



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 9 March 2022

Commencing at 7:00pm

Wycheproof Supper Room

367 Broadway, Wycheproof

**Wayne O'Toole
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

4. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Pollard declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.2.2 Community Grants and Sponsorship, due to being an office-bearer for an organisation listed as a recipient for funding.

Cr Stewart declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.2.2 Community Grants and Sponsorship, due to being an office-bearer for an organisation listed as a recipient for funding.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

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THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022 AT 7:00PM.

Wayne O'Toole
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

7. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

7.1 REPORT OF COUNCILLOR ASSEMBLIES

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/05/04

MOTION:

That the Council note the report of Councillor Assembly Meetings held 2 and 16 February 2022.

MOVED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R027/22)

Attachments:

- 1 Councillor Briefing Record - 2 February 2022
- 2 Councillor Briefing Record - 16 February 2022

KEY POINTS/ISSUES

Transparency is a fundamental principle of democratic governance.

The Local Government Act 2020 (The Act) Section 9 (2) (i) provides that the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

In accordance with Section 57 of The Act, Council at its September 2020 Ordinary Meeting, adopted a Public Transparency policy, designed to improve public transparency in Council's decision making processes and to assist the community in understanding the information that is accessible to them.

As per the Council Meeting Schedule adopted 10 November 2021, Councillor Briefings are held for Councillors to meet to consider matters that are likely to be the subject of a Council decision or for the exercise of delegation.

A record of the Councillor Briefings held on 2 and 16 February 2022 is attached for public information.

7.2 CORRESPONDENCE INITIATED BY COUNCIL

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/06/06

PURPOSE

This report notes and records correspondence initiated by Council and informs the Council of the responses received from this correspondence.

NIL MOTION AS NO FURTHER CHANGE FROM LAST MONTH'S REPORT.

Attachments: Nil

TABLE OF CORRESPONDENCE

Council Initiative	Sent/to be sent to	Sent	Response	Purpose of Letter/Response
Write to local Federal member and State members expressing concern for people who are sitting outside the legal status of vaccination currently in place. Urging for a review.	Ms Louise Staley MLA	20/12/21	23/12/21	Acknowledged Council's proactive work to unite the Shire. Advised that the National Liberals have been calling for consistent National Cabinet approach to mandate vaccines and passports, however the Andrews Government has flagged the retention of vaccine passports until 2023. Will continue to address inequities and call on the State Government to address the issues impacting our community.
Above letter	Mr Stuart Grimley MLC	20/12/21	22/12/21	Acknowledged letter and will look into it further.
Above letter	Mrs Beverley McArthur MLC	20/12/21		
Above letter	Ms Ali Cupper MLA	20/12/21		
Above letter	Dr Anne Webster MP	20/12/21		

7.3 LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS AND RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT/AWARDS

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: CR/13/01

PURPOSE

This report acknowledges and congratulates community persons and/or groups for their success in being recognised for a significant achievement or for being a recipient of an honourable award.

The report also informs Council of any letters of congratulations or any particular recognition of achievement that Council has received or been awarded in the past month.

MOTION:

That the Council acknowledge and congratulate the persons and/or groups mentioned in the report for their achievements.

MOVED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

SECONDED: CR CAROLYN STEWART

CARRIED.

(R028/22)

Attachments: Nil

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT ITEMS

Provider	Recipient	Date	Purpose for Recognition
National Emergency Services	Janet Stafford	January 2022	Recipient of National Emergency Medal for outstanding contribution and work for the Red Cross Organisation.
National Emergency Services	Jenny McGillivray	January 2022	Recipient of National Emergency Medal for outstanding contribution and work for the Red Cross Organisation.
National Emergency Services	Joy Freeman	January 2022	Recipient of National Emergency Medal for outstanding contribution and work for the Red Cross Organisation
Baking Association of Australia	Sharps Bakery Birchip	February 2022	Australia's National Best Vanilla Slice 2022 Winner
Donald Lions Club	Noah Slater	February 2022	Lions Youth of the Year for Donald and District

7.4 BUILDING PERMITS - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Statutory Administration Support

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: DB/14/01

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 December 2021 to 28 February 2022.

