



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD 21 OCTOBER 2020 AT THE NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 77-79
NELSON STREET, NHILL COMMENCING AT 3:00PM.**

*I certify that this material is suitable for printing, publishing or distribution on behalf of
Hindmarsh Shire Council during the election period.*

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 reports.

9. Reports Requiring a Decision

- 9.1 Consideration of Hindmarsh Shire Council 2019/2020 Annual Report
- 9.2 Financial Report for the Period Ending 30 September 2020
- 9.3 Council Plan 2017-2021 Progress Report

10. Special Committees

- 10.1 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Minutes
- 10.2 Covid-19 Revitalisation Reference Group Minutes
- 10.3 Yurunga Committee of Management Minutes

11. Late Reports

12. Councillor Questions and General Business

13. Confidential Matters

14. Meeting Closed

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr Greg Wood (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Monica Revell (Director Corporate and Community Services), Ms Angela Hoy (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Shauna Johnson (Executive Assistant), Mr Jeff Woodward (Tourism and Economic Officer).

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

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

2. APOLOGIES

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2020 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre, 77-79 Nelson Street Nhill as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS R Lowe/D Colbert

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CARRIED

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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

Public question time is not available during the Election Period.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 2 - 4

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by Council.

Inwards:

- 30/09/2020 – Letter to Dr Anne Webster from The Hon Jason Wood MP regarding medical testing for citizenships in the Wimmera
- 12/09/2020 – Letter to Greg Wood from Colin Morrison, Acting Executive Director for Local Government Victoria, regarding Hindmarsh Annual Report 2019-2020

Outwards:

- 30/09/2020 – Letter to Minister for Local Government the Hon Shaun Leane MP regarding Hindmarsh Annual Report 2019-2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS T Schneider/R Lowe

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

Attachments: 2 - 4

7. ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Number: 5

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 D Nelson/R Ismay

That Council accepts the Assembly of Councillors Record as presented.

CARRIED

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8. PLANNING PERMITS

No reports.

9. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

9.1 CONSIDERATION OF HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL 2019/2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 6

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to present the 2019/20 Annual Report for consideration by Council.

Discussion:

Council's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2020 has been prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with the Act, on 30 September 2020. The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of Council's activities for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020, including achievements in respect of a range of projects, services and assets managed and financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2020, for which the Auditor-General has provided unqualified audit opinions on the financial and performance statements. The report is intended as a point of reference for Council, staff, residents, shire businesses, community organisations and government departments.

Council has a statutory responsibility under the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to prepare an Annual Report in respect of each financial year, containing a report on its operations, audited performance statement, audited financial statements and any other matter required by the Local Government Planning and Reporting Regulations.

Under section 134 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council must consider the Annual Report at a meeting open to the public as soon as practicable but within the time required by the regulations, after the Council has sent the annual report to the Minister. The meeting must be advertised at least 14 days prior in a public notice stating when the annual report will be discussed and the place from which copies of the annual report can be obtained before the meeting.

Notice of the preparation of the Annual Report and its consideration at the Council meeting on Wednesday 21 October 2020 was published in the Nhill Free Press and Dimboola Banner on Wednesday 07 October 2020, Rainbow Jeparit Argus on Thursday 08 October 2020 as well as on Council's website from 30 September 2020. The public notice advised that copies of the Annual Report could be inspected at Council's customer services centre in Nhill and on Council's website.

Options:

It is recommended that Council considers and notes the Annual Report 2019/2020.

Link to Council Plan:

4.6 An organisation that takes its risk management responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.

Financial Implications:

No implications.

Risk Management Implications:

Management of Council's legislative responsibilities in a timely manner will minimise Council's exposure to adverse impacts, improve effectiveness and generate efficiencies.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Author & Officer Responsible: Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services

In providing this advice as the Author & Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Communications Strategy:

Public notice of the preparation of the Annual Report was given in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Electronic copies of Council's Annual Report will be made available on Council's website and in hard copy at Customer service centres within the Shire.

RECOMMENDATION:

That having considered the Annual Report 2019/2020 as presented, Council notes the report.

MOVED: CRS T Schneider/D Nelson

That having considered the Annual Report 2019/2020 as presented, Council notes the report.

CARRIED

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9.2 FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Number: 7

Introduction:

The Financial Report for the first quarter of 2020/21 financial year has been prepared, including explanations of variances where applicable, and is presented for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2020 as presented.

MOVED: CRS R Ismay/R Lowe

That Council notes the Financial Report for the period ending 30 September 2020 as presented.

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9.3 COUNCIL PLAN 2017-2021 PROGRESS REPORT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Number: 8

An update regarding the status of the strategic actions in the council plan 2017-2021 has been provided for Council information.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 80C of the LGA officers providing advice to Council must disclose any interests, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible & Author: Monica Revell, Director Corporate & Community Services
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Council Plan update for the first quarter of 2020/21.

MOVED: CRS T Schneider/R Ismay

That Council notes the Council Plan update for the first quarter of 2020/21.

CARRIED

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10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

10.1 WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM MINUTES

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 9

Introduction:

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum held a meeting on 23 May 2020. 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 notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum meeting held on 23 May 2020.

MOVED: CRS D Colbert/R Lowe

That Council notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum meeting held on 23 May 2020.

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10.2 COVID-19 REVITALISATION REFERENCE GROUP MINUTES

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 10

Introduction:

The Hindmarsh Shire Council COVID-19 Revitalisation Reference Group held a meeting on 6 October 2020. 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 notes the minutes of the Hindmarsh Shire Council COVID-19 Revitalisation Reference Group meeting held on 6 October 2020.

MOVED: CRS D Nelson/R Ismay

That Council notes the minutes of the Hindmarsh Shire Council COVID-19 Revitalisation Reference Group meeting held on 6 October 2020.

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10.3 YURUNGA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Number: 11

Introduction:

The Yurunga Committee of Management held its general meeting on 27 August 2020. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes from the meeting. A copy of the minutes is included as an attachment for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the minutes of the Yurunga Committee of Management meeting held on 27 August 2020.

MOVED: CRS R Ismay/R Lowe

That Council notes the minutes of the Yurunga Committee of Management meeting held on 27 August 2020.

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11. LATE REPORTS

No reports.

12. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS AND GENERAL 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.
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14. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business Cr R Gersch declared the meeting closed at 3:35pm.
