



COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday 13 July 2022

Commencing at 7:00pm

Wycheproof Supper Room

367 Broadway, Wycheproof

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

PRESENT

Cr Daryl Warren Mount Jeffcott Ward

Cr Alan Getley	Mallee Ward
Cr Carolyn Stewart	Lower Avoca Ward
Cr David Pollard	Lower Avoca Ward
Cr Graeme Milne	Mount Jeffcott Ward

Wayne O'Toole	Chief Executive Officer
Hannah Yu	Acting Director Works and Technical Services
Travis Fitzgibbon	Director Community Development
Tim Heydon	Media and Communications Officer

1. COUNCIL WELCOME

The Mayor Cr Daryl Warren welcomed all in attendance.

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 maybe here today.

Cr Bronwyn Simpson	Mount Jeffcott Ward
Cr Carolyn Stewart	Lower Avoca Ward

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

That Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 8 June 2022 and Council adopt the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 June 2022.

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR ALAN GETLEY

CARRIED.

(R064/22)

4. REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

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THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL WILL BE HELD IN WYCHEPROOF SUPPER ROOM, 367 BROADWAY, WYCHEPROOF ON WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022 AT 7:00PM.

Wayne O'Toole
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

6.1 KEVIN O'DEA – CHARLTON PROFESSIONAL CHAMBERS – DRAFT EMU MANAGEMENT REPORT

As directed by Charlton Tourism Inc, I, as the Chartered Accountant for the organisation, submitted a response to the Draft Emu Management Report, acknowledged verbally by Anthony Judd, Former Chief Executive Officer. I requested a meeting to discuss the costings and conclusion of the report. When will this meeting be held?

MAYOR, CR WARREN RESPONSE – Staff have provided me with some background in response to that particular question. Council is working with Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) and First Peoples Safety Relations on this matter. Council is in the process of calling a meeting with interested parties, and when this is done, Council will issue an invitation to yourself to attend the meeting.

6.2 ROBBIE WIRRAMANDA KNIGHT (REPRESENTED BY SHERRILL O'CONNOR IN HIS ABSENCE) – LAKE TYRRELL (CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED TO IN QUESTION PREVIOUSLY SENT TO COUNCIL WAS TABLED)

1. What is the proposal of Council to protect the unique significance and integrity of the Lake Tyrrell, given that:
 - a. The Murray Allan infrastructure has already commenced right on the shores of Lake Tyrrell; and
 - b. The Shire's unanimous support and approval of the reinstatement of the Mallee Rally, albeit on private land adjoining the lake.
2. When will the Shire broker a meeting of "First Nations" people as per out letter of 9 March 2022.

MAYOR, CR WARREN RESPONSE – The Mayor acknowledged Ms O'Connor's reference to the notifications commissioned by the First Nations. Council is expecting a presentation from the Regional Director and staff of the DELWP, at a further Briefing probably in August. DELWP is the responsible authority for administering the report and not Council. Council understands that DELWP have distributed the report to other parties for comment and feedback. After this process has occurred, and the final report is released to Council by DELWP, the Mayor advised that Council is very keen to discuss with DELWP on how they will use the report to answer some of the issues mentioned in the 9 March 2022 letter and the future protection of Lake Tyrrell.

The Mayor provided background to the Planning Permit Application that was submitted by Mr Murray Allen for infrastructure works on his private property, that adjoins the Lake Tyrrell reserve. The Planning Permit approval process was conducted in accordance with the Planning and Environment Act and was not challenged prior to its approval.

The First Nations have since put a stop work on the development works for the Planning Permit for Mr Allan, on the basis that a Cultural Heritage Management Plan be derived. Until that plan is completed, works are not to commence. At this point of time the Plan is yet to be finalised and released by the First Nations Relations.

6.3 ELDER ROBBIE NICHOLLS – EMUS ON MOUNT WYCHEPROOF (CORRESPONDENCE PREVIOUSLY SENT TO COUNCIL WAS TABLED)

1. What are the proposals in regard to the management and protection of the sacred emus on Mount Wycheproof? The Emu Management Plan from Southern Fauna and Ecology only dealt with 2 options – vastly overinflated costs of maintenance or letting them go! The report states it is an interim or draft report only.
2. On 9 March First Nations wrote the Shire requesting an urgent meeting Four months has passed. When will this take place.

