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**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD 5 MAY 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 Application for Planning Permit PA1675-2020 – Two Lot Subdivision – 320
Horseshoe Bend Road Dimboola Vic 3414 (Lot 1 on Title Plan 599194b)

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10. Council Committees

- 10.1 Jeparit Town Committee
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10.3 Rainbow Town Committee

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- 11.1 Planning Permit Application PA1707-2021 – Two Lot Subdivision (Re-Subdivision of Two Existing Lots) – Horsedip Road Glenlee Vic 3418 (Crown Allotment 105 & Crown Allotment 8, Parish of Ni Ni)
14.4 In confidential matters

12. Notice of Motion

13. Other Business

14. Confidential Matters

- 14.1 Hindmarsh Shire Council Business Assistance Grants Round 3
14.2 Request for Tender - Award for Demolition and New Construction of Albacutya Bridge
14.3 Request for Quote - Award for Purchase of a Wheel Loader
14.4 Regional Infrastructure Fund (Late Report)
14.5 Chief Executive Officer Re-appointment

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), Mr Jeff Woodward (Tourism and Economic Development Officer), and Ms Helen Thomson (Manager Governance and Human Services) Item 1 to 14.1.

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.

A Councillor with a conflict of interest in an item on the Agenda must indicate that they have a conflict of interest by clearly stating:

- the item for which they have a conflict of interest;
- whether their conflict is **general** or **material**; and
- the circumstances that give rise to the conflict of interest.

Declaration of material or general conflict of 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 14.5 as it affects his employment.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 2021 at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/D Nelson

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 April 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

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.

Tony Schneider – Dimboola

Can Council please provide the public with an update on the progress of routine/scheduled capital works activities for Dimboola and immediate district (not including the Dimboola Library project) as provided for in the 2020-2021 budget, noting that at this late point in the financial year little has been completed and many works have not even commenced. Will works in Anderson Street, Lowan Street, Village Settlement School Road, various reseals, disabled parking in Anderson Street, kerb out-stands at the Lloyd/Normanby Street intersection, white line painting and other works be complete by 30 June 2021?

Council funded projects are important, but grant funded projects take priority and give Council and the community great value for money on projects that would otherwise be required to be funded by Council and not able to proceed given the budget constraints that Council has. The issue is not specific to Dimboola, as other projects in other towns such as Nhill, Rainbow and Jeparit have had to be delayed as well from recent successful grant applications. Some projects are also weather dependent which can cause delays. Council own funded source

projects will be completed once the grant funded projects are completed. This mean that the funds for the projects will need to be carried forward into the next financial year and that Council can continue to support local employment, without outsourcing the works.

Christa Farinha - Nhill

Looking at growth in our towns spanning the contract period of Mr Wood's engagement as CEO, can Councillors (in dot form) please share with residents and business owners some of Mr Wood's achievements in economic development across our 4 towns to encourage new growth?

As the principle spokesperson (under section 18 of the Local Government Act 2020) for the Council I will respond to the questions:

Economic Development comes in many forms:

- ***It is obvious that increases in visitation rates and tourism increases economic development. However, despite Council's attempts to promote this fact, there are many businesses within the shire that don't feel the need to embrace tourism.***
- ***Improvements to streetscapes and street furniture have been undertaken across the shire which provides a welcoming environment for visitors encouraging them to stop.***
- ***Improving Council's roads network ensures accessibility to our Shire and that goods and services are able to transported. Examples of this are the various roads that have been upgraded from specific funding programs such as Roads to Market.***
- ***In addition, Council has continuously advocated for funding for the construction of the new Albacutya Bridge which has now been funded. When constructed the new bridge will significantly improve accessibility for transport operators and farmers to and from gypsum pits that provide a valuable resource to the regions farmers.***
- ***Council continues to offer the Business Assistance Grants program and has recently signed up to the small business charter that will make it easier for small businesses to start up.***
- ***Council has developed and released a Business Starter Kit that is available on Council's website.***
- ***Council has made a commitment to continue development of the caravan parks within the shire through increased cabin accommodation. In addition extensions to the camp kitchen at the Riverside Holiday Park, Dimboola and the refurbishment of the amenities block at the Nhill Caravan Park and a master plan to develop the Rainbow Caravan Park are in the process of being undertaken.***

Understanding that Councillors are the representatives for our communities and community members can contact Councillors at anytime with questions regarding community matters - how important is it to Councillors for the CEO - head of our council to have a good working relationship and presence within the community?

Councillors are elected to represent the residents in their ward and the whole shire. To set the direction of Council; prepare and approve strategic documents including the Council Plan (a 4 year plan) and Annual Budget including the Long Term Financial Plan; and to make major decisions.

The role of the CEO is to implement the items from the Council Plan and budget; and handle the day to day running of Council and to employ Council staff.

Wendy Werner – Jeparit

The Victorian Auditor General's office report in 2017-18 expected councils in the Wimmera to move into the high risk category for financial instability by the 20-21 financial year. What processes/activities did the Council put in place to prevent this from occurring and have these undertakings been successful in preventing us from falling into the High risk category.

Council continually advocates for external grant funding from both the State and Federal Government, we undertake a prudent budget process to provide the financial discipline needed to ensure long term sustainability.

Council annually reviews and updates the Long Term Financial plan to ensure Council's sustainability into the future.

Our focus on capital expenditure is maintaining our current asset base, using grants for renewal, upgrade and new asset purposes.

6. ACTIVITY REPORTS**COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES: APRIL 2021****Cr ISMAY, MAYOR**

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
31/03/2021	Meeting with Deputy Mayor and CEO	Nhill	
	Community Consultation		
06/04/2021	Corella Management Meeting	Online	Via Microsoft Teams
07/04/2021	Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
	Councillor Meeting		
10/04/2021	Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Start Up Day		
12/04/2021	Meeting with VORRA / Russell Eckermann		
13/04/2021	Interview with Flow FM		
14/04/2021	Gender Equality Training	Nhill	
20/04/2021	WMT Meeting	Edenhope	
	Discussion with Dimboola Imaginarium		Book Launch
21/04/2021	Budget Review / Council Plan Meeting	Nhill	
25/04/2021	Anzac Day Service	Rainbow	
26/04/2021	Vorra Meeting	Rainbow	
27/04/2021	Media Training	Warracknabeal	
	Rainbow Town Committee Meeting		

Cr ALBRECHT, DEPUTY MAYOR

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
31/03/2021	Community Consultation Session	Nhill	Thank you to those that attended and provided great ideas.
07/04/2021	Council Briefing		
	Council Meeting		
13/04/2021	Wimmera Development Association Board Induction	Online	Key business: Presentation by HALT (Hope Assists Local Tradies) Partnership
14/04/2021	Act @ Work Training – Gender Equality	Nhill	Presentation by Women's Health Grampians on Gender Equality legislation.
19/04/2021	Nhill Town Committee Meeting	Nhill	
20/04/2021	Wimmera Development Association Board Induction	Online	Overview of strategic objectives and key projects.
21/04/2021	Council Plan and Council Vision Development Session	Nhill	Commencement of discussions for four year Council Plan and 15 year

			Council Vision.
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Cr NELSON

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
07/04/2021	Council Briefing	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
12/04/2021	Dimboola Town Committee Meeting	Dimboola	
14/04/2021	Gender Equity Training	Nhill	
21/04/2021	Council Plan Meeting	Nhill	

Cr GERSCH

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
31/03/2021	Community Consultation	Nhill	
06/04/2021	Meeting re Corella Problem	Online	Via Zoom
07/04/2021	Council Briefing and Meeting	Nhill	
09/04/2021	RCV Board Meeting		
10/04/2021	Nhill Aviation Start Up Day		
14/04/2021	Gender Equality Training	Nhill	
	Councillor Meeting re CEO		
20/04/2021	Community Care Luncheon		
21/04/2021	Council Draft Budget Discussion		
	Council Plan Meeting		
25/04/2021	Anzac Day Dawn Service		
	MC Anzac Day Service		

Cr IRELAND

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
02/04/2021	Meeting with Business Owner of Hopetoun House Hotel		RE Streetscape Grants and Outdoor Furniture Placement in Outdoor Furniture Grant
07/04/2021	Council Briefing Meeting	Nhill	
	Council Meeting		
12/04/2021	Jeparit Town Committee Meeting		
14/04/2021	Gender Equality Training (Council Requirement)		
20/04/2021	Wimmera Pioneer Museum Meeting		
21/04/2021	Meeting with Council re Council Plan		
	Jeparit Historic Society Meeting	Civic Hall	RE Damage by water, general rubbish, etc
22/04/2021	Yurunga Homestead Meeting		
23/04/2021	Jeparit New Residents BBQ	Bowling Club	

25/04/2021	Dawn Wreath laying Ceremony	Jeparit Cenotaph	
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Cr BYWATERS

Date	Meeting	Location	Comments
31/03/2021	Community Consultation Session	Online	
03/04/2021	Easter Egg Hunt	Nhill	
	Jeparit Fishing Competition Trophy Presentation	Jeparit	Well done to everyone who participated on the day, the sponsors, the volunteers and the Jeparit community. A list of results is available on the Jeparit Anglers Club website at www.jeparitanglersclub.com .
	Easter Eggstravaganza	Dimboola	Easter bunny came to Dimboola, with the community enjoying the Easter Eggstravaganza organised by the Dimboola Town Committee. I had the very hard task of choosing the winners of the Easter bonnet competitions and every child received a prize. Thanks to Council for the \$500 community grant, the sponsors, the volunteers and most of all, to the community for coming out and enjoying the wonderful family friendly event.
06/04/2021	Meeting with DELWP and Ian Temby		Ian has been engaged to prepare a Corella strategy. - Online The strategy is aimed at guiding Corella management approaches in Victoria into the future.
07/04/2021	Briefing Meeting, Council Meeting and Councillor Only Meeting	Nhill	
12/04/2021	Dimboola Town Committee Meeting	Dimboola	Minutes will be attached to council agenda for the community to read.
13/04/2021	Wild Action School Holiday Activity	Nhill Memorial Community Centre	Over 40 children attended at Nhill and 23 children attended at the Dimboola Library. These were school holiday activities and FreeZa funded events.
14/04/2021	Councillor Gender Equity Training	Nhill	HSC has a commitment to gender equality through the CoRE Alliance and other initiatives Gender Equality Act obligations will provide an opportunity to showcase and achieve – systematically across Victoria As Councillors and leaders – understand gender equality obligations and challenge gender inequality, sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination Opportunity to lead the local community – as a respectful workplace modelling gender equality

17/04/2021	Park Run	Jaypex Park / Nhill Lake	Well done to the Parkrun volunteers
	Unwind at the Lodge, Markey	Little Desert Nature Lodge	
20/04/2021	Community Care Services Presentation and Lunch	Nhill	
21/04/2021	Draft Budget Briefing / Council Plan and Council Vision / Councillor Development Session	Nhill	
25/04/2021	Anzac Day Dawn Service, March, Wreath Laying and Morning Service	Dimboola Memorial Secondary College	This was a very inspiring and memorable morning. Guest speaker was Sergeant Robyn Bosworth who served 23 years in the navy, air force and air force reserves. DMSC college captains Macey Lavety and Jack Kalms gave speeches about their reflections on Anzac Day and their privilege of attending a memorial school. The Nhill-Dimboola Band played and Ian Lehmann played the 'Last Post' and 'The Rouse' on the bugle.
	Anzac Service	Nhill	Nhill is home to a large population of Myanmar's Karen people. The Karen community appreciated the significance of Anzac Day. The migrant community proudly participated in the Anzac Day march. Many residents have family members caught up in the ongoing military conflict in Burma.
27/04/2021	Meet and Greet with Emma Kealy MP, Member for Lowan	Mr Le's Vietnamese Restaurant, Nhill	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr G Wood declared a material conflict of interest as the first letter is about his employment and left room at 3:22pm.

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachment Numbers: 2 and 3, 19 and 20

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by Council.

Inwards:

- 06/04/2021 – Letter to Mayor and Councillors from Joan Bennett RE Reappointment of CEO
- 14/04/2021 – Letter to CEO from Julie Reid RE 2020-21 Living Libraries Infrastructure Program Grant for Nhill Library
- 30/04/2021 – Letter to Mayor from Rev. Lucas Matuschka RE Opposition to Flying of Rainbow Flag
- 30/04/2021 – Membership Invitation for Victorian Local Government Association 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/B Ireland

That Council notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 2 and 3, 19 and 20

Mr G Wood returned to the room at 3:23pm.

8. PLANNING PERMITS

8.1 APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT PA1675-2020 – TWO LOT SUBDIVISION – 320 HORSESHOE BEND ROAD DIMBOOLA VIC 3414 (LOT 1 ON TITLE PLAN 599194B)

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
File: Planning – Applications
Assessment: 096240
Application No. PA1675-2020
SPEAR Ref. No. S162372T
Applicant: Mr Graeme Schneider, Peter Richards Surveying
Owner: Christopher Darren Schneider and Cheree Schneider
Subject Land: 320 Horseshoe Bend Road Dimboola VIC 3414
(Lot 1 on Title Plan 599194B)
Proposal: Two lot subdivision
Zoning & Overlays: Rural Living Zone

Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 1, Schedule 3 and Schedule 6, Bushfire Management Overlay, Land Subject to Inundation

Attachment Numbers: 4 – Proposed Site Context Plan and Design Response (Version 1)
5 – Proposed Plan for Endorsement (Version 1)
6 – Bushfire Management Plan (in the Bushfire Management Statement Report Version C)

Summary:

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1675-2020 for a two lot subdivision at 320 Horseshoe Bend Road Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 on Title Plan 599194B), subject to standard conditions.

Background:

The eastern half of the site has been used for agricultural purposes as an olive farm for a long time and the current owners are seeking to improve the olive oil yield from the farm. The existing dwelling and farm sheds in the north-east part of the site are used in conjunction with the farming operation. The south-western half of the site contains native vegetation and has not been developed. The current owners are applying to subdivide the bush lot from the olive farm along existing fence lines and to retain the undeveloped nature of the bush lot by preventing it from being developed for accommodation uses in the future.

Proposal Details:

The application proposes the two lot subdivision of the subject land. Proposed Lot 1 will be 64.72ha and proposed Lot 2 will be 53.69ha. Proposed Lot 1 contains the existing dwelling, farm sheds, and an olive plantation. Proposed Lot 2 contains native vegetation and is a bush block.

The Proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 1) submitted with the application was amended by the applicant on 4 January 2021 to include two carriageway easements to access proposed Lot 2 over proposed Lot 1 from Horseshoe Bend Road pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Following discussions with DELWP and Council about the proposed access and the intended protection of proposed Lot 2 from any future development, the Proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 2) was amended and replaced by the previous Proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 1) on 3 February 2021 pursuant to Section 50 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. This amended proposal relies on the existing access arrangements to both lots.

Vehicle access to proposed Lot 1 is from the existing crossover and driveway to Horseshoe Bend Road. Vehicle access to proposed Lot 2 is from the existing crossover and driveway to Stringybark Road.

