



29 March 2017

To Councillor,
"as addressed"

NOTICE is hereby given that an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at the Council Chambers, 92 Nelson St, Nhill on Wednesday 5 April 2017, commencing at **3.00pm**.

Anne Champness
Acting Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

1. **Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4. **Declaration of Interests**

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7.1 Record of Assembly

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10. Special Committees

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- 10.2 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum
- 10.3 Yurunga Homestead Committee

11. Late Reports

No report

12. Other Business

No report

13. Confidential Matters

- 13.1 2017 Volunteering Recognition Awards
- 13.2 Capital Works Program Amendment

14. Meeting Close

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

We acknowledge the Shire's Indigenous community as the first owners of this country. We recognise the important ongoing role that indigenous people have in our community and pay our respects to their elders and people both living and past.

Opening Prayer

*Dear Lord,
We humbly request your blessing upon this Council and welcome your guiding presence among us.*

May our decisions be taken wisely and in good faith, to your glory and the true welfare of the citizens of the Hindmarsh Shire.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 in the Health and Fitness Centre, Dimboola as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

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4. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- Direct; or
- Indirect interest
 - a) by close association;
 - b) that is an indirect financial interest;
 - c) because of conflicting duties;
 - d) because of receipt of an applicable gift;
 - e) as a consequence of becoming an interested party; or
 - f) because of an impact on residential amenity.

Declaration of direct or indirect interest must also be advised by Councillors at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence

7. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

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Introduction:

The attached Assembly of Councillors Record is presented as an attachment to the Council agenda for the information of Councillors and recorded at the Council meeting as required under s80A Local Government Act 1989.

Options:

1. That Council accept the Assembly of Councillors Records as presented.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the Assembly of Councillors Records as presented.

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8. PLANNING PERMITS

8.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT 1548-17

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications – 1548-17
Assessment:	016229
Attachment:	3
Applicant:	Action Steel Industries P/L
Owner:	Matthew Staples
Subject Land:	CA42 Parish of Werrap (751 Rainbow-Nhill Road, Rainbow)
Proposal:	Construction of a farm shed
Zoning & Overlays:	Farming Zone Land Subject to Inundation Overlay
Attachments:	Plan

Summary:

The subject site is located on the south side of the Rainbow-Nhill Road and west of Dunn Road. The property has an area of 194.2 hectares and contains a dwelling and various shedding. Adjoining land is used for farming purposes.

It is proposed to erect a farm shed with dimensions of 32m x 18m x 6m for hay storage. The shed is to be located 465m south of the frontage and 315m from the west boundary of the property.

Under the Farming Zone, a planning permit is not required to construct a farm shed if the building is setback certain distances from boundaries. In this instance the proposed shed position easily satisfies these thresholds so there is no permit 'trigger' under the zoning. A planning permit is, however, required as the shed position is within a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO). Any proposed building on land covered by a LSIO triggers the requirement for a planning permit. The purpose of the control is to minimise potential flood damage.

The application was referred to Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (WCMA) due to the LSIO. The authority did not object to the application.

The Hindmarsh Planning Scheme encourages a strengthening of the agricultural sector whilst seeking to minimise adverse environmental outcomes from weather events. The proposal is consistent with these planning objectives.

Notification & Referral of Application:

Pursuant to Sections 52 and 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act), notice of the application can be given to the community and must be referred to stipulated authorities.

Community:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, Council is required to give notice of this application to any person it considers the grant of the permit may cause material detriment. Notice of this application was not given as the only permit trigger relates to the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

Authorities:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, notice of this application was not sent to any authorities due to the nature of what is proposed.

Pursuant to Section 55 of the Act, notice of this application was sent to the WCMA and the authority did not object and did not require permit conditions.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

Report to Council:

The Town Planner advises that all obligations of Council (strategic, statutory and procedural) have been addressed and discharged in this planning application.

