



22 February 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 Street, Nhill on Wednesday 1 March 2017, commencing at **3.00pm**.

Greg Wood  
Chief Executive Officer

## AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Confirmation of Minutes

4. Declaration of Interests

5. Public Question Time

6. Correspondence

7. Assembly of Councillors

7.1 Record of Assembly

**8. Planning Permit Reports**

No report

**9. Reports Requiring a Decision**

9.1 Jeparit Anglers Club – Funding Consideration

**10. Special Committees**

- 10.1 Jeparit Town Committee
- 10.2 Yurunga Homestead Committee
- 10.3 Rainbow Town Committee

**11. Late Reports**

No report

**12. Other Business**

No report

**13. Confidential Matters**

No report

**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 February 2017 in the Council Chamber, Jeparit as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.***

*Attachment: 1*

**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

**Attachment:** 2

**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.***

*Attachment: 2*

**8. PLANNING PERMITS**

No report

**9. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION**

**9.1 JEPARIT ANGLERS CLUB – FUNDING CONSIDERATION**

**Responsible Officer:** Director of Corporate and Community Services

**Attachment:** 3-5

**Introduction:**

The Jeparit Anglers Clubs seeks Council's consideration of annual funding to support the Easter Saturday Fishing Competition in Jeparit.

**Discussion:**

The Jeparit Anglers Club has written to Council seeking to obtain annual funding to assist in the facilitation of their Annual Easter Fishing Competition. As Community Action Grants are only available to community groups on a bi-annual basis the Jeparit Anglers Club is ineligible for funding this financial year, however, the club will be eligible to apply for funds again in 2017/18 for the 2018 Easter Fishing Competition. The club received \$500.00 funding from the Regional Community Events (Art and Culture) budget in 2014/2015 and had a successful Community Action Grant of \$500.00 in the 2015/16 financial year.

The Jeparit Anglers Club requests that Council reconsider the criteria for the Community Action Grants (CAG) and separate annual events from one-off events. The Club argues that the Jeparit Community Plan refers to the "continued support of the Jeparit Annual Fishing Competition" and requests Council to support the event annually.

Community Action Grants were established to support communities and to provide financial support to groups meeting the outlined criteria and eligible to apply for a grant. Given that Hindmarsh Shire has more than 100 clubs and community groups and a Community Action Grants budget of \$30,000.00 it is not possible to support all these groups financially. However, Council officers forward information about external funding opportunities to clubs and community groups on our Clubs and Organisations register when and as they become available.

The issue of funding for recurring events is one encountered regularly not only by community groups but Council itself. State and Federal Governments as well as other funding bodies have restrictions similar to those on Council's CAG and limit the funding available for annual events. One of the most recent of these is the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Program which under the *Community Investments Stream* notes:

*"Local events and activities will only be eligible for funding under the program once. Funding under the program is intended as seed-funding to support an inaugural event or funding for a one-off expansion of an existing activity. Applicants will need to clearly outline in their applications their strategy to fund future and expanded events without Australian Government funding."*

Council's Events Sponsorship is similarly intended as seed-funding to allow community events to get off the ground. While most community events would benefit from an ongoing "operational subsidy", this is not the intent of the CAG, nor would it be within Council's financial capacity to provide such support for the large number of recurring community events. It is worth noting, however, that the Jeparit Fishing Competition stands out as a comparatively large and very successful regional event, attracting more than 1,000 people to the area.

**Options:**

Council can choose to review the Community Action Grants Program's eligibility criteria and categories, could provide one-off support from its Regional Community Events account, or decline to support the Easter Fishing Competition financially in 2016/17.

**Link to Council Plan:**

Jeparit Community Plan – Built and Natural Environment

- Increase and improved visitor experience through development of existing assets, e.g. Wimmera River/Lake Hindmarsh and Heritage based attractions e.g. WMPM and Menzies Square (p.12)

Jeparit Community Plan – Competitive and Innovative Economy

- Increased visitor numbers through better utilization and promotion of existing natural assets, e.g. Wimmera River/ Lake Hindmarsh, and heritage based attractions, e.g. WMPM and Menzies Square (p. 22)

**Financial Implications:**

Council's Community Action Grants Program budget currently has \$20,309.00 remaining, with round 3 applications to be considered at the Council meeting on 15 March 2017. Council's 2016/17 Budget contains a currently unspent allocation of \$2,000 under Regional Community Events Arts & Culture (ledger 10910).

**Risk Management Implications:**

Council's decision carries reputational and financial risks. To decline to support the Jeparit Anglers Club may lead to reputational damage but so may support for the event in the eyes of community groups unsuccessful with similar requests in the past. To support the event may also result in a substantial increase in similar requests that cannot be funded in Council's current financial environment. Risks of the event itself would be managed by the s Club.

**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 – Michelle Farinha, Community Development Officer

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

**Communications Strategy:**

Notify the Jeparit Angler Club of Council's decision.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council decline to support the Jeparit Anglers Club's Easter Fishing Competition financially in 2016/17, as the event does not meet the intent of Council's Community Action Grants Program - Events Sponsorship category to provide seed-funding for the establishment of community events.***

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## 10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

### 10.1 JEPARIT TOWN COMMITTEE

**Responsible Officer:** Director Corporate and Community Services  
**Attachment:** 6

**Introduction:**

The Jeparit Town Committee held its Meeting on 14 November 2016. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the notes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council note the minutes of the Jeparit Town Committee Meeting on 14 November 2016.***

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### 10.2 YURUNGA HOMESTEAD COMMITTEE

**Responsible Officer:** Director Corporate and Community Services  
**Attachment:** 7

**Introduction:**

The Yurunga Homestead Committee held its Meeting on 17 November 2016. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the notes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council note the minutes of the Yurunga Homestead Committee Meeting on 17 November 2016.***

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### 10.1 RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

**Responsible Officer:** Director Corporate and Community Services  
**Attachment:** 8

**Introduction:**

The Rainbow Town Committee held its Meeting on 23 January 2017. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from this meeting. A copy of the notes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

***That Council note the minutes of the Rainbow Town Committee Meeting on 23 January 2017.***

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**11. LATE REPORTS**

No report

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**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

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**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.

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**15. MEETING CLOSE**

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