The applicant has stated the following about the proposed subdivision:

- *Lot 1 will contain the existing dwelling, associated infrastructure and olive plantation which form the operational agricultural business activity. Services are provided to the parcel and this lot will be a total 64.7ha in size.*
- *Lot 2 will be a total 53.7ha in size and enclose the area of bushland located at the western side of the property which is not used for any productive agricultural purposes. This area is considered superfluous to use of the land for olive oil production. Some neighbouring properties are used for apiary and beekeeping storage areas. It is anticipated the excised bushland may be used for a similar purpose or retained for those who may have freehold bushland preservation interests. This lot will be extremely suitable for either important purpose. Retention of this area for maintaining extant indigenous vegetation reserves is considered an important aspect of the proposal. To achieve this objective, the existing fences will be used for the common boundary between parcels and no vegetation loss will occur. Importantly, it is also proposed to introduce a restriction on title which will entirely remove the ability to use this parcel for dwelling purposes, subject to Council approval to the concept.*
- *No changes will occur to the provision of services which are presently available to each of the proposed allotments.*
- *Two critical aspects to the proposal are vegetation management and preservation, and bushfire protection.*

An updated Planning Report and Bushfire Management Report were submitted by the applicant in support of the amended proposal received on 3 February 2021.

Requirement for Permit:

The subject land is located within the Rural Living Zone and is affected by the Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 1, Schedule 3 and Schedule 6, the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and the Bushfire Management Overlay.

A planning permit is required to subdivide land under Clause 35.03-3 (Subdivision) of the Rural Living Zone. A planning permit is also required to subdivide land under Clause 42.01-2 (Permit requirement) of the Environmental Significance Overlay, Clause 44.04-3 of the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and Clause 44.06-2 of the Bushfire Management Overlay.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement:

The subject site is not burdened by a Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP):

The subject land is affected by an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area. The two lot subdivision is an exempt activity pursuant to Regulation

Subject site & locality:

The subject site is located on the western side of Horseshoe Bend Road and the eastern side of Stringybark Road, Dimboola and is known as Lot 1 on Title Plan 599194B. The site has a total area of approximately 118.5ha.

The site contains an olive plantation and an associated dwelling and farm sheds in the north-eastern part of the site and native vegetation with some scattered olive trees in the south-west part of the site. The site has an extended 1360m frontage to Horseshoe Bend Road along the eastern boundary and a 794m frontage to Stringybark Road at the western boundary.

Access to the site is from existing crossovers on Horseshoe Bend Road to the east and on Stringybark Road to the west. There is overhead electricity line located in Horseshoe Bend Road to provide electricity services, which is located within an electricity easement (E-1).

The site adjoins Horseshoe Bend Road and the Wimmera River to the east, the Wimmera River Heritage Area Park to the north-east and the Wail State Forest further east. To the west of the site are similar size parcels of land containing native vegetation and some cleared areas.

The site and the adjoining land are within the Rural Living Zone (RLZ). The Wimmera River and adjacent Parks to the east are within the Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ). The three Overlays affect different parts of the site and the surrounding land.

Aerial Photo below (POZI)



Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken and included:

- Three requests for further information were sent to the applicant via SPEAR on 2 September 2020, 7 November 2020 and 19 January 2021.
- The further information and amended plans were received in SPEAR on 23 September 2020, by email on 10 October 2020, and in SPEAR on 4 January 2021 and 3 February 2021.

Section 52 Notice of application:

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of the adjoining land.
- Placing two (2) notices on site, including one (1) notice on Horseshoe Bend Road to the east and one (1) notice on Stringybark Road to the west.

A statutory declaration form for the public notice was submitted to Council on 13 April 2021. The notification has been carried out correctly. Council has not received any objections to date.

Referrals:

External Referrals/Notices were required by the Planning Scheme:

Section 55 Referrals:

CFA

The CFA does not object to the grant of a permit for the above proposal subject to any mandatory conditions specified within the planning scheme; and the following conditions being included on any planning permit that may be issued.

Conditions

1. Prior to statement of compliance the owners of the land must enter into an agreement with the responsible authority under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the purpose of prohibiting the development of Lot 2 for accommodation.

Further Comments

CFA note previous correspondence with the applicant regard the unsuitable nature of the access provided to the proposed Lot 2 from Stringybark Road in the context of creating a new residential lot in the BMO. Pre-referral advice to the applicant was that the subdivision in its current form would only be supported by CFA on the basis of a s.173 agreement which prohibited future development of the proposed Lot 2 for a dwelling/ accommodation.

A s.173 agreement for the purposes of restricting the use of the land for accommodation negates the need for a s.173 agreement to address the requirements of Clause 44.06-5. Further, a s. 173 agreement for the purposes of Clause 44.06-5 is not required where: "the relevant fire authority states in writing that the preparation of an agreement ... is not required for the subdivision."

Please accept this correspondence as 'agreement in writing' from the relevant fire authority for the purposes of Clause 44.06-5.

Powercor

No objections.

Wimmera CMA

No objections. Note about maximum possible flood.

Section 52 Referrals:

DELWP

No response received.

Internal Referrals:

Engineering

Comments provided, and condition required as detailed below.

- *We have conducted a site visit on 17/03/2021. The following conditions need to be applied to the permit. The current location of accesses at Lot 1 main entrance will need to be upgraded or a new drainage pipe and crossovers will need to be constructed as per IDM-255 Standard. The current location of access at Lot 2 must be clearly signed with the address of the property to be easily identifiable by emergency services to RA satisfaction.*

https://www.designmanual.com.au/assets/files/documents/Standard_Drawings/DM_STANDARD_DRGS_SET_2020-03-24.pdf

Planning Scheme:

Planning Scheme Requirements:

Planning Policy Framework (PPF):

The following relevant Clauses in the PPF have been considered for the application.

Clause 11.01-1S – Settlement

Clause 11.01-1R – Settlement – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 11.03-5S – Distinctive areas and landscapes

Clause 11.03-6S – Regional and local places

Clause 12.01-1R – Protection of biodiversity – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 12.01-2S – Native vegetation management

Clause 13.02-1S – Bushfire planning

Clause 13.03-1S – Floodplain management

Clause 14.01-1S – Protection of agricultural land

Clause 14.01-1R – Agricultural productivity – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 14.01-2S – Sustainable agricultural land use

Clause 19.03-2S – Infrastructure design and provision

Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF):

The following relevant Clauses in the LPPF have been considered for the application.

Clause 21.00 – Municipal Strategic Statement

Clause 21.02 Vision – Strategic Framework

Clause 21.03 Objectives – Strategies – Implementation

Clause 21.03-2 – Economic Development

Clause 21.03-3 – Agriculture

Clause 21.03-4 – Environment

Clause 21.03-10 – Flora and Fauna

Planning Response:

The proposed subdivision will allow the olive plantation and the associated dwelling and sheds to be on a separate lot to the bush lot containing indigenous vegetation. The proposed subdivision will allow the owner/operator of the olive farm to have the option to sell the bush lot (proposed Lot 2) and to focus on improving olive oil yields to enhance the productive capacity of the farm.

The proposed subdivision will comply with the relevant objectives of the PPF, particularly in regard to protecting agricultural land, protecting native vegetation and flora and fauna, and minimising bushfire risk and potential land use conflicts with the adjacent rural residential uses.

A Section 173 Agreement is required to prevent the future development of Lot 2 for accommodation, which will also protect remnant native vegetation on the site and minimise bushfire risk.

The proposed subdivision will comply with the relevant provisions of the PPF and LPPF including the relevant local planning policies in Clause 21.03-3 Agriculture, Clause 21.03-4 Environment and Clause 21.03-10 Flora and Fauna, subject to conditions.

Zoning Provisions:

Clause 35.03 Rural Living Zone:

35.03-3 Subdivision:

A permit is required to subdivide land.

Each lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, each lot must be at least 2 hectares.

Clause 35.03-5 Decision Guidelines:

Before deciding on an application to use or subdivide land, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate, matters under the following relevant headings:

- General issues
- Agricultural issues
- Environmental issues
- Design and siting issues

Planning Response:

The proposed subdivision complies with the relevant decision guidelines in the zone for the following reasons:

General issues

- The proposal will comply with the MPS in the LPPF and PPF as discussed above.
- The proposal will be consistent with the current Wimmera Regional Catchment Strategy 2013-2019 and will not affect the Wimmera River.
- The subdivision of the land will create two lots that well exceed the minimum of 2ha.
- The proposal will be compatible with the adjoining and nearby land uses.

Agricultural issues and the impacts from non-agricultural uses

- The subdivision will allow the existing agricultural activities on proposed Lot 1 as an olive plantation to be retained and the agricultural productivity is likely to be enhanced.
- There is no applicable land management plan for the site.
- There is potential for increased olive oil yields with the focus of the owners/operators on the olive plantation on proposed Lot 1.

Environmental issues

- The proposal is unlikely to have an adverse impact on soil and water quality, noise, dust and odours and any other natural physical features and resources.
- The proposal will protect the flora, fauna and landscape features on the site and in the locality.
- The proposal will assist to protect and enhance the biodiversity of the area, including the retention of native vegetation and faunal habitat on proposed Lot 2.
- The on-site effluent disposal area for the existing dwelling will not impact the nutrient loads on the adjacent Wimmera River and native vegetation.

Design and siting issues

- The proposal will have a positive impact on the natural environment by preventing further development of proposed Lot 2 for accommodation.
- The subdivision will not impact on the character and appearance of the area and features of natural scenic beauty along the Wimmera River.
- The existing infrastructure on proposed Lot 1 will be retained. Council's Engineers have required the existing crossovers for the main entrance to proposed Lot 1 to be upgraded or a new drainage pipe and crossovers to be constructed to IDM-55 Standard, which will be included as a condition.
- In terms of traffic management measures, Council's Engineers have required a new farm gate for the access to proposed Lot 2 with clear signage to be easily identifiable by emergency services, which will also be included as a condition.

Overlay Provisions:

Clause 42.01-2 Environmental Significance Overlay Schedules 1, 3 and 6 (ESO1, ESO3 and ESO6)

42.01-2 Permit requirement

A permit is required to:

- Subdivide land.

42.01-5 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Schedule 1 to the Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1) Sewerage Treatment Plant Buffer Area

The environmental objective in Schedule 1 of the ESO is not relevant to the application as there is no development of a dwelling proposed.

Schedule 3 to the Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO3) Wimmera River Protection

2.0 Environmental objective to be achieved

- To maintain the quality and quantity of water within the Wimmera River.
- To maintain the ability of the Wimmera River to carry natural flows.
- To protect and encourage the long-term future of fauna and fauna habitats along the Wimmera River, and where appropriate to allow for regeneration of habitats.
- To prevent increased surface run-off or concentration of surface water run-off leading to erosion of the banks and streambed or siltation.
- To prevent pollution and increased turbidity of the water in the Wimmera River.
- To protect the Wimmera River watercourse and its environs as a significant natural landscape.

4.0 Decision guidelines

The responsible authority is to give consideration to the following matters prior to making a decision on a planning permit application:

- Existing use of the land and the reason for the development in relation to that use.
- Possible effect of the development on the quality and quantity of water.
- Conservation of natural habitats and the preservation of native fauna, fish and other aquatic life.
- Preservation of and the impact on soils and the need to prevent erosion.
- Protection of recreational and landscape values.
- Proper management of the land as a watercourse area.
- Need for fencing off waterways and other land management measures.
- Need to maintain or plant vegetation in order to protect water quality.
- Any management plan prepared by the Wimmera Catchment Authority, Department of Natural Resources and Environment or water supply authority.
- Comments of the Wimmera Catchment Authority, Department of Natural Resources and Environment and relevant water supply authority.

Schedule 6 to the Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO6) Catchments of Wetlands of Conservation Value

The environmental objectives in Schedule 6 of the ESO is not relevant to the application as there is no specific permit trigger to subdivide land under this Schedule.

Planning Response:

The proposal will not allow the development of any accommodation on Lot 2, which will be required by a condition for a Section 173 Agreement. The proposal will not alter the existing uses and development on the lots, will protect landscape values and will not affect the Wimmera River. The WCMA does not object to the subdivision and has not required any conditions. The proposal complies with the relevant decision guidelines in the ESO and Schedule 3.

Clause 44.04 Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO)

44.04-3 Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

44.04-8 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The site is only affected by a small part of the LSIO in the south-east corner of proposed Lot 1 near Horseshoe Bend Road. The WCMA have provided referral response advising they do not object to the grant of a permit and have not required any conditions. The proposal complies with the relevant decision guidelines in the LSIO.

Clause 44.06 Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO)

44.06-2 Permit requirement

Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land. This does not apply if a schedule to this overlay specifically states that a permit is not required.

44.06-5 Mandatory condition

Subdivision

A permit which creates a lot for a single dwelling on land zoned for residential or rural residential purposes must include the following condition:

“Before the statement of compliance is issued under the Subdivision Act 1988 the owner must enter into an agreement with the responsible authority under Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987. The agreement must:

*State that it has been prepared for the purpose of an exemption from a planning permit under Clause 44.06-2 of the [*insert name of applicable planning scheme] Planning Scheme. Incorporate the plan prepared in accordance with Clause 53.02-4.4 of this planning scheme and approved under this permit.*

State that if a dwelling is constructed on the land without a planning permit that the bushfire protection measures set out in the plan incorporated into the agreement must be implemented and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority on a continuing basis. The land owner must pay the reasonable costs of the preparation, execution and registration of the Section 173 Agreement.”

This does not apply:

- If a schedule to this overlay specifies that a Section 173 Agreement is not required.
- Where the relevant fire authority states in writing the preparation of an agreement under Section 173 of the Act is not required for the subdivision.
- For the subdivision of the land into lots each containing an existing dwelling or car parking space.

A permit to subdivide land must include any condition specified in a schedule to this overlay.

44.06-8 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 53.02 and Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The CFA has advised in the referral response that the mandatory condition for a Section 173 Agreement in Clause 44.06-5 is not required as a Section 173 Agreement is required to prevent development of Lot 2 for accommodation.

The Section 173 Agreement requirement was discussed between the applicant, DELWP, the CFA and Council in regard to the future use of proposed Lot 2, to minimise bushfire risk and protect remnant native vegetation, and is an appropriate planning outcome.

Particular Provisions

Clause 53.02 Bushfire Planning

53.02-4 Bushfire protection objectives

53.02-4.4 Subdivision objectives

53.02-4.5 Decision guidelines

Before deciding on an application, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider:

Planning Response:

The requirements of this Clause have been met in accordance with the Bushfire Management Statement Report and the requirements of the CFA for a Section 173 Agreement condition as outlined above.

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

Because a permit can be granted does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The responsible authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines of this clause.

65.01 Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

65.02 Approval of an application to subdivide land

Before deciding on an application to subdivide land, the responsible authority must also consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The application complies with the relevant decision guidelines as outlined above. The proposal is supportive of, and complies with the PPF and LPPF, having regard to the protection of agricultural land, preventing land use conflicts, protecting native vegetation and flora and fauna, minimising bushfire risk and not impacting on the amenity of the area. The proposed subdivision will enable the orderly planning of the area. The proposal therefore complies with Clause 65.

