



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD 7 APRIL 2021 AT THE NHILL MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, 77-79
NELSON STREET NHILL COMMENCING AT 3:00PM.**

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community and Opening Prayer

2. Apologies

3. Declaration of Interests

4. Confirmation of Minutes

5. Public Question and Submission Time

6. Activity Reports

7. Correspondence

8. Planning Permit Reports

8.1 VicSmart Report and Planning Applications Approved under CEO Delegation

9. Reports Requiring a Decision

9.1 Audit and Risk Committee Biannual Report

9.2 Waste and Recycling Update

9.3 Gazetting Other Truck Types for B Double Routes

10. Council Committees

- 10.1 Audit and Risk Committee
- 10.2 COVID-19 Community Revitalisation Reference Group
- 10.3 Yurunga Committee of Management
- 10.4 Dimboola Town Committee
- 10.5 Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee
- 10.6 Nhill Town Committee

11. Late Reports

12. Notice of Motion

- 12.1 Flying of Rainbow Flag

13. Other Business

14. Confidential Matters

- 14.1 Tender for Construction of the Rainbow Library

15. Meeting Closed

Crs R Ismay, M Albrecht, R Gersch, D Nelson, B Ireland, W Bywaters.

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), Matthew Sherwell (Community Development Officer), and Simon Landrigan (Project Manager & Early Years Coordinator) Item 1 to 13.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

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

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies.

3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS OR OFFICERS OF ANY MATERIAL OR GENERAL INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

- Material; or
- General.

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

Mr G Wood declared a material conflict of interest in item 5.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/M Albrecht

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED.

Attachment Number: 1

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND SUBMISSION TIME

Mr G Wood declared a material conflict of interest and left the room at 3.01pm.

Community members wishing to ask questions at council meetings may do so, in writing, at least 24 hours prior to the council meeting. Both the question and answer will be read out at the meeting. Questions may be submitted by mail, email info@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au or delivered in person to a council customer centre but are limited to two questions and 100 words including any pre-amble. Offensive, trivial and repetitive questions or questions, which have been recently answered, may be excluded at the discretion of the Mayor.

The question must be accompanied by a name and the locality where the questioner resides or works, which will be read out at the meeting. By submitting a question, the questioner gives consent to this information being read out in public. Anonymous questions will not be answered.

Fern Alden, Nhill

Question 1: What is the rationale for the reappointment of Greg Wood, without advertising the position?

Answer: Council is happy with Mr Wood's performance and is following the process under the Local Government Act for his reappointment.

Question 2: For what term is the Council proposing to extend the contract?

Answer: The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are currently in negotiation of his contract.

Mr G Wood returned to the room at 3:03pm.

6. ACTIVITY REPORTS

COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: MARCH 2021

Cr ISMAY, MAYOR

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
24/02/2021	Opening of Dimboola synthetic green	Dimboola	
	Opening of Dimboola Library		
01/03/2021	Doug Schumann Funeral		
02/03/2021	Tour of Council offices / Wattle Ranges	Nhill	
03/03/2021	Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting	Nhill	
	Youth Council Presentation	Nhill	
05/03/2021	Off Road working bee	Rainbow	
06/03/2021	Rainbow Rises 240 Enduro Day 1	Rainbow	
07/03/2021	Rainbow Rises 240 Enduro Day 2	Rainbow	
11/03/2021	Consultative meeting with GrainCorp	Nhill	
12/03/2021	SXS National Championship working bee / street party	Rainbow	
13/03/2021	SXS National Championship	Rainbow	
14/03/2021	Working bee to pack up from the two race weekends	Rainbow	
16/03/2021	WMT Meeting	Zoom	
17/03/2021	Community Consultation	Dimboola	
22/03/2021	Off Road debrief meeting	Rainbow	
23/03/2021	B Double working group meeting	Nhill	
24/03/2021	Meeting with CEO and Deputy Mayor	Nhill	
	Community Consultation	Jeparit	
29/03/2021	Meeting with CEO and Federation University	Microsoft Teams	
	Meeting with regional Mayors regarding WHCG/BHS proposed merger		
	Community Consultation	Rainbow	
30/03/2021	Interview with ABC Radio regarding Travel Vouchers		
	Rainbow Town Committee meeting		