Processing Times:

The application was received on the 21 February 2017. The report is being presented to the Council meeting of 5 April 2017. The statutory processing time requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have been satisfied.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Adrian Gasperoni, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Peter Jewell, Town Planner

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve Planning Application 1548-17 allowing a Planning Permit for the construction of a farm shed at CA 42 Parish of Werrap (751 Rainbow-Nhill Road, Rainbow). The Planning Permit shall be issued with the following conditions:

1. Endorsed Plan:

The location and design of the development as shown on the endorsed plans shall not be altered or modified, whether or not in order to comply with any statute or statutory rule or local law or any other reason without the consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. Permit Lapse/Extension:

The time for commencement of the development is within two years from the date of issue of the permit and the development works are to be completed within two years of the commencement of the permit. An extension of time for the development may be issued if application is made less than three months after the date on which the permit would have lapsed.

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8.2 **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT 1551-17**

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications – 1551-17
Assessment:	024980
Attachment:	4
Applicant:	Kaylene Pietsch
Owner:	Kaylene Pietsch
Subject Land:	Lot 3, LP 16460 (87 Lloyd Street, Dimboola)
Proposal:	Alterations to a building
Zoning & Overlays:	Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z) Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 6 (ESO6) Heritage Overlay – Schedule 34 (HO34)
Attachments:	Application documents

Summary:

The subject site is located on the west side of Lloyd Street approximately 80m north of Wimmera Street. The site is developed with a two storey shop building. The ground floor is occupied by a hairdressing salon. The front façade exhibits many original period features. The shop is in a row of similar buildings.

The property is located within the central core retail area of Dimboola. This area is covered by Heritage Overlay – Schedule 34 which relates to central Dimboola. The immediate streetscape exhibits a range of building styles some dating back 120 years. A notable feature of the streetscape is the front verandahs which extend to the curb. They provide excellent weather protection.

The verandah on the site has previously been modified and is in now in need of repair. The rafters are in poor condition and the verandah roof has gaps such that in heavy rainfall it leaks. Council has provided a grant to the landowner to undertake repairs.

Under the Heritage Overlay a planning permit is required for any external building modifications. The Heritage Overlay seeks to protect against inappropriate development and protect contributing heritage fabric from demolition. The heritage value of the Dimboola main commercial area comprises many elements. These include the integrity of buildings, the shopfronts, streetscape values and the prominence of verandahs.

Approval of the application will allow for a refurbished verandah that will contribute in a positive manner to the heritage place.

The Hindmarsh Planning Scheme encourages investment in town centres and sensitive redevelopment within heritage places. The proposal is consistent with these objectives.

Notification & Referral of Application:

Pursuant to Sections 52 and 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act), notice of the application must be given to the community and referred to stipulated authorities.

Community:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, Council is required to give notice of this application to any person it considers the grant of the permit may cause material detriment. Notice of this

application was not required due to the exemption provided for by Clause 43.01-3.

Authorities:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, notice of this application was not required.

Pursuant to Section 55 of the Act, referral of this application was not required.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

Report to Council:

The Town Planner advises that all obligations of Council (strategic, statutory and procedural) have been addressed and discharged in this planning application.

Processing Times:

The application was received on 10 March 2017. The report is being presented to the Special Planning Committee meeting of 5 April 2017. The statutory processing time requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have been satisfied.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Adrian Gasperoni, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Peter Jewell, Town Planner

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve Planning Application 1551-17 allowing buildings and works to a building at Lot 3, LP 16460 (87 Lloyd Street, Dimboola). The Planning Permit shall be issued with the following conditions:

1. Endorsed Plan:

The layout of the use and development for the land as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. Permit Lapse/Extension:

The time for commencement of the development is within two years from the date of issue of the permit and the development works are to be completed within two years of the commencement of the permit.

An extension of time for the development may be issued if application is made less than three months after the date on which the permit would have lapsed.