Discussion:

The proposed subdivision will satisfy the relevant planning policies in the PPF and LPPF and will comply with the relevant decision guidelines of the Rural Living Zone, the Environmental Significance Overlay and Schedule 3 of the ESO, the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay and the Bushfire Management Overlay as outlined above.

A Section 173 Agreement is required as a condition to prevent development of proposed Lot 2 for accommodation as detailed above.

The proposal will not adversely impact on the amenity of the area and will enable the orderly planning of the area in accordance with Clause 65.

The proposal should therefore be approved, and a Planning Permit be issued subject to conditions as outlined below.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies, the Rural Living Zone, the Environmental Significance Overlay and Schedule 3 of the ESO, the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, the Bushfire Management Overlay and Clause 65.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

11/08/2020 – Application lodged
02/09/2020 – Further information requested
23/09/2020 – Partial response to further information requested.
27/09/2020 – Application fee paid
10/10/2020 – Response to further information received and an amended plan received
07/11/2020 – Second further information request sent to the applicant
04/01/2021 – Response to further information received and an amended plan received
19/01/2021 – Third further information request sent to the applicant
03/02/2021 – Response to further information received and an amended plan received
26/02/2021 – External and internal referrals sent
04/03/2021 – Advertising instructions sent

18/03/2021 – Responses received to Section 55 external referrals and internal referrals
13/04/2021 – Statutory declaration for advertising received in SPEAR
05/05/2021 – The report is being presented as a late report to Council at the meeting held 05 May 2021 (51 statutory days)

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

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: Bernadine Pringle, Consultant Town Planner.

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the applicant of Council's decision.

Next Steps:

Issue the planning permit and endorse the plans if approved by Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves planning application PA1675-2020 for a Two lot subdivision on the subject land at 320 Horseshoe Bend Road Dimboola VIC 3414 (Lot 1 on Title Plan 599194B), subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The layout and site dimensions of the subdivision hereby permitted, as shown on the endorsed plan/s, must not be altered or modified without the written consent of the Responsible Authority. There are no requirements to alter or modify the endorsed plan if a plan is certified under the provisions of the Subdivision Act 1988 that is generally in accordance with the endorsed plan/s.***

Section 173 Agreement

- 2. Before the plan of subdivision is certified under the Subdivision Act 1988, the owner must enter into an agreement with the responsible authority made***

pursuant to Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 (the Act) and make application to the Registrar of Titles to have the agreement registered on the title to the land under Section 181 of the Act, which specifies:

a) The use and development of Lot 2 for accommodation is prohibited.

The owner/operator must pay the reasonable costs of preparation, execution and registration of the Section 173 Agreement.

Wastewater system on Lot 1

3. The existing wastewater system on Lot 1 must contain all effluent from the existing buildings within the lot and the system must comply with the Environment Protection Act 1970, the State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) and the EPA Code of Practice 891.4 (2016) for On-Site Wastewater Management or relevant alternative, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Access

4. Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the existing crossovers and main entrance to Lot 1 must be upgraded or a new drainage pipe and crossovers must be constructed in accordance with the IDM-255 Standard, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

5. Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the existing access to Lot 2 must be clearly signed with the address of the property, to be easily identifiable to emergency services, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

6. The crossovers and access to the two lots must be constructed to an all-weather standard and must have a minimum trafficable width to accommodate emergency vehicles, to the standards and satisfaction of the Responsible Authority or as otherwise agreed to writing by the Responsible Authority.

CFA Condition

7. Prior to statement of compliance the owners of the land must enter into an agreement with the responsible authority under section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 with the purpose of prohibiting the development of Lot 2 for accommodation.

Subdivision Conditions in Clause 66.01

- 8. The owner of the land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity, gas and telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.**
- 9. All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.**
- 10. The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.**

Subdivision Expiry

11. The subdivision will expire if:

- a) The plan of subdivision is not certified within two (2) years of the date of this permit.**
- b) The registration of the subdivision is not completed within five (5) years of the date of certification of the plan of subdivision.**

In accordance with section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six (6) months of the permit expiry date.

Notes:

CFA

CFA notes previous correspondence with the applicant regard the unsuitable nature of the access provided to the proposed Lot 2 from Stringybark Road in the context of creating a new residential lot in the BMO. Pre-referral advice to the applicant was that the subdivision in its current form would only be supported by CFA on the basis of a s.173 agreement which prohibited future development of the proposed Lot 2 for a dwelling/ accommodation.

A s.173 agreement for the purposes of restricting the use of the land for accommodation negates the need for a s.173 agreement to address the requirements of Clause 44.06-5. Further, a s. 173 agreement for the purposes of Clause 44.06-5 is not required where: "the relevant fire authority states in writing that the preparation of an agreement ... is not required for the subdivision."

Wimmera CMA

The 1% AEP flood is not the maximum possible flood. A flood larger in height and extent, than the 1% AEP flood, may occur in the future.

Infrastructure

- ***The upgraded access or new drainage pipe and crossover for Lot 1 on Horseshoe Bend Road must be constructed as per IDM-255 Standard.
https://www.designmanual.com.au/assets/files/documents/Standard_Drawing_s/IDM_STANDARD_DRGS_SET_2020-03-24.pdf***
- ***A Consent to Works Within Road Reserve Permit must be obtained from Council's Infrastructure Department (Phone: 03 5391 4444) for the construction or alteration/upgrade of any vehicle crossovers or any works conducted in the road reserve.***

MOVED: CRS Cr Gersch/Cr Nelson

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CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 4, 5 and 6

9. REPORTS REQUIRING A DECISION

9.1 DRAFT 2021/2022 BUDGET AND DRAFT REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachment Number: 7 – Hindmarsh Shire Council Draft Budget 2021/2022

Introduction:

This report presents the draft 2021/2022 Annual Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020. The report includes a recommendation that Council adopt the draft the draft 2021/2022 Annual Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan and invites community submissions.

Discussion:

Council is required under section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2020* to prepare a budget for each financial year and the subsequent 3 financial years by:

- (a) 30 June each year; or
- (b) any other date fixed by the Minister by notice published in the Government Gazette.

The draft budget has been prepared in accordance with relevant statutory requirements, including the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act) and *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

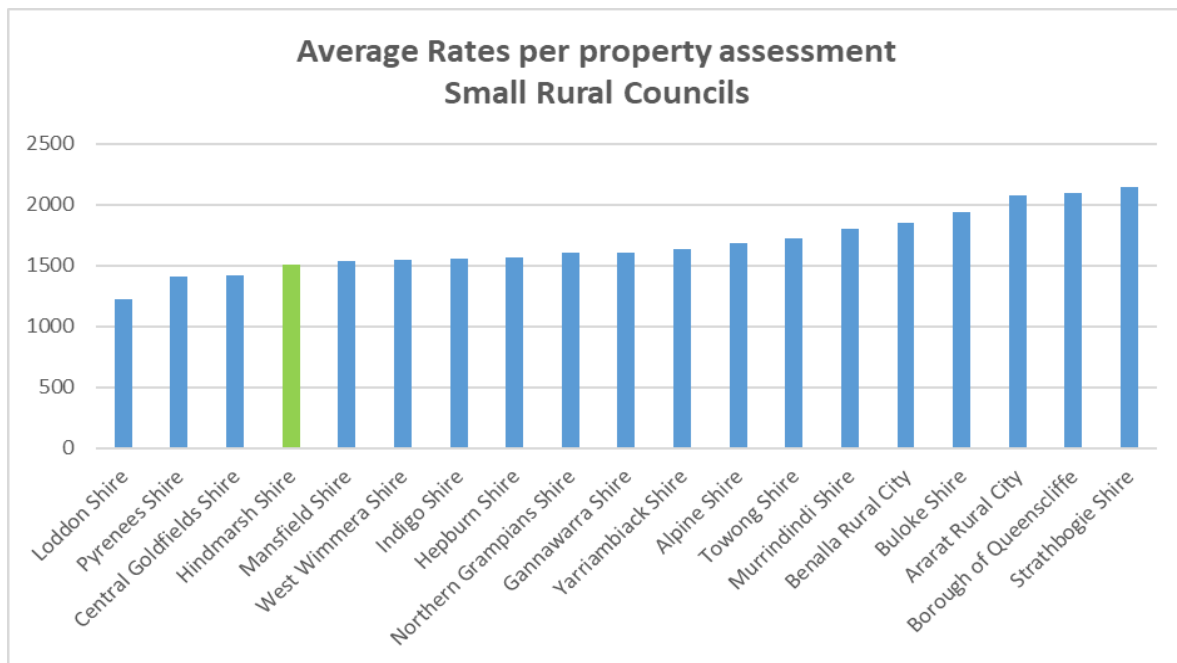
A requirement of the new Local Government Act 2020 is that all Victorian Local Governments are required to adopt a Revenue and Rating Plan by 30 June 2021.

The draft Revenue and Rating Plan has been developed to retain the current differentials for farm and commercial/industrial properties (10 percent discount), recreational properties (50 percent discount), and non-farm vacant land (100 percent

penalty).

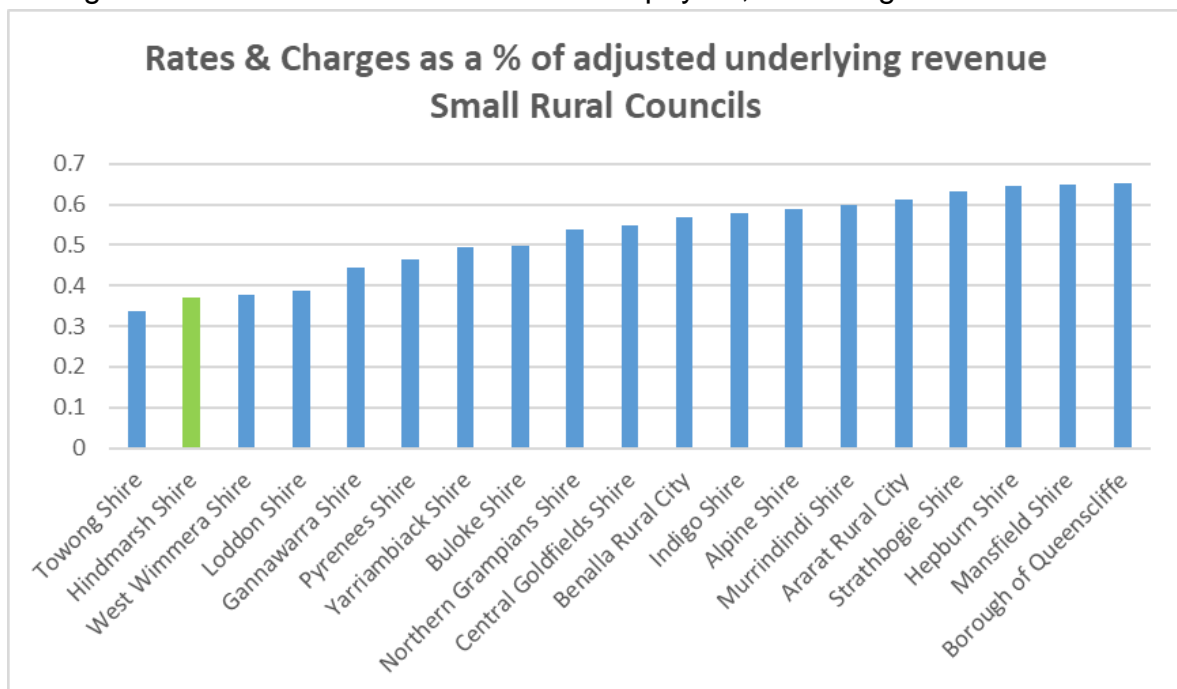
When developing the plan, consideration was given to current rates per and benchmarking against similar councils was undertaken.

On a rates per assessment basis, Hindmarsh Shire was well within the average for the group of small rural Council's in the 2019/2020 financial year.



*source Know Your Council, 2019/20 Annual Reporting data

The graph below, showing that Council is at the lower end of its peer group in terms of rates as a percentage of overall revenue, is an indication of the focus Council places on raising revenue from sources other than rate payers, such as grant revenue.



*source Know Your Council, 2019/20 Annual Reporting data

The draft 2021/22 budget has been developed to balance the retention of existing community service levels, maintenance and renewal of assets, and new initiatives to improve amenity and make Hindmarsh a better place to live. It replicates the format of the four Key Result Areas used in the 2017-2021 Council Plan, namely:

- Community Liveability;
- Built and Natural Environment;
- Competitive and Innovative Economy; and
- Our People, Our Processes.

The budget has been prepared based on available information to inform forecasts and assumptions. At the time of preparation, the Victorian state government and federal government 2021/2022 budgets have not been released.

Rates and Charges

The rates and charges calculated for 2021/22 are based on revaluation figures as at 1 January 2021. The draft Revenue and Rating Plan includes differentials for farms and commercial/industrial properties (10 percent discount), recreational properties (50 percent discount), and non-farm vacant land (100 percent penalty).

The Victorian State Government rate cap increase for 2021/2022 has been set at 1.5%. The cap, in line with the Essential Services Commission (ESC) calculation method, applies the increase to the average rates payable per assessment.

The total amount to be raised by general rates and charges in 2021/2022 is \$9.21m, which is an increase of \$0.12m from 2020/2021.

Capital Works

The draft 2021/2022 budget includes capital works expenditure of \$14.09m. A number of larger grant funded projects are budgeted to be completed during 2021/2022 including:

- Albacutya Bridge \$3.3m and Albacutya Road widening \$509,923.
- Davis Park redevelopment \$3.58m (subject to successful grant application).
- Cabins at Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow Caravan Parks \$600,000 (subject to successful grant application).
- Nhill Library upgrade \$110,000.

Key Initiatives

The proposed key initiatives for the 2021/22 financial year are outlined below. Further details are included in the relevant sections of the budget document.

Community Infrastructure

- Funding obtained through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Round 2 funding will enable Council to undertake works on Community Infrastructure including:
 - Jeparit Camp Kitchen;
 - Nhill Tennis Club Rooms;
 - Rainbow Library Park linking Rainbow Library and Oasis;
 - Rainbow Lake; and
 - Davis Park.
- \$10,000 in recurrent and \$50,000 in capital as seed funding for grant opportunities arising during the year.
- \$6,500 to install pedestrian safety fencing at the Nhill Early Years Centre to reduce the risk of a child running directly onto the road.
- \$60,000 to install new solar heating at the Rainbow Swimming Pool due to the existing solar heating not working.

Tourism Development

- \$12,000 to support the Rainbow Desert Enduro in August 2021.
- \$10,000 to support the Peter Taylor Memorial Barefoot Tournament in February 2022.
- \$15,500 Advertising and Marketing.
- \$21,000 implementation of Nhill Streetscape Master Plan initiatives.
- \$20,000 to update the ensuites at the Riverside Holiday Park in Dimboola.