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 December 2021 to 28 February 2022.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.
(R029/22)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY COUNCIL SURVEYOR

Permit No.	BAMS Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20210135	1265214752553	Racecourse Road, Donald	Storage Shed (Extension)	02/12/2021
20210136	8598242604302	Elizabeth Street, Donald	Garage/Storage Shed	09/12/2021
20210137	6938009942292	Mullane Road, Watchem	Installation of Fire Services, New Amenities Building & Completion of Broiler Sheds (x2)	09/12/2021
20210138	7238254750568	Sutcliff Street, Sea Lake	Garage/Storage Shed	09/12/2021
20210139	6988935358948	Wright Street, Charlton	Garage/Storage Shed	09/12/2021

Permit No.	BAMS Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20210140	1374627331266	Mildura Way, Charlton	Demolition of Stables	16/12/2021
20210141	7185807927822	Yeungroon- Coonooer Road, Yeungroon	Shelter	16/12/2021
20210142	7874334962506	Mildura Way, Charlton	Stables (Small)	16/12/2021
20210143	5407162918764	Mildura Way, Charlton	Stables (Large)	16/12/2021
20220001	N/A	Recreation Reserve, Calder Highway, Culgoa	Place of Public Entertainment – Weekend With Hooks, Culgoa	20/01/2022
20220004	110648961047	Calder Highway, Wycheproof	Swimming Pool & Safety Barrier	07/02/2022

LIST OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY PRIVATE SURVEYOR

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20210167	Aitken Avenue, Donald	Farm Shed	01/12/2021
20210168	Wilson's Road, Buckrabanyule	Re-stump & re-join of relocated dwelling – Stage 1	01/12/2021
20210169	Elizabeth Street, Donald	Dwelling & Shed	02/12/2021
20210170	Aitken Avenue, Donald	Re-stump of Dwelling	06/12/2021
20210171	Back St Arnaud Road, Charlton	Horse Training Stable/Shed	07/12/2021
20210172	High Street, Charlton	Partial Demolition of Existing Building (Toilet Block at Rear) – Stage 1	08/12/2021
20210174	P Nicholls Road, Wycheproof South	Dwelling and Alfresco Area	20/12/2021
20210175	Woods Street, Donald	Dwelling & Garage	22/12/2021
20210176	Racecourse Road, Donald	Factory, Office & Showroom	22/12/2021
20210177	Inkerman Street, Watchem	Single Storey Dwelling	22/12/2021
20210178	Railway Avenue, Sea Lake	Re-stump of Dwelling	23/12/2021

7.5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Planning Officer

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: LP/09/01

PURPOSE

This report provides information on planning applications under consideration by staff and the status of each of these applications.

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on planning applications under consideration by staff and the status of each of these applications.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.
(R030/22)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No	Date Rec	Address	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA970/22	28/12/2021	Anderson Avenue, Wycheproof (Lot 2 PS 63654)	Three lot subdivision of land (boundary realignment)	Awaiting report
PPA969/21	16/12/2021	Sproats Lane, Donald (Lot 5 PS 76601)	Two lot subdivision of land	Awaiting report
PPA968/21	10/12/2021	Donald-Swan Hill Road, Corack East (CA 1 Sec C Parish of Corack East)	Installation of solar panels on roof of Corack Public Hall	Awaiting report
PPA967/21	02/12/2021	Corack Road, Wycheproof (Lot 1 PS658906)	Use and development of land for the construction of a single dwelling and associated shed	Awaiting report

Application No	Date Rec	Address	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA962/21	11/11/2021	Corack Road, Donald (Lot 1 & 2 PS 216306M)	Use and development of land for a service station, construct and display a business identification sign and create or alter access to Road Zone, Category 1	Objections
PPA955/21	12/10/2021	Fawcetts Road, Wycheproof (CA 14 & 14A Section A Parish of Bunguluke)	Three lot subdivision of land (boundary realignment and dwelling excision)	Permit issued
PPA928/21	13/05/2021	Campbell Street, Birchip (Lot 6, 7, 8 & 9 PS 058023)	Development of land for a service station (fuel cell), construct and display a business identification sign and alter access to Road Zone, Category 1	Notice of Decision to refuse
PPA965/21	29/11/2021	Anderson Avenue, Wycheproof (Lot 2 PS 63654)	Replacement signage at existing service station	Permit issued
PPA966/21	29/11/2021	Sproats Lane, Donald (Lot 5 PS 76601)	Replacement signage at existing service station	Permit issued

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW

Author's Title: Manager Assets

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: RO|15|01

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Built and Natural Environment

PURPOSE

For the Council to note outcomes of initial community engagement activities associated with the review of the Road Management Plan (RMP) and to endorse additional engagement as outlined in this Report.

