



18 April 2018

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL HELD 18 APRIL 2018 AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NHILL COMMENCING AT 3.00PM.

MINUTES

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Confirmation of Minutes

4. Declaration of Interests

5. Public Question Time

6. Deputations

7. Activity Reports

8. Correspondence

9. Assembly of Councillors

9.1 Record of Assembly

10. Planning Permit Reports

No report

11. Reports Requiring a Decision

- 11.1 Rainbow-Nhill Road – heavy vehicle permitted use
- 11.2 Financial Report for the period ending 31 March 2018
- 11.3 Request to name an unnamed government road reserve and change of road name – Zanker Heritage Road and Reserve Road

12. Special Committees

- 12.1 Nhill Town Committee

13. Late Reports

No report

14. Other Business

No report

15. Confidential Matters

- 15.1 Youth Council 2018 - nomination for vacant East Ward position
- 15.2 Update on Recycling Impacts

16. Meeting Close

Present:

Crs R. Ismay (Mayor), R. Lowe (Deputy Mayor), T. Schneider, R. Gersch, D. Nelson, D. Colbert

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood, (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Mr Shane Power (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Shelley Gersch (Executive Assistant), Ms Sarah Dickinson (Administration Officer Infrastructure)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Cr Ismay opened the meeting at 3:00pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community and offering the opening prayer.

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 April 2018 in the Council Chamber, 92 Nelson Street Nhill, as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS R. Lowe/T. Schneider

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CARRIED

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.

Cr R. Ismay declared an indirect conflict of interest because of conflicting duties in item 11.1.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/T. Schneider

That Council brings item 11.1 forward to discuss now.

CARRIED

Cr R. Ismay declared a conflict of interest because of conflicting duties with his role on Rainbow P-12 School Council and left the room at 3:01pm.

Greg Wood, CEO called for nominations for an acting Chairperson.

MOVED: CRS D. Nelson/T. Schneider

That Cr R. Lowe is appointed as acting chairperson in Cr R. Ismay's absence.

CARRIED

11.1 RAINBOW-NHILL ROAD – HEAVY VEHICLE PERMITTED USE

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachment: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Introduction:

Signs restricting truck access on the Rainbow-Nhill Road, between the Rainbow township and Lorquon East Road, have been in place since 2012. Council installed the “No Truck” signs in response to community concern for potential conflicts with school buses and safety of school bus passengers.

Local farmers claim they are experiencing financial losses to their businesses, due to extended travel distances imposed by the road restrictions.

This report seeks Council approval to provide limited access along Rainbow-Nhill Road, to trucks associated with the local farming and business community through introducing a permit system.

Discussion:

Heavy vehicle road access

Road access for heavy vehicles in Victoria, is controlled by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), VicRoads and other road authorities such as local governments.

Nationally, two types of categories are applied to heavy vehicles with regard to access to the road network, General Access Vehicles and Restricted Access Vehicles.

General Access Vehicles (GAV) comply with mass and dimension requirements and do not require a notice or permit to operate on the road network. These vehicles have general access to the road network unless the road is sign-posted otherwise.

Restricted Access Vehicles (RAV) include Class 1, 2 or 3 vehicles that operate under a notice or permit and vehicles operating under higher mass limits (HML) that can generally only access certain parts of the road network (a vehicle that is not a GAV). Examples of Class 1, 2 and 3 vehicles are attached to this paper (attachment 3).

Unless otherwise signed, all vehicles other than Class 1, 2 and 3 have permission to use roads controlled by Council.

Schedule 12 (1) of the *Local Government Act, 1989*, provides Council power to:

“prohibit or restrict the use of a road by any motor vehicle of, or over, a certain size or weight.”

The main purpose of this Part is to restrict access to roads by heavy vehicles that, while complying with mass requirements and dimension requirements applying to them, may, because of their size:

- (a) endanger public safety; or
- (b) damage road infrastructure; or
- (c) adversely affect public amenity.

“No Truck” signs are considered Major Traffic Control Devices as per Schedule 1 of the *Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations, 2009*. Approval to install Major Traffic Control Devices such as “No Truck” signs must be sought from VicRoads.

Truck restrictions Rainbow-Nhill Road

The current “No Truck” signs located on the Rainbow-Nhill Road, between the Rainbow township and Lorquon East Road, apply to all vehicles with a weight greater than 4.5 tonnes. It is understood that these restrictions have been in place since June 2012.