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8.3 **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT 1546-17**

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications – 1546-17
Assessment:	200242
Attachment:	5
Applicant:	Prime Planning
Owner:	Steven Clark
Subject Land:	CA 68 Parish of Kiata, (Western Highway, Kiata)
Proposal:	Construction of a 40m high lattice telecommunications tower
Zoning & Overlays:	Farming Zone (FZ) No Overlays

Summary:

The subject site is located on the south side of the Western Highway approximately 500m west of the township of Kiata. The site has a frontage of 808m and an area of 93 hectares. The land is used for farming purposes. A telecommunications tower with a height of approximately 28m is presently positioned adjacent the eastern boundary approximately 460m from the frontage.

The proposal seeks planning permission to erect a 40m high monopole supporting communications equipment. The facility will be part of the Vodafone national network. The tower will be located within a secure compound that will house telecommunications equipment. Access to the proposed tower site will be via the existing internal access driveway.

The co-location of the tower with the existing tower was examined but considered not feasible, as the existing tower does not have sufficient height for 'line of sight'. Another telecommunications carrier will continue to operate from the existing tower. The proposed tower is 105m west of the existing tower.

The tower will improve communications services within the district. Reliable communications facilities are a vital component of contemporary society. The tower position should not detract from any scenic or cultural values of the Kiata.

The Hindmarsh Planning Scheme promotes improvements in services. The proposal is consistent with this policy directive.

Notification & Referral of Application:

Pursuant to Sections 52 and 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act), notice of the application can be given to the community and must be referred to stipulated authorities.

Community:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, Council is required to give notice of this application to any person it considers the grant of the permit may cause material detriment. Notice of this application was given and no objections were received.

Authorities:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, notice of this application was not sent to any authorities due to the nature of what is proposed.

Pursuant to Section 55 of the Act, notice of this application was not required to be sent.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

Report to Council:

The Town Planner advises that all obligations of Council (strategic, statutory and procedural) have been addressed and discharged in this planning application.

Processing Times:

The application was received on 31 January 2017. The application was advertised with no submissions being received. The report is being presented to the Council meeting of 5 April 2017. The statutory processing time requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have been satisfied.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Adrian Gasperoni, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Peter Jewell, Town Planner

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Recommendation:

That Council approve Planning Application 1546-17 allowing a Planning Permit for the erection of a Telecommunications tower at CA 68, Parish of Kiata (Western Highway, Kiata) Planning Permit shall be issued with the following conditions:

1. Endorsed Plan:

The location and design of the development as shown on the endorsed plans shall not be altered or modified, whether or not in order to comply with any statute or statutory rule or local law or any other reason without the consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. Engineering and Planning Scheme Requirements:

2.1 Any new access is to be constructed to a location and standard as required by the Responsible Authority (Director Infrastructure Services) at the cost to the developer.

2.2 The drainage from the development must be directed away from the structure and dissipated overland.

3. Removal when no longer in use:

When the tower is no longer used for telecommunications purposes the structure and related equipment are to be removed from the subject site within twelve months of the cessation of use.

4. Permit Lapse/Extension:

The time for commencement of the development is within two years from the date of issue of the permit and the development works are to be completed within two years of

the commencement of the permit. An extension of time for the development may be issued if application is made less than three months after the date on which the permit would have lapsed.

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8.4 **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT 1547-17**

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications – 1547-17
Assessment:	074780
Attachment:	6
Applicant:	Tim Inkster
Owner:	Tim Inkster
Subject Land:	CA2, LP 95154 (1777 Dimboola-Rainbow Road, Antwerp)
Proposal:	Construction of a dwelling
Zoning & Overlays:	Farming Zone Environmental Significance Overlay (Schedule 3 & 6) Land Subject to Inundation

Summary:

The subject site is located on the west side of the Dimboola-Rainbow Road approximately 19 kilometres north of Dimboola. The property is an irregular shaped rural land parcel with an area of 42.6 hectares. The western boundary of the site adjoins the Wimmera River. The site is used for farming purposes as is adjacent land. At the western edge of the site adjacent the Wimmera River is a derelict small stone cottage.