MAYOR, CR WARREN RESPONSE – My understanding is Council will work with DELWP and Traditional Owners to hold discussions in regard to the issues mentioned in the letter, and in regard to the protection and safety of the Emus, making reference to the changes made to the fencing and other protective options for the Emus.

As mentioned previously the Mayor outlined following the release of the DELWP report and a complete rundown being provided by DELWP, Council will call a meeting to progress what will happen with the safety of the emus in future. Council is aware there is a number of options proposed, however the feedback being received by Council, is that there is a preferred option for the Emus. This preferred option, Council believes needs to be a preferred option amongst all parties, and not just some of the parties. The Mayor will seek the Council staff to explore all options in a timely manner, and provide a response back to the Charlton Tourism Inc group, to answer that question.

Council is acutely aware of the interests of all parties concerned, and will work in conjunction with these parties to consider all options and finalise a decision.

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 1 and 15 June 2022.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R065/22)

- Attachments:**
- 1 Councillor Briefing Record - 1 June 2022
 - 2 Councillor Briefing Record - 15 June 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 1 and 15 June 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.

MOTION:

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

MOVED: CR GRAEME MILNE

SECONDED: CR ALAN GETLEY

CARRIED.

(R066/22)

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		

Council Initiative	Sent/to be sent to	Sent	Response	Purpose of Letter/Response
<p>Write to Min of Transport Infr, Jacinta Allan and Minister for Roads and Roads Safety, Ben Carroll seeking urgent attention to continue to advocate to the resp auth for upgrade of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The rail crossing nth of Lalbert on the Donald-Swan Hill Road; and 2. The rail crossing north-east of Charlton on the Boort-Charlton Road. 	The Hon Jacinta Allan Minister for Transport Infrastructure	10/3/22 Resent 27/05/22		Nil response received. Letter resent 27/5/2022 seeking urgent response.
Above letter sent to Hon Jacinta Allan	The Hon Ben Carroll MP Minister for Roads and Road Safety	10/3/22 Resent 27/05/22	16/06/22	<p>Nil response received. Letter resent 27/5/2022 seeking urgent response.</p> <p>Response recd 16/06/22. DoT confirm process for upgrades, incl history near-misses, rail operator info, & Aust Lvl Xing Assessment Model. Vic Railway Xing Safety Steering Cttee responsible for endorsing annual program of upgrades. Has asked DoT to provide Council's feedback to VRCSSC for consideration and to share its concerns with relevant Rail Infrastructure Mgr of VLine.</p>

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 DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR ALAN GETLEY

CARRIED.

(R067/22)

Attachments: Nil

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT ITEMS

Provider	Recipient	Date	Purpose for Recognition
Inaugural Australian Rural Business Awards	Stacey and Wayne Morris Love Shack Giftwear Donald		For being awarded the winner of Bricks and Mortar Business Excellence Award in the Inaugural Australian Rural Business Awards

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 June 2022 to 30 June 2022.

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

MOTION:

That the Council note information contained in the report on Building Permits approved by staff from 1 June 2022 to 30 June 2022.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.
(R068/22)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY COUNCIL SURVEYOR

Permit No.	BAMS Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20220027	6645067249110	Borong-Charlton Road, Charlton	Machinery Shed	23/06/2022
20220049	4477319351084	Messines Street, Nandaly	Shade Sail Structure	09/06/2022
20220050	6974190581250	Yeungroon-Woosang Road, Yeungroon East	Machinery Shed	16/06/2022
20220051	1259198746104	Mount Street, Wycheproof	Storage Shed	16/06/2022
20220052	5066663473302	Morrison Street, Birchip	Garage/Storage Shed	16/06/2022
20220053	9218939513611	Broadway, Wycheproof	Arbor (Frame to Completion)	16/06/2022
20220054	7358255496167	Elizabeth Street, Donald	Carport	30/06/2022
20220055	5737390072060	Wilkinson Street, Sea Lake	Garage/Storage Shed	30/06/2022