SUMMARY

The RMP Review 2022 Report (Review) outlines the feedback and data collected during the 12 community consultation sessions held during November 2021. The feedback and data have been incorporated into Council's proposed recommendations. In accordance with requirements to ensure deliberative engagement principles are met, this Report proposes the release of the Review for further community comment prior to finalising and presenting Council's final RMP for adoption.

MOTION:

That the Council:

1. Notes and receives initial feedback from the Buloke community; and
2. Authorises Officers to release the feedback in accordance with the Council's Community Engagement Policy.

Moved: CR CAROLYN STEWART

Seconded: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.
(R031/22)

Attachments: 1 Road Management Plan Review 2022 Report

DISCUSSION

The Council has initiated a comprehensive review of its RMP in accordance with its responsibilities under the *Road Management Act 2004* (Act). The final RMP must be adopted by the Council by June 2022.

Community engagement activities were held in November 2021 to seek feedback and involvement of the Buloke community in the revision of the RMP. These engagement activities included 12 consultation sessions held across all areas, and aimed to:

- Educate, connect with, and inform the community
- Determine the reasons for the reported shortfall in community expectations in Council's road management activities, and ascertain their willingness to pay for alternative service levels
- Understand existing service levels experienced by the community
- Improve Council's level of service within budget constraints, and
- Document agreed levels of service for inclusion in the RMP.

Responses and comments received during the consultation sessions have been incorporated in the attached Review for the information of the Council.

Council Officers propose to take steps through Council's established deliberative engagement processes to ensure the final RMP reflects, wherever possible, the community interest and requirements. To that end, it is proposed that Council Officers release the attached Review for further consultation over a 2-week period prior to presenting the penultimate draft RMP for consideration of the Council at the April 2022 Council Meeting. Any additional commentary following release of the Review will be outlined at that Meeting for Councillor and community information.

RELEVANT LAW

The *Road Management (General) Regulations 2016* (Regulations) require that the RMP be reviewed at regular intervals to meet the objectives of the Act.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable.

OPTIONS

Council may choose to proceed with the preparation of the draft RMP without releasing the Review for further comment and feedback, noting the draft RMP will be subject to a further round of community engagement activities.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The RMP seeks to support and/or improve, where possible, the social and environmental sustainability of the Council and its residents. When determining road hierarchy and the associated service levels/road renewal specification particular consideration will be given to financial sustainability of industry.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Review is a summary of the abovementioned community engagement activities undertaken to date. These deliberative engagement sessions attracted more than 100 residents and were attended by key staff and Councillors.

The next phase of community engagement proposed is to release the paper for a period of 14 days to ensure full transparency of any amendments to the current RMP. Recommendation 10 references the need to establish an ongoing community reference group to ensure fluid and ongoing regular community engagement.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The RMP workshops were designed to generate innovative ideas with respect to a strategic unsealed road network.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Community engagement process has indicated potential need for changes to delivery of service provided by Council's Road Maintenance service. This may require increased operational expenditure to accommodate in future years that has not yet been considered in the 10-year Financial Plan.

Consideration is being made in the upcoming 2022-23 budget to engage Roads Maintenance service review consulting to explore efficiencies and refocus of resources and some legal advice on the collaborative maintenance ideas raised. The budget impacts of any proposals will be discussed further by Council's Manager Finance in coming budget briefing.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

The Regulations state that in conducting a review of its RMP a road authority must ensure that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and classes of road to which the plan applies are appropriate.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

The review of the RMP is in accordance with, and complementary to the Council Plan, the Community Engagement Policy and is a requirement of the Annual Plan. The RMP is a key operational plan that informs the relevant Asset Management Plans (currently in review), determining the long-term capital works program and Financial Plan.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

This report and the Review outline the information received during the community engagement processes for the information of the Council and the community.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Officers involved in the preparation of this Report or the RMP have a conflict of interest.

8.2.2 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIPS

Author's Title: Community Development Officer

Department: Community Development

File No: GS/09/42

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Community Wellbeing

Cr Pollard declared a Conflict of Interest due to being an office-bearer of the Rex Theatre, a recipient listed for funding.