The applicant seeks to rebuild the cottage and erect an extension and shed. The extent of building is modest.

Under the Farming Zone, a planning permit is not required to construct a dwelling if the land has an area of 40 hectares or more and various servicing requirements are satisfied. In this instance the property is greater than 40 hectares so there is no permit 'trigger' under the zoning (provided servicing elements are satisfied). A planning permit is required as the land is within two Environmental Significance Overlays and the dwelling will rely upon a septic system. Any proposal that creates 'waste waters' (i.e. relies on a septic system) triggers the requirement for a planning permit under the Overlay provisions. The purpose of the control is to protect the catchments of wetlands of conservation value by means of regulating ground water quality. In addition, the cottage is within a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO). Any building development within a LSIO requires planning approval with a mandatory referral to the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority (WCMA).

The application was referred to WCMA due to the overlay controls. The authority did not object to the application. The application was also referred to Council's Environmental Health Officer (EHO) and Infrastructure Department. Both departments have recommended permit conditions.

The Hindmarsh Planning Scheme encourages diversification of housing opportunities whilst seeking to protect the environment. The proposal is consistent with these planning objectives.

Notification & Referral of Application:

Pursuant to Sections 52 and 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act), notice of the application can be given to the community and must be referred to stipulated authorities.

Community:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, Council is required to give notice of this application to any

person it considers the grant of the permit may cause material detriment. Notice of this application was not given as the only permit trigger relates to the Environmental Significance Overlay and Land Subject to Inundation Overlay.

Authorities:

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Act, notice of this application was not sent to any authorities due to the nature of what is proposed.

Pursuant to Section 55 of the Act, notice of this application was sent to the WCMA and the authority did not object.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies.

Report to Council:

The Town Planner advises that all obligations of Council (strategic, statutory and procedural) have been addressed and discharged in this planning application.

Processing Times:

The application was received on the 20 February 2017. The report is being presented to the Council meeting of 5 April 2017. The statutory processing time requirements of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 have been satisfied.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Adrian Gasperoni, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Peter Jewell, Town Planner

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve Planning Application 1547-17 allowing a Planning Permit for the construction of a dwelling at CA2, LP 95154 (1777 Dimboola-Rainbow Road, Antwerp). The Planning Permit shall be issued with the following conditions:

1. Endorsed Plan:

The location and design of the development as shown on the endorsed plans shall not be altered or modified, whether or not in order to comply with any statute or statutory rule or local law or any other reason without the consent of the Responsible Authority.

2. The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated sewerage system or if not available, the waste water must be treated and retained on-site in accordance with the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) under the Environment Protection Act 1970.

3. The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated potable water supply or have an

alternative potable water supply with adequate storage for domestic use as well as for fire-fighting purposes.

4. The dwelling must be connected to a reticulated electricity supply or have an alternative energy source.

Council Infrastructure Requirements:

5. A drainage assessment was performed and it was deemed that:

- The legal point of discharge (LPD) for the development is internally within the property; and***
- No storm water from the development must flow overland across the property's boundary.***

6. A road opening permit is required for any works in the road reserve. Please refer to attachment for LPD and easement details.

7. Permit Lapse/Extension:

The time for commencement of the development is within two years from the date of issue of the permit and the development works are to be completed within two years of the commencement of the permit. An extension of time of the development may be issued if application is made less than three months after the date on which the permit would have lapsed.

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9. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

9.1 WIMMERA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION CONTRACT

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 7

Introduction:

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with information regarding the Wimmera Development Association (WDA) membership renewal and seek Council's continued commitment to the Association through a three year membership agreement.

Discussion:

Wimmera Development Association (WDA) is the peak economic development organisation for the Wimmera Southern-Mallee region supporting existing local businesses, and promoting economic development opportunities to investors.