Cr ALBRECHT, DEPUTY MAYOR

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
03/03/2021	Council Briefing	Nhill	
	Council Meeting	Nhill	
	2021 Youth Council Certificate Presentation	Nhill	Future leaders of our communities to be commended for their nominations to Youth Council.
09/03/2021	Wimmera Development Association Board Meeting	Horsham	Key business: Presentation of Covid-19 Remote Learning study.
10/03/2021	Council Audit & Risk Committee	Nhill	
17/03/2021	Community Consultation Session	Dimboola	Promising ideas for the upcoming Council Plan
23/03/2021	B Double Working Group	Nhill	Large representation of key stakeholders to address heavy vehicle road issues and strategy.
24/03/2021	Meeting with Mayor, CEO and Director of Corporate & Community Services	Nhill	Confidential matter.

24/03/2021	Community Consultation Session	Jeparit	Promising ideas for the upcoming Council Plan.
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Cr NELSON

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
01/03/2021	Dimboola Town Committee meeting		
03/03/2021	Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting	Nhill	
	Youth Council presentations	Nhill	
10/03/2021	Audit Committee meeting	Nhill	
	Hindmarsh Landcare Network AGM		
16/03/2021	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Finance committee meeting		
17/03/2021	Community Consultation	Dimboola	
25/03/2021	Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN committee meeting		

Cr GERSCH

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
24/02/2021	Tour of Dimboola Library	Dimboola	
	Official opening of Dimboola Library		
	Official opening of Dimboola Bowling Club upgrades		
25/02/2021	Nhill Sporting Club view of plans	Nhill	
26/02/2021	Waste meeting	Ararat	
	Send off for Trevor Merrett	Nhill	
28/02/2021	Nhill Aviation volunteers update		
02/03/2021	Meeting with Wattle Range Shire	Nhill	
03/03/2021	Council Meeting and Briefing	Nhill	
10/03/2021	Nhill town beautification information		
11/03/2021	Meeting with GrainCorp re Development	Nhill	
12/03/2021	RCV Board Meeting		
28/03/2021	Harmony Day	Jaypex Park, Nhill	

Cr IRELAND

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
25/02/2021	Yurunga Homestead Meeting, 7:30pm		
03/03/2021	Meeting with Jeparit community group, Jeparit gym and West Wimmera health service regarding health and well-being grants.		This culminated into a very successful meeting whereby various Jeparit groups were given funding to hold “come try me days” to improve community health. Jeparit gym was also pledged some capital funding.
	Council Briefing, 1pm - 3pm	Nhill	
	Council Meeting, 3pm – 5pm	Nhill	
	Youth Council Ceremony and Presentations 5pm – 6:30pm	Nhill	
15/03/2021	Jeparit Town Committee meeting, 7:30pm		

18/03/2021	Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum meeting, 7:30pm		
24/03/2021	Community Consultation meeting, 5pm	Jeparit	
25/03/2021	Working bee	Jeparit	Jeparit native gardens to clean up for installation of new dining furniture and for Easter fishing competition.
	Yurunga Homestead meeting, 7:30pm		
26/03/2021	Meeting with Jeparit Bowling Club		Discussed future plans for the club and greens.
29/03/2021	Late attendee at Rainbow Community Consultation meeting, 6pm	Rainbow	

Cr BYWATERS

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
01/03/2021	The Victorian Local Government Grants Commission regional information session	Online	
	Dimboola Town Committee meeting	Dimboola	Minutes attached to Council Agenda
03/03/2021	Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
	Certificate presentation for the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council 2021		I can't wait to see what these incredible young people come up with in 2021. I want to learn how we can help the Youth Council and young people of Hindmarsh achieve their goals.
14/03/2021	Rainbow Market	Oasis Rainbow	Congratulations to the organisers and all the people that supported the stalls on the day. We visited, and enjoyed the warm hospitality of the Rainbow lounge. We were amazed by our private tour of the Rainbow Brewery.
	Pete Denahy	Oasis Rainbow	The old School House sessions return. Well done to Ben Gosling and his team, with a special mention to the Hands-On Learning students for making the outdoor stage.
17/03/2021	Meeting with CEO	Nhill	Councillor CEO catch up to discuss ideas and aspirations for my term on Council
20/03/2021	Inspect the roadworks at the Nhill exit of Dimboola		Residents were concerned and wanted help with an issue of farmers not being able to get B doubles and air seeder coming in from Nhill to Dimboola. Thank you to Director of infrastructure, Angela Hoy for the quick action Monday morning, meeting with farmers and VicRoads, and negotiating a positive outcome. Win - Win
21/03/2021	Nhill Market	Jaypex Park Nhill	Congratulations to the Lions Club for a successful Market, the community was delighted to see the market return.
27/03/2021	Keep the Circle	Hindmarsh	This was a great show, thanks to Gary