Cr Stewart declared a Conflict of Interest due to being an office-bearer of the Rex Theatre, a recipient listed for funding.

Crs Pollard and Stewart vacated the Council Chamber at 7.10pm.

PURPOSE

This report is presented to Council to consider the allocation of funds from the Community Grants and Sponsorship Program.

SUMMARY

Presenting one application for the Community Grants and Sponsorship program and for the Financial Year 2021/2022 and one Sustainability Grant application for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

MOTION:

That Council allocates the following funding under the Community Grants and Sponsorship program:

\$2000 Project Support Grant to Rex Theatre; and

\$10,000 Sustainability Grant, for the 2022/2023 Financial Year on the provision of them being successful in their Small Towns, Big Difference Application for their project.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

CARRIED.

(R032/22)

Attachments:

- 1 Community Grants 2021 - 22 Council Report March
- 2 2022-2023 Community grants

DISCUSSION

The following applications for funding are being put forth to Council for final decision.

Each of these applications have been assessed as per the Community Grant Guidelines as accepted by Council. The Senior Leadership Team recommends the following grants for council's consideration and final decision on the allocations.

Project: Don't Mess with the Dummies Concert	
Organisation:	Rex Theatre Charlton
Grant Type	Project Support Grant
Amount Applied:	\$2000
Funding Amount Recommended:	\$2000
Full project cost:	\$7300.00
Project Description:	Live Show performance of "Don't Mess with the Dummies" and Circus Skills workshop for our younger members of the community. Funding from Buloke will subsidise the cost of the tickets, so that they are more affordable for families to attend.
Project Benefit:	The chance for the community to see acrobatics, learn new skills and to having the opportunity to talk with all the artists post-performance will have an invigorating effect on the community and their participation in live show events. Through the circus skills workshop linked to the show, the Charlton community will have the opportunity to obtain new skills and knowledge and be given access to educational opportunities that they would otherwise not be able to experience.
Project: Lowering the Carbon Footprint of the Rex	
Organisation:	Rex Theatre Charlton
Grant Type	Sustainability Grant
Amount Applied:	\$10,000
Funding Amount Recommended:	\$10,000
Full project cost:	\$32,450.00
Project Description:	The Rex Theatre will be installing three batteries on the building to store the energy that is generated from their solar panels. This will enable the Rex to use energy stored throughout the day for their night cinema showings, and reduce their costs as well as their impact on the environment
Project Benefit:	In addition to the climate benefits, the installation will lower the operating costs of the theatre which will allow them to maintain the affordability of cultural entertainment and activities for the Charlton and surrounding communities which will reduce barriers to access the Rex's arts and cultural experiences. This will help maintain the sustainability of the Theatre for current and future generations.
Comments	The Rex will be applying for the Small Towns Big Difference Grant funding, and they have indicated that this project will only be able to take place if they receive the funding from the Small Towns Big Difference grant program.

RELEVANT LAW

Not Applicable

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not Applicable

OPTIONS

Council has the option not to allocate funds as per recommended or defer for further information.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Stored energy from daily production to be used in place of grid power, reducing the carbon footprint of the REX.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Manager of Community Services or Community Development Officer engaged with each applicant listed.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not Applicable.

COLLABORATION

Not Applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

These applications for the 2021/22 Financial Year from the \$20,000 allocation for Community Grants and the Sustainability Fund \$50,000 allocation.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Buloke Shire Council Plan 2021-2025 and Long-Term Community Vision.
Community Grant Guidelines.
Community Engagement Policy.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers involved in this report have a conflict of interest.

Crs Pollard and Stewart returned to the Council Chamber at 7.12pm after Item 8.2.2 had been addressed.

8.2.3 WYCHEPROOF COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEE

Author's Title: Manager Facilities and Projects

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: CM/17/04

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

To appoint additional members to the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee, appoint a new Chairperson of the Committee, and to note the minutes of the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM).

SUMMARY

The Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee was established at the ordinary meeting of Council in 2020 in accordance with s65 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). In November 2021, the committee held its AGM whereby new members were put forward to be appointed to the committee.