The installation of “No Truck” signs on Rainbow-Nhill Road, is intended to reduce risk to passengers and pedestrians associated with school bus operations, servicing the Rainbow Primary School, by removing trucks from the section of road used by the bus service.

A number of representatives of the local farming community have stated that the current heavy vehicle restrictions on Rainbow-Nhill Road, add significant cartage costs when compared with transporting gypsum from quarries north of the Rainbow Township via the State C Class road network.

As an example, farmers or business owners travelling from Yanac to Rainbow, have an approximate added distance of between 11 - 33 kilometers (see attachment 4).

Proposal

Officers propose to extend restrictions for truck access to the road network to include:

- Yanac-Netherby Road (from Nhill-Yanac Road);
- Netherby Baker Road (from Yanac Netherby to Netherby Sth Road);
- Lorquon-Netherby Road (from Netherby Sth Road to Lorquon Station Road);
- Lorquon Station Road; and
- Lorquon East Road (from Watson Road to Nhill-Jeparit Road).

It is proposed that these roads be signed “No Trucks”, in addition to the existing restrictions in place on Rainbow-Nhill Road. A graphical representation of the proposal is attached (attachment 5).

It is further proposed that Council issues permits to heavy vehicles to gain access along the restricted routes on the following conditions:

- Permits to be issued to individuals or companies that provide evidence of local economic benefit;
- Permits to be issued to vehicles classified as General Access Vehicles only

(Restricted Access Vehicles must apply via the NHVR);

- Permits to be issued permitting use of road/s during specified times (to avoid conflict with school associated traffic); and
- Permits have a maximum effective period of three years.

Trucks denied a permit will be directed to the VicRoads C Class network.

Options:

Council may resolve to:

1. Extend the existing restricted truck road network and introduce a permit system as listed above;
2. Extend the existing restricted truck road network and introduce a permit system to alternate routes to that listed above; or
3. Keep the current restrictions in place with no additional roads to be restricted to trucks and no permit system to be introduced.

Link to Council Plan:

- 1.1.6 Continue to engage with our farming community on road and road related infrastructure maintenance and improvements.
- 2.1.3 Develop and prioritise detailed plans relating to new infrastructure, infrastructure upgrade and renewal (including roads, bridges, drains, footpaths and buildings) for each town.

Financial Implications:

Council has invested significantly in safety improvements of Rainbow-Nhill Road. This includes within the section where the current truck restrictions are, where approximately 5km of road were stabilised and widened at a cost of approximately \$1.1 million in 2012/2013, where approximately 5km was upgraded.

Council has listed approximately \$300,000 in year 2019/2020 of its long term capital works program for further safety works on a section of Rainbow-Nhill Road currently closed to trucks. The works are designed to extend asset life and increase safety by improving road alignments.

Officers have also submitted an application to the Local Roads to Market Program seeking funding from the State to contribute to road infrastructure projects including for a section of Rainbow-Nhill Road currently closed to trucks. If successful, construction works will be brought forward to next financial year and Council's contribution to the works will be reduced to approximately \$100,000.

Officers continue to monitor the condition of road infrastructure and report and act on any accelerated asset deterioration or safety concerns caused by heavy vehicle usage.

Risk Management Implications:

There is a risk that the extension of authorisation to additional heavy vehicular traffic may reduce safety for other road users including school buses, on the Rainbow-Nhill

Road.

To reduce this risk, it is proposed that permits issued to truck drivers will contain conditions such as restriction of hours of access to avoid traffic associated with student drop off and collection times.

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 – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author – Mike Coppins, Asset Manager

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

Communications Strategy:

Communication to date

The farming community has been consulted via engagement sessions titled ‘Farmer Consults’ and ‘Community Conversations’ as part of the 2018/2019 (and previous) budget consultation process. Farmers confirm their desire to have the truck restrictions on Rainbow-Nhill Road lifted for economic benefit to their businesses.

The Rainbow P-12 College was invited by way of letter (attachment 6) to provide comment on the proposal to extend the existing restricted truck road network and introduce a permit system. In a letter dated 16 March 2018 (attachment 7), the Rainbow P-12 College School Council expressed its ‘vehement opposition’ to the removal of truck restrictions on Rainbow Nhill Road citing:

“an increased risk to the students waiting or alighting from the bus, crossing the road as well as when they are travelling on the bus.”