Eight (8) municipalities were instrumental in the establishment of the Wimmera Development Association. Initial discussions commenced in May 1989, which included Lowan Shire and Shire of Dimboola representatives. Wimmera Development Association was officially formed in 1991. Hindmarsh Shire Council has been a proactive supporter of WDA since amalgamation and continues to receive benefits from the membership across economic development projects and initiatives at a local and regional level.

In its 25th year of operation, WDA is a vital link between industry and government; lobbying for improved regional infrastructure, and advocating for regional priority issues. Wimmera Development Association is fortunate to have ACE Radio Broadcasters as a valued patron, and the generous support of GWMWater.

Some of the major projects that have been spearheaded by WDA over the past three years include:

- Wimmera Weather Radar
- Protein Extraction Project
- Intensive Livestock Model Planning Scheme Tool
- Wimmera Business Awards (2014 and 2016)
- Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Investment Plan
- Leadership Wimmera
- Regional Settlement Program, including JellyBean Playgroup and Homework Club
- Wimmera Internship Program
- Building Resilience in Farming
- Wimmera Southern Mallee Dry Seasonal Conditions Committee
- Wimmera Indigenous Tourism Project
- Grampians Regional Cycling Tracks and Trails Master Plan

Wimmera Development Association has been a strong supporter of Council's initiatives and has assisted in advocating on specific issues such as migration and settlement funding, mobile black spots, and supporting Wimmera Mallee Tourism.

Council has also been an active supporter of WDA through staff graduates through the Wimmera Leadership Program, participating in the Wimmera Internship Program and collaborating on the Regional Settlement Program.

The proposal for Council's three year commitment to WDA includes a financial contribution of \$42,955 and increasing with CPI in years two and three. The commitment also includes representation on the WDA Board of Management. Hindmarsh Shire Council is represented through a Councillor, Chief Executive Officer and a community representative at board level.

Membership of WDA allows Council to actively participate in regionally significant projects in an effective and efficient manner. Without WDA, Wimmera councils would not have the economies of scale to produce, coordinate and implement such strategic projects that have contributed to the liveability and sustainability of the Wimmera.

Options

Council can choose to commit to the proposed three year funding agreement with Wimmera Development Association or not.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns
Strategic Objective 3.2 A thriving tourism industry

Financial Implications:

Council will require a long-term multiple year budget allocation based on the following figures, taken from the Wimmera Development Association proposed contract (attachment 5).

2017/18	\$42,955
2018/19	\$42,955 + CPI
2019/20	2018/19 figure + CPI

Risk Management Implications:

The risk implications of the financial contribution to WDA are minimal as they are providing economies of scale to regional projects and investment.

Each project coordinated by WDA will have its own risk management procedure and will be managed by WDA project officers and project steering committees.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Greg Wood, Chief Executive Officer

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Katherine Colbert, Economic Development Coordinator

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

The WDA will be informed in accordance with the decision made. If the recommendation is endorsed by Council, it will be at the discretion of WDA to communicate the renewed commitment of Hindmarsh Shire and other Wimmera councils to stakeholders and the community.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council commit to a three year contract supporting Wimmera Development Association in its regional economic and social development initiatives, including a financial commitment each year of \$42,955 plus compounding CPI and board representation by a Councillor, the Chief Executive Officer and a community representative.

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9.2 REFUGEE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL JOURNEY OF THE WELCOME SCROLL

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments: 8

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information regarding the Refugee Council of Australia's National Journey of the Welcome Scroll and seek support of the project through signing the scroll and promoting the initiative at a local level.

Discussion:

The National Journey of the Welcome Scroll is a joint project of the Refugee Council of Australia, Refugee Welcome Zone Councils and Rural Australians for Refugees. As part of the Rural Australians for Refugees National Conference in September 2016, a new initiative was launched jointly by Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) and the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA). The National Journey of the Welcome Scroll project sees the creation of an old-fashioned scroll that will travel around Australia on a 'road trip' as an expression of welcome and inclusion across the nation.