MOTION:

That Council, in exercise of the power conferred by s65 of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act):

1. Appoints additional members of the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee (Committee):
 - (a) Jenna Allan
 - (b) Jessica Turner
 - (c) Thomas Draffen
2. Delegates additional members of the Committee to have voting rights on the Committee;
3. Appoints Thomas Draffen as the Chairperson; and
4. Notes the minutes of the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee Annual General Meeting (AGM).

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR CAROLYN STEWART

CARRIED.
(R033/22)

Attachments: 1 Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee AGM - 11 November 2021

DISCUSSION

At its September 2020 Ordinary Meeting the Committee was established in accordance with s65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. In November 2021, the committee held its Annual General Meeting

whereby new members were put forward to be appointed to the committee. Officers of Council have met with members of the Committee to receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting and discuss the proposed appointment of additional committee members and the appointment of a new Chairperson.

It is proposed that Council appoint additional members to the Committee: Jenna Allan, Jessica Turner and Thomas Draffen, and that Mr Draffen is appointed as the Chairperson of the committee.

RELEVANT LAW

Section 65 of the Act provides that Council may establish a Community Asset Committee and appoint as many members to the Community Asset Committee as the Council considers necessary to enable to Community Asset Committee for the purpose of managing a community asset in the municipal district. Section 47 of the Act provides the Chief Executive Officer with the power to delegate to those persons appointed as members of the Community Asset Committee.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

At its September 2020 Ordinary Meeting the Committee was established in accordance with s65 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Wycheproof Recreation Reserve Committee has been consulted.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Community Asset Committees have certain obligations and limitations imposed for financial management responsibilities, to ensure transparency in the use of financial resources for community benefit.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

The Governance Rules 2020 shall apply.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Any Community Asset Committee shall be bound to observe the meeting procedure requirements of the Governance Rules 2020.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No staff member involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest.

8.2.4 BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2021/2022

Author's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: CM/13/06

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

This report is presented to give Council a progress update on the actions taken against the 2021/22 Annual Plan.

SUMMARY

Council, at its Ordinary Meetings in June and July 2021, adopted the Buloke Council Plan 2021-25 and the Year 1 Annual Plan for the implementation of the strategic objectives. This is the second quarterly progress report against that plan.

MOTION:

That Council note the progress made to deliver the strategic objectives noted in the adopted Year 1 Annual Plan for the Buloke Council Plan 2021-2025.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR CAROLYN STEWART

CARRIED.
(R034/22)

Attachments: 1 Annual Plan 2021/2022 Second Quarter

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the Annual Plan is for Council to develop a series of actions, projects, programs and initiatives to achieve the Council Plan 2021-2025.

Council will receive quarterly progress reports against the plan and this is the second report for the financial year.

The attached report highlights the progress against the key actions noted in the plan. Some of the highlights of the report are:

- Adoption of the Climate Change and Adaptation Strategy
- Awarding of the Kerbside Collection Contract
- Near completion of the Birchip streetscape
- Completion of lighting installation at the tennis clubs
- Awarding of multiple roads contracts including Sea Lake - Lascelles Road, McLoughlans and Jeffcott Roads
- Submission of Gender Equality Audit
- Upgrades to library service

- Continued community and business support with COVID-19 recovery
- Review of Economic development and Tourism strategy in draft
- Extensive consultation on Road Management Plan

RELEVANT LAW

The Annual Plan forms part of the review of the Council Plan, required under the *Local Government Act 2020*

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

This item responds directly the adoption of the Year 4 Annual Plan in July 2021.

OPTIONS

Not Applicable

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Projects such as the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy are identified in the plan and will have enhanced sustainability outcomes for Council.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There was significant consultation undertaken in the development of the Council Plan, which is the basis of this document. Many of the actions have a high level of community engagement.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not Applicable

COLLABORATION

Many actions rely upon the collaboration with other councils and key peak bodies, local stakeholder groups and the community.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The items listed in the Annual Plan have been factored into the Annual Budget, which is reported on regularly.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not Applicable

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

This report responds directly to the implementation of the Council Plan and the adopted Annual Plan 21/22.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The adoption and regular reporting of an Annual Plan provides good strong transparency to the community regarding the key focus areas of Council over the 21/22 year and how Council is tracking against those actions.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No staff member involved in the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest.

