



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 9 October 2024

Commencing at 7:00pm

**Wycheproof Supper Room
367 Broadway, Wycheproof**

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

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 9 October 2024 commencing at 7:00pm in the Wycheproof Supper Room, 367 Broadway, Wycheproof**PRESENT****CHAIRPERSON:**

Cr Alan Getley

Mallee Ward

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Bernadette Hogan

Mallee Ward

Cr David Pollard

Lower Avoca Ward

Cr Graeme Milne

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Bronwyn Simpson

Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Daryl Warren

Mount Jeffcott Ward

OFFICERS:

Wayne O'Toole

Chief Executive Officer

Daniel McLoughlan

Director Infrastructure and Delivery

Jenna Allan

Director Corporate and Organisational Performance

Gaynor Atkin

Director Community Development

Peter Harriot

Municipal Monitor

AGENDA**1. COUNCIL WELCOME****WELCOME**

The Mayor Cr Alan Getley welcomed all in attendance.

STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting. We pay our respects to their Elders and to the Elders from other communities who may be here today.

2. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

NIL

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

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 September 2024.

MOVED:**CR BERNADETTE HOGAN**

SECONDED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

CARRIED.

(R104/24)

4. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

5. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NIL

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NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2024 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 4 and 18 September 2024.

Moved: CR DAVID POLLARD

Seconded: CR DARYL WARREN

CARRIED.

(R105/24)

Attachments:

- 1 Councillor Briefing Record - 4 September 2024
- 2 Councillor Briefing Record - 18 September 2024

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 Schedules adopted 9 November 2022 and 8 November 2023, 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 4 and 18 September 2024 is attached for public information.

7.2 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 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 GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR DARYL WARREN

CARRIED.
(R106/24)

Attachments: Nil

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT ITEMS

Provider	Recipient	Date	Purpose for Recognition
Donald Forum	John McConville	October 2024	Stood down from Donald 2000 after 30 years of service.
Birchip Historical Society	Elaine McCallum	October 2024	Award of Merit for Services to the Birchip Historical Society

7.3 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notes the record of correspondence initiated by Council and the responses received.

Attachments: Nil

TABLE OF CORRESPONDENCE

Council Initiative	Sent to	Sent	Response	Purpose of Letter

7.4 STATUS OF ACTION OF PAST COUNCIL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/05/04

PURPOSE

To provide Council with a list of the Status of Action (SOA) of Council Resolutions outstanding for completion of action, and the SOA for the 11 September 2024 Council Meeting Resolutions.

MOTION:

Council to note the Status of Action Report for Council resolutions documented on this list.

MOVED: CR BERNADETTE HOGAN

SECONDED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

**CARRIED.
(R107/24)**

Attachments: 1 Status Of Action Council Meeting Resolutions

KEY POINTS/ISSUES

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 the Council's Governance Rules adopted August 2022, Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law.

The transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured and is a fundamental principle of democratic governance.

Attached to this report for public information is a list of the SOA of Council Resolutions outstanding for completion of action and introducing the SOA for the 11 September 2024 Council Meeting Resolutions.

7.5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Planning Officer

Department: Community Development

File No: LP/09/01

PURPOSE

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

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Notes the information contained in the report on planning applications under consideration and the status of each application.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR BERNADETTE HOGAN

CARRIED.

(R108/24)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application No	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PA23026	Horace Street, Sea Lake	06/09/2023	Construct and display internally illuminated business identification sign (LED priceboard)	Permit Issued
PA24012	Aitken Avenue, Donald	19/04/2024	Building and works to construct and display a sign	Permit Issued
PA24020	Sea Lake-Swan Hill Road, Sea Lake	14/06/2024	Building and works to construct and display a double-sided, non-illuminated, major promotion sign	Permit Issued
PA24021	Calder Highway, Sea Lake	25/06/2024	Building and works to construct and display a double-sided, non-illuminated, major promotion sign	Permit Issued
PA24022	Broadway, Wycheproof	20/08/2024	Use and development of land for a service station, alter access to a road in Transport 2 Zone, and installation of sign	Request for further information

Application No	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PA24023	Cossars Road, Yeungroon	21/08/2024	Subdivision of land	Notice of Application Referral
PA24024	Racecourse Road, Donald	23/08/2024	Three-lot subdivision of land	Notice of Application Referral
PA24025	Yeungroon Road, Charlton	04/09/2024	Use and development of land for a Poultry farm comprising of two sites (ten sheds per site with ancillary outbuildings and manager's dwellings), with capacity of 163,500 birds per site. Total capacity of 327,000 birds.	New
PA24026	Borung Highway, Gil Gil	24/09/2024	Use and development of land for Place of Assembly (annual 5 day music, arts and camping festival to be held on 10 occasions on the Labour Day long weekend from 2025 to 2034 inclusive)	New
VS24006	Industry Drive, Donald	23/05/2024	Building and works for the construction of two buildings (two 10m wide x 13.5m L x 5.47m H sheds) and associated works	Permit Issued

The information published in the list provided, is in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Question on Notice (CEO) - Cr Warren asked why the Place of Entertainment Permit for event in Wycheproof recently was not listed in the September Report.