Economic Development:

- Business Assistance Grants. The Business Assistance Grants Program (BAGP) aims to support local businesses expanding their operations or new businesses, large and small, to establish in the Shire. It will provide assistance to offset costs associated with expanding or establishing a business in Hindmarsh Shire. \$20,000 has been included in the 2021/22 budget for this project.

Empowered Communities

- \$7,500 to each of the Shire's four Town Committees. This funding can be used as seed funding for grants that will fund works important to the community in each town. In its fourth year, this funding has enabled some fantastic projects in our towns since its inception.
- Hindmarsh Youth Council funding of \$10,000 to allow this successful initiative to continue.
- \$20,000 to its Community Action Grants which will enable community groups to apply for funding for events, minor facility upgrades, small equipment and community assistance.
- \$2,000 to support the Nhill Friday Fiestas in February 2022.

Infrastructure

- Kerb & Channel: Western Highway Median Maintenance Nelson Street \$57,925; Elgin Street, Nhill \$150,227; Scott Street, Jeparit \$128,076; Park Street, Nhill (\$219,569)
- Reseals and Final Seals: Council will undertake reseal and final seal projects totalling \$787,722 in 2021/22. These include: Lorquon Palm Road, Lorquon; Antwerp Woorak Road, "S Bend"; Antwerp Warracknabeal Road, Antwerp; Charles Street, Jeparit; Netherby Baker Road, Netherby; Jeparit East Road, Jeparit; Hindmarsh Street, Dimboola; Salisbury Woorak Road, Nhill.
- Sealed Road Construction: Council will undertake sealed road construction projects totalling \$1.066m in 2021/22. These include Wimmera Street, Dimboola; Antwerp Woorak Road, Nhill; Kiata North Road, Kiata; Albacutya Road, Rainbow.
- Road Resheet Projects: Council will undertake 7 resheet projects during 2021/22 totalling \$493,729. These include Boundary Road in conjunction with West Wimmera Shire; Lorquon Cemetery Road, Nhill; Horsham Road, Dimboola; Arkona Katyil Road, Dimboola; Propodollah Road, Nhill; Stasinowsky Road, Rainbow; Antwerp Katyil Road, Dimboola.
- Footpaths: Footpath projects totalling \$179,525 will be undertaken during 2021/22. These include Lake Street, Rainbow; Wimmera Street, Dimboola; Roy Street, Jeparit; Nelson Street, Nhill; Railway Street, Rainbow; Hindmarsh Street, Dimboola.

The draft 2021/2022 budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan have been prepared for approval by Council. Under Council's Community Engagement Policy, the draft budget and draft Revenue and Rating Plan will be made available for public inspection and the receiving of submissions for the period Monday 10 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021. Council will be advised of any submissions received at the 23 June 2021 Council meeting.

The draft 2021/2022 budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan will be available for public inspection at Council Customer Service Centres or online on Council's website.

Options:

Council must formally prepare and advertise its 2021/22 budget pursuant to sections 94 and 96 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The draft Revenue and Rating Plan must be prepared pursuant to section 93 of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Link to Council Plan:

The 2021/22 Budget provides the funding for Council to undertake its initiatives and activities proposed in the Council Plan's four key result areas. Each program in the Budget contains a statement about how the program will contribute to the initiatives and strategies detailed in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

Financial Implications:

The 2021/22 Budget is consistent with the parameters set out in Council's ten-year financial plan.

Risk Management Implications:

The preparation of the Budget is a statutory requirement.

Conflict of Interest:

Under section 130(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* 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 and Officer Responsible, I have no interests to disclose.

Communications Strategy:

In line with Council's Community Engagement Policy, it proposed that the draft budget be made available to allow for submissions for the period Monday 10 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021. Submissions will be considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday 23 June 2021.

Copies of the draft 2021/2022 budget, including the Revenue and Rating Plan will be available at Council's Customer Service Centres and on Council's website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. approves the draft 2021/22 Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020,***
- 2. gives public notice of the preparation of the draft Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan inviting written submissions from the public for the period Monday 10 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021,***
- 3. considers public submissions from those who have requested that they be heard in support of their submission and the formal adoption of the draft budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan at the Council meeting on Wednesday 23 June 2021, and***
- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor changes to the proposed budget 2021/22 incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan if required.***

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/B Ireland

That Council:

- 1. approves the draft 2021/22 Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and***

Rating Plan for the purposes of public consultation in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020,

- 2. gives public notice of the preparation of the draft Budget incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan inviting written submissions from the public for the period Monday 10 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021,***
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- 4. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to undertake minor changes to the proposed budget 2021/22 incorporating the draft Revenue and Rating Plan if required.***

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 7

9.2 LOCAL LAW REVIEW

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Numbers: 8 – Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law
9 – Hindmarsh Governance Local Law

Introduction:

This Council Report seeks Council adoption of the Hindmarsh Governance Local Law No. 1 2014 and Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No. 2 2014.

Discussion:

At the meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 Council resolved to approve the statutory process to make the Governance Local Law No. 1 and Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No. 2 (collectively **Local Laws**), and give public notice stating the purpose of the proposed Local Laws and invite written submissions under s223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Both proposed Local Laws were made available for public inspection and submissions from Thursday 11 March 2021 until Wednesday 14 April 2021.

1. Relevant legislation to be considered in Local Law review

The relevant legislation to comply with in the review of the Local Laws is Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1989*. The provisions of the *Local Government Act 2020* pertaining to the development of Local Laws do not come into effect until 1 July 2021. While the review on these documents will be done under the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council will not have to re-do a review on the documents again after 1 July 2021. Section 71(6) of the *Local Government Act 2020* provides that “despite the repeal of Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, a local law made under that Act continues in

force as if that Part had not been repealed and may be amended or revoked by a local law made under this Act”.

2. Community Consultation

The process for community consultation in the development of Local Laws is legislated by sections 119 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Both proposed Local Laws were available for public inspection and submissions from Thursday 11 March 2021 until Wednesday 14 April 2021. A public notice was placed in the local papers and the Government Gazette advising that the draft Local Laws were available to peruse at all Council Offices and online on the Hindmarsh Shire website. This period for submission was open from Thursday 11 March 2021 until Wednesday 14 April 2021.

Council officers included the draft Local Laws in the Community Consultation sessions undertaken as part of the development of the Council Plan throughout March.

3. Governance Local Law (previously named Meeting Procedure Local Law)

The meeting procedure was reviewed due to the implementation of the Governance Rules that were approved by Council in August 2020, which replaced a substantial amount of the Meeting Procedure Local Law. The Governance Local Law provides for the use of the common seal and offences in the event of inappropriate conduct at Council meetings and meetings of delegated committees, which could not be included in the Governance Rules.

3.1 Public submissions

Council received one submission relating to the Governance Local Law.

Name	Feedback	Officer response
Bryson Ingamells	<i>The Hindmarsh Governance Local Law No 1 (2021) appears to be a good law. I hope it facilitates good governance.</i>	The aim of the Hindmarsh Governance Local Law No 1 (2021) is to provide good governance. The positive feedback in relation to the Hindmarsh Governance Local Law No 1 (2021) is welcomed.

A copy of the Hindmarsh Governance Local Law No 1 is attached to this Report.

4. Municipal Local Law

The Municipal Local Law has been re-formatted and all cross-referencing errors contained within the previous Municipal Local Law have been corrected. The contents of the Municipal Local Law largely remain the same.

A loophole in relation to Part 2 – Camping was closed by inserting the phrase ‘in a calendar year’ in clause 8.2.3. In the previous Municipal Local Law, the clarification of the three-month period being in a calendar year was not included. This resulted in Authorised Officers advising people to move on and then having them come back a few days later.

Division 9.3 - Other Provisions Relating To Streets, Roads and Public Places, clause 59.1 Consumption of Alcohol has been updated to include:

- Goldsworthy Park, Nhill;
- Nine Creeks Reserve barbeque area and the rear of the Dimboola Library, Dimboola;
- Riverbank precinct barbeque area, Jeparit; and
- Jeparit Recreation Reserve, Jeparit.

4.1 Public submissions

Council received two submissions relating to the Municipal Local Law.

Name	Feedback	Officer response
Bryson Ingamells	<p><i>The use of am and pm in Part 60.1</i></p> <p><i>The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language states "By convention, 12 am denotes midnight and 12 pm denotes noon. Because of the potential for confusion, it is advisable to use 12 noon and 12 midnight."</i></p>	<p>60.1 of the Municipal Local Law has been updated to now reference 12noon for clarity.</p> <p>A search of the document has been done to ensure this is the only clause this applies to.</p>
Bryson Ingamells	<p><i>My problem with Part 37. Dogs and cats.</i></p> <p><i>The wording implies two dogs or two cats but not both. In other words, an occupier can't have a dog and a cat.</i></p> <p><i>I'm all in favour. Dogs and cats are trouble for me: dogs bark and howl all days all hours; cats – worse: yowling, fighting, using my place as a toilet and killing my birds - not to mention the intractable problem of feral cats.</i></p>	<p>37.1.3 has been included to clarify that a person can own a combination of two cats and two dogs without obtaining a permit from Council.</p>
Graham Blair	<p><i>28 Directive Powers</i></p> <p><i>28.1 If in the opinion of an authorised officer of a member of the Victoria Police</i></p> <p><i>Guessing that is 'or'</i></p>	<p>Clause 28.1 has been updated to reflect this.</p>

Name	Feedback	Officer response
Graham Blair	76 about cranes. It repeats 75.6 & has nothing to do with cranes.	Clause 76.1 has been updated to include the correct wording.
Graham Blair	25.1 Fires in open So we're standing around at home after a family BBQ on a Saturday evening & we can't throw a few sticks of wood into a Bunnings Fire Pit to keep warm & have a chat. But if we're at the local football ground it's okay to do this in some 44 gallon drums because they obviously get a permit for each match? I reckon there needs to be some sort of exemption size/type or whatever as this is not complied with almost every winter weekend.	Council officers recommend that clause 25.1 remain as presented in the draft Municipal Local Law. The changed recommended by Mr Blair would be a significant change to the Municipal Local Law and without extensive consultation on the change it is not recommended that we make such a significant change.

A copy of the Hindmarsh Municipal Local Law No 2 is attached to this Report.

5. Next steps

Following this meeting, Council Officers will place a notice in local papers and the Government Gazette specifying the title of the local law, the purpose and general purport of the local law and that a copy of each local law may be inspected at any Council office. A copy of both Local Laws will also be forwarded to the Minister. Upon publication in the Government Gazette, the Local Laws will come into effect.

Link to Council Plan:

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:

N/A

Risk Management Implications:

No risk management implications.

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 – Monica Revell, Director Corporate and Community Services

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

Author – Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services

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

Communications Strategy:

As per above.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020, as amended;**
- 2. notes that the Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020 will come into effect on the day following the day on which notice of the making of the Local Law is published in the Government Gazette;**
- 3. pursuant to s119(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives notice in the Government Gazette and a public notice in the local papers stating the title of the Local Law, the purpose and general purport of the Local Law and that a copy of the Local Law may be inspected at the Council office;**
- 4. pursuant to s119(4) of the Act, forwards a copy of the adopted Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020 to the Minister for Local Government.**

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020, as amended;**
- 2. notes that the Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020 will come into effect on the day following the day on which notice of the making of the Local Law is published in the Government Gazette;**
- 3. pursuant to s119(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives notice in the Government Gazette and a public notice in the local papers stating the title of the Local Law, the purpose and general purport of the Local Law and that a copy of the Local Law may be inspected at the Council office;**
- 4. pursuant to s119(4) of the Act, forwards a copy of the adopted Governance Local Law No 1 – 2020 to the Minister for Local Government.**

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. adopts the Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020, as amended;**
- 2. notes that the Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020 will come into effect on the day following the day on which notice of the making of the Local Law is**

published in the Government Gazette;

3. *pursuant to s119(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives notice in the Government Gazette and a public notice in the local papers stating the title of the Local Law, the purpose and general purport of the Local Law and that a copy of the Local Law may be inspected at the Council office;*
4. *pursuant to s119(4) of the Act, forwards a copy of the adopted Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020 to the Minister for Local Government.*

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/D Nelson

That Council:

1. *adopts the Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020, as amended;*
2. *notes that the Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020 will come into effect on the day following the day on which notice of the making of the Local Law is published in the Government Gazette;*
3. *pursuant to s119(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, gives notice in the Government Gazette and a public notice in the local papers stating the title of the Local Law, the purpose and general purport of the Local Law and that a copy of the Local Law may be inspected at the Council office;*
4. *pursuant to s119(4) of the Act, forwards a copy of the adopted Municipal Local Law No 2 – 2020 to the Minister for Local Government.*

CARRIED

Attachment Numbers: 8 and 9

9.3 RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services
Attachment Number: 10 – Risk Management Policy

Introduction:

This report seeks Council adoption of the Hindmarsh Shire Council Risk Management Policy.

Discussion:

Risk management is an important component of strategic decision-making. Council's risk management framework is currently guided by the following documents:

- Risk Management Policy;
- Risk Strategy; and
- Fraud Prevention Policy and Plan.

Council officers have conducted a review on Hindmarsh Shire Council's Risk Management Policy. The policy has not been reviewed since June 2013. The review

was prompted by the internal audit into risk management which recommended that Council review the Risk Management Policy. The audit findings recommended that Council's Risk Management Policy be reviewed with reference to the AS/NZS ISO 3100: 2018 Risk Management –Guidelines (**Standards**).

The changes made to the Risk Management Policy are outlined as follows:

- ***The purpose of the policy***
The purpose of the policy is clearly outlined at the beginning.
- ***A commitment to upholding an effective risk management system***
An explicit commitment to upholding an effective risk management system has been included in the policy
- ***Inclusion of Risk Management Principles outlined in the Standards***
Commitment to the risk management principles included in the Standards has been included in the policy.
- ***Updated terminology***
Outdated terminology and references to Committees that no longer operate at Council have been removed from the policy and replaced with current terminology and references.

The reviewed Risk Management Policy is attached to this Council Report.

Options:

1. Council can approve that the Risk Management Policy.
2. Council can amend the Risk Management Policy and then approve Risk Management Policy.

Link to Council Plan:

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 Risk Management Policy sets out Council's commitment to risk management principles to:

- increase the likelihood of achieving objectives;
- encourage proactive management;
- establish a reliable basis for decision making and planning;
- improve operational effectiveness and efficiency and improve organisational

resilience;

- enhance health and safety performance as well as environmental protection;
- improve the identification of opportunities and threats;
- improve financial reporting and governance;
- comply with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

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 – Monica Revell, Director Corporate and Community Services
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services
In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

Council officers will upload the Risk Management Policy on Council’s website and circulate the Risk Management Policy to all and Councillors and staff.

Next Steps:

Council Officers will undertake the following steps moving forward:

- Follow the communication strategy as outlined above.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the Risk Management Policy.

MOVED: CRS D Nelson/W Bywaters

That Council adopts the Risk Management Policy.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 10

9.4 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES ADOPTION

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to adopt the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances following the public consultation period between 10 February 2021 and 8 April 2021.