The Wimmera Mallee Bus Service, which services the Rainbow P12 School, was invited by way of letter (attachment 8) to provide comment on the proposal to extend the existing restricted truck road network and introduce a permit system. The Wimmera Mallee Bus Service have expressed approval for the proposal, however have raised the following concerns/desires:

- Truck access be limited to outside of school bus operation hours on the Rainbow-Nhill Road; and
- Truck drivers be encouraged to display road sharing etiquette such as slowing down when approaching heavy vehicles.

Further Communication

Should Council resolve to exercise its powers under Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act, 1989*, to restrict road usage to trucks, Council must also invite submissions in accordance with section 223 of the Act by way of public notice.

The Rainbow Town Committee have also submitted a letter (attachment 9) Public consultation in the form of local and social media will be undertaken to inform the broader community of Council's decision.

Next Steps:

Should Council resolve to further restrict road usage to trucks as per the Officers recommendation, Officers will prepare an application to VicRoads to install additional "no truck" signs as per Council resolution and in accordance with VicRoads publication; *Additional Network Standards & Guidelines Part 2.2 – Authorisation of traffic control devices.*

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Continues the existing truck restrictions on Rainbow-Nhill Road;**
- 2. Introduces truck restrictions on:**
 - ***Yanac-Netherby Road (from Nhill-Yanac Road);***
 - ***Netherby Baker Road (from Yanac Netherby to Netherby Sth Road);***
 - ***Lorquon-Netherby Road (from Netherby Sth Road to Lorquon Station Road);***
 - ***Lorquon Station Road; and***
 - ***Lorquon East Road (from Watson Road to Nhill-Jeparit Road);***
- 3. Introduces a permit system that will consider truck access to heavy vehicles that are associated with local businesses to support the local economy outside of school bus hours;**
- 4. Encourages driver etiquette and road safety through relevant media channels and direct engagement with heavy vehicle operators; and**
- 5. Encourages movement of heavy vehicles from local roads to state controlled C class road network where possible.**

Cr Gersch foreshadowed the following motion:

That Council:

- 1. Removes current truck restrictions on Rainbow-Nhill Road;**
- 2. Encourages movement of heavy vehicles from local roads to state controlled C Class road networks where possible;**
- 3. Gives priority to works to upgrade Outlet Creek and Sandhill Corner;**
- 4. Requests officers to contact VicRoads to consider lowering the speed limit on relevant sections of the road; and**
- 5. Encourages driver etiquette and road safety through relevant media channels and direct engagement with heavy vehicle operators**

Members of the public gallery were invited to speak.

Mr Roy Dickinson and Mr Matthew Staples spoke.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/T. Schneider

That Council:

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CARRIED

Attachments: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions

6. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations

7. ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: MARCH 2018

Cr ISMAY, Mayor

Attended:

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| 01/03/2018 | Community consult Rainbow |
| 03/03/2018 | Rainbow enduro working bee |
| 04/03/2018 | Rainbow enduro working bee |
| 07/03/2018 | CEO / Mayor briefing |
| 07/03/2018 | Briefing meeting |
| 07/03/2018 | Council meeting Nhill |
| 07/03/2018 | Oasis meeting Rainbow |
| 09/03/2018 | Tour and dinner with skate park workers |
| 10/03/2018 | Wheels for Wirraway Fundraiser Nhill |
| 11/03/2018 | Working bee bunker site Rainbow |

13/03/2018 Community consult Broughton
13/03/2018 Community consult Woorak
13/03/2018 Meetings with Multicultural Commission
14/03/2018 Community consult Winiam
14/03/2018 Community consult Jeparit
14/03/2018 Vorra meeting Rainbow
15/03/2018 Yurunga meeting
20/03/2018 WMT Meeting Culgoa
20/03/2018 Nhill Community Consult
21/03/2018 CEO consult
21/03/2018 Briefing / Council Meeting Dimboola
21/03/2018 Dimboola Community Consult
23/03/2018 Mayoral gathering Lake Charliegrark and surrounds
23/03/2018 WMCMA Film night Albacutya
24/03/2018 Header Derby Keith S.A
26/03/2018 Rainbow Town Committee
27/03/2018 Meeting with CEO, Inspector and Sergeant of Police, Nhill

Cr LOWE, DEPUTY MAYOR

Attended:

01/03/2018 Community Conversations Meeting, Antwerp
01/03/2018 Community Conversations Meeting, Rainbow
07/03/2018 Council Briefing, Meeting, Nhill
13/03/2018 Community Conversations, Broughton
13/03/2018 Community Conversations, Woorak
14/03/2018 Community Conversations, Winiam
14/03/2018 Community Conversations, Jeparit
16/03/2018 BBQ Dinner with Youth Council, Little Desert Lodge
17/03/2018 South East Field Days, Lucindale
19/03/2018 Learning Centre and Neighbourhood House AGM, Rainbow
20/03/2018 WMPM Meeting, Jeparit
21/03/2018 Council Briefing, Meeting, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Community Conversations, Dimboola
31/03/2018 Karen Buddhist Water Festival, Nhill

Cr GERSCH

Attended:

07/03/2018 Briefing and Council meeting
07/03/2018 West Wimmera junior cricket windup
09/03/2018 RCV board meeting Melbourne
09/03/2018 Meeting with Roads Minister Luke Donellan
09/03/2018 Meeting with Skills Commissioner CEO
13/03/2018 Meeting with Multi Culture Commissioner
13/03/2018 WDA board meeting
20/03/2018 Meeting with Nhill Sporting Club

20/03/2018 Nhill community meeting
21/03/2018 Council meeting Dimboola
23/03/2018 Meeting with Minister Jaala Pulford Melbourne
26/03/2018 Inspection of big drain Nhill

Cr COLBERT

Attended:

07/03/2018 Council meeting and briefing, Nhill
20/03/2018 Nhill community meeting
21/03/2018 Council meeting and briefing, Dimboola
26/03/2018 Inspection of big drain Nhill

Cr NELSON

Attended:

01/03/2018 Community Conversations, Antwerp
06/03/2018 Working Bee installing murals, Dimboola
06/03/2018 Dimboola bowling club meeting, Dimboola
07/03/2018 Briefing meeting, Nhill
07/03/2018 Council meeting , Nhill
08/03/2018 Audit committee meeting, Nhill
08/03/2018 Walking track investigation, Dimboola
10/03/2018 Wheels for the Wirraway, Nhill
13/03/2018 Wimmera Development Association meeting, Longerenong College
20/03/2018 Wimmera River Advisory Committee, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Briefing meeting, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Council meeting, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Community Conversations, Dimboola

Cr SCHNEIDER

Attended:

05/03/2018 Dimboola Town Committee meeting
07/03/2018 Planning and Briefing meeting, Nhill
19/03/2018 Dimboola Memorial Secondary College School Council meeting,
Dimboola
21/03/2018 Planning and Briefing meeting, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Community Conversation, Dimboola

Cr R. Ismay returned to the room at 3:25pm and resumed the chair.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES: MARCH 2018

GREG WOOD, Chief Executive Officer:

Attended:

- 05/03/2018 Shared Services Meeting with consultant, Nhill
- 06/03/2018 Volunteered at movies, Nhill
- 07/03/2018 Mayor/CEO Meeting
- 07/03/2018 Briefing and Council meeting, Nhill
- 08/03/2018 Hindmarsh Shire Council Audit Committee
- 09/03/2018 Grampians Regional Partnerships and Inter Agency Executive Briefing, Ararat
- 13/03/2018 Community Conversation, Broughton
- 13/03/2018 Community Conversation, Woorak
- 13/03/2018 WDA Meeting, Horsham
- 14/03/2018 Community Conversation, Winiam
- 14/03/2018 Community Conversation, Jeparit
- 15/03/2018 LGPro CEO Forum, Melbourne
- 20/03/2018 Community Conversation, Nhill
- 21/03/2018 Mayor/CEO Meeting, Dimboola
- 21/03/2018 Briefing and Council meeting, Dimboola
- 21/03/2018 Community Conversation, Dimboola
- 27/03/2018 Meeting with Superintendent Margetts and Mayor, Nhill
- 29/03/2018 Corporate Firearms Licencing Fingerprinting, Horsham

SHANE POWER, Director Infrastructure Services:

Attended:

- 01/03/2018 Community Conversations, Antwerp
- 01/03/2018 Community Conversations, Rainbow
- 02/03/2018 Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Planning, Horsham
- 02/03/2018 Shared Services, Horsham
- 06/03/2018 Senior Management Team meeting, Nhill
- 06/03/2018 DELWP Wotjobaluk Cooperative Management Agreement, Horsham
- 07/03/2018 Council Briefing and Meeting, Nhill
- 08/03/2018 OHS Training, Horsham
- 09/03/2018 Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Transport Group, Horsham
- 13/03/2018 Community Conversations, Broughton
- 13/03/2018 Community Conversations, Woorak
- 14/03/2018 Senior Management Team Meeting, Nhill
- 14/03/2018 Community Conversations, Winiam
- 14/03/2018 Community Conversations, Jeparit
- 15/03/2018 Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Meeting, Nhill
- 16/03/2018 Wind Energy Commissioner Meeting with Grampians Stakeholders (teleconference), Nhill
- 19/03/2018 Nhill Township Committee Meeting, Nhill
- 20/03/2018 Local Government Bill Workshop, Horsham

20/03/2018 Wimmera River Dimboola Advisory Committee, Dimboola
20/03/2018 Nhill Football Club Meeting, Nhill
20/03/2018 Community Conversations, Nhill
21/03/2018 Council Briefing and Meeting, Dimboola
21/03/2018 Community Conversations, Dimboola
22/03/2018 Intensive Bystander Training, Ballarat
23/03/2018 MAV, Melbourne
26/03/2018 Nhill main drain inspection with West Ward Councillors, Nhill
27/03/2018 Senior Management Team Meeting, Nhill
29/03/2018 Depot Discussions, Dimboola

MONICA REVELL, Director Corporate and Community Services:

Attended:

01/03/2018 Community Conversation Antwerp
01/03/2018 Community Conversation Rainbow
05/03/2018 Shared Services Meeting with Byron Consulting
06/03/2018 Regional Shared Services Group Meeting
07/03/2018 Council Briefing
07/03/2018 Council Meeting
08/03/2018 Hindmarsh Shire Audit Committee Meeting
13/03/2018 Community Conversation Broughton
13/03/2018 Community Conversation Woorak
14/03/2018 SMT
14/03/2018 Community Conversation Winiam
14/03/2018 Community Conversation Jeparit
15/03/2018 MEMPC Meeting
16/03/2018 Meeting with Doc's General Store
20/03/2018 Local Government Bill Workshop
20/03/2018 Community Conversation Nhill
21/03/2018 Council Briefing
21/03/2018 Council Meeting
21/03/2018 Community Conversation Dimboola
27/03/2018 SMT

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

No general correspondence.

9. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

CARRIED

Attachment: 2

10. PLANNING PERMITS

No permits

11. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

11.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2018

Responsible Officer: Director of Corporate and Community Services

Attachment number: 10

Introduction:

The Financial Report for the third quarter of 2017/18 financial year has been prepared, including explanations of variances where applicable, and is presented for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Financial Report as presented.

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/T. Schneider

That Council accepts the Financial Report as presented.

CARRIED

Attachment: 10

11.3 REQUEST TO NAME AN UNNAMED GOVERNMENT ROAD RESERVE AND CHANGE OF ROAD NAME – ZANKER HERITAGE ROAD AND RESERVE ROAD

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachment: 11 & 12

Introduction:

A proposal to name an unnamed government road reserve to Reserve Road and rename G Starick Road to Zanker Heritage Road was endorsed by Council at its meeting 15 November 2017. Council's intent to change the names of the roads was advertised in local papers and letters sent to landowners within the immediate vicinity of the roads. Council has received one objection to the proposal.

This report seeks Council's decision on the proposal to rename the roads having considered the objection received.

Discussion:

In October 2017, Council received a request (amended from an earlier request dating back to 2014) from the Zanker family to have the following roads renamed as such (Attachment 1 graphically represents the request):

- G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) renamed to Zanker Heritage Road; and
- The unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) renamed to Reserve Road.

Procedures and principles for naming, renaming and adjusting the boundaries of geographic features, localities and roads are set out in the *Guidelines for Geographic Names, 2010 Version 2* (in accordance with Part 2 of the *Geographic Place Names Act, 1998*). In naming a road, Council must act in accordance with these guidelines and ensure the proposal conforms to its various naming principles and procedures. Importantly, road authorities must seek the Registrar's approval for the proposed road name prior to publishing a gazette notice.

Formal proposal process:

1. Check information

Check all necessary information has been provided by the party proposing the name.

2. Apply the principles

Upon selection of a new name and/or boundaries, municipal councils should check that the proposal conforms to all of the principles outlined in Sections 1.8 (relates to consultation process) and 4.1 (relates to naming, identifying and addressing of roads) of the guidelines.

3. Consult with Indigenous communities

Land adjacent to and forming the road reservations are not subject to cultural planning

overlay, therefore no consultation with the Indigenous community is required.

4. Consult with emergency response and other stakeholders

As the proposal adheres to the principles of the guidelines, there is no need for consultation with emergency response and other service providers.

5. Consult with the public

The immediate community including residents, ratepayers and businesses must be consulted on proposals that will affect their address.

6. Council consideration

The above steps have now been undertaken and this report is presented to Council for their consideration of the proposal to rename:

- G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road; and
- The unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road.

The proposal meets all the requirements of the Guidelines for Geographic Names 2010 Version 2, however Council must also consider that during the consultation period an objection to part of the proposal was received (attachment 11). Specifically, the objectors do not support changing part of G Starick Road to Zanker Heritage Road, citing concerns for emergency services being able to locate an incident where part of a road has been renamed and further express concern that the change in name would result in confusion to all road users including their own employees.

Options:

Council can choose to:

1. Leave the existing road names unchanged.
2. Proceed to formally change the name of G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road.
3. Proceed to formally change the name of G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road and leave the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) unchanged.
4. Proceed to formally change the name of the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road and leave G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) unchanged.
5. Name the roads another name/s in accordance with the guidelines.

Please note that at the time of writing this report, the applicant had not confirmed whether or not they would consider changing the name of the unnamed road to (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road), in light of the objection received. This may present another option to Council.

Link to Council Plan:

- 1.1 An actively engaged community.

Financial Implications:

Minor costs associated with advertising and signage can be met within the 2017/2018 adopted budget.

Risk Management Implications:

Nil

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 and Author – Shane Power, Director Infrastructure Services
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible and Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

The community has been informed about the proposal through an advertisement in the Rainbow/Jeparit Argus and by way of letters sent to affected property owners within the immediate vicinity of the roads.

The objector and applicant have been invited and accepted to be heard before Council at its meeting 18 April 2018.

Next Steps:

Notify the applicant and the objector of Council's decision.

Should Council resolve to proceed with the renaming of either road in the proposal, Officers will then lodge the proposal with the Office of Geographic Names (OGN).

Upon receiving a proposal to name or rename a road, the OGN will upload details of the proposal on the Proposals webpage at www.dse.vic.gov.au/namingplaces. If the Registrar deems that the proposal conforms to the guidelines, the OGN will proceed to gazette the proposal. Once the proposal has been gazetted, the Registrar will enter the details of the new road name into VICNAMES. The gazettal date will be recorded as the official date of registration.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Agrees to formally name the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road;***
- 2. Rejects the request to have G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) renamed to Zanker Heritage Road; and***
- 3. Consults the community about its decision by way of advertisement in local papers once/if approved by the Office of Geographic Names.***

MOVED: CRS R. Lowe/R. Gersch

That Council:

- 1. Agrees to formally name the unnamed road (between G Starick Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Reserve Road;***
- 2. Renames G Starick Road (between Bush Road and Jeparit – Warracknabeal Road) to Zanker Heritage Road; and***
- 3. Consults the community about its decision by way of advertisement in local papers once/if approved by the Office of Geographic Names.***

CARRIED

Attachment: 11 & 12

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

12.1 NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment: 13

Introduction:

The Nhill Town Committee held its meeting on 19 March 2018. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from these meetings. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2018.

MOVED: CRS T. Schneider/D. Nelson

That Council notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee Meeting held on 19 March 2018.

CARRIED

Attachment: 13

13. LATE REPORTS

No reports

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. 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:

- 15.1 Youth Council 2018 - Nomination for Vacant East Ward Position**
- 15.2 Update on Recycling Impacts**

MOVED: CRS R. Gersch/R. Lowe

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 89 of the Local Government Act 1989, to consider:

- 15.1 Youth Council 2018 - Nomination for Vacant East Ward Position**
- 15.2 Update on Recycling Impacts**

CARRIED

Council resumed in open session at 4:15pm.

14. OTHER BUSINESS CONTINUED

MOVED: CRS D. Nelson/T. Schneider

That Council:

- 1. Appoints Cr R Ismay as Council representative/delegate to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).***
- 2. Approves the attendance of Cr R Ismay and the CEO at the ALGA National General Assembly conference in Canberra in June 2018.***

CARRIED

16. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr R Ismay declared the meeting closed at 4:20pm.