7.6 BUILDING PERMITS - MONTHLY UPDATE

Author's Title: Statutory Administration Support

Department: Community Development

File No: DB/14/01

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 September to 30 September 2024.

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 September to 30 September 2024.

MOVED: CR BERNADETTE HOGAN

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R109/24)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY COUNCIL SURVEYOR

Council Reference No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20240012	Aitken AVENUE Donald VIC 3480	Construction of a new building	05/09/2024

LIST OF PRIVATE BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY COUNCIL SURVEYOR

Council Reference No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
PBLD24072	Nandaly-Tempy ROAD Nandaly Vic 3533	Proposed Re-Stump of Dwelling	02/09/2024
PBLD24060	Donald South Road Donald VIC 3480	Proposed Pump Shed	03/09/2024
PBLD24078	Park Street Wycheproof VIC 3527	Construction of a Small Second Dwelling (SSD) & timber deck	10/09/2024
PBLD24070	Camp Street Donald VIC 3480	Community Care Unit & Garage	18/09/2024
PBLD24071	Camp Street Donald VIC 3480	Community Care Unit & Garage	18/09/2024
PBLD24080	Sutcliff STREET Sea Lake VIC 3533	Construction of Shed	18/09/2024
PBLD24030	Park STREET Donald VIC 3480	Public toilet	20/09/2024
PBLD24068	Dumosa-Birchip Road Dumosa VIC 3527	Construction of Dwelling, Garage & Shed	20/09/2024
PBLD24076	Woods STREET Donald VIC 3480	Restumping of Existing Dwelling	24/09/2024

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Nil

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

8.4.1 BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

Author's Title: Director Community Development

Department: Community Development

File No: CM/16/05

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the Buloke Shire Council Annual Report 2023/2024 to Council to receive and note.

SUMMARY

The Buloke Shire Council Annual Report 2023/2024 outlines Council's performance for the 2023/2024 financial year including progress and delivery of the strategic objectives of Council.

MOTION:

That Council receives and notes the Buloke Shire Council Annual Report 2023/2024.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR BRONWYN SIMPSON

CARRIED.
(R110/24)

Attachments: 1 Buloke Shire Council Annual Report 2023-2024

DISCUSSION

The *Local Government Act 2020* requires all Victorian Local Councils to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year.

The report contains statutory information and includes the Financial and Performance Statements, and measures Council's performance and progress against the objectives and priorities of the four-year Council Plan and the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework indicators.

The Annual Report must be presented to a Meeting of Council by 31 October 2024.

RELEVANT LAW

Local Government Act 2020.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council Plan 2021-25 - Year 3 Annual Plan

Annual Budget 2023/2024

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Annual Report 2023/2024 will be uploaded to our website and promoted through Council's various communication channels.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION

The Annual Report 2023/2024 was developed in collaboration and consultation with key council officers across the organisation.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Not applicable.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Local Government Act 2020

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Long-Term Community Vision and Council Plan 2021-25

Council Plan 2021-25 - Year 3 Annual Plan

Annual Budget 2023/2024

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Annual Report 2023/2024 provides transparency in Council's achievements and challenges of the 2023/2024 financial year.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**9.2.1 VNI WEST (CR GRAEME MILNE)**

QUESTION:

Cr Milne asked if VNI West had delivered the final easement plans.

The CEO indicated that no announcement had been made yet but VNI has been contacting possible affected landowners.

9.2.2 REGIONAL ROADS VICTORIA (RRV) (CR GRAEME MILNE)

QUESTION:

Cr Milne asked where Council stands now that RRV has been axed per the Buloke Times?

The CEO informed Council that he had spoken to the Executive Director of RRV today and has received no advice of any disbandment of the RRV.

9.2.3 WIND TOWERS (CR GRAEME MILNE)

QUESTION:

Cr Milne asked when land is leased for wind towers what zone will they become?

At present, they will remain farming zone, however, State Government is developing a REZ, but it is in early stages.

9.2.4 THANKS TO RETIRING COUNCILLORS (CR ALAN GETLEY)

Mayor thanked the service of retiring Councillors who are not running the Election

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**9.5 MATTERS WHICH MAY EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC**

Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting was closed at 7.32pm