	Unbroken	Hotel Jeparit	and the team at the Hindmarsh Hotel for their part in getting this unique event to our Shire. It was describe to me as “just like sitting in your lounge room, with some of the best musicians in Australia.” I was singing along with Debra Byrne in Jeparit and Chatting with her during the interval.
28/03/2021	Hindmarsh Harmony Day	Jaypex Park Nhill	Matt Sherwell, on behalf of Hindmarsh Shire organised a family fun and games day with the theme, “Everyone Belongs”. One Accord played music from all around the world and Nhill’s new Silo Food Van, EmJay’s supplied the food. Thanks to everyone that came along and joined in, it was wonderful to see families from our Shire’s growing cultural diversity, represented and joining in on the day. “Diversity is being invited to the party, inclusion is been asked to dance”.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 2 - 5

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by Council.

Inwards:

- 22/03/2021 – Letter from Minister Mary-Anne Thomas MP regarding Flagship Tourism Infrastructure Projects
- 23/03/2021 – Email from Mayor of Inner West Council to Mayor and Councillors regarding Support for raising the rate of JobSeeker
- 29/03/2021 – Letter to Mayor, Cr Ismay, regarding 2021 Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel

Outwards:

- 26/03/2021 – Letter to Minister Mary-Anne Thomas MP regarding Flagship Tourism Infrastructure Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/B Ireland

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 2 - 5

8. PLANNING PERMITS

8.1 VICSMART REPORT AND PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED UNDER CEO DELEGATION

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Introduction:

This report provides an update on VicSmart permits processed by Council for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.

This report also lists the Planning Applications approved under delegation by the CEO for the same period.

Discussion:

The VicSmart planning permit process is a statutory process that was introduced to streamline 'simple' planning permit applications.

Key features of VicSmart include:-

- A 10 business day permit process
- Applications are not advertised
- Information to be submitted with applications and what Council can consider is pre-set
- The CEO or his delegate decides the application.

The table below lists the VicSmart permits that have been approved within this period.

Permit No.	Address	Proposal	Date Lodged	Date Approved	Statutory Days	Comments
VS1691-2020 – Section 72 Amendment to endorsed plans	51 Lloyd St Dimboola	Builds and Works associated with Section 2 Use in the General Residential Zone (GRZ) – Amended Plans to increase the size of the approved shed by 9.5m	19/03/2021	26/03/2021	5	N/A

In addition, the following Planning Permit Applications were approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer.

Permit No.	Address	Proposal	Date Lodged	Trigger	Date Approved	Statutory Days
PA1684-2020	Birchip-Rbw Rd and Dim-Rbw Rd	Native Vegetation removal associated with the decommissioning of channel structures	28/10/2020	Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17-1) and Environment Significance Overlay – Schedule 2 (ESO6)	12/02/2021	106
PA1690-2020	3 Lochiel St Dimboola	Development of a single dwelling in the	04/12/2020	Commercial 1 Zone (C1Z), Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 6 (ESO6), Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)	12/02/2021	70
PA1700-2021	51 Rbw-Rises Rd Rainbow	Use for a Place of Assembly (car racing events in March 2021) – Rainbow Rises 240 and the Australian SXS Championships	04/02/2021	Place of Assembly in the Farming Zone (FZ1)	03/03/21	27
PA1681-2020	135 Inverness Rd Kiata	Two lot subdivision (re-subdivision of two existing lots)	16/09/2020	Permit is required for subdivision in the Farming Zone (Clause 35.07-3)	25/03/2021	28
PA1704-2021	Woorak Ni Ni Lorquon Rd Glenlee	Removal of native vegetation including 3 trees for the upgrade of the road	10/02/2021	Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17-1)	25/03/2021	17
PA1706-2021	Salisbury Woorak Road – Road Reserve & No. 186	Removal of native vegetation for the upgrade of the road	10/02/2021	Native Vegetation (Clause 52.17-1)	25/03/2021	17
PA1708-2021	49 Victoria St Nhill	Reduction in the statutory car parking requirements to zero	26/02/2021	Car Parking (Clause 52.06-3)	25/03/2021	16
PA1709-2021	52 Federal St Rainbow	Alterations to the existing building façade by way of removing the CBA signage & repainting that portion of the building to match the building façade	09/03/2021	Township Zone (Clause 32.05-10) & Heritage Overlay – Schedule 33 (Clause 43.01-1)	25/03/2021	16

Options

N/A

Link to Council Plan:

- Strategic Objective 1.1 An actively engaged community.
- Strategic Objective 2.1 Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.
- Strategic Objective 3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns.

- Strategic Objective 4.2 Quality customer services.
Strategic Objective 4.6 An organisation that takes its risk management responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.

Financial Implications:

Fees associated with planning permit applications and amendments are set by the State in accordance with the Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016. These fees are currently being applied to all applications received by Council.

Risk Management Implications:

Risk is managed appropriately by adhering to the VicSmart process.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Author – Janette Fritsch, Manager Development

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

Officer Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure

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

Communications Strategy:

Nil

Next Steps:

Next Report to be provided July 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the:

- *VicSmart permits issued; and*
- *Planning Applications approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer as listed above, for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.*

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/M Albrecht

That Council notes the:

- *VicSmart permits issued; and*
- *Planning Applications approved under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer as listed above, for the period 01 January 2021 to 31 March 2021.*

CARRIED

9. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

9.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 6

Introduction:

This report presents to Council the Audit and Risk Committee biennial report for the period ending 31 March 2021.

Discussion:

Under section 54(5) of the *Local Government Act 2020* an Audit and Risk Committee must prepare a biennial audit and risk report that describes the activities of the Audit and Risk Committee and includes its findings and recommendations. The report is provided to the Chief Executive Officer for tabling at the next Council meeting.

The report has been prepared and is attached for Council information.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.1 Long-term financial sustainability

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

Financial Implications:

Nil

Risk Management Implications:

The Audit and Risk Committee is an independent advisory committee of Council and assist to strengthen Council to ensure Council's commitment to good governance, public transparency and accountability.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

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

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

Communications Strategy:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee biannual report to 31 March 2021.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/W Bywaters

That Council notes the Audit and Risk Committee biannual report to 31 March 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 6

9.2 WASTE AND RECYCLING UPDATE

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on current waste and recycling activity in Victoria and to request a \$20,000 allocation in the 2021/2022 budget for the development of a waste strategy.

Discussion:

Council is a member of the Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GCWWRRG) who provides Council with regular updates on waste and recycling in Victoria.

S186 Exemption

The section 186 exemption to extend recycling processing contracts that expire in 2021 to 30 June 2022 was submitted on behalf of 40 councils to the Minister for Local Government for approval on 10 February 2021. We are expecting to receive an outcome in early April 2021. DELWP, LGV and the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change supported the application.

Recycling Victoria Council Fund

A number of Councils in the region participated in an application for funding for a proposed Organics Feasibility Study. Hindmarsh Shire Council did not take part in this feasibility study as there was a request for \$5,000 contribution from each Shire, and Hindmarsh Shire does not currently have enough volume of FOGO to sustain such an idea, especially as there is still no end use specified under the circular economy for FOGO.

DELWP Transfer Station Upgrade Fund

Hindmarsh Shire Council Officers has applied for funding to upgrade all four transfer

stations at a value of approximately \$486,560, which requires no monetary contribution from Council. The project proposes that concrete hardstands will be constructed at all four transfer stations as per the following:

- Dimboola – Two x 28m² and four 60m² hardstands totalling, 336m².
- Jeparit – Two x 32m² and two 60m² hardstands totalling, 184m²
- Nhill – Two x 32m² and four x 60m² hardstands totalling, 304m², and
- Rainbow – Two x 32m² and two 60m² hardstands totalling, 184m².
- **Total – 1,008m²**

The new concrete hardstands will be constructed where existing waste containers are positioned. This will enable a more efficient process of picking up full waste containers and placing of empty containers and improve the cleanliness of the transfer stations. New proposed skip bins will also be located on hardstands for the collection of recyclables such as glass and eventually FOGO.

Hardstands and skips will also be installed if the full application is funded at some of the small township sites across the shire.

Organics Infrastructure Standards

The WRRGS are collectively running a procurement process to develop infrastructure standards for organics. The intention behind this work is to provide member councils with an understanding of the infrastructure available and what are the hurdles that need to be overcome to make the project a reality. It has been recognised that our ability to process FOGO is limited and without a deeper understanding of the available technology, the regulatory environment around each technology, the markets for the products of that particular technology it is difficult to navigate the complexity. This work will be shared with councils across Victoria, informing the development of more innovative options for organics processing.

Waste Authority

DELWP have begun the process of transition planning to prepare for the new Waste Act and Waste Authority. The next step for the Waste Authority is to undertake a current state and future state. GCWWRRG are advocating for Councils to be brought into this process.

Glass and Organics Kerbside Collection

Hindmarsh Shire Council received \$10,000, along with other Councils, to develop a draft transition plan for glass and organics kerbside collections. Glass needing to be implemented by 2027 and FOGO by 2030. This plan is in draft form and cannot be completed until the full impact of the Container Deposit Scheme is known. However, Council Officers have indicated in the draft transition plan that it would implement glass collection in 2025-26 and FOGO 2027-2028 if approved by Council at a later date. In addition to this there has been a draft requirement for Council's to supply 4 x bins or 4 x services for recycling being Rubbish, Recycling, Glass and Green Waste but no actual commitment to cover the increased additional services, apart from transfer station

upgrades. We expect further funding to be released with regards to education, and this could be undertaken on a regional basis.

Hindmarsh Shire Officers will be advocating for support to develop a waste strategy for small and similar Councils. The strategy would incorporate the Draft Transition Plan for Glass and Food Organics and Green Organics (FOGO) specific to Hindmarsh Shire, and is anticipated to cost \$20,000. Due to the small volumes of generated waste currently a plan specific to small shires is required.

Options

Council can:

1. Note the current activity with regards to waste and recycling in Victoria, as listed by the Grampians Central West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GCWWRRG)
2. Approve the request of \$20,000 to be included in the 2021/22 budget to develop a waste strategy.
3. Not approve the request of \$20,000 to be included in the 2021/22 budget to develop a waste strategy, and await further information in relation to the container deposit scheme, recycling and FOGO

Link to Council Plan:

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

Financial Implications:

\$20,000 would be required to complete a strategy specific to Hindmarsh and smaller rural councils. The strategy costs could be shared if other council's agree to contribute to such a project.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

Officer Responsible – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Author – Wayne Schulze, Manager Operations

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

Communications Strategy:

If approved will be advertised for community comment in the annual budgeting process.

Next Steps:

Prepare a Hindmarsh Waste and Recycling Strategy

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the report and refers an allocation of \$20,000 for consideration in the 2021/22 budget to develop a waste and recycling strategy specific to Hindmarsh Shire Council.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/D Nelson

That Council notes the report and refers an allocation of \$20,000 for consideration in the 2021/22 budget to develop a waste and recycling strategy specific to Hindmarsh Shire Council.

CARRIED

9.3 GAZETTING OTHER TRUCK TYPES FOR B DOUBLE ROUTES

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is seek Council approval to gazette all existing B-Double Routes for another 5 truck classes including HML, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - B-Doubles, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - Rigid trucks & Semi-Trailers, PBS Level 1 & PBS Level 2A and request the CEO to commence the gazetting process with NHVR and VicRoads.

Discussion:

Council Officers have been liaising with VicRoads and NHVR officers regarding the following truck types and whether they can safely run on roads already gazetted for B-Double usage.

Council wrote to the Department of Transport asking the following:

“We understand that this could apply to the following vehicle types:

- HML*
- Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - B-Doubles*
- Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - Rigid trucks & Semi-Trailers*
- PBS Level 1*
- PBS Level 2A*
- Any others?”*

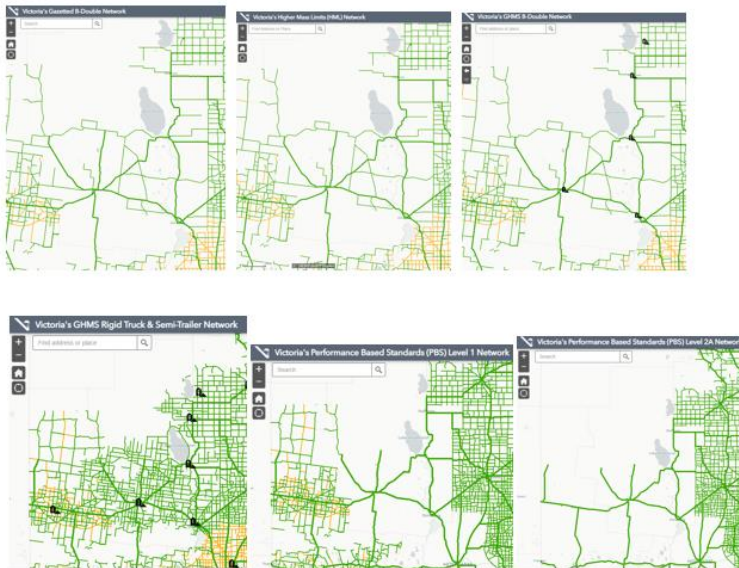
The email response that Council received from the department in relation to the above email:

“All four mapped categories you list can be mapped by mirroring your existing B-double network and these categories should also be included along with B-double access for future roads you wish to gazette/map.

There are no other HV categories to add to this Class 2 grouping that would fit within the B-double umbrella.”

VicRoads officers explained that the original intent was that councils would authorize the gazetting of these truck types together with B-Doubles, but the process developed by NHVR enables each map to be updated separately, and unfortunately, councils have focused on the development of their B-Double routes and not kept the other routes up to date.

The 6 maps for Hindmarsh Shire are shown below:



This report requests approval to “mirror” the current gazetted B-Double network routes onto each of the other 5 route maps, without removing any of the existing routes on the current map, particularly for the grain harvest scheme for rigid trucks and semi-trailers.

Approval of this request will reduce the number of permit applications and improve transport sector efficiency and compliance.

Options

Council can:

1. Approve the request to gazette the 5 truck classes listed above and request the CEO to progress the gazetting process with NHVR and VicRoads.
2. Not approve the request to gazette the 5 truck classes listed above.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 1.1 An actively engaged community.

Strategic Objective 1.1.6 Continue to engage with our farming community on road and

- road related infrastructure maintenance and improvements.
- Strategic Objective 2.1 Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.
- Strategic Objective 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.
- Strategic Objective 3.4 Transport solutions that support the needs of our communities and businesses.
- Strategic Objective 3.4.1 Advocate for flexible and responsive public and freight transport.
- Strategic Objective 3.4.2 Investigate innovative transport solutions and facility upgrades.

Financial Implications:

No financial implications are expected as these roads are in condition suitable for B-Doubles already. Some of the new truck configurations have the potential to reduce road maintenance.

Risk Management Implications:

Potential increase in truck movements resulting in increased maintenance.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, officers providing advice to Council must disclose any conflict of interest, including the type of interest.

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise interested parties and residents of the outcome.

Next Steps:

Gazette the roads identified on the NHVR System and notify interested parties of the outcome.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the request to gazette all existing B-Double Routes for another 5 truck classes including HML, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - B-Doubles, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - Rigid trucks & Semi-Trailers, PBS Level 1 & PBS Level 2A

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/D Nelson

That Council approves the request to gazette all existing B-Double Routes for another 5 truck classes including HML, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - B-Doubles, Grain Harvest Management Scheme (GHMS) - Rigid trucks & Semi-Trailers, PBS Level 1 & PBS Level 2A

CARRIED

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

10.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 7

Introduction:

The Audit and Risk Committee held its meeting on 10 March 2021. 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 Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/D Nelson

That Council notes the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 March 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 7

10.2 COVID-19 COMMUNITY REVITALISATION REFERENCE GROUP

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 8

Introduction:

The COVID-19 Community Revitalisation Reference Group held its meeting on 9 February 2021. 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 COVID-19 Community Revitalisation Reference Group meeting held on 9 February 2021.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/M Albrecht

That Council notes the minutes of the COVID-19 Community Revitalisation Reference Group meeting held on 9 February 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 8

10.3 YURUNGA COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 9

Introduction:

The Yurunga Committee of Management held its meeting on 28 January 2021. 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 Yurunga Committee of Management meeting held on 28 January 2021.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/B Ireland

That Council notes the minutes of the Yurunga Committee of Management meeting held on 28 January 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 9

10.4 DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE

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

Introduction:

The Dimboola Town Committee held its meeting on 1 March 2021. 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 Dimboola Town Committee meeting held on 1 March 2021.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/D Nelson

That Council notes the minutes of the Dimboola Town Committee meeting held on 1 March 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 10

10.5 WIMMERA MALLEE PIONEER MUSEUM COMMITTEE

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

Introduction:

The Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee held its meeting on 18 February 2021. 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 Committee meeting held on 18 February 2021.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/D Nelson

That Council notes the minutes of the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Committee meeting held on 18 February 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 11

10.6 NHILL TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 12 - 13

Introduction:

The Nhill Town Committee held its annual general meeting on 15 March 2021. The purpose of this report is to note the minutes received from this meeting, note the Chairperson report for 2020 and appoint members of the committee from the annual general meeting. A copy of the minutes and the Chairperson report for 2020 is included as attachments for the information of Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council

- 1) notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee annual general meeting held on 15 March 2021;***
- 2) notes the Chairperson Report for 2020; and***
- 3) appoints as members of the Nhill Town Committee:***
 - Chairperson – Catherine Bates***
 - Vice Chairperson – Pauline McCracken***
 - Secretary – Emily Graham (new member)***
 - Committee Members – Leith Dean and Darrell Hall***

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/W Bywaters

That Council

- 1) notes the minutes of the Nhill Town Committee annual general meeting held on 15 March 2021;***
- 2) notes the Chairperson Report for 2020; and***
- 3) appoints as members of the Nhill Town Committee:***
 - Chairperson – Catherine Bates***
 - Vice Chairperson – Pauline McCracken***
 - Secretary – Emily Graham (new member)***
 - Committee Members – Leith Dean and Darrell Hall***

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 12 - 13

11. LATE REPORTS

Nil

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

12.1 FLYING OF RAINBOW FLAG

CR BYWATERS

BACKGROUND:

The local display of rainbows, including flying the inclusive rainbow flag, is simple and inexpensive, but meaningful to LGBTIQ+ youth. While all parts of the community need to feel safe and included, research shows that LGBTIQ+ youth face greater risk of physical or mental health hazards than their heterosexual or cisgender peers. Factors influencing these negative health outcomes include discrimination, harassment, physical harm, and lack of family and social support, which culminate in experiences of 'minority stress', a unique set of stressors experienced by those on society's margins. Given these stressors, symbols of pride are particularly important.

Research shows that when young people are exposed to the pride rainbow, they generally express positive feelings, including an attraction to certain areas of their towns, feeling good about themselves, and a desire to incorporate the symbolism into positive visions for the future.

PROPOSED MOTION:

That Council fly the rainbow flag from Hindmarsh Shire offices in Nhill, the Dimboola Library/Customer Service Centre, in Jeparit and in Federal Street Rainbow on the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/D Nelson

That Council fly the rainbow flag from Hindmarsh Shire offices in Nhill, the Dimboola Library/Customer Service Centre, in Jeparit and in Federal Street Rainbow on the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia.

CARRIED

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Cr D Nelson indicated that she wanted to make a public comment regarding the reappointment of Chief Executive Officer.

Mr G Wood declared a material conflict of interest and left the room at 3:31pm.

Cr D Nelson made a public comment on the reappointment of Chief Executive Officer.

Mr G Wood returned to the room at 3:34pm.

14. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Section 66 (2) (a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council may close the meeting to the public to consider confidential information. Confidential information is defined by Section 3 of the *Local Government Act 2020* as being:

- a) Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;
- b) security information, being information that if released is likely to endanger the security of Council property or the safety of any person;
- c) land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;
- d) law enforcement information, being information which if released would be reasonably likely to prejudice the investigation into an alleged breach of the law or the fair trial or hearing of any person;
- e) legal privileged information, being information to which legal professional privilege or client legal privilege applies;
- f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;
- g) private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—
 - i. relates to trade secrets; or
 - ii. if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;
- h) confidential meeting information, being the records of meetings closed to the public under section 66(2)(a);
- i) internal arbitration information, being information specified in section 145;
- j) Councillor Conduct Panel confidential information, being information specified in section 169;
- k) information prescribed by the regulations to be confidential information for the purposes of this definition;
- l) information that was confidential information for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*

RECOMMENDATION:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider:

a) Council business information

14.1 Tender for Construction of the Rainbow Library

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/W Bywaters

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider:

a) Council business information

14.1 Tender for Construction of the Rainbow Library

CARRIED

15. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr R Ismay declared the meeting closed at 3:40pm.