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

Nil

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Report from Mayor Cr Daryl Warren - Mount Jeffcott Ward

10/2/22	ABC Radio Interview
	Direl Report Listening Post - Sea Lake
	Workspace meeting - Bendigo
11/2/22	Loddon Mallee Waste Resource RecoveryCr Board meeting Zoom
15/2/22	Budget Workshop - Wycheproof
16/2/22	Meals on Wheels - Donald
	CEO/Mayor catch Up
	Councillor Briefing - Culgoa
17/2/22	Loddon Campaspe Mayors/CEO's meeting - Zoom
	Small Towns Big Difference Grant Session - Donald
18/2/22	AWD Consulting for Regional GP's meeting - Zoom
23/2/22	Meals on Wheels - Donald
	CEO/Mayor Catch up
	Birchip Civic Precinct Meeting - Zoom
	Donald 2000 meeting
25/2/22	Lead Loddon Murray Leadership Group Launch - Bendigo
28/2/22	Buloke Tourism meeting - Wycheproof
1/3/22	Loddon Mallee Climate Ready Plan Launch - Mildura
2/3/22	CEO/Mayor Catch up
	Councillor Briefing - Sea Lake
9/3/22	Meals on Wheels - Donald
	CEO/Mayor Catch up
	Council Meeting - Wycheproof

8.6 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1.1 RAIL-CROSSINGS - DONALD AND SWAN HILL ROAD (LALBERT) AND BOORT-CHARLTON ROAD (CHARLTON)

Author's Title: Councillor Milne

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: RO/07/03

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is for Council to continue its advocacy to the State Government for works to be undertaken with the rail crossing on the Donald-Swan Hill Road north of Lalbert and the rail crossing on the Boort-Charlton Road north-east of Charlton.

SUMMARY

Both of the rail crossings are highly dangerous with its current infrastructure and need urgent attention to address the clearly evident safety issues before a tragic accident occurs.

Council has on previous occasions advocated to the State Government on the safety issues of both of these crossings and unfortunately to date, no progress has been undertaken to upgrade these sites.

Public safety should be a high priority of Council, and I am therefore asking Council to consider this Motion.

MOTION:

That Council forward a letter to both the Minister of Transport, Jacinta Allan and Minister for Roads and Roads Safety, Ben Carroll seeking its urgent attention to continue to advocate to the responsible authorities for the upgrade of:

1. The rail crossing north of Lalbert on the Donald-Swan Hill Road; and
2. The rail crossing north-east of Charlton on the Boort-Charlton Road.

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR CAROLYN STEWART

CARRIED.

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Attachments: Nil

BACKGROUND

RAIL-CROSSING – DONALD – SWAN HILL ROAD – LALBERT

The rail-crossing on the Donald-Swan Hill Road has been identified by road users over a long period of time, as being highly dangerous for all users.

This road is an arterial road, school-bus route and in addition to the regional traffic, is a heavy-traffic route for south west Victoria's transport users to New South Wales, through Horsham via Swan Hill.

The approaches from both north and south sides of the crossing, creates blind spots upon entry to the intersection for all modes of transport.

Currently there are give-way signs only at the point of the crossing.

It is my belief that warning lights and bells should be installed as well as other warning devices to alert vehicles to the approaching crossing.

RAIL-CROSSING – BOORT-CHARLTON ROAD – CHARLTON

The Boort-Charlton Road is also an arterial road (Regional Roads Victoria managed and maintained) and links Charlton to Boort, Kerang, Borung and the regional centre of Echuca.

This road is also a school bus route and carries a large amount of heavy freight vehicles, being surrounded by many agricultural primary producers. According to Regional Roads Victoria, the road currently has approximately 190 vehicles per day, which clearly increases in peak harvest season.

The angled intersection with the railway line, makes it extremely difficult for visibility of the trains from the cab of a truck.

Community members have been for a long period of time, urging for safety improvements to this intersection, including for it to be fitted out with boom gates and flashing lights, which is often the safety treatment on the other arterial roads across Victoria.

These upgrades would provide a safer level crossing for all road users and trains.

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

CR MILNE – LATE DISTRIBUTION OF MAIL

Cr Milne commented on the late receipt of mail and material received by the office some time ago.

CEO RESPONSE

The Chief Executive Officer, Wayne O’Toole acknowledged this matter, and explained it has been due to staff working remotely from the office, and noted the return of staff to the office will address this issue.

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7.25pm.