LIST OF BUILDING PERMITS APPROVED BY PRIVATE SURVEYOR

Permit No.	Address	Project Description	Date Approved
20220039	Walsh and Arnolds Road, Culgoa	Restump of Dwelling	11/03/2022
20220040	Hillview Street, Wycheproof	Dependent Persons Unit	22/03/2022
20220041	Camp Street, Donald (Donald High School)	Shade Sail Structure (x2)	29/03/2022
20220042	Watson Street, Charlton	Restump of Dwelling	12/04/2022
20220043	Narrewillock-Quambatook Road, Glenloth East	Dwelling and Attached Garage	22/04/2022
20220044	Armstrong Street, Charlton	Dwelling and Attached Garage	03/05/2022
20220045	Bellevilles Road, Watchem	Farm Shed	16/05/2022
20220046	High Street, Charlton	Concrete Slab for Tank Support & Sign (Display Fuel Price)	17/05/2022
20220047	Taylors Road, Ballapur	Dwelling, Garage & Shed	18/05/2022
20220048	Gilmours Road, Cope Cope	Shed	18/05/2022

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 ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.
(R069/22)

Attachments: Nil

LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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*.

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA962/21		Corack Road, Donald (Lot 1&2 PS216306M)	11/11/2021	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	Further information request from referral authority
PPA974/22		Sutcliff Street, Sea Lake (CA 26 Sec 1 Parish of Burupga)	01/04/2022	Nine-lot subdivision of land	Permit issued
PPA977/22		Heenans Road, Charlton (Lot 1 PS406136)	10/05/2022	Construction of a single dwelling	Permit issued
PPA978/22		Sutcliff Street, Sea Lake (CA 26 Sec 1 Parish of Burupga)	12/05/2022	Removal of native vegetation	Awaiting report

Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA979/22		Messines Street, Nandaly (CA 2 Sec 3 Parish of Bimbourie)	12/05/2022	Shade sail	Permit issued
PPA980/22		Camp Street, Donald (Lot 7 PS 65368)	12/05/2022	Three-lot subdivision of land containing existing buildings	Notice of application Referral
PPA981/22		Donald Street, Charlton (PC157596)	18/05/2022	Construction of a single dwelling	Request for further information
PPA962/22		Corack Road, Donald (Lot 1 & 2 LP216306)	11/11/2021	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	Request for further information, Referral Authority
PPA978/22		Sutcliff Street, Sea Lake (CA 26 Sec 1 Parish of Burupga)	12/05/2022	Removal of native vegetation comprising of 0.310 hectares patch and no large trees	Permit Issued
PPA980/22		Camp Street, Donald (Lot 7 LP 35368)	12/05/2022	Three lot subdivision of land containing existing buildings	Awaiting report
PPA981/22		Donald Street, Charlton (CP 157596)	18/05/2022	Construction of a single dwelling	Request for further information
PPA982/22		McCulloch Street, Donald (CP 101912)	23/05/2022	Construct and display a business identification sign	Notice of application
PPA983/22		Horace Street, Sea Lake (CA 30 sec 1 Parish of Burupga)	31/05/2022	Installation of PV solar system	Awaiting report
PPA984/22		Peel Street, Charlton (Lot 5 LP 8880)	30/05/2022	Removal of a cypress hedge and two palm trees and the construction of a fence	Notice of application
PPA985/22		Milburns Road, Wycheproof (Lot 3 PS 335008)	31/05/2022	Construction of a warehouse	Referral
PPA986/22		High Street, Charlton (Lot 1 TP 193629)	01/06/2022	Construct and display an 18.26m2 double-sided, externally illuminated major	Notice of application

				promotion sign	Referral
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Application No	Applicant	Address	Date Rec	Summary of Proposal	Status
PPA987/22		Donald-Murtoa Road, Laen East (Lot 2 PS744335)	10/06/2022	Create access to a road in Transport Zone 2 for a dwelling	Referral
PPA988/22		McCulloch Street, Donald (Lot 1 LP 116672)	21/06/2022	Subdivision of land (boundary realignment)	Permit Issued
PPA989/22		Industry Drive, 22, 24, & 26 Racecourse Road, Donald	24/06/2022	Removal of drainage easement	Referral
PPA990/22		McKenzie Crescent, Wycheproof (CA 28 Parish of Bunguluke)	24/06/2022	Installation of solar PV system	Notice of application

7.6 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 an update on the Status of Action of Council Resolutions commencing from 11 May 2022 Council Meeting. There are no items awaiting action from 11 May 2022 Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Council to note the Status of Action Report for Council resolutions from 8 June and 29 June Council Meetings.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R070/22)

Attachments: 1 Status of Action of Council Resolutions 8 June 2022 and 29 June 2022 Council Meetings

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 2020, 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.