The welcome scroll is an over-sized item with turned wooden handles that will function as a 'baton' or 'torch', and will travel around Australia to Refugee Welcome Zones. It is anticipated that the welcome scroll will be endorsed by representatives of all Local Governments who have chosen to become Refugee Welcome Zones.

A Refugee Welcome Zone is a Local Government Area which has made a commitment in spirit to welcoming refugees into the community, upholding the human rights of refugees, demonstrating compassion for refugees and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in the community. The Refugee Welcome Zone initiative began in June 2002 as part of Refugee Week celebrations.

This public commitment is also an acknowledgment of the tremendous contributions refugees have made to Australian society in the fields of medicine, science, engineering, sport, education and the arts. By making this Declaration, it is hoped that local government will be encouraged in their continuing efforts to support the men, women and children who make the difficult journey to Australia to seek our protection.

Hindmarsh Shire Council has been a Refugee Welcome Zone since 17 September 2014, coinciding with the launch of the Karen Community Action Plan.

The national project will visit a number of rural communities in its travels, but cannot physically visit each Refugee Welcome Zone. The scheduled route has not been confirmed or publicised to date. Due to this, the Refugee Council of Australia has requested that all councils support the project by providing the council logo and a copy of the Mayor's signature. An example of the scroll and council acknowledgement is provided in Attachment 8. The Scroll's journey will confirm Council's commitment to welcome refugees into our communities.

Hindmarsh Shire has been an incredible success story of positive refugee resettlement and continues to provide best practice principles and models for other rural communities. In addition to signing the scroll, Council would be invited to promote the National Journey of the Welcome Scroll through its communication channels. Council's Facebook page, website, community newsletter and local media will be utilised to achieve a high-level awareness of the

scroll and the work of the Refugee Council of Australia.

Options

Council can choose to support the National Journey of the Welcome Scroll by providing Council's logo and the Mayor's signature or not.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 1.1	An actively engaged community
Strategic Objective 1.1.5	Support integration of migrants into the community
Strategic Objective 3.1	A strong rural economy and thriving towns

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications from supporting the Refugee Council of Australia's National Journey of the Welcome Scroll.

Risk Management Implications:

The risk implications of this initiative are minimal as the Refugee Council of Australia is a national organisation who will be coordinating the event alongside the Refugee Welcome Zone Councils and Rural Australians for Refugees.

Reputational risk for supporting such an initiative is marginal and unjustified.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Anne Champness, Director Corporate & Community Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Katherine Colbert, Economic Development Coordinator

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Supporting the National Journey of the Welcome Scroll will include promoting the scroll and its journey to the local community. Council's Facebook page, website, community newsletter and local media will be utilised to achieve a high-level awareness of the scroll and the work of the Refugee Council of Australia.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council supports the Refugee Council of Australia's National Journey of the Welcome Scroll by providing Council's logo, an electronic copy of the Mayor's signature for placement on the scroll and local promotion of the initiative.

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9.3 BITUMINOUS SURFACING PROGRAM – CONTRACT 2013/14-25

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Introduction:

This report seeks Council approval to exercise a 12 month extension to Contract 2013/14-25 for the Bituminous Surfacing Program with InRoads Pty Ltd.

Discussion:

In 2013, the Wimmera Regional Procurement Excellence Network (WRPEN) has undertaken a collaborative tender process on behalf of Hindmarsh Shire Council and four other Wimmera councils to find a single contractor to deliver the region's bituminous surfacing program over three years with an option of two one year extensions.

Council chose to accept the recommendation of the WRPEN, accepted Inroads Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer and awarded Contract 2013/14-25 to Inroads Pty Ltd back in August 2014.

At the conclusion of the three years, Council officers have met with the other member councils of the WRPEN and reviewed the current contractual arrangements. Following the review, officers of the five councils agreed that they would look to exercise the option of at least 12 months, with two councils considering a further two year option.

The bituminous surfacing contract extension of one year would see Inroads Pty Ltd continue on as Council's preferred contractor for the surfacing works for the 2017/18 financial year.