Discussion:

At the Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 March 2021 Council resolved to consider the review of the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances and advertise for public submissions in relation to its intention to set the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances at the meeting on Wednesday 5 May 2021.

The *Local Government Act 2020* has established a new way of setting Councillor and Mayoral Allowances. However, Local Government Victoria has advised that this will not be implemented before 30 June 2021. Council must therefore review and determine the Mayoral and Councillor allowances within the framework established by the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Councillors are democratically elected by the residents and ratepayers of Hindmarsh municipality. Once elected, Councillors are required to carry out various roles and functions impartially, to the best of their ability, and in the best interests of the municipality. This includes providing community leadership and guidance through attendance at various Council and community meetings, and setting the strategic direction for the municipality. In recognition of this, Councillors and the Mayor are entitled to receive an allowance.

Under the *Local Government Act 1989* framework, the Victorian Government sets upper and lower limits for all allowances paid to Councillors and Mayors. For the purpose of these allowance limits, councils are divided into three categories based on the income and population of each council. Each council is required to determine the precise annual amount that will be paid to its Mayor and Councillors, within the limits of the categories set by the Victorian Government.

Section 74(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires that councils must review and determine the level of Mayoral and Councillor Allowances within six months after a general election or by the next 30 June, whichever is later. The allowance levels determined apply from the time of Council making a resolution after conducting a review of its allowances and remain in effect until the next election.

The following allowances were gazetted on 13 November 2019. No CPI increases were applied for 2020, so the amount gazette in 2019 remain valid at this point in time.



Victoria Government Gazette

No. S 459 Wednesday 13 November 2019
By Authority of Victorian Government Printer

Local Government Act 1989

MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR ALLOWANCES ADJUSTMENT

Pursuant to section 73B(4)(a) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, notice is hereby given that an adjustment factor of two per cent applies to Mayoral and Councillor allowances.

Pursuant to section 73B(4)(b) of the **Local Government Act 1989**, the new limits and ranges of Mayoral and Councillor allowances, adjusted in accordance with the adjustment factor, are:

Category 1	Councillors: \$8,833–\$21,049 per annum	Mayors: up to \$62,884 per annum
Category 2	Councillors: \$10,914–\$26,245 per annum	Mayors: up to \$81,204 per annum
Category 3	Councillors: \$13,123–\$31,444 per annum	Mayors: up to \$100,434 per annum

This notice does not apply to the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and Councillors of the Melbourne City Council, and the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Greater Geelong City Council.

The new adjusted limits and ranges take effect on 1 December 2019.

Dated 12 November 2019

ADEM SOMYUREK MP
Minister for Local Government

The relevant allowance range limit that applies to Hindmarsh Shire Council (as a Category 1 Shire) from 13 November 2019 (subject to an additional amount equivalent to the superannuation guarantee of 9.5%) are:

- An allowance paid to Councillors for performing their duties – minimum \$8,833, maximum \$21,049 (subject to any amendments by Order in Council).
- An allowance paid to the Mayor for performing their mayoral duties – maximum amount \$62,884 (subject to any amendments by Order in Council).

Hindmarsh Shire Council, like many of its peers in Category 1, has historically opted for the maximum allowance.

Community Consultation

Council provided the community with 28 days' notice of its intention to set Councillor Allowances and invited public submissions on the allowances up until 8 April 2021.

Advertisements were placed in the Dimboola Courier, Dimboola Banner, Nhill Free Press, Rainbow Jeparit Argus and Wimmera Mail Times from 10 February 2021 through 12 February 2021. The notice was also published on Council's website.

At the time of closing, no submissions were received in relation to Council's intention to set the Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

Options:

Council may determine to pay allowances anywhere within the range of \$8,833.00 to \$21,049.00 and up to \$62,884.00 for the Mayor.

Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, Section 39(5) Councillors may choose to do the following:

A Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillor may elect:

- (a) to receive the entire allowance to which they are entitled; or
- (b) to receive a specified part of the allowance to which they are entitled; or
- (c) to receive no allowance.

Link to Council Plan:

Strategic Objective 4.1 Long term financial sustainability.

Financial Implications:

Council Officers have included Councillor and Mayoral allowances in the Annual budget.

Risk Management Implications:

No risk management implications.

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 – Monica Revell, Director Corporate and Community Services
In providing this advice as the Officer Responsible, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Author – Helen Thomson, Manager Governance and Human Services
In providing this advice as the Author, I have no disclosable interests in this report.

Communications Strategy:

N/A

Next Steps:

Councillors should notify the chief executive officer if they are wanting to receive less than the set Mayoral and Councillor Allowances.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, having considered the community submissions;

- 1. sets the Mayoral Allowance per annum at \$62,884 plus 9.50% Statutory Superannuation; and***
- 2. sets the Councillors Allowance per annum at \$21,049 plus 9.50% Statutory Superannuation per Councillor;***

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/B Ireland

That Council, having considered the community submissions;

1. ***sets the Mayoral Allowance per annum at \$62,884 plus 9.50% Statutory Superannuation; and***
2. ***sets the Councillors Allowance per annum at \$21,049 plus 9.50% Statutory Superannuation per Councillor;***

CARRIED

9.5 GUIDELINE STANDARDS AND PROCESSES FOR GAZETTING OF B DOUBLE ROADS

Responsible Officer: Director Infrastructure Services
Attachment Numbers: 11 – Draft HSC Guidelines and Processes for Gazetting of B Double Roads
12 – B Double Working Group Minutes
13 – B Double Submissions

Introduction:

The purpose of this report is to adopt the guidelines, standards and processes in principal for Gazetting of B Double Routes within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality based on the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) Report

Discussion:

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 3 March 2021, Council resolved to publish the proposed guidelines for community consultation and hold a meeting of interested Councillors, representative groups and Council staff:

That Council publish the proposed guidelines for community consultation and subsequently a meeting be held of interested Councillors, representative groups and Council staff to return the guidelines to the 5 May 2021 Council meeting.

Following the previous decisions at the 16 December 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting stating that:

- *Council reply to the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) that it understands the need to improve road transport efficiency, but Hindmarsh Shire Council is unable at this point in time to extend the access to all local roads in the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality for A- Double Access as requested; and*
- *Officers undertake a review of the current roads hierarchy system and roads management plans and begin to re-enter community discussions with key stakeholders on existing road networks within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality for the purpose of increasing A-Double and B-Double access.*

Hindmarsh Shire Council formed a B-double Working Group and held their first meeting on 23 March 2021. The minutes of the meeting have been provided as an attachment to this Council report. The working group comprised the following members:

- Ms Annabel Mactier (Victorian Farmers Federation Grains Group)
- Mr Ben Anderson (National Heavy Vehicle Regulator)
- Mr Paul Tindal (Mass Management)
- Mr David Moore (Department of Transport)
- Mr Ian Mond (Department of Transport)
- Mr David Rogers (Livestock and Rural Transporters Association Victoria)
- Community Members: Mr Brett Wheaton, Mr Roy Dickinson, Mr Matthew Staples, Mr Fred Saul, Mr Rob Cole, Mr David Reichelt, Mr Gary Taylor and Mr Russell Eckermann
- Cr Ron Ismay (Mayor)
- Cr Melanie Albrecht (Deputy Mayor)
- Hindmarsh Shire Council staff: Ms Angela Hoy (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Paul Spencer (Senior Assets Engineer) and Mr Joe Scimone (Development Engineer)
- Mr Jose Arredondo (National Heavy Vehicle Regulator)

All members a chance to make their views known at the meeting. The general consensus of the group was that there is an acceptable level of risk that can be applied, such as:

- local access to roads with no through access to non-local road users;
- speed reduction;
- increased signage; and
- dry weather access only.

This would ensure local access to all roads within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality be placed on the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) website with conditions which are enforceable and can be amended at any point in time. However, more in-depth discussion is required before making any changes.

Council Officers will present a report at a June 2021 Council meeting to consider providing local access and thoroughfare for B-doubles and other vehicle configurations throughout the municipality. A public consultation period will follow afterwards to allow all members of the community the opportunity to provide their input. The B-double Working group will continue to meet to address access issues, and council officers will continue to review the current roads hierarchy list, strategic transport routes and road management plan.

The working group had minimal discussion about the draft guidelines and processes based on the ARRB Report. Council officers maintain the view that the AARB guidelines are best suited to local government, and allows for different swept paths based on traffic counts, line marking and other data, than the NHVR guidelines. See the attached Draft HSC Guidelines and processes for Gazetting of B Double Routes. It is important to note that they are guidelines and processes and refer to delegations, which would allow some council officers to make decisions on a case-by-case basis as they arise.

Council also invited submissions from other road users over a four-week period. 17 submissions were received and are attached. Only one comment was received on the adoption of the proposed guidelines.

An adoption of the guidelines will:

1. Ensure openness and transparency for customers wishing to use, or request Council's consideration to open a route to B Doubles and assist Council Officers in determining strategic freight routes going forward.
2. Reduce the number of permit applications processed by Shire Officers and assist Council Officers in determining strategic freight routes going forward.
3. Assist with determining which roads should have priority upgrades for budget purposes.

Options

Council can:

1. Approve the adoption of the Guidelines and Processes for Gazetting B Double Routes within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality based on the ARRB Report.
2. Amend the Guidelines and Processes for Gazetting B Double Routes within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality based on the ARRB Report.

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:

N/A

Risk Management Implications:

An adoption of the guidelines will:

1. Increase access and heavy vehicle use by responsible vehicle operators and thus increase the numbers of heavy vehicles currently on the roads, which will initially

increase council's maintenance costs. The costs in time will balance out as there will be less vehicle movements, with vehicle configurations able to take more loads.

2. Have an effect on residents and non-heavy vehicle road users, which needs to be taken into account when making assessments and enforcing conditions. Significant community consultation will be required to educate those who may not support the use of heavy vehicles on local roads.

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/Author – Angela Hoy, Director Infrastructure Services

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

Communications Strategy:

Advertise Council's new guidelines

Next Steps:

Publish the new guidelines and link on the Shire's Website.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves the adoption of the Guidelines and Processes for assessing the suitability of B Double Routes within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality based on the Australian Road Research Board Report.

MOVED: CRS M Albrecht/W Bywaters

That Council approves the adoption of the Guidelines and Processes for assessing the suitability of B Double Routes within the Hindmarsh Shire Municipality based on the Australian Road Research Board Report.

CARRIED

Attachments Numbers: 11, 12 and 13

10. COUNCIL COMMITTEES

10.1 JEPARIT TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 14

Introduction:

The Jeparit Town Committee held its meeting on 12 April 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 Jeparit Town Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021.

MOVED: CRS B Ireland/M Albrecht

That Council notes the minutes of the Jeparit Town Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 14

10.2 DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services

Attachment Number: 15

Introduction:

The Dimboola Town Committee held its meeting on 12 April 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 12 April 2021.

MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/D Nelson

That Council notes the minutes of the Dimboola Town Committee meeting held on 12 April 2021.

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 15

10.3 RAINBOW TOWN COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate & Community Services
Attachment Number: 16

Introduction:

The Rainbow Town Committee held its meeting on 30 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:

- 1. notes the minutes of the Rainbow Town Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021;***
- 2. approves payment of \$8,916.60 to Norelle Eckermann for expenditure incurred in relation to the Rainbow Rises 240 event in March 2021,***
- 3. approves transfer of Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee camping fees collected by the Enduro Working Group to Recreation Reserve Committee; and***
- 4. approves the appointment of Alison Ey as a member of Rainbow Town Committee.***

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/W Bywaters

That Council:

- 1. notes the minutes of the Rainbow Town Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021;***
- 2. approves payment of \$8,916.60 to Norelle Eckermann for expenditure incurred in relation to the Rainbow Rises 240 event in March 2021,***
- 3. approves transfer of Rainbow Recreation Reserve Committee camping fees collected by the Enduro Working Group to Recreation Reserve Committee; and***
- 4. approves the appointment of Alison Ey as a member of Rainbow Town Committee.***

CARRIED

Attachment Number: 16

11. LATE REPORTS

11.1 PLANNING PERMIT APPLICATION PA1707-2021 – TWO LOT SUBDIVISION (RE-SUBDIVISION OF TWO EXISTING LOTS) – HORSEDIP ROAD GLENLEE VIC 3418 (CROWN ALLOTMENT 105 & CROWN ALLOTMENT 8, PARISH OF NI NI)

Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure Services
File:	Planning – Applications
Assessment:	076400
Application No.	PA1707-2021
SPEAR Ref. No.	S169770M
Applicant:	Simone Dorrington, C/- Angela Plazzer, Ferguson Perry Pty Ltd
Owner:	Simone Dorrington and Bryce Dorrington
Subject Land:	Horsedip Road Glenlee VIC 3418 (Crown Allotment 105 and Crown Allotment 8, Parish of Ni Ni)
Proposal:	Two lot subdivision (Re-subdivision of two existing lots)
Zoning & Overlays:	Farming Zone No Overlays
Attachment Number:	21 – Plan for Endorsement (Version 1) - Plan of Subdivision and Plan of Subdivision Showing Existing Features

Summary:

This report recommends that Council approve Planning Permit PA1707-2021 for a two lot subdivision (Re-subdivision of two existing lots) at Horsedip Road Glenlee VIC 3418 (Crown Allotment 105 and Crown Allotment 8, Parish of Ni Ni), subject to standard conditions.

Background:

The site has been mostly cleared and used for agricultural purposes, being cropping, for a long time. There is a flat area on the eastern side of the site which is surrounded by a tree plantation. The applicant states this area used to contain a dwelling, which has been demolished. There are also scattered remnant trees located to the west of this cleared area on the site.

Proposal Details:

The application proposes a two lot subdivision (re-subdivision of two existing lots). It is noted that the two existing lots are approximately 65.8ha (CA105) and 47.0ha (CA8) in area.

The plan of subdivision (Version 1) proposes the following:

- Proposed Lot 1 with an area of 22.69ha that contains the cleared area and tree plantation, the scattered remnant trees and cropping land.

- Proposed Lot 2 with an area of 90.19ha that contains cropping land and several scattered remnant trees.

Vehicle access to proposed Lot 1 is proposed from the existing crossover on Brown Road to the east. Vehicle access to proposed Lot 2 is proposed by the Applicant from the existing crossover on Horsedip Road to the south. The Engineering Team have requested that existing crossovers and vehicle access on Brown Road, to Lots 1 and 2, be upgraded to current standards.

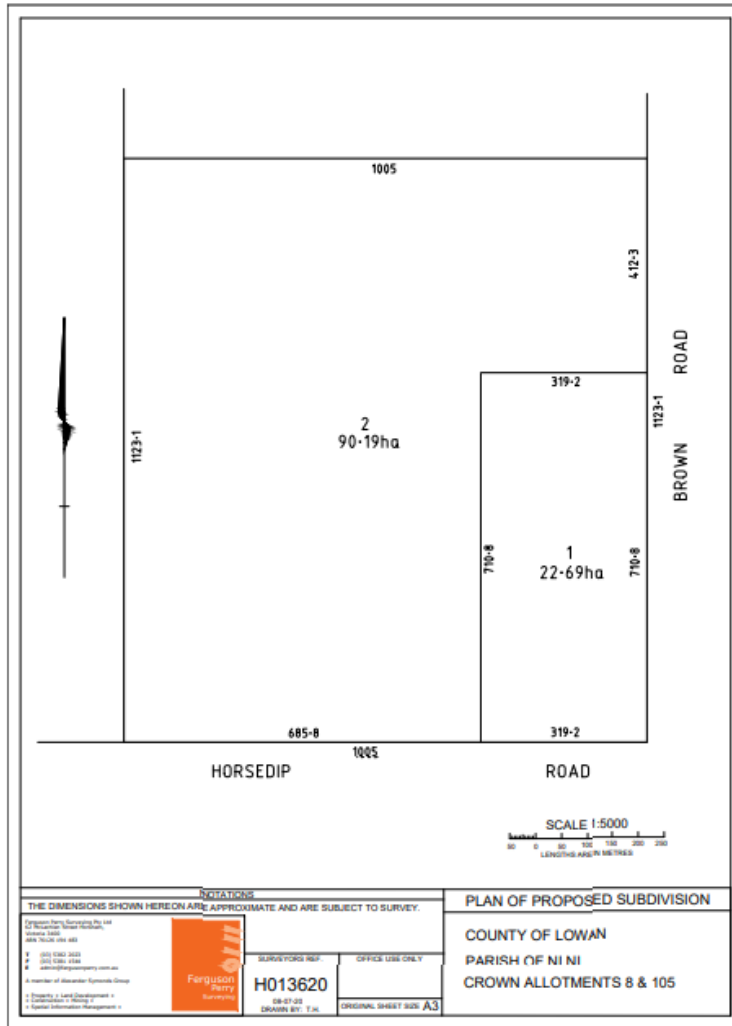
The applicant has stated the following about the proposal:

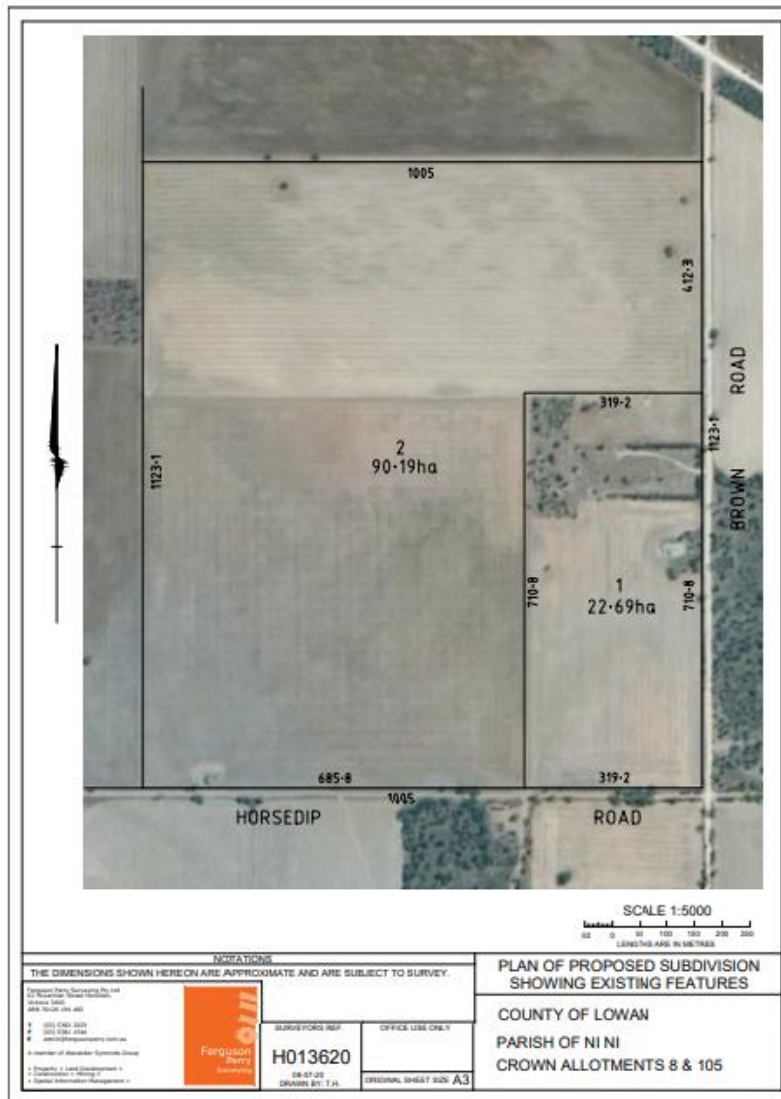
'The application proposes a two-lot subdivision of CA105 and CA8 in order to restructure the farming operation by implementing the farm succession plan. Proposed Lot 1 will have an area of 22.69ha and proposed Lot 2 will have an area of 90.19ha. The land on both lots will continue to be used for cropping.'

The Farm Management Plan submitted with the application states:

To start the process of 'succession planning', the land in question, being Crown Allotments 8 and 105 Parish of Ni Ni needs to go through the subdivision process and have the internal boundaries re-aligned. This process is required so that one of the two sons can purchase the smaller lot (known as Lot 1) which will contain 22.69ha. The realignment will also follow existing fence lines that have been there for decades. By allowing the subdivision, the son will continue to crop and graze the subject land in a more efficient and viable manner...'

Proposed Plan of Subdivision (Version 1) & Proposed Plan of Subdivision showing existing features (Version 1) below:





Requirement for Permit:

The subject land is located within the Farming Zone and is not included in any Overlays.

A planning permit is required under Clause 35.07-3 Subdivision of the Farming Zone, which states that a permit is required to subdivide land.

Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement:

The subject site is not burdened by a Restrictive Covenant or Section 173 Agreement.

Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP):

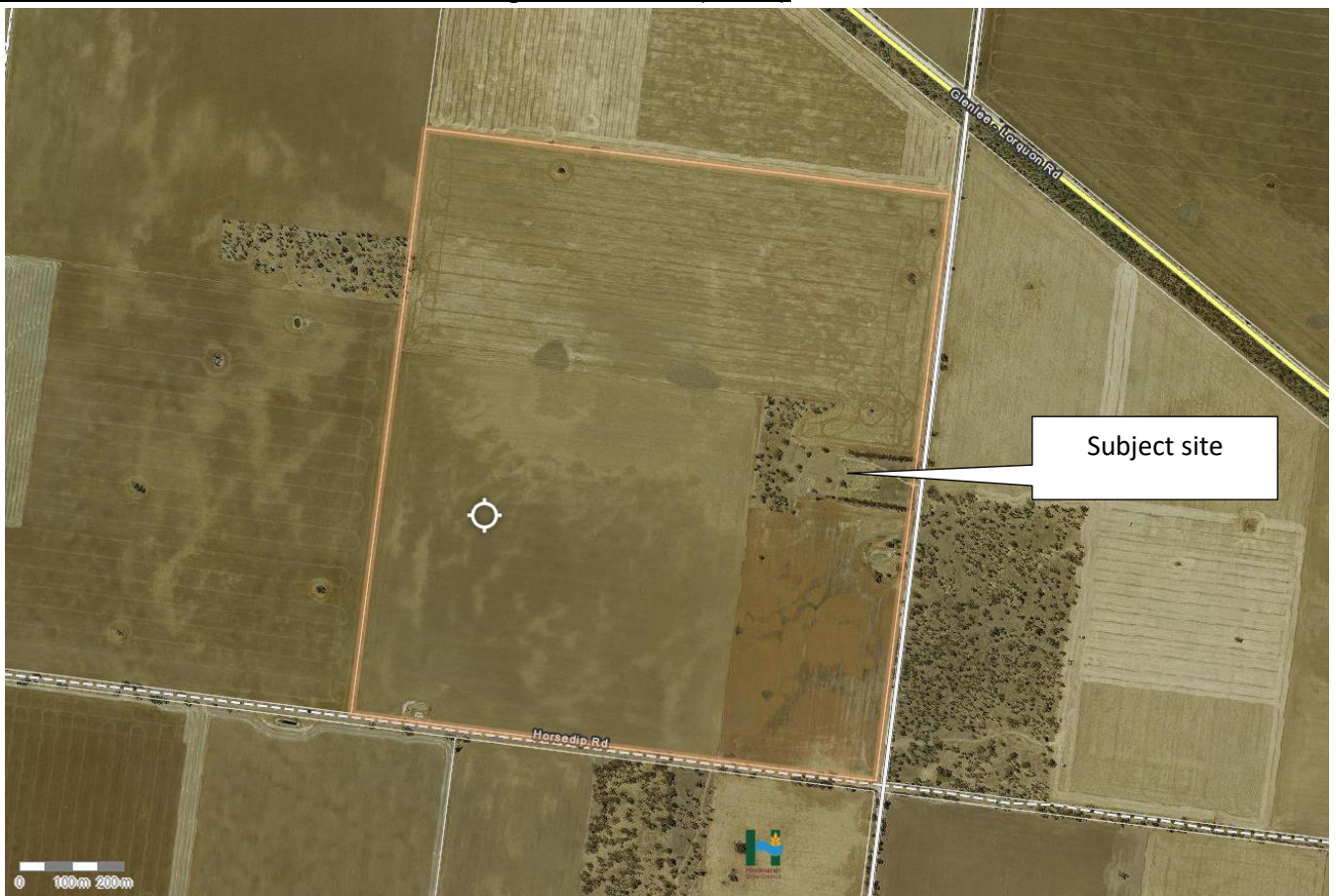
The proposal is exempt from requiring a CHMP pursuant to the *Aboriginal Heritage Regulations 2018* as the site is not within an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity Area, and a two lot subdivision is an exempt activity in any case.

Subject site & locality:

The subject site is located on the northern side of Horsedip Road and the western side of Brown Road and consists of Crown Allotments 105 (CA105) and 8 (CA8) Parish of Ni

Ni. The site has a total area of approximately 112.8ha. CA105 has an area of approximately 65.8ha and consists of land used for cropping, a cleared area and tree plantation, and scattered remnant native trees. CA8 has an area of approximately 47.0ha and contains land used for cropping and several scattered remnant native trees. Access to CA105 is from Brown Road and access to CA8 is from Horsedip Road. The site and all the surrounding land are within the Farming Zone (FZ).

Aerial Photo of the site and surrounding area below (POZI)



Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken and included:

- Preliminary discussions with the applicant about lodging this application due to the same application PA1674-2020 having lapsed.
- A request for further information was sent to the applicant via SPEAR on 3 February 2021.
- The further information including a Farm Management Plan and an amended Planning Report were received in SPEAR on 10 March 2021.

Section 52 Notice of application:

The application has been advertised pursuant to Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, by:

- Sending notices to the owners and occupiers of the adjoining land.

- Placing two (2) public notices on site, one (1) sign fronting Horsedip Road and one (1) fronting Brown Road.

A statutory declaration form for the public notice was submitted to Council on 15 April 2021. The notification has been carried out correctly. Council has not received any objections to date.

Referrals:

External Referrals/Notices were required by the Planning Scheme:

Section 55 Referrals

Nil

Section 52 Referrals

Nil

Internal Referrals:

- Engineering: Comments provided, and condition required as detailed below.
 - *We have conducted a site visit on 12 March 2021*
 - *The following conditions need to be applied to the permit. The current locations of access at Lot 1 marked 3 on the site plan and Lot 2 marked 6 which is approx. 150m further North, will need to be upgraded or a new drainage pipe and crossover will need to be constructed as per IDM SD-255 Standard, with a new fence and gate with recommended setback on Brown Road.*
https://www.designmanual.com.au/assets/files/documents/Standard_Drawings/IDM_STANDARD_DRGS_SET_2020-03-24.pdf

Planning Scheme:

Planning Scheme Requirements:

Planning Policy Framework (PPF)

The following relevant Clauses in the PPF have been considered for the application.

Clause 11.01-1S – Settlement

Clause 11.01-1R – Settlement – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 11.03-6S – Regional and local places

Clause 14.01-1S – Protection of agricultural land

Clause 14.01-1R – Agricultural productivity – Wimmera Southern Mallee

Clause 14.01-2S – Sustainable agricultural land use

Clause 19.03-2S – Infrastructure design and provision

Local Planning Policy Framework (LPPF)

The following relevant Clauses in the LPPF have been considered for the application.

Clause 21.00 – Municipal Strategic Statement

Clause 21.02 Vision – Strategic Framework

Clause 21.03 Objectives – Strategies – Implementation

Clause 21.03-2 Economic Development

Clause 21.03-3 Agriculture

Objective

To maintain a viable and sustainable agricultural industry to ensure the future well-being of the Shire and its residents.

Strategies (relevant to application)

To promote and support the traditional rural industries such as cropping, livestock and wool production.

To promote effective land management and the integration of economic and environmental needs through sustainable agricultural practices.

To recognise and protect farmland as an important resource through the development and implementation of appropriate provisions in the planning scheme.

Limit the fragmentation of productive agricultural land to maintain sustainable holdings.

Ensure that new development does not limit the viability of surrounding enterprises and reflects the optimum use of land.

Planning Response:

The proposed subdivision will comply with the relevant objectives of the PPF by protecting and enhancing valuable agricultural land and retaining sustainable agricultural uses that will not create any conflicts with surrounding agricultural uses.

The subdivision to realign the existing two lots for the purpose of farm succession planning will not result in the loss of any productive agricultural land and will protect and enhance the cropping activities carried out by the existing family farming operation.

A Section 173 Agreement is not required in this instance as the subdivision will make one lot larger and one lot smaller than at present and the two lots will be retained as productive land holdings as part of the current family farming operation.

The proposed subdivision will therefore comply with the relevant provisions of the LPPF including the MSS and the local planning policies including Clause 21.03-3 Agriculture subject to conditions.

Zoning Provisions

Clause 35.07 Farming Zone (FZ)

35.07-3 Subdivision

A permit is required to subdivide land.

Each lot must be at least the area specified for the land in a schedule to this zone. If no area is specified, each lot must be at least 40 hectares.

A permit may be granted to create smaller lots as the following applies:

- The subdivision is to create a lot for an existing dwelling. The subdivision must be a two lot subdivision.

35.07-6 Decision Guidelines

Before deciding on an application to use or subdivide land, in addition to the decision guidelines in Clause 65, the responsible authority must consider, as appropriate, matters under the following relevant headings:

- General issues
- Agricultural issues and the impacts from non-agricultural uses
- Environmental issues
- Design and siting issues

Planning Response:

The proposed subdivision complies with the relevant decision guidelines in the zone for the following reasons:

General issues

- The proposal will comply with the LPPF and PPF as discussed above.
- The proposal will be consistent with the current Wimmera Regional Catchment Strategy 2013-2019.
- The subdivision will encourage sustainable land management by increasing the area of one lot from 65.8ha to 90.19ha, while allowing a reduction in the area of the other lot from 47.0ha to 22.69ha to allow family members to be financially part of the family farming operation.
- The subdivision will result in some of the cropping land and the cleared area, tree plantation and scattered trees to be located on a smaller lot and the majority of cropping land to be retained on the larger lot. The proposal will be compatible with the adjoining and nearby agricultural land uses.
- The proposal makes use of existing infrastructure and services. The existing vehicle crossovers for access to both lots are required to be upgraded to ensure the crossovers, drainage pipes and access are constructed to Council standards. Standard conditions will be included for services to be connected as required by the relevant authorities in accordance with the conditions listed in Clause 66.01.

Agricultural issues and the impacts from non-agricultural uses

- The subdivision will not have an adverse impact on the existing cropping activities on the land, which will be retained on both lots as part of a family farming operation.
- The subdivision will not have in any adverse effect on soil quality and does not remove any land from agricultural production.
- The subdivision is unlikely to limit the operation and expansion of adjoining and nearby agricultural uses.
- The proposal will enable the productive agricultural use to be retained.

- The subdivision is unlikely to adversely affect the current agricultural activities and associated infrastructure.
- There is no applicable land management plan for the site.

Environmental issues

- The proposal is unlikely to have an adverse impact on soil and water quality and any other natural physical features and resources.
- The site and surrounding land have been largely cleared of native vegetation due to historical broad acre cropping and other farming activities. The scattered trees on the site will not be affected by the subdivision.
- The subdivision will not have impacts on flora and fauna in the locality.

Overlay Provisions

Nil

Particular Provisions

Nil

General Provisions

Clause 65 - Decision Guidelines

Because a permit can be granted does not imply that a permit should or will be granted. The responsible authority must decide whether the proposal will produce acceptable outcomes in terms of the decision guidelines of this clause.

65.01 Approval of an application or plan

Before deciding on an application or approval of a plan, the Responsible Authority must consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

65.02 Approval of an application to subdivide land

Before deciding on an application to subdivide land, the responsible authority must also consider, relevant matters, as appropriate.

Planning Response:

The proposal complies with the relevant decision guidelines as outlined above. The proposal is supportive of, and complies with the PPF and LPPF, having regard to the reconfiguration of the two land parcels used for agriculture for farm succession purposes. The proposal will not impact on the amenity of the area. The proposed subdivision will enable the orderly planning of the area. The proposal therefore complies with Clause 65.

Discussion:

The proposal will reconfigure the layout and the area of the two lots to enable farm succession by family members in a manner that will protect the existing agricultural use of the land. The proposed subdivision will satisfy the relevant planning policies in the

PPF and LPPF and will comply with the relevant decision guidelines of the FZ as outlined above.

The proposal will not adversely impact on the amenity of the area and will enable the orderly planning of the area in accordance with Clause 65.

The proposal should therefore be approved, and a Planning Permit be issued subject to conditions as outlined below.

Strategic, Statutory and Procedural Requirements:

The proposal is consistent with the Planning Policy Framework and the Local Planning Policy Framework, including the Municipal Strategic Statement and local planning policies, the Farming Zone and Clause 65.

Report to Council:

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

Processing Times:

02/02/2021 – Application submitted in SPEAR.

02/02/2021 – Fee waived

03/02/2021 – Further information requested

22/02/2021 – Response to further information received and amended plans received

10/03/2021 – Referral to Infrastructure sent

16/03/2021 – Response received from Infrastructure

17/03/2021 – Advertising directions and letters sent

18/03/2021 – Public notice erected on the site (as per the statutory declaration)

15/04/2021 – Statutory declaration for advertising received

05/05/2021 – The report is being presented as a late report to Council at the meeting held 05 May 2021 (43 statutory days)

The statutory processing time requirements of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* have been satisfied in this instance.

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: Bernadine Pringle, Consultant Town Planner.

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

Communications Strategy:

Advise the applicant of Council's decision.

Next Steps:

Issue the planning permit and endorse the plans if approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approves Planning Application PA1707-2021 for a two lot subdivision (Re-subdivision of two existing lots) on the subject land at Horsedip Road Glenlee VIC 3418 (Crown Allotment 105 and Crown Allotment 8, Parish of Ni Ni), subject to the following conditions:

Conditions:

Endorsed Plans

- 1. The layout and site dimensions of the subdivision hereby permitted, as shown on the endorsed plan/s, must not be altered or modified without the written consent of the Responsible Authority. There are no requirements to alter or modify the endorsed plan if a plan is certified under the provisions of the Subdivision Act 1988 that is generally in accordance with the endorsed plan/s.***

Access

- 2. Before the issue of a Statement of Compliance under the Subdivision Act 1988, the existing crossovers for access to Lot 1 and Lot 2 must be upgraded or a new crossover and new drainage pipes must be constructed, with a new fence and gate with recommended setback on Brown Road, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.***
- 3. The crossovers and access to the two lots must be constructed to an all-weather standard and must have a minimum trafficable width to accommodate emergency vehicles, to the standards and satisfaction of the Responsible Authority or as otherwise agreed to writing by the Responsible Authority.***

Subdivision Conditions in Clause 66.01

- 4. The owner of the land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity, gas and telecommunication services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.***

5. ***All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.***
6. ***The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of that Act.***

Subdivision Expiry

7. ***The subdivision will expire if:***
 - a) ***The plan of subdivision is not certified within two (2) years of the date of this permit.***
 - b) ***The registration of the subdivision is not completed within five (5) years of the date of certification of the plan of subdivision.***

In accordance with section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, the responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing before the permit expires, or within six (6) months of the permit expiry date.

Notes:

Infrastructure

- ***The existing crossovers must be upgraded or new drainage pipes and crossovers for Lot 1 and Lot 2 (approximately 150m further north) on Brown Road must be constructed as per IDM-255 Standard, with a new fence and gate with recommended setback on Brown Road.***
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MOVED: CRS W Bywaters/B Ireland

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CARRIED

Attachment Number: 21

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

No notices of motion.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business.

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 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, to consider reports that contain confidential information as defined by section (3) of the Local Government Act 2020:

- 14.1 *Hindmarsh Shire Council Business Assistance Grants Round 3 – this report contains “personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs” insofar as it contains personal business information of applicants;***
- 14.2 *Request for Tender - Award for Demolition and New Construction of Albacutya Bridge – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to contractual matters;***
- 14.3 *Request for Quote – Award for Purchase of a Wheel Loader - this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains to RFQ Award for Purchase of a Wheel Loader.***

- 14.4 Regional Infrastructure Fund – this report contains “Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council’s position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released” insofar as it pertains contractual matters; and**
- 14.5 Chief Executive Officer Re-appointment – this report contains “personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs” insofar as it contains personal information about the Chief Executive Officer.**

MOVED: CRS R Gersch/B Ireland

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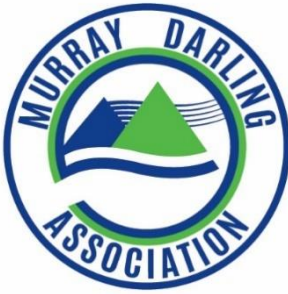
CARRIED

Mr J Woodward left the room at 4:05pm.

Ms M Revell, Ms S Johnson and Mr J Woodward returned to the room at 5:22pm.

15. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, Cr R Ismay declared the meeting closed at 5:31pm.



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19 April 2021

Dear Mayor

Thank you for the opportunity to provide detailed information about the Murray Darling Association (MDA)'s benefit to councils and their communities. This information maybe particularly useful as your council prepares its annual budget.

The MDA is the peak body representing councils across the Murray-Darling Basin (MDB). With 167 councils in the Murray Darling Basin, the ongoing partnership between councils and the MDA elevates local and regional issues and priorities at a state and federal level providing national recognition of local priorities.

Your membership to the MDA delivers social, economic, and environmental benefits to your community by creating partnerships, participating in events, and accessing networks and services that align with and support your council plan, in the areas of community, environment and economy.

We know that councils and the local government sector are increasingly resource challenged and are looking for services, relationships and partnerships that assist in achieving your council's and your region's strategic priorities.

Water, land management, energy and community wellbeing are front and centre of almost every council's priorities. A strong relationship between council and the MDA provides opportunities to:

- partner with councils and regional groups in providing local case studies and experience to support regional and national positions and advocacy strategies.
- raise the profile of your council and the local government sector through MDA's partnerships with the Commonwealth.
- present strategically aligned priorities, objectives, and advocacy to state and federal governments.
- leverage regional efficiencies and Basin-scale capability and positions.

Benefits to your community

Working together with member councils and our regions, we achieve policy change and ensure local knowledge informs the national dialogue on water reform, land management, environmental sustainability, leadership development and education, and regional economic diversification.

Your council's participation at MDA region and national meetings builds your council's regional relationships and elevates your community's priorities at a state and federal level, informing decisions and outcomes that impact your local area.

Benefits to your environment

There is no jobs, no future on a dry riverbed. At the core of our vision is a strong emphasis on science and education to inform policies for the sustainable management of Basin resources to ensure a healthy and prosperous future.

The MDA's vision, which drives our strategic and operational direction, is for *local government and communities to work together to achieve a healthy, vibrant and thriving Murray-Darling Basin*. As a result, the MDA has:

- partnered with CSIRO with a focus on science and education to address some of the Basin's toughest challenges.
- advocated for and represented local government in environmental issues, including floodplain harvesting etc.
- partnered with Murray-Darling Basin Authority, better supporting local government through information sharing and representation.
- supported regions to develop Climate Ready Communities statements

Benefits to your economy

For many, if not all, Basin communities, water security plays an important role in economic growth and sustainability. Through the MDA's regional alignments and partnerships, member councils leverage the value of knowledge sharing across the local government and regional development sectors to peruse water quality, water security and other priorities.

Every year the MDA hosts a range of regionally and nationally significant events delivering economic benefits, both directly and indirectly to Basin communities and regions.

The MDA's 77th National Conference and AGM will be held this year in Wentworth from the 16-19 May and will champion Wentworth shire and include a unique study tour of some of the area's key sites including the Menindee lakes.

Partnerships with the MDA offers economically beneficial opportunities such as this to showcase your region to a broader audience.

Benefits to your council

Our mission is to provide high value services to our members, and their communities by delivering quality projects, events and products create enduring value for Basin communities and governments.

The MDA recently launched the [Basin Communities Leadership Program](#). Developed by the MDA and fully funded under the Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program, workshops are set to be held in 15 nominated locations across the Basin generating the equivalent of \$67,500 for each community.

The program aims to build capacity, resilience, and leadership skills of participants for the benefit of your community in meeting the increasing challenges of changing climate and water availability explores ways to retain and develop emerging leaders.

Delivered via online modules and a two-day workshop we encourage your council to participate in this program, as it offers the opportunity for your council to up-skill staff and councillors as a

participant (valued at over \$4,500) or the program can be delivered on a fee for service basis to your council.

Our achievements

The MDA has been successful in informing policies to better reflect the needs of the Basin communities, and we are continuing to grow our reach and impact as portrayed in our [Vision 2025 Strategic Plan](#).

The relationship between the MDA and our member councils contributes strongly to the development of the local government sector as a whole and our collective role in ensuring a vibrant, sustainable future for the Murray-Darling Basin.

I look forward to continuing to work with your council to deliver benefits to yours and all basin communities and council.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at ceo@mda.asn.au , or call 03 5480 3805.

Kind Regards



Emma Bradbury
Chief Executive Officer

7 May 2021

Dear Community Member

Thank you for your continued engagement with Wimmera Health Care Group (WHCG) regarding how we could partner more effectively with Ballarat Health Services (BHS).

The recent consultations with community and team members has confirmed overwhelming support for a better partnership between WHCG and BHS.

WHCG and BHS successfully completed a broad, open consultation period seeking staff and community feedback on the future of health services in the region and potential partnership between the two organisations.

As Board Chair, I would like to thank the 1000 individuals who contributed through surveys, workshops, focus groups, feedback forms, community pop-ups and submissions. The report clearly identifies that an overwhelming majority of individuals support WHCG and BHS working together in partnership to improve health services and deliver better health outcomes in the Wimmera region.

Every session highlighted that there are opportunities to improve local services for mental health, maternity, chronic illness support, dental, in-home care, orthopaedic surgery, paediatrics, heart and cancer. There was universal support for growing local health services, and closer partnership between the two services.

The Boards of Management at Wimmera Health Care Group and Ballarat Health Services will continue to gather data and information to decide the best way to do this, including the option of creating a new health service to bring the two organisations, and possibly the addition of Edenhope & District Memorial Hospital and Stawell Regional Health, together.

The consultation also highlighted some concerns individuals have about what a potential closer partnership between WHCG and BHS could mean.

The concerns include the need to maintain local leadership and the WHCG name and identity, ensuring local health services are strengthened for both today and the future, and continuing a strong voice for the local community in its health services.

The Board of Management is committed to these priorities being met in any option.

The full [Communications and Engagement Report](#) can be found on the [WHCG](#) and [BHS](#) websites.

Both Boards are now considering the outcomes of the consultation, along with independent analysis from Cube Group, and the stakeholder engagement outcome with the Edenhope and Stawell communities.

Wimmera Healthcare Group and Ballarat Health Services would like to thank everyone who has shared their views so far and look forward to continuing to work with staff and the community to develop the best possible services for the community.

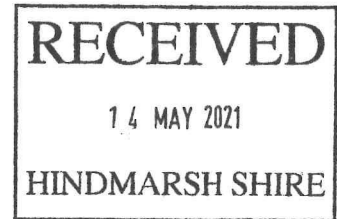
Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Marie Aitken', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marie Aitken
Board Chair
Wimmera Health Care Group

Rainbow 3424

9.5.2021



To CEO, Mayor and all Councillors,

Hindmarsh Shire Council,

NHILL 3418

Please find attached copy of a letter sent to the CEO, to which I request to be read and addressed at the next shire meeting.

I await the response to same.

Yours faithfully,

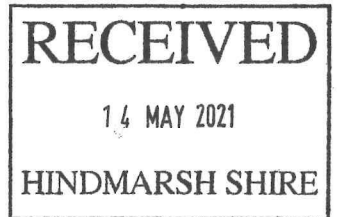
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Anne Simms

Ratepayer.

RAINBOW 3423

22.3.2021



Chief Executive Officer

Hindmarsh Shire Council

NHILL 3418

Public consultation over road gazetting

It is noted a review is being undertaken in gazetting some connector roads for B Double route users within the shire with existing road networks and permits required.

It is also noted in the Shire Proposed Local Laws Section

(c) to prohibit, regulate and control activities that may be dangerous, unsafe, detrimental or undesirable to the quality of life in Council's municipal district.

(d) to control nuisance caused by noise, odour and smoke emissions, and other discharges to the environment which may adversely affect enjoyment of life, health, safety and welfare of persons within Council's municipal district.

(h) to provide generally for the peace, order and good government of the municipal district in a way which enhances the environment and quality of life

All of the above is of great concern to the residents of Taverner Street, Rainbow.

In the last 3 years or so the use of heavy vehicles and B doubles in Taverner Street Rainbow has escalated dramatically.

Three years ago we spoke to Vic Roads requesting the heavy traffic be reduced to 50 kph in an effort to slow these vehicles - however nothing was done by Vic roads

just to say the control of speed in Taverner Street was up to the police to control.

As at this current time the residents in Taverner Street have to put up with the speeding, not slowing during school times which are clearly marked, smoke emissions, tail-gating, noise, plus the damage to the surface bitumen being chopped up by so many heavy vehicles. On Monday last week a count was taken of the amount of heavy vehicles and b doubles using Taverner Street between 7am and 7pm was 335, however by 10.30 that night the tally rose to approx 500. This is continual for most of the week, every week.

The heavy vehicles generally start at 6am and continue to 10.30 pm. Our houses are being undermined, foundations, windows rattling, vibrations on flooring, cracking on walls, doors sticking.

Why must we residents have to put up with this - with no one taking any responsibility.

The use of these vehicles to Rainbow is negligible - very few vehicles stop to buy fuel or patronise the food outlets.

Rainbow is just short route to somewhere else, with no value to our town - just a place to be used.

We believe the only ones benefitting from the gypsum mines, are owners of the mines, truck owners and drivers - certainly not Rainbow residents, nor the town itself.

While the Shire is involved in gazetting road routes we would like the trucks to be using another route and by passing Rainbow all together.

This could be done by diverting the vehicles off the Rainbow Hopetoun road at Wheatlands Road west, proceeding along to the 3 Chain Road, turning left along that road till it meets the Rainbow Nhill road. Any vehicles that need to go to Jeparit, Dimboola, Horsham could then turn left back toward Rainbow again turning right at the back road of the golf course which would then take them to the Rainbow Jeparit road. Both the latter two roads are already sealed.

The problem would be building a suitable road for the heavy B doubles cost wise. This should not be a drain on the finances of the Hindmarsh shire and its ratepayers.

As the only people to benefit from the gypsum mines, are the mine owners, truck

owners and drivers all benefitting financially, they should be the ones to contribute to said building which could then be called a private road.

We understand that the gypsum mines have at least another 15 years to run minimum, that being so, we residents can not continue to be treated so badly , without any thought being given to them by any the above.

We would be pleased if the Hindmarsh Shire would take this on board in the consultation of the road route of the B Doubles, and heavy vehicles, and advise what can be done to alleviate the situation we find ourselves in now, and who is to be responsible to the damage to our homes.

Yours faithfully,



Anne Simms.

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A Nhill Community Club providing Cricket, Football, Hockey & Netball



29 May 2021

RE: Unsuccessful Grant Outcome For Clubroom Redevelopment

To the Councilors of the Hindmarsh Shire,

The club is disappointed to again miss out on funding through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, as it would have been the lifeline that our club desperately needs to redevelop the important sport and community facilities of Davis Park.

Not only home to cricket, football, hockey and netball, Davis Park also acts as an important location for unstructured sport, social events, meetings and private functions for the wider community. With over 500 members, the club has been severely impacted financially by the demolition of the grandstand through attendance of spectators at sport, as well as a reduction of private functions due to the kitchen, bar and clubroom facilities.

It is wonderful for those communities who have received funding, but for us, trying to understand why our largest community group in not only Nhill, but most likely the Hindmarsh Shire, has again missed out on funding is perplexing.

Our applications have been a result of considerable long term planning discussions with Council, who have been in constant communication with state government bodies about our approach. We have been working for over 10 years on trying to find a solution to our now-desperate situation. We will continue to work closely with Council and the State and Federal Governments in our attempt to provide safe, family friendly facilities that are fit for purpose for our entire community.

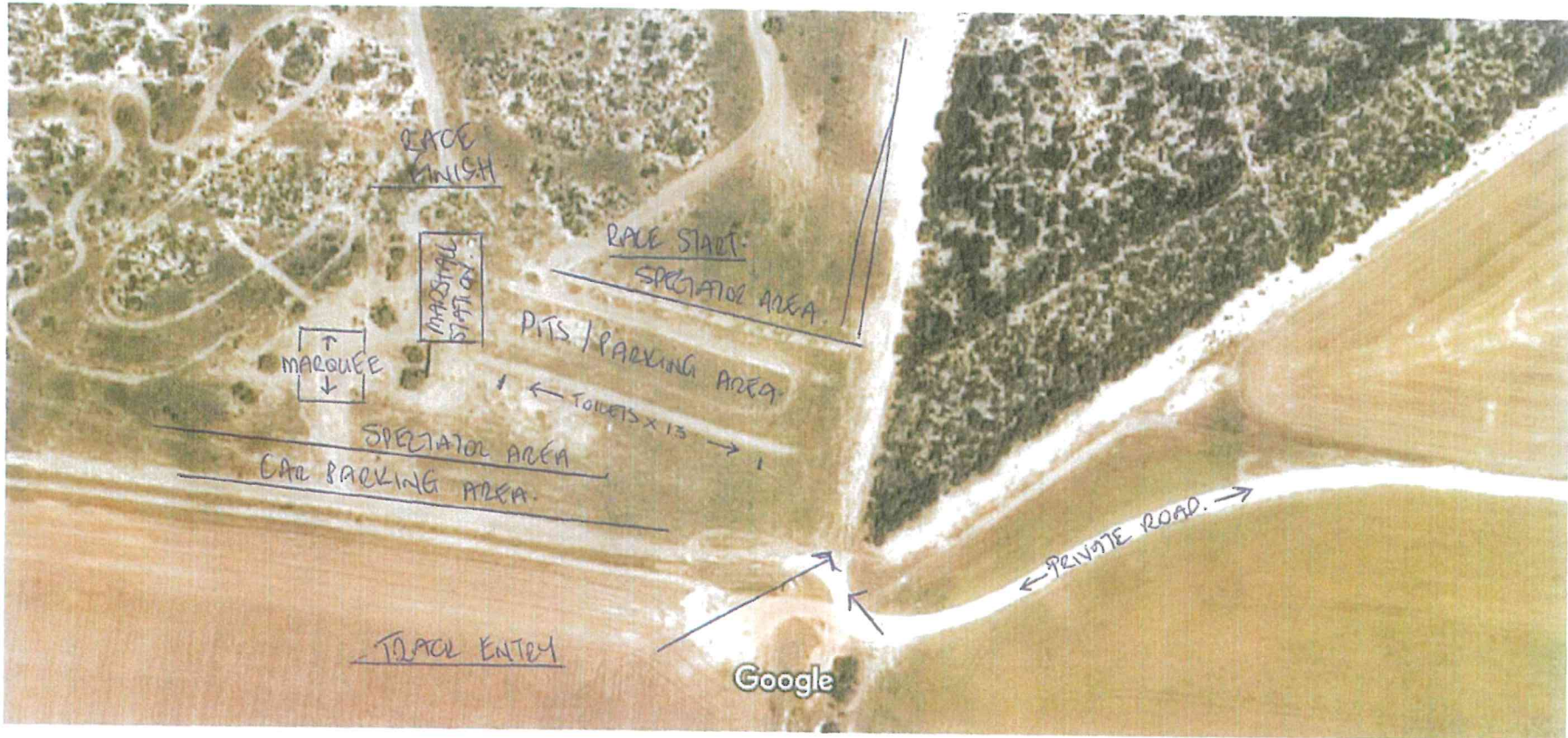
To this end, we would like to request a meeting with representatives from council as soon as possible to discuss our future options, as well as options to immediately provide shelter at Davis Park for the remainder of the season.

We look forward to working closely with council to redevelop Davis Park into a safe, modern facility for all.

Thank you for your time,

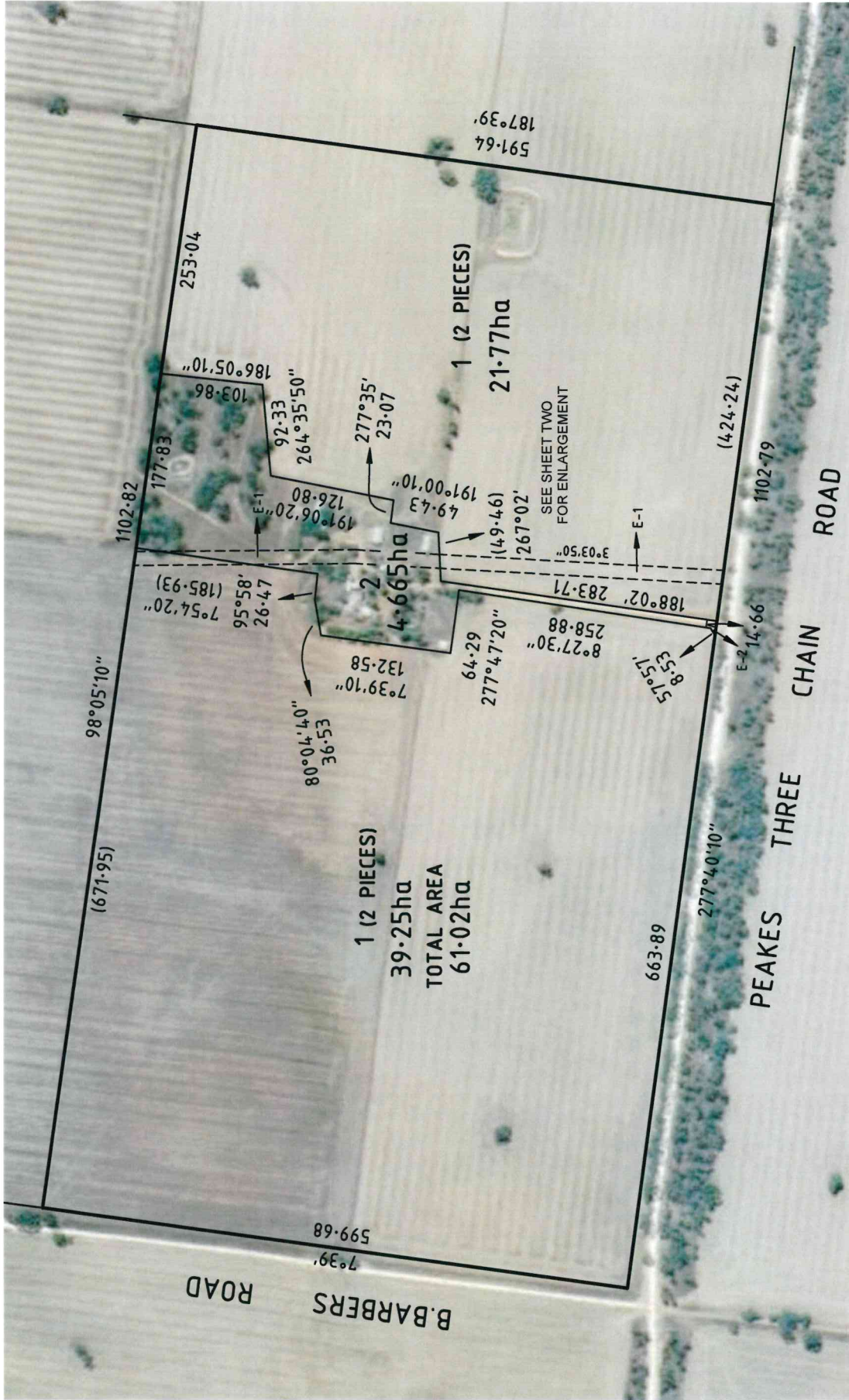
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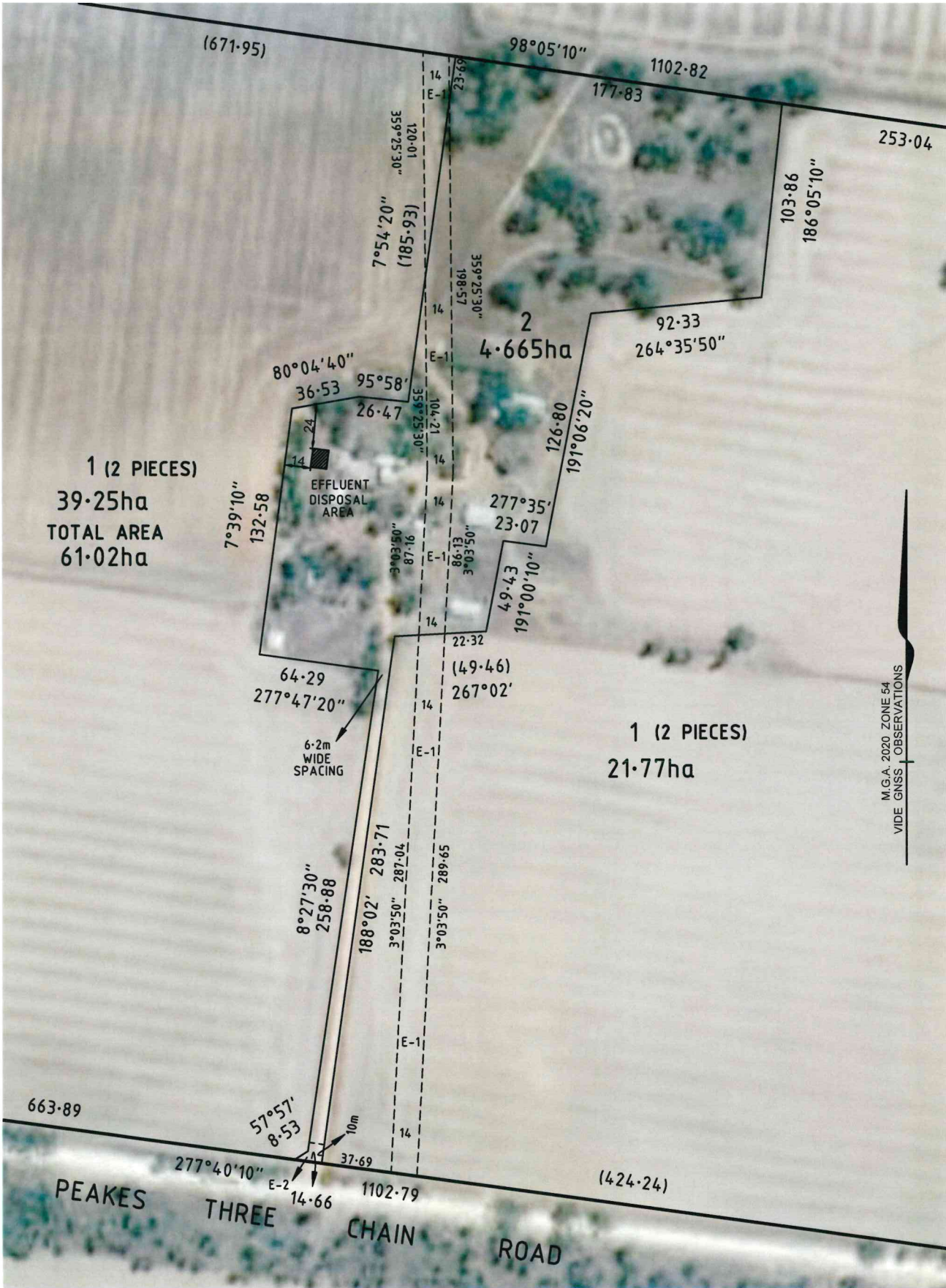


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