A list of the Status of Action of Council Resolutions for 8 June 2022 and 29 June 2022 Council Meetings are attached for public information.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 POLICY REPORTS

Nil

8.2 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

8.2.1 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP

Author's Title: Community Development Officer

Department: Community Development

File No: GS/09/42

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Built and Natural Environment

Cr Alan Getley declared a Conflict of Interest due to being a Director of North Central Financial Services Ltd who has provided sponsorship and trophies for the Charlton Golf Club Annual Tournament.

Cr Getley vacated from the Council Chamber at 7.36pm.

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 for the Financial Year 2022/2023.

COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE A QUORUM TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER, THEREFORE DEFERRED THE ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Attachments: 1 Community Grants 20220629

DISCUSSION

The following application for funding is being put forth to Council for final decision. This application has been assessed as per the Community Grant Guidelines as accepted by Council. The Senior Leadership Team recommends this grant application for Council's consideration and final decision on the allocation.

Project: Charlton Golf Club Sponsorship	
Organisation:	Charlton Golf Club
Grant Type	Sponsorship
Amount Applied:	\$500
Funding Amount Recommended:	\$500
Full project cost:	\$13,089.20
Project Description:	Project is the annual golf tournament, over 100 players will attend over the 4-day event. It is their primary fundraiser for the season.

Project Benefit:	<p>There will be visitors entering the tournament who will shop and stay in locally. It will also be an opportunity for the attendees to catch up and re-connect with one another.</p> <p>Council will be advertised as a sponsor of the event through a variety of media promotions.</p>
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2022/2023 Community Grant Fund grants prior to this allocation: \$20,000

2022/2023 Sustainability Grant Fund grants prior to this allocation: \$50,000

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

Not applicable

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Development Officer engaged with applicant listed.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable

COLLABORATION

Not applicable

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

These applications for the 2022/23 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.

Cr Getley returned to the Council Chamber at 7.37pm.

8.2.2 DRAFT GOVERNANCE RULES 2022

Author's Title: Acting Director Works and Technical Services

Department: Works and Technical Services

File No: LA|08|16

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

This report presents the Draft Governance Rules 2022 (Draft Rules) for the Council's consideration and endorsement prior to releasing the Draft Rules to the Buloke Shire community in accordance with the Council's Community Engagement Policy.

SUMMARY

Recent amendments to the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) require the councils to make provision for virtual attendance at Council Meetings and Delegated Committee Meetings. The Draft Rules have been revised to allow for this attendance and must be presented to the community for consideration prior to being presented to the Council for final adoption.

MOTION:

That Council note and endorse the Draft Governance Rules 2022 for release through the Council's Community Engagement Policy.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR ALAN GETLEY

**CARRIED.
(R071/22)**

Attachments: 1 Draft Governance Rules 2022

DISCUSSION

Amendments to the Act will take effect on 2 September 2022. From this date onwards it is necessary for the Council's Governance Rules to make provision for virtual attendance at Council and Delegated Committee meetings, including a procedure for making and approving requests for virtual attendance.

The Draft Rules have been amended to ensure legislative compliance with these changes and set out the process by which a Council may indicate whether a meeting is intended to be an 'in person' meeting and, if so, how a Councillor or a member of a Delegated Committee may request attendance by electronic means. They provide that consideration must be given to the request, and approval cannot be unreasonably refused.

RELEVANT LAW

The amendments to the Draft Rules are in accordance with the Act.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

The current Governance Rules were adopted by the Council at its February 2021 Council Meeting.

OPTIONS

The Council may adopt a different process to provide for virtual attendance at Council Meetings and Delegated Committee Meetings, however the Governance Rules must make provision for virtual attendance requests and approvals in some way.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Act requires the Council undertake community engagement in accordance with its adopted Community Engagement Policy prior to consideration and adoption of the Governance Rules.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Not applicable.

COLLABORATION

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

Not applicable.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

The Governance Rules provide for open and transparent decision making by the Council.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

I, Hannah Yu, have no conflicts of interest to declare in relation to this report.

8.3 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Nil

8.4 ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

8.4.1 2022 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

Author's Title: Director Community Development

Department: Community Development

File No: GS/02/01

Relevance to Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Strategic Objective: Our Council and Community Leadership

PURPOSE

To acknowledge the results of the 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey.