Hindmarsh Shire Council, along with Horsham Rural City Council, Northern Grampians Shire Council, West Wimmera Shire Council and Yarriambiack Shire Council spend upwards of \$4.0million on bituminous surfacing annually. Historically, prior to the collaborative approach, each council has undertaken its own individual tender/contract process.

Through the WRPEN, a collaborative procurement venture was undertaken to see whether savings could be achieved by the five councils working together to secure a bulk contract. The successful tenderer was Inroads Pty Ltd. Council supported the recommendations of the WRPEN and awarded Contract 2013/14-25 to Inroads Pty Ltd in August 2014.

Over the previous three financial years since the contract award, Council has received better competitive rates, hence greater savings due to the collaboration with the other four councils. Financially, Council has benefitted through the WRPEN contract, though there have been some technical and product issues over the past three years.

As part of the recent review between the WRPEN and InRoads, several issues have been discussed and resolved. All issues identified in previous years should now be rectified.

If Council chooses to exercise the first of 12 month contract extensions, Council will be working closely with InRoads to ensure a better product is delivered to Council which will result in longer lasting bitumen surfaces, leading to higher quality roads. The closer collaboration and prices Council currently receives from Inroads make the contract extension of 12 months the best option for Council at this time.

Options:

Council is required to either extend its contract with Inroads for 12 months in line with the other four councils in the WRPEN, or start a tender process and begin looking for a new contractor

to supply bituminous surfacing to the Council.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 2.1 Well maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.

Financial Implications:

The rates offered for the first three years of the contract by the preferred tenderer have represented an average saving of 10 – 15% on anticipated costs that Council would have achieved via independent tendering, hence providing Council the ability to undertake more of our resurfacing program.

Over the three years of the contract, Council has spent the following amounts:

2014/2015	\$699,197.81
2015/2016	\$476,022.06
2016/2017	\$1,039,913.60

It is expected that 2017/2018 will see expenditure of approximately \$800,000.

The Contract extension is for one year, with the option for another 12 month extension. A similar review process is proposed prior to the 2018 – 19 program.

Risk Management Implications:

If the contract is not closely monitored by Council, there is opportunity for poor service levels.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80c of the Local Government Act 1989 officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, *including the type* of interest.

Officer Responsible – Adrian Gasperoni, Director Infrastructure Services

In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Aaron Huttig, Infrastructure Engineer

In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Council's decision on this matter will be communicated to InRoads.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. exercise the first of 12 month contract extensions under Contract 2013/14-25 with Inroads Pty Ltd; and**
- 2. together with the other WRPEN member councils, review Contract 2013/14 with InRoads Pty Ltd prior to the 2018 – 19 program.**

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment: 9

Introduction:

The Dimboola Town Committee held its Meeting on 6 March 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the minutes of the Dimboola Town Committee Meeting on 6 March 2016.

Attachment: 9

10.2 WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment: 10

Introduction:

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum held its Meeting on 21 February 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Meeting on 21 February 2017.

Attachment: 10

10.2 YURUNGA HOMESTEAD COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment: 11

Introduction:

The Yurunga Homestead Committee held its Meeting on 16 February 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the minutes of the Yurunga Homestead Committee Meeting on 16 February 2017.

Attachment: 11

11. LATE REPORTS

No report

12. OTHER BUSINESS

13. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Section 89 (2) of the *Local Government Act* 1989, Council may close the meeting to the public if items to be discussed are deemed confidential, that is, if the items to be discussed relate to:

- (a) Personnel matters;
- (b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) Industrial matters;
- (d) Contractual matters;
- (e) Proposed developments;
- (f) Legal advice;
- (g) Matters affecting the security of Council property;
- (h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) a resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider (h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person and (a) Contractual matters;

13.1 2017 Volunteering Recognition Awards

13.2 Bituminous Surfacing Program – Contract 2013/14-25

14. MEETING CLOSE