentator and Television Presenter; Bernard Salt, Author and Columnist and Dave Cull, President, Local Government New Zealand



Political speakers were The Hon Dr John McVeigh, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government; Stephen Jones MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government; The Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Rural Health, Sport and Regional Communication and The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Leader of the Opposition.

In addition to the Assembly, the Central Highlands Group of Councils undertook a delegation that included meetings with;

- Hon Mark Coulton MP, Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- Hon Catherine King MP, Shadow Minister for Health and Medicare
- Dr Stephen Arnott PSM, First Assistant Secretary, Arts, Department of Communications and Arts
- Lisa Chesters MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Workplace Relations, Shadow Assistant Minister for Rural & Regional Australia
- Hon Ed Husic MP, Shadow Minister for the Digital Economy, Shadow Minister for Employment Services and Workforce Participation
- Senator James Paterson, Victorian Senator
- Matt Williams - Adviser Office of Hon Simon Birmingham MP, Minister for Education and Training
- Brendan O'Connor MP, Shadow Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations
- Dep Secretary Dean Knudson, Environment Protection Group Dept of Environment & Energy
- Jarryd Williamson – Adviser, Office of the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Health
- Andy Smith, Adviser NBN Policy, Office of Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, Minister for Communications, Minister for the Arts
- Jeff Singleton - Senior Adviser, Office of the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development, Shadow Minister for Tourism Dept of Industry, Innovation and Science
- Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy
- Karly Abbott - Senior Tourism Adviser, Office of the Hon Steven Ciobo MP Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
- Chris Daffey - Senior Adviser, Office of the Prime Minister
- Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment, Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia
- Senator Janet Rice, Australian Greens Senator for Victoria
- Hon Dan Tehan, Minister for Social Services
- Hon Josh Frydenberg, Minister for the Environment and Energy
- Dr Jack Dan - Senior Adviser Digital Transformation, Office of the Hon Michael Keenan MP Minister for Human Services, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Digital Transformation
- Senator Scott Ryan, Victorian Senator, President of the Senate
- Hon Karen Andrews MP, Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills
- Marie Taylor, ED Regional Development and Local Government
- Brendan McRandale, ED Aviation and Airports, Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities
- Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Australia

- Hon Stephen Jones MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Communications, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
- Senator Kimberley Kitching, Victorian Senator
- Chris Gatenby, Senior Adviser, Office of Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources
- Pat Conroy, Shadow Assistant Minister for Climate Change, Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure
- Lachlan Hunter - Regional Communications Adviser, Office of Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Minister for Rural Health, Minister for Sport, Minister for Regional Communications, Senator for Victoria

Mayor Kirby and the CEO, along with all of the other Councils that form part of the Federal Electorate of Wannon, also met informally with the Member for Wannon, Don Tehan, in his office to talk about issue across the electorate.

### **CONSULTATION**

No consultation was required.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

That Council note Mayor Kirby's report.

## 7.9 G21 - CANBERRA ADVOCACY DELEGATION

### File Number:

**Author:** Eric Braslis, CEO

**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO

**Attachments:** Nil

### RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive and note the update on the G21 Board delegation to Canberra in May 2018.

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To update the Council and Community on the recent G21 Delegation to Canberra.

### BACKGROUND

Each year the Board of G21 attends Canberra, on an Advocacy Delegation. The delegation is formally structured, coordinated by a professional lobbyist and provides for direct access to Ministers and Opposition Shadow Ministers. The delegation focuses on the Regional Priorities identified in the G21 Priority Projects ( <http://www.g21.com.au/priority-projects> ) but also allows for the Board members to speak about issues and concerns within each local government area and across the local government sector generally.

### POLICY CONTENT

Council Plan – Delivering Good Governance and Leadership (Advocating on behalf of the community) and the G21 – Report to the Region ([http://www.g21.com.au/sites/default/files/resources/report\\_to\\_region\\_2017\\_feb\\_2018\\_update\\_print\\_edn.pdf](http://www.g21.com.au/sites/default/files/resources/report_to_region_2017_feb_2018_update_print_edn.pdf) )

### DISCUSSION

Both Cr Phelan and the CEO attended as part of the delegation and meetings were arranged in Parliament House with the following members or their advisors;

Tuesday 29 May

- Peter Woolcott, PM's Chief Of Staff And Chris Daffy Senior Adviser
- Hon Ed Husic, Shadow Minister For Employment Services, Workforce Participation and Future Of Work
- Hon Greg Hunt, Minister For Health
- Hon Josh Frydenberg, Minister For The Environment
- Hon Darren Chester, Minister For Defence Personnel
- Hon Dan Tehan, Minister For Social Services

Wednesday 30 May

- Hon Anthony Albanese, Shadow Minister For Infrastructure, Transport, Cities And Regional Development, Shadow Minister For Tourism
- Hon Jenny Macklin, Shadow Minister For Families And Social Services
- Hon Stephen Jones, Shadow Minister For Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Regional Services
- Hon Paul Fletcher, Minister For Urban Infrastructure And Cities

- Hon Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister For Infrastructure And Sport
- Hon Mark Butler, Shadow Minister For Climate Change And Energy
- Megan Purcell, Senior Adviser To Hon Michaelia Cash and Minister For Jobs and Innovation
- Hon Dr John Mcveigh, Minister For Regional Development, Territories And Local Government
- Hon Richard Marles, Shadow Minister For Defence
- Hon Bill Shorten, Opposition Leader

The Board also, attended a dinner at Parliament House with one of our local members, Hon Richard Marles, Member for Corio.

### **CONSULTATION**

No consultation was required

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

In accordance with Section 80B of the Local Government Act 1989, the Officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest in regards to this matter.

### **CONCLUSION**

That Council acknowledge the work and effort of the G21 Board in lobbying and advocating for the region.

**7.10 DELEGATES REPORT - 27 JUN 2018 TO 23 JULY 2018**

**File Number:** 78-07-002  
**Author:** Sharon Naylor, Executive Assistant - Chief Executive Officer  
**Authoriser:** Eric Braslis, CEO  
**Attachments:** Nil

**Cr Helena Kirby**

27 June G21 Arts, Heritage & Culture Pillar meeting  
4 July Meeting with Minister Pulford and Mikaela Settle  
9 July Meeting with Andrew Kilmartin (Liberal candidate for Buninyong)  
11 July G-NET funding announcement by The Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, MP  
16 July Voice FM interview  
MAV Rural South Central Regional meeting  
17 July Councillor Briefing meeting  
19 July Official opening of Smythesdale Oval upgrade & Rokewood Cricket Nets  
20 July Geelong Racing Club luncheon

**Cr Nathan Hansford**

MAV Delegate Update

**8 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil