



ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 14 August 2019

Commencing at 7.00pm

Wycheproof Supper Room

367 Broadway, Wycheproof

**Anthony Judd
Chief Executive Officer
Buloke Shire Council**

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**MOTION:**

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 10 July 2019.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

**CARRIED.
(R594/19)**

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There were no declarations of interest.

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THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM.

Anthony Judd
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nil

7. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

7.1 REPORT OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS MEETINGS

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/05/04

Attachments: 1 [⇒Councillor Briefing Record - 3 July 2019](#)
2 [⇒Councillor Briefing Record - 17 July 2019](#)

MOTION:

That the Council note the report of Assembly of Councillor Meetings held on 3 July, and 17 July 2019.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R595/19)

1. Key Points/Issues

The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) provides that a record must be kept of any Meeting of Councillors and Staff deemed to be an Assembly of Councillors Meeting as defined in the Act.

An Assembly of Councillors Meeting is defined in the Act as a meeting of Councillors if the meeting considers matters that are likely to be the subject of a Council decision or the exercise of delegation and the meeting is:

A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half of the Councillors and a member of Council Staff; or

An Advisory Committee of the Council where one or more Councillors are present.

The Act also provides that the record of any Assembly of Councillors is to be reported to the next practicable Council Meeting and recorded in the Minutes.

A record of the Assembly of Councillors Meetings held on 3 July and 17 July is attached.

7.2 CORRESPONDENCE INITIATED BY COUNCIL

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/06/06

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That Council notes the record of correspondence sent and responses received.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R596/19)

Table of Correspondence

Council Initiative	Correspondence sent to	Date sent	Date of Response	Summary of Response
Explore opportunities to establish Treaty Agreement with traditional owners, Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC)	Meeting held with staff and traditional owners of DDWCAC.	Meeting held 30 May 2019	13 June 2019 and 30 July 2019	Thanking Council for the meeting and discussions. Presently still researching the treaty possibility, and still engaging with other LGAs within area. Planning to complete research report by end of Aug 19. Report will go to their Board for consideration to see if possible, and to identify resources to engage in process.

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

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

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

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

**CARRIED.
(R597/19)**

1. Executive Summary

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.

2. Recognition of Achievement Items

Provider	Recipient	Date	Purpose for Recognition
Victoria Police	Sergeant Darren Bull	24 July 2019	Recipient of a Service Medal for Victoria Police
Victoria Police	Senior Constable Dennis Cox	24 July 2019	Recipient of a Service Medal for Victoria Police
Victoria Police	Leading Senior Constable Mark Connell	24 July 2019	Recipient of a National Medal 2 nd Clasp and Service Medal 35 year Clasp for Victoria Police.

7.4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Planning Officer

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: LP/09/01

Attachments: Nil

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 DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R598/19)

1. Executive Summary

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

2. List of Planning Applications

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA792/19	Ashley Sheahan	224 Yeungroon-Woosang Road, Yeungroon East	03/05/2019	Three accommodation units associated with the Charlton Feedlot	Awaiting report
PPA801/19	TJ & WJ Bath	Culgoa-Lalbert Road, Culgoa (Lot 2 PS311691)	12/06/2019	Use and development of land for a rural store	Council report
PPA803/19	IKC Commercial	376 Mills Road, Whirily	18/06/2019	Construction of dry sow accommodation	Awaiting report
PPA804/19	Kerri Barry	46 Main Street Culgoa	25/06/2019	Construction of a shaded memorial structure	Permit issued
PPA805/19	Lyle Johnson	1844 Charlton-St Arnaud Road, Coonoer Bridge	10/07/2019	Construction of a farm shed	Referral
PPA806/19	Australian Independent Grain Terminals Pty Ltd	2709 Nullawil Birchip Road, Nullawil	06/07/2019	Construction of a sample stand	Permit issued

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA807/19	Gordon Bailey	Boundary Road, Pier Millan	25/07/2019	Use of land for outdoor recreation facility (off-road racing event – Camel's Capers Enduro)	Referral
PPA808/19	Buloke Shire Council	Lake Tyrrell Road, Lake Tyrrell	29/07/2019	Use and development of land for the construction of tourist infrastructure and the removal of native vegetation	Referral
PPA809/19	Coonoor Bridge Rec Reserve CoM	Yeungroon-Coonoor Road, Coonoor Bridge (CA 18A Parish of Coonoor East)	31/07/2019	Construction of a shelter over the cannon at Coonoor Bridge War Memorial in a Heritage Overlay	Issued
PPA810/19	Wycheproof Men's Shed	271 Broadway, Wycheproof	31/07/2019	Construction of verandah in front of op-shop in a Heritage Overlay	Issued
PPA782/19	Rohan Fry	56-58 Racecourse Road, Donald	23/01/2019	Use and development of land for a biscuit manufacturing plant	Permit issued

7.5 BUILDING PERMITS - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Compliance Administration Officer

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: DB/14/02

Attachments: Nil

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 July 2019 to 31 July 2019.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R599/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report provides information on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 July 2019 to 31 July 2019.

2. List of Building Permits Approved by Council Surveyor

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20190041	87 Black Gate Road, DUMOSA	New Building: Machinery Shed	20/06/2019
20190042	16 Morrison Street, BIRCHIP	New Building: Open Shelter Building	20/06/2019
20190043	28 Webster Street, WYCHEPROOF	Re-erect Building: Relocation of Dwelling-Placement of the building on stumps and connection of parts	27/06/2019
20190044	3 Milburns Road, WYCHEPROOF	Other: Bulk Fuel Container Storage	27/06/2019
20190045	45 Hammill Street, DONALD	New Building: Storage Shed	27/06/2019
20190046	2982 Warracknabeal – Birchip Road, WARMUR	Extension: Storage Shed	27/06/2019

3. List of Building Permits Approved by Private Surveyor

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20190036	81 Best Street, SEALAKE	New Building: Shade Structure	03/06/2019
20190037	11-17 Cumming Avenue, BIRCHIP	New Building: Storage Shed	15/06/2019
20190038	27 Corack Street, DONALD	New Building: Dwelling and Storage Shed	06/06/2019
20190039	68 High Street, WYCHEPROOF	New Building: Dependent Persons Building	01/06/2019
20190040	27 Jolly Street, WYCHEPROOF	Alteration: Underpin	20/06/2019
20190047	(CFA Shed) Borong Highway, WOOROONOOK	New Building: Construction of Fire Station, Motor Room, Multipurpose room turnout and amenities	06/03/2019
20190048	36 McCulloch Street, DONALD	New Building: Shed	21/05/2019

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 SWIMMING POOL SEASON 2019/20

Author's Title: Manager Community Facilities

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: CP/19/01

Attachments: Nil

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Deliver our service in a financially viable way

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Sets the 2019/20 swimming pool season to operate from Friday 8 November 2019 until Monday 9 March 2020 for all seven swimming pools;
2. Advertises the 2019/20 pool season dates through its media platforms and displays them at each pool for the duration of the season;
3. Retain the 'cold weather policy' for the 2019/20 season, in which the pools will not open if the temperature is forecast to be 21 degrees or less; and
4. 'Bank' cold weather days for use at the end of the 2019/20 season where the temperature remains above 30 degrees.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R600/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report seeks Council approval to confirm the opening date of 8 November 2019 and the closing date of 9 March 2020 for the 2019/20 swimming pool season.

2. Discussion

Traditionally, Council has opened all seven swimming pools in the second week of November and closed them at the end of the second week in March. Consistent with these previous years, the proposed opening and closing dates are 8 November 2019 and 9 March 2020. These dates are the basis of the 2019/20 operational budget.

Council's Aquatic Strategy 2013 provided a recommendation to implement a 'cold weather policy' to close on days of low temperature as a means to reduce costs. This was implemented in the past two seasons and officers and have found this to be a successful way of increasing the season length in some areas, whilst minimising impact on the operational budget.

3. Financial Implications

The 2019/20 operational budget has been developed with the proposed dates in mind. The inclusion of a cold water procedure and 'banking' system will have a neutral effect on the

budgeted position. Pending the availability of lifeguards in March, there may be some employee savings if the season cannot be extended.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift considerations in this report.

5. Community Consultation

The recommended season dates and cold weather procedures are consistent with previous seasons and comparable with other pools in the Loddon Mallee region. Closing of the pools due to cold weather will not affect user groups who hire the pools outside of Council's designated opening hours. General feedback from users after the last two seasons has been positive regarding the 'banking' of cold weather days.

6. Internal Consultation

Internal consultation has occurred with senior management.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

There are no legislative implications with these recommendations.

8. Environmental Sustainability

Altering the length of the season would increase electricity and water usage.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this report had a conflict of interest

10. Conclusion

Based on the information provided, it is recommended that the 2019/20 pool season operates from Friday 8 November 2019 until Monday 9 March 2020 at all seven swimming pools and that Council continue with a cold weather procedure of closing the pools if the proposed temperature remains 21 degrees or less and banking those days for use at the end of the pool season.

8.2.2 WYCHEPROOF CARAVAN PARK MANAGEMENT

Author's Title: Manager Community Facilities

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: PR/07/11

Attachments: 1 [⇒ Agreement](#)

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Deliver our service in a financially viable way

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Enter into a management agreement for the Wycheproof Caravan Park with Wyche Alive Inc. for up to three years; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise negotiations of the proposed management agreement and execute on behalf of Council.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R601/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report is presented to Council to consider the future management of the Wycheproof Caravan Park.

2. Discussion

Wycheproof Caravan Park is located on the Wycheproof Recreation Reserve which is Crown Land, Council is Committee of Management. For more than a decade Council has directly managed the park through appointing a caretaker who has serviced the amenity block and collected fees from campers and residents.

In late 2018, Council was approached by Wyche Alive Inc. the township Forum, raising opportunities for improving the management of the park. They highlighted issues such as the provision of additional hours of site management, a booking system and general improvements that would encourage increased use, thus supporting improved economic outcomes for the Wycheproof Community through increased local spending.

An internal review into the management of the Caravan Park was undertaken in January 2019, with an option analysis developed. This was presented to Councillors at a briefing in March 2019.

As Wycheproof is the only Caravan Park which Council directly manage and the additional financial input would require a reduction in other Council services, it was decided to undertake an Expression of Interest process for the management of the Caravan Park, enabling a more efficient and targeted service.

Council undertook a twenty-eight (28) day expression of interest (EOI) process which was advertised in all three local newspapers and on Council's website. This EOI process concluded

on Friday 26 April 2019. Council received two submissions from community groups within Wycheproof expressing interest in managing the park. Subsequent interviews with the submitters were undertaken by a panel comprised of two Council Officers in May 2019.

The panel reviewed the EOI submissions and subsequent information presented in the interviews and utilised this to nominate a preferred organisation to enter into a management agreement. This recommendation was endorsed by Council management. Subsequently officers have entered into negotiations with the preferred organisation over the past six weeks to establish a management arrangement, and commencement date.

Based on this negotiation, the preferred organisation Wyche Alive Inc. would be prepared to commence operations of the caravan park from Monday 2 September 2019. The recommended terms included;

- Up to three years
- A management fee of \$50 per annum on demand
- All operational costs to be managed by the organisation
- All income to be received by the organisation
- Specific reporting requirements outlined in the attached DRAFT agreement

DELWP has been consulted regarding the proposed management agreement and have confirmed support, noting that Council retains overarching control of the park.

Considering the thorough process undertaken to establish an improved outcome for the Caravan Park, it is recommended Council enter into a management agreement for up to three years with Wyche Alive Inc. for the management of the Wycheproof Caravan Park and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the agreement terms for a commencement on September 2, 2019.

3. Financial Implications

Council has budgeted for both income and expenditure from the Caravan Park for the 2019/20 Financial Year. There will be a reduction of wages and operational expenses upon entering an agreement, income will also decrease as this would be taken and utilised to manage and improve the caravan park by the management organisation. Council will still insure the main buildings, depreciate these assets, and will need to consider capital improvements as part of future budgets.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

The endorsement of the recommendations would see a shift in some operational costs to the community organisation, but would also see income generated by the park to be captured and utilised by the organisation to offset these costs.

5. Community Consultation

A consultation process was available for community groups to apply to manage the park. No further consultation with the community has been undertaken due to the operational nature of the service.

6. Internal Consultation

Senior Management and Councillors have been consulted at various stages through this process.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

There are a number of considerations as part of the future management of the caravan park, including compliance with the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978, the Local Government Act 1989, DELWP's Best Practice Management Guidelines for Committees of Management Managing Caravan and Camping Parks on Crown Land 2012 and the Residential Tenancies Act 1997.

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no significant considerations of environmental sustainability as a part of this report.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No Officer involved in this process and/or report holds a conflict of interest.

10. Conclusion

Based on the detailed process outlined within the report, it is recommended Council enter into a management agreement with Wyche Alive Inc. for the management of the Wycheproof Caravan Park.

8.2.3 PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE SALE OF COUNCIL PROPERTY

Author's Title: Manager Community Facilities

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: CP/02/08

Attachments: 1 [⇒Aerial Maps - Four Lots of Council Surplus Land](#)

Relevance to Council Plan 2015 - 2019

Strategic Objective: Deliver our service in a financially viable way

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Notes that a 28 day consultation period was undertaken for the proposed sale of Council owned property and no submissions were received;
2. Proceeds with the sale process for 131 Horace Street Sea Lake, 110 Sutcliffe Street Sea Lake, 8 Alexander Avenue Berriwillock and 114 Dempsey Street Wycheproof;
3. Approves Council officers to undertake valuations of the properties and coordinate the sale process; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to set a reserve price as per Section 189 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DARYL WARREN

CARRIED.

(R602/19)

1. Executive Summary

This report updates Council on the proposal to sell four properties and seeks approval to undertake valuations and to conduct a process of sale.

2. Discussion

At the May 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it resolved to undertake the statutory consultation process for the proposed sale of four Council properties:

- 131 Horace Street, Sea Lake (Vacant Land)
- 110 Sutcliffe Street, Sea Lake (Vacant Land)
- 8 Alexander Avenue, Berriwillock (Former Bowls Club precinct)
- 114 Dempsey Street, Wycheproof (Former depot facility)

As per Section 189 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act), a consultation process was undertaken to allow the community to make a submission under Section 223 of the Act. At the conclusion of the consultation period, Council had received no submissions regarding its proposal to sell the abovementioned properties.

The Act requires Council to have an up-to-date valuation on the properties it proposes to sell and therefore it is proposed Council undertake valuations of these properties before the commencement of a sales process.

At the conclusion of the valuation process, it is proposed that a method of sale be established by the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate, being either a public tender or public auction that will generate the best outcome for the community.

The property located at 114 Dempsey Street, Wycheproof is currently zoned Public Use (PZ) with an amendment for planning scheme rezoning to Township (TZ) to be lodged. The sale of this property will be subject to rezoning of the property prior to sale.

Taking into consideration the information provided, it is proposed Council endorse the sale of the four properties outlined above, in compliance with the requirements of the Act.

3. Financial Implications

Council currently pays for some utilities, maintenance and insurance associated with these properties. This would be eliminated through the removal of these surplus assets.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift implications

5. Community Consultation

A 28 day consultation process has been undertaken which was advertised in the North Central News, Buloke Times and Sea Lake and Wycheproof Times Ensign with no submissions received.

6. Internal Consultation

Senior Management has been consulted throughout the process.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

Section 189 of the Act specifies the requirements to sell Council property. This process has been undertaken as per these requirements.

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability implications.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

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

10. Conclusion

It is recommended Council proceed with the sale of 131 Horace Street Sea Lake, 110 Sutcliffe Street Sea Lake, 8 Alexander Avenue Berriwillock, and 114 Dempsey Street Wycheproof.

8.2.4 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION 801/19 USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR A RURAL STORE

Author's Title: Planning Officer

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: LP/09/01

Attachments: Nil

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Diversify and enhance our local economy.

MOTION:

That Council consider the planning permit application 801/19 and determine to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the use and development of land for a rural store at Culgoa-Lalbert Road, Culgoa, being Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 311691K subject to the following conditions:

1. The use and development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the responsible authority.
2. The use and development must be managed so that the amenity of the area is not detrimentally affected, through the:
 - a. Transport of materials, goods or commodities to or from the land
 - b. Appearance of any building, works or materials
 - c. Emission of noise, artificial light, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam, soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit or oil
 - d. Presence of vermin
3. The use and development of the land must not interfere with surrounding existing uses, including residential uses.
4. The appearance of the subject land, in the opinion of the responsible authority must not adversely affect the amenity of the local area.
5. All earthworks must be maintained in good order and appearance to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
6. The operator under this permit must control vermin and pests to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
7. The use may only operate between the hours of:
 - 7.00am and 7.00pm
8. No more than 10,000 tonnes of grain is to be stored in the rural store hereby permitted.
9. Prior to the commencement of the use, traffic lanes must be constructed with crushed rock or gravel to an appropriate engineering standard to carry vehicles associated with the use and to minimise dust generation to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
10. The development must be accessed by a vehicular crossing from Culgoa-Lalbert Road. The vehicular crossing must be constructed to accommodate B double vehicles. The crossing and road works are to be constructed to the satisfaction of the responsible

authority. Works must be at no cost to the responsible authority.

11. Vehicular crossings and internal roads must be designed to allow all vehicles to drive forwards both when entering and leaving the property.
12. No parking or queuing of trucks is permitted on Culgoa-Lalbert Road.
13. Any damage to the roadway caused by access/egress to the site must be repaired to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and at no cost to the responsible authority.
14. All works must be undertaken in a manner that minimises soil erosion, and any exposed areas of soil must be stabilised to prevent soil erosion to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
15. The loading and unloading of goods from vehicles must only be carried out on the land and be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
16. Suitable access must be provided for emergency vehicles both into and around the development. Roads must be constructed to a standard so that they are accessible in all weather conditions and capable of accommodating a vehicle of 15 tonnes for the trafficable road. The trafficable road width must be a minimum of 6 metres.
17. All storm water runoff from the proposed development hereby permitted must be disposed of onsite, in accordance with the endorsed plans and to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
18. This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
 - the use and development is not started within two years of the date of this permit
 - the development is not completed within four years of the date of this permit.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

**CARRIED.
(R603/19)**

1. Executive Summary

An application for a planning permit was received by Council on the 5th June 2019 for the use and development of land for a rural store (grain bunker) and associated works at Culgoa-Lalbert Road, Culgoa. The application consists of the construction of two grain bunkers with storage capacity of 10,000 tonnes, and the construction of a weighbridge.

2. Discussion

Site and Surrounds

The application is for a rural property on Culgoa-Lalbert Road (Lot 2 PS 311691K). The subject site is 157.08 hectares and contains cropping land and a small dam. In the centre of the site is a larger dam owned by GWM Water. The dam is no longer in use. The subject site adjoins Culgoa-Lalbert Road on the northern boundary, agricultural land to the east and south and borders residential and farming land and the Calder Highway on the western boundary. The land is relatively flat and with a small patch of native vegetation in the north-east corner of the allotment. The site is accessed via a gravel driveway off Culgoa-Lalbert Road.

Proposal

The proposal is to construct two grain bunkers and a weighbridge. The proposed bunkers will be located approximately 50 metres west of the large dam and 250 metres from the northern boundary, running east to west. Each bunker measures 300 metres x 30 metres with a distance of 25 metres between them and will be permitted to hold 5000 tonne of grain. The proposed weighbridge will be located adjacent to the internal road as it turns along the southern edge of the large dam, approximately 400 metres from the northern boundary. The overall concrete pad for the proposed weighbridge measures 30.33 metres x 4.4 metres. The proposal also includes a parking bay 200 metres x 20 metres east of the large dam. All stormwater will be directed to the smaller dam.

Planning Scheme Provisions*Zones and overlays*Clause 35.07 Farming Zone (FZ)

The purpose of the Farming Zone is:

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

In accordance with Clause 35.07-1, the use and development of land for a rural store is a Section 2 use, requiring a permit. In accordance with Clause 35.07-4, a permit is required for buildings and works associated with a section 2 use.

Clause 42.01 Environmental Significance Overlay, Schedule 2 (ESO2)

The purpose of Schedule 2 to the Environmental Significance Overlay is to protect the channel and reservoir system.

The channel system has been decommissioned and does not have any impact on this proposal.

*State Planning Policy Framework*Clause 14.01-1S Protection of agricultural land

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

Strategies include:

- Identify areas of productive agricultural land, including land for primary production and intensive agriculture.
- Avoid permanent removal of productive agricultural land from the state's agricultural base without consideration of the economic importance of the land for the agricultural production and processing sectors.
- Protect productive agricultural land from unplanned loss due to permanent changes in land use.
- In considering a proposal to use, subdivide or develop agricultural land, consider the:

- Desirability and impacts of removing the land from primary production, given its agricultural productivity.
- Impacts on the continuation of primary production on adjacent land, with particular regard to land values and the viability of infrastructure for such production.
- Compatibility between the proposed or likely development and the existing use of the surrounding land.
- The potential impacts of land use and development on the spread of plant and animal pests from areas of known infestation into agricultural areas.
- Land capability.

Clause 14.01-2S Sustainable agricultural land use

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

Strategies include:

- Ensure agricultural and productive rural land use activities are managed to maintain the long-term sustainable use and management of existing natural resources.
- Support the development of innovative and sustainable approaches to agricultural and associated rural land use practices.
- Encourage diversification and value-adding of agriculture through effective agricultural production and processing, rural industry and farm-related retailing.
- Assist genuine farming enterprises to embrace opportunities and adjust flexibly to market changes.
- Support agricultural investment through the protection and enhancement of appropriate infrastructure.

Local Planning Policy Framework

Clause 21.01-2 Key Influences

The key influences in relation to the municipality include:

- The protection and sustainable use of agricultural land.
- Environmental risk, including salinity, flooding and climate change.
- Management of natural resources.
- Encouraging economic activity.
- Transport connectivity within and beyond the municipality.

Clause 21.05-1 Transport

Objective 1 of this clause is to ensure new development is managed to take advantage of the existing road network without unnecessarily increasing the works requirements of Council.

Strategies include:

- Direct development (especially development that generates substantial traffic) to those roads that are able to support it.
- Require developers to meet (where appropriate) the cost of upgrading roads for new development, so that these costs are not unfairly imposed on the community.

Clause 22.02 Rural land and sustainable agriculture

The objectives of this clause include:

- To protect high quality agricultural land because of its versatility, productivity and ability to sustain a wide range of agricultural uses without significant degradation.

- To prevent the unsustainable use of agricultural land which results in the loss of the quantity or quality of the natural resources and limits the realisation of the land's full productive potential.
- To prevent land use conflicts between agricultural uses and sensitive uses to ensure that use and development are not prejudicial to agricultural industries or the productive capacity of the land.

The decision guidelines of Clause 65

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate:

- The Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework.
- 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.
- The adequacy of loading and unloading facilities and any associated amenity, traffic flow and road safety impacts.

Assessment of application

The principal objectives of State and Local planning policy is to protect and retain agricultural land for agricultural use where possible and to support and encourage growth and investment in the agricultural sector. The proposal is well supported by the policy framework. The proposed development will use approximately 3 hectares of cropping land, which is considered to be insignificant in relation to the total area of the land (157ha). The proposed use is complementary to the existing use of land. It will allow the applicant to expand their business while continuing to farm the land.

The proposed use and development supports agricultural production. It allows for grain storage closer to the source for local farmers and potentially reducing the distance grain needs to be carted, and therefore cutting costs to local farmers and the wider community. As discussed previously, the 3 hectares being removed from production is minor, considering the proposed use is rural in nature. It is considered that the proposal does not have the potential to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses. The site has ample capacity to sustain the proposed use, even if the development was to expand.

The proposal makes use of the existing road infrastructure. A power supply is available; however, it will not be utilised at this stage in the development. The computer for the weighbridge uses solar power or a generator. A water supply is not required for this proposal.

The subject land adjoins residential land to the west. The nearest sensitive use to the bunker site is approximately one kilometre. It is considered that these sensitive uses will not be adversely affected by dust, noise or use of farm machinery any more than they would be affected by the current use of land. The traffic and hours of operation are expected to increase during harvest time (4 weeks), however it is considered that the one kilometre distance provides an adequate buffer from these potential impacts.

The proposed bunkers are fully lined to prevent any leaching into the soil and all storm water will be directed to an existing dam. It is not expected that the proposal will impact on soil or water quality. No native vegetation is proposed to be removed and no impact on flora or fauna is expected. The development will not produce any effluent.

It is considered that the degree of flood, erosion or fire hazard associated with the location of the land will not change significantly.

As discussed earlier the proposal will lead to an increase in traffic during harvest time. An average of eight trucks per day, during this time, are expected. A designated 200 metre parking area is provided on the site and the applicant has allowed ample distance (400m) for trucks to pull off the road and queue onsite if necessary. Culgoa-Lalbert Road is straight and unencumbered by visual impacts. Trucks entering and exiting the property will be able to do so safely.

3. Financial Implications

There are no known financial implications for Council.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no known cost shift considerations to Council.

5. Community Consultation

Notice of application was undertaken in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* by placing an advertisement in the locally circulating newspaper (Times Ensign) on the 20th June 2019 and by sending letters to thirteen adjoining owners and occupiers.

One letter of objection was received in relation to the application. The objection was forwarded to the applicant, who provided a response. After considering the available information, it was decided mediation would not be conducted. The main concern raised by the objector is as follows:

- The proposed use and development is a significant safety risk for other road users, including school buses, due to the increased volume of trucks entering and exiting the site during harvest time on a 100km/h road and the width of the road being too narrow.

As previously discussed, the applicant has provided parking for trucks well off the road. There will be no need for trucks to be queuing on the road. Trucks and farm machinery safely enter and exit the property associated with the current land use. Although there will be an increased average of eight trucks per day during harvest, it is considered that the volume is not overly significant and traffic can enter and exit the site safely.

6. Internal Consultation

The application was referred to Council's Roads and Technical Services. It was determined that an approved turn in, turn out and crossover to meet the standard for B-double trucks would be required for this proposal.

The Manager Infrastructure Planning discussed the objectors concerns with them. The objector was advised that the required crossover was deemed appropriate for this proposal and that at any time should the development expand that the requirements would be reassessed.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

The actions are in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no known environmental sustainability considerations.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

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

10. Conclusion

The proposal is consistent with the objectives of State and Local Planning Policy Framework and with the purpose of the Farming Zone.

A Council determination is sought for the application as the Council's Planning Officer recommends that a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit be issued.

Council must determine a position on the application for a planning permit and take one of the following options:

- i. Issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Planning Permit for the proposal, subject to conditions.
- ii. Issue a Notice of Decision to Refuse a Planning Permit for the proposal – appeal rights apply to the applicant.

8.2.5 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP GUIDELINES (2019)

Author's Title: Director Community Development

Department: Community Development

File No: GS/09/42

Attachments: 1 [Community Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines \(2019\)](#)

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Build a healthy and active community

MOTION:

That Council endorse the revised Community Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines (2019).

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R604/19)

1. Executive Summary

The Community Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines (*the Guidelines*) were developed and previously endorsed by Council in 2016. Since 2016 the program has provided significant financial support to communities throughout the Shire. It is with the aspiration of continuous improvement that some minor changes to formatting and some new content are recommended to ensure that:

- the program remains 'user friendly' by community members and groups, and that
- the administration functions required to oversee the implementation of the grant program are practical and transparent

2. Discussion

Staff have completed a review of the Community Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines and are recommending a range of changes to improve the process for both Council and potential applicants.

The proposed changes to the Guidelines are as follows:

- **Assessment Criteria** (pg2): Feedback has indicated that understanding and explaining a program or project has been challenging for some applicants. A clearer explanation about what information is being sought may assist applicants to not only complete the application, but will also ensure applicants have planned appropriately thus giving their project the best chance of success. The on-line forms will be changed to ensure alignment with the criteria questions.
- **Sustainability Grant** (pg3): This grant continues to be under subscribed. It is thought that the 2:1 ratio may be a deterrent for many seeking support. Seeking a demonstrated contribution through cash and in-kind rather than mandating a cash ratio may encourage community groups to explore opportunities to engage in sustainability projects

- **Separation of Duties (pg4):** Recent recommendations to the local government sector by the Local Government Inspectorate in relation to community grants programs, indicated that Councils must be able to demonstrate a separation of duties between officers assisting community groups with the grant applications, and staff involved in evaluation. The Guidelines provides this information to applicants and a documented internal process has recently been implemented to ensure this practice is in place.
- **Assessment Timeline (pg4)** – this is a new inclusion. It is important for community members to understand the time it takes to process applications through the cycle of assessment to authorisation; this may assist individuals and groups to plan and prepare applications within timeframes that are achievable.

3. Financial Implications

Council's contribution to the Community Grants and Sponsorship program is determined and detailed annually and made public in the Council Budget

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift considerations in this report.

5. Community Consultation

General feedback provided to council officers from previous applicants over the last 12 month period has been taken into consideration.

6. Internal Consultation

Staff in the Community Development portfolio and Senior Leadership Team have reviewed the Guidelines. Councillors had two briefings in the 2018/19 year to discuss the Program.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

There are no policy considerations in this report.

8. Environmental Sustainability

The environmental stream of the grant may become more accessible through these changes.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this report had a conflict of interest.

10. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorse the Community Grants and Sponsorship Guidelines (2019).

8.2.6 SUBMISSION TO ROYAL COMMISSION INTO AGED CARE QUALITY AND SAFETY

Author's Title: Director Community Development

Department: Community Development

File No: CS/16/24

Attachments: 1 [⇒LMGC Joint Submission](#)

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Build a healthy and active community

MOTION:

That Council Endorse the submission by the Loddon Mallee Group of Councils (LMGC) to the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

CARRIED.

(R605/19)

1. Executive Summary

The Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety was established October 8th 2018 and the date for the close of submissions is end of September 2019.

The Regional Directors Forum (Community Development- Directors) meets bi-monthly and consists of the ten councils within both the Loddon and the Mallee, all of which provide some level of direct service to the aged and disability sector.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Commission extend far beyond the remit of Council. The LMGC have determined that the following matter within the ToR is one in which all councils have a shared strongly vested interest:

c) The future challenges and opportunities for delivering accessible, affordable and high quality aged care services in Australia, including:

- (i) in the context of changing demographics and preferences, in particular people's desire to remain living at home as they age; and
- (ii) In remote, rural and regional Australia.

2. Discussion

Buloke Shire Council together with LGAs across Victoria is currently planning for the changing environment of Aged and Disability services being driven by Commonwealth reforms. The work that we are undertaking as a council to assess our capacity for direct service delivery in this market has provided Council with information about the challenges and opportunities that will come in this changing environment. Given the current impetus for the Royal Commission it is clear that Council need to be confident that any real, perceived or potential risk to the aged in our community are addressed as a matter of the highest priority in the design of aged care services including the specific challenges of services in rural settings.

The key objective for Buloke Shire Council's participation in this submission is to ensure that the vision of The *World Health Organisation* (endorsed by the MAV) can be achieved in Buloke.

"An age-friendly world enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities and treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected to people that are important to them. It helps people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages and provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves."

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in this report

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift implications in this report

5. Community Consultation

No community consultation was required for this submission to be made.

6. Internal Consultation

The Senior Leadership Team, Manager of Community Services and Councillors have been briefed and participated in workshops that provided an overview of the current Commonwealth reforms in Aged Care and Disability Services; this information is the foundation on which the joint submission to the Royal Commission has been based.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

There are no legislative / policy implications in this report.

8. Environmental Sustainability

There are no environmental sustainability considerations in this report.

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this report had a conflict of interest

10. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council endorse the submission by the Loddon Mallee Group of Councils (LMGC) to the Royal Commission on Aged Care Quality and Safety.

8.2.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT POWER PURCHASING AGREEMENT

Author's Title: Coordinator Public Health and Emergency Management

Department: Community Development

File No: EM/06/01

Attachments: 1 [⇒](#)Local Government Power Purchase Agreement

Relevance to Council Plan 2017 - 2021

Strategic Objective: Diversify and enhance our local economy.

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Agrees to a commitment to purchase 100% of Council's electricity via the Local Government Power Purchase Agreement; and
2. Noting that the value of the potential Power Purchase Agreement contract exceeds the CEO's delegation, authorises the CEO to sign the contract documentation resulting from the PPA tender process.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

CARRIED.

(R606/19)

1. Executive Summary

Last year Buloke Shire Council joined a group of 39 Victorian Councils to investigate the viability of a joint Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (LG PPA). The business case for this project has returned favourably and the proposal now has real potential to provide Councils with clean energy at a competitive price. This report outlines the benefits of the LG PPA proposition and how it will help Council achieve its clean energy goals.

2. Discussion

The following points relate to key facts, benefits, and the decision timeline requirements of this proposal.

- The LG PPA members make up the largest PPA buyers' group in Australia and over 25% of Victorian local government's electricity load will be purchased through this arrangement.
- The LG PPA is a cost-effective way to transition some of our electricity to 100% renewable energy, demonstrated by comprehensive cost analysis and market-testing results.
- Purchasing renewable power through a PPA represents a significant known step in a transition to a 100% renewable power organisation.
- Councils must confirm their participation through an Agreement by mid-August 2019. This is a once-off opportunity and is unlikely to be available again if Council decides not to participate now, before the project group goes to Tender.

The LG PPA is a unique opportunity to join a group of 39 Victorian Councils in in the biggest Council renewable energy purchasing activity in Australia to date. The LG PPA group engaged industry leading advice to examine the costs, risks, and market appetite for a power purchase agreement using the load types specific to Council operations. The results showed that as an aggregate group, participating Councils could save up to 12% on their electricity use charges over ten years.

The group is now preparing for the Tender stage of this project and Councils who wish to continue with this project need to sign a Participation Agreement by mid-August 2019. This will ensure that the loads tendered to market are firm commitments upon which retailers will base their prices.

The Local Government Power Purchase Agreement (“LG PPA”) is an opportunity for Council to achieve a reduction of our greenhouse emissions and also save considerable money. This group of 39 Victorian Councils has nominated over 140 Megawatt-hours of annual electricity load to this proposal, over a quarter of the total Victorian LGA electricity load. If this agreement proceeds it will represent the largest buyers' group ever established in Australia and will be the largest single activity that any group has ever undertaken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Council operations.

Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) have existed for many years for large energy consumers, however renewable energy PPAs are becoming increasingly popular for organisations who want to demonstrate a commitment to sustainability. They differ from a standard retail power contract as they provide a direct contractual link between an energy user and a specific source, in this case a solar or wind farm project or portfolio.

PPAs typically have a contract duration of at least 10 years. This provides income certainty for renewable power investors and removes a significant roadblock to building new renewable power projects. In this way, PPAs provide direct investment in renewable power and enables new renewable energy generation projects to be realised.

Other Australian renewable energy PPA buyer groups include the Victorian Government, Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (led by City of Melbourne), Sunshine Coast Council, Mars Group, Commonwealth Bank and Telstra. Melbourne's water authorities are also working together to form a renewable energy PPA Buyers' Group.

The LG PPA Proposition

It is proposed that Buloke Shire Council commit to purchasing its Street Lights and Small Market electricity accounts through the LG PPA. At the moment we have committed our street lighting (unmetered – 158 MWh) (20%) Leading energy market consultants Energetics conducted detailed cost modelling on behalf of the LG PPA group, providing detailed Net Present Cost (NPC) forecasts over 10 years for the combined group as well as providing a tool to predict tailored results for each Council.

Energy market prices are influenced by many factors and so cannot be forecast with absolute certainty, however results from the model provided by Energetics showed that Buloke Shire Council could save up to \$24,000 over 10 years (158 MWh) through this agreement.

If Council commits 100% of our energy usage, it would represent a saving of \$172,000 over 10 years.

Nearly all Council's involved in the CVGA have already committed to purchasing its Street Lights and Small Market electricity accounts (100% energy usage) through the LG PPA contract from July 2020.

3. Financial Implications

This opportunity will allow Council to save up to \$172,000 over ten years on power costs. The approach to collaboration over a 10 year period provides a less risk approach to a very volatile

energy market. Currently councils are exposed every 2 years to increases in wholesale prices. Under this proposal, councils will be able to budget with more certainty over the longer term.

4. Cost Shift Considerations

There are no cost shift considerations in relation participation in this agreement

5. Community Consultation

There has been no community consultation in relation to this agreement.

6. Internal Consultation

The Senior Leadership Team was consulted in relation to this agreement.

7. Legislative / Policy Implications

This report directly responds to many of Council's strategic policy documents and complements many activities Council has taken in the past. The Council Plan and Buloke 2030 Plan reference our need to reduce our carbon footprint and this project compliments our commitment to Take2 Pledge and investment of solar and energy efficiency fittings to our Council and community buildings.

8. Environmental Sustainability

The Local Government Power Purchase Agreement ("LG PPA") is an opportunity for Council to achieve a reduction of our greenhouse emissions

9. Conflict of Interest Considerations

No officer involved in the preparation of this policy or the preparation of this report has a conflict of interest.

10. Conclusion

It is proposed that Buloke Shire Council participate in the LG PPA by signing an Agreement and purchasing its Street Lights and Small Market electricity accounts (100% of our usage) through the LG PPA contract from July 2020.

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

Nil

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Cr Daryl Warren

16 July 2019	Wimmera Mallee Tourism Meeting - Nhill
17 July	Council Briefing - Wycheproof
24 July	Buloke Tourism Meeting - Culgoa
23 July	Welcoming Cities Workshop - Werribee
24 July	Loddon Mallee Waste & Resource Recovery Group - Audit Committee - Melb
25 July	Donald Lions Change Over - Dinner
29 July	Buloke Tourism Meeting - Berriwillock
30 July	CEO & Mayor Meeting - Wycheproof
1 August	Rex Theatre Meeting - Charlton
2 August	North West Rail Alliance Meeting - Donald
	Donald Chamber of Commerce VFF Function – Donald
5 August	Recreational Lakes Meeting - Birchip
7 August	Council Briefing - Birchip
8 August	Workspace Meeting - Bendigo
14 August	Council Meeting - Wycheproof

Cr Ellen White

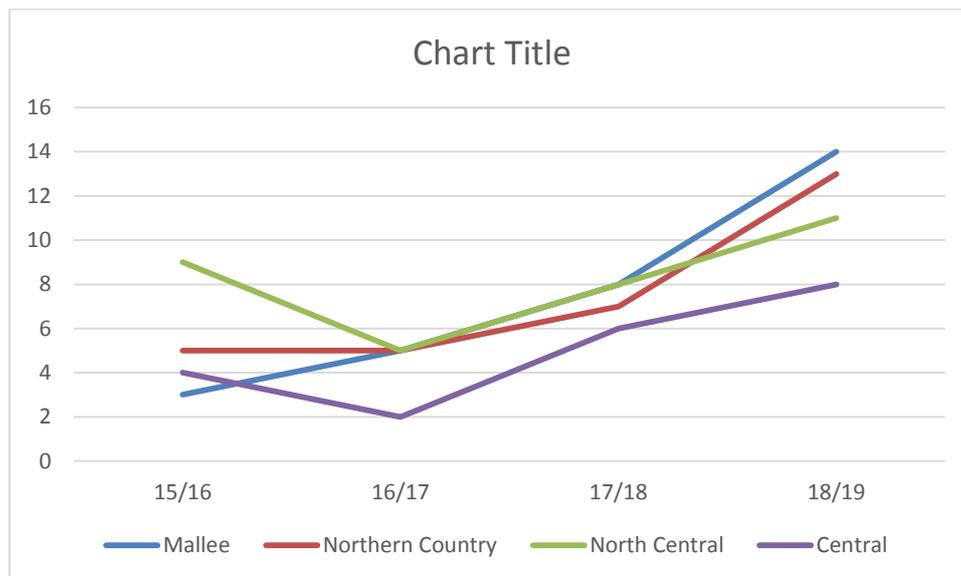
Delegate Meetings:

1. Central Murray Regional Transport Forum

- Meeting in early August was cancelled
- A tour of freight providers from Mildura (and cross border) is being organised for September

2. Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee

- Plan to be updated to ensure compliance with any legislative updates. Part three to become more strategic with less emphasis on response and recovery
- A rewrite of Part 4 of the plan was provided by SES
- Action list is decreasing and is much less overwhelming now
- Vulnerable persons register requires updating every 6 months, to ensure each person on it still meets the eligibility criteria. DHHS are conducting an evaluation of this service
- The State Government is supporting the Victorian community to understand the importance of home and contents insurance as a key pillar of their financial resilience and emergency preparedness.
- Heat health alerts since 15/16 year have increased across all areas of Victoria:



In our case the number of alerts has increased from 3 to 14. This may become a resource issue for Council if it continues to rise. DHHS have a range of valuable resources we can use to provide information about extreme heat impacts.

- We looked at Riverine flood as a risk. Charlton may still be at risk as there has not been enough structural mitigation works completed. While plans may be in place, funding is required to implement the works. Also, water cannot move due to weeds. Perhaps a discussion with the CMA is required so that environmental protection does not contribute to flooding events.

3. Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee

- This was the first time I have attended this meeting as a delegate. I found it extremely concerning that while fire is deemed a risk in Victoria, with extended fire seasons becoming the norm, that these meetings have been cancelled due to a lack of a quorum, that meetings with DELWP to review fire prevention issues on government owned land have been cancelled due to resource issues, and that the committee is invited to accept the updated Municipal Fire Management Plan although they have not had the opportunity to discuss it. The chair is across these issues and is following up. Some other points to note from the meeting:
 - Growth on roadsides and paddocks is increasing. CFA will have water bombing helicopters in Sea Lake and Donald, and are beginning the preparations for that now
 - Illegal fires need to be reported to Vic Police by CFA crews if they attend. There is a zero tolerance for fire and prosecutions will occur if someone does light an illegal fire
 - Residential fire safety meetings have been held in Buloke. There have also been media campaigns
 - District 18 had 20 haystack fires in the last fire season. A media campaign to encourage farmers to better manage their haystacks is being developed. Incident managers and crew leaders have also updated their skills to better manage haystack fires
 - Regional Roads Victoria have the same mowing program as last year, linked to the fire season dates. The timing of the cut is also important in reducing fuel load and regrowth. There was discussion about council advocating for more roadside slashing to be completed by RRV

4. Mallee Local Transport Forum

- Marketing material is developing on track
- Event will be held in October (date and venue will be confirmed asap)

5. Lake Tyrrell Project Control Group

- No meeting held this month

6. Buloke Library Steering Committee

- No meeting held this month

7. Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Group

- Industry Gap analysis meetings held with a range of stakeholders to develop an action plan

Highlights of the month

- Councillor Briefing Wycheproof
- Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Conference in Melbourne. The conference had a great range of speakers and topics about climate change, sustainability, transition and research. The keynote speaker, Sarah Barker from Minter Ellison, was outstanding, not only in her delivery of a complex and often dry topic, but on the content she shared with us. Her topic was Disasters, Duties and Divestment: Climate change risk through a finance and liability lens. Are your finance and governance teams ready? In short, there are many financial risks associated with climate change, and there are several public sector liability and insurance consequences. For example, are our planning schemes adequate? All presentations are available on this website:
<http://www.victoriangreenhousealliances.org/conference-presentations-and-papers.html>
- Loddon Campaspe LGBTI forum in Bendigo to discuss achievements of the Commissioners office, and transitioning from roadshows to roadmaps. The Vic government will develop a whole of Victoria LGBTIQ Strategy
- Nullawil Progress Association
- Advance Sea Lake meeting

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1.1 FRANKSTON CITY COUNCIL CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Author's Title: Councillor Milne

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/09/01

Attachments: 1 [⇒](#)NoM Support for Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria

MOTION:

That Council

1. Support the stance of Frankston City Council to motivate the Victorian Government to introduce a Container Deposit Scheme; and
2. Call for the Municipal Association of Victoria to advocate for a Container Deposit Scheme to be implemented in Victoria as a matter of urgency.

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R607/19)

Background

Victoria has long been in need of the Container Deposit Scheme. Every other State and Territory in Australia has an existing scheme or plans to implement a scheme.

This is a motion put by Frankston City Council, who have written to the Minister for Environment the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP, to advocate for a container Deposit Scheme for Victoria and to seek an update on efforts undertaken by the Victorian Government to introduce Legislation to mandate a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria.

9.1.2 SOCIAL HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN BULOKE

Author's Title: Cr Ellen White

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/09/01

Attachments: 1 [⇒](#) Notice of Motion - Social Housing Wycheproof

NEW VERSION FOR THE NOTICE OF MOTION WAS TABLED AT THE ORDINARY MEETING 14 AUGUST 2019 AT 7.50PM SIGNED BY CR ELLEN WHITE.

MOTION:

The Buloke Shire write to the Minister for Housing, Mr Richard Wynne MP and the Director of Housing to request that the social housing flats in Wycheproof are replaced and that they consider increasing the social housing stock across the Buloke Shire in general.

The Buloke Shire Council to investigate opportunities to increase social housing across the Shire with relevant partners such as Haven; Home, Safe.

MOVED: CR ELLEN WHITE

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

CARRIED.

(R608/19)

Background

Approximately 18 months ago, a fire destroyed a social housing flat in High Street Wycheproof. The flats on either side were also damaged. Since then, the buildings have been untouched by the owners, the Department of Health and Human Services.

An enquiry regarding the status of the flats has revealed that DHHS intends to demolish the buildings, but have no plans to replace them.

Given that, on any given day, there are 25,000 people sleeping rough or living in emergency or unsafe accommodation, and that the Victorian Government wish to make housing more accessible for everyone, it seems a travesty that these homes are to be demolished.

The Buloke Shire Council may have a small population, but as family violence is on the increase, young people have to move to another town for work, and many people are looking outside of the city for accessible and affordable housing, social housing is essential.

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

MOTION:

Council to approve for Urgent Business Item 9.3.1 – Victorian Electoral Commission Representation Review be tabled for Council consideration.

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R609/19)

9.3.1 VICTORIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION REPRESENTATION REVIEW SUBMISSION

Author's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GS/04/05

Attachments: 1 [⇒](#) VEC Review

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Adopts the attached submission to the Buloke Shire Council Representation Review; and
2. Forwards a copy of the submission to the to the Victorian Electoral Commission.

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR ELLEN WHITE

CARRIED.

(R610/19)

1. Background

As reported in the July 2019 Ordinary Council meeting, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is conducting an electoral representation review of Buloke Shire Council.

The VEC have released their preliminary report and have established two options for the community to consider:

- Preferred option (option a): Buloke Shire Council consist of seven councillors elected from three wards (two two-councillor wards and one three-councillor ward).
- Alternative option (option b): Buloke Shire Council consist of seven councillors elected from an unsubdivided electoral structure.

Council argued strongly in favour of maintaining a ward structure in the preliminary submission and the attached final submission again articulates the need for a ward structure.

The VEC are calling for submissions by Wednesday 4 September 2019 (before the next Ordinary Meeting).

A public hearing will be held at 5pm on Thursday 12 September 2019 and the final report is scheduled to be published on Wednesday 2 October 2019.

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9.5 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

MOTION:

That Council closes the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider the following items, which are confidential for the reasons indicated:

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| 9.5.1 | CONTRACT NO. C63 2018/19 EXTERNAL PLANT HIRE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES (SCHEDULE OF RATES) | (d) contractual matters |
| 9.5.2 | CIRCULAR MOTION - C65 2018/19 SUPPLY MULTIPLE PREFABRICATED AMENITIES BUILDINGS | (d) contractual matters |
| 9.5.3 | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER KEY PERFORMANCE MEASURES 2019/20 | (a) personnel matters |

MOVED: CR DARYL WARREN

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

**CARRIED.
(R611/19)**

MOTION:

That Council reopens the meeting to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 and brings resolutions for Items 9.5.1 and 9.5.2 only from the closed session into open session.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR DAVID VIS

**CARRIED.
(R615/19)**

RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CLOSED MEETING

Item 9.5.1 CONTRACT No. C63 2018/19 EXTERNAL PLANT HIRE AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES (SCHEDULE OF RATES)

That Council:

1. Award and appoint AP Earthmoving Pty Ltd, Bitu-Mill (Civil) Pty Ltd, Cleanaway Operations Pty Ltd, Gavlex Pty Ltd T/A RSP Environmental Services, Greg's Digging Pty Ltd, Pipeline Group Pty Ltd, Reeves Earthmoving Pty Ltd, SuperSealing Pty Ltd ATF SuperSealing Unit Trust T/A SuperSealing, Total Drain Cleaning Services Pty Ltd and M.F & J.L Willmore Contractors Pty Ltd to the supplier panel for Contract C63 2018/19 External Plant Hire & Associated Services (Schedule of Rates) and affixes the common seal;
2. Note the rates for Reeves Earthmoving Pty Ltd under C23 2015/16 Supply and/or Delivery of Road Making Materials, apply for the supply and delivery of road making materials pursuant to that contract but the rates for C63 2018/19 shall apply to Reeves Earthmoving

- Pty Ltd for any works required to be done by Council which are outside the scope of C23 2015/16;
3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve payments to an appointed contractor for undertaking the works associated with the Contract;
 4. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve all variations under the Contract;
 5. Notes and declares the Confidential Attachment to this report for Contract No. C63 2018/19 – External Plant Hire & Associated Rates (Schedule of Rates) of the *Local Government Act 1989* on the grounds that it relates to contractual matters as described in s 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Item 9.5.2 CIRCULAR MOTION - C65 2018/19 SUPPLY MULTIPLE PREFABRICATED AMENITIES BUILDINGS

That Council notes the Councillor approved a Circular Motion on 22 July 2019, namely that Council:

1. Award the Contract C65 2018/19 Supply Multiple Prefabricated Amenities Buildings to **Landmark Engineering and Design Pty Ltd T/A Modus Australia** for a lump sum price of \$270,664 (Ex GST) and affixes the Common Seal;
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to approve payments to the Contractor for supply of goods associated with the Contract.

10. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7.58pm.