SUMMARY

The 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey Report is attached for Council to note. The report is coordinated on behalf of all Victorian Councils by the Department Jobs Precincts and Regions.

MOTION:

That Council:

1. Notes the results of the 2022 Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey;
2. Considers future actions in response to the results; and
3. Publishes the results of the survey to the community.

Moved: CR ALAN GETLEY

Seconded: CR GRAEME MILNE

CARRIED.

(R072/22)

Attachments: 1 2022 Local Government Buloke Shire Council Community Satisfaction Results

DISCUSSION

The overall performance index score of 55 for Buloke Shire Council represents a significant seven-point decline on the 2021 result, arresting a trend of steady improvement seen since 2016.

Buloke Shire Council's overall performance is rated lower than both the Small Rural group and State-wide averages (index scores of 58 and 59 respectively).

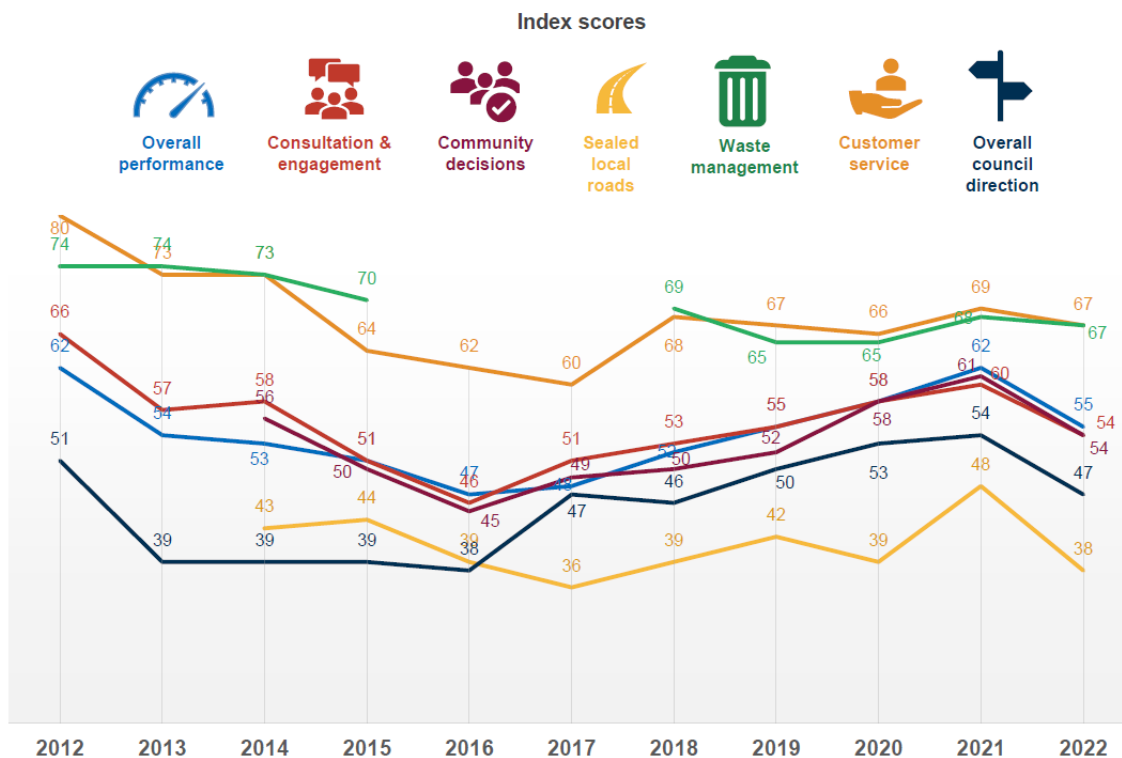
Across the vast majority of service areas, Buloke Shire Council's performance is in line with Small Rural group and State-wide averages. COVID-19 response is the area where Council rates significantly higher than both averages. On both sealed and unsealed roads, Council performs significantly lower than both averages.

Council's best performing areas were Council's COVID-19 Response, Recreational Facilities and appearance of public areas.

Whilst the poorest performing areas were again deemed unsealed roads and sealed roads.

A graphic representation of the summary of core measures, included in the survey report, is included below.

Summary of core measures



RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable.

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

Not applicable.

OPTIONS

Not applicable.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Results of the survey may be used to inform decisions around sustainability.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A telephone survey was conducted by JWS Research, who contacted random residents on behalf of Council, that were 18 years or above, residing in Buloke Shire. Council advertised the approaching survey in local newspaper advertisements, on radio spots and on social media in the weeks leading up to the survey which was conducted in February of this year.

The results of the survey will be communicated with the public.

INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

In noting this report, Council may consider future actions against results of the survey.

Council also received a briefing from JWS Research to review and understand the data that the survey results revealed.

COLLABORATION

The Executive Management Team collaborated with the Department Jobs Precincts and Regions and JWS research in preparation of the survey.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY

The cost of conducting the survey was as per the budget allocation made in Council's Annual Budget 2021-22.

REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

COUNCIL PLANS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

TRANSPARENCY OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

Participation in the State-wide Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is optional.

Participating Councils have various choices as to the content of the questionnaire and the sample size to be surveyed, depending on their individual strategic, financial and other considerations

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

I, Travis Fitzgibbon, have no conflict to declare in relation to this report.

8.5 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Report from Mayor Daryl Warren Jeffcott Ward

10/6/22	Loddon Campaspe Mayors/CEO Meeting (Zoom)
11/6/22	Filipino Independence Day Celebration Horsham
15/6/22	Peter Walsh MP visit
	CEO/Mayor catch up
	CEO Review
	Council Briefing
16/6/22	Loddon Mallee Waste Group Final Dinner
17/6/22	Loddon Mallee Waste Group Final meeting Bendigo
21/6/22	Donald 2000 Meeting
22/6/22	Meals on Wheels Donald
	CEO/Mayor catch up
	Birchip Civic Centre Masterplan Public meeting
23/6/22	ABC Radio interview
24/6/22	MAV State Council Melbourne
27/6/22	Buloke Tourism Board meeting
28/6/22	FlowFM interview
29/6/22	CEO/Mayor catch up
	Council meeting (Budget)
4/7/22	Charlton RSL Launch of Expo
6/7/22	Donald Men's Shed AGM
	CEO/Mayor catch up
	Council Briefing
8/7/22	WDA Census Briefing via Zoom
13/7/22	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 CR DAVID VIS - RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL**

Author's Title: Councillor Getley

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/09/01

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Notice of Motion is to acknowledge the resignation of Cr David Vis, effective 30 June 2022, and to express Council's appreciation to David for his dedication and service by representing the residents and ratepayers of the Mallee Ward on the Council.

David has been a passionate and valuable link for the people of the Mallee Ward to the Buloke Shire Council.

MOTION:

That Council write to David Vis to acknowledge his resignation effective 30 June 2022 and express Council's appreciation to him for his dedication and service to the Buloke Shire Council and in particular representing the residents and ratepayers of the Mallee Ward.

MOVED: CR ALAN GETLEY

SECONDED: CR DAVID POLLARD

CARRIED.

(R073/22)

Attachments: Nil

9.2 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**9.2.1 CR DAVID POLLARD – TRACTOR – FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

Cr Pollard made mention of tractors getting a bit old with excessive hours of usage and losing reliability, and enquired what is the fleet replacement program for this plant?

Acting Director Works and Technical Services advised the Question will be taken on notice.

9.3 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

9.4 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**9.4.1 INTERSTATE TRAVEL - CR MILNE**

Author's Title: Executive Assistant

Department: Office of the CEO

File No: GO/06/11

PURPOSE

In accordance with Council's Expenses Policy adopted August 2020, proposed interstate travel of Councillors, requires the approval of the Council.

Cr Milne has indicated he is seeking approval from the Council to travel interstate to represent the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association at the Adelaide Caravan and Camping Show at the end of July 2022.

SUMMARY

Cr Milne, at a Statutory Meeting held 10 November 2021, was appointed as a Council delegate for the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association (WMTA).

Cr Milne has advised of his intention to represent the WMTA at the Adelaide Caravan and Camping show on the days of 29, 30 and 31 of July 2022.

Cr Milne will be a guest of the Limestone Coast for this event and has indicated that all expenses incurred will be covered predominantly by WMTA and the balance by himself.

MOTION:

That Council approve the interstate travel for Cr Milne to attend the Adelaide Caravan and Camping Show on 29, 30 and 31 of July 2022.

MOVED: CR DAVID POLLARD

SECONDED: CR ALAN GETLEY

CARRIED.

(R074/22)

Attachments: Nil

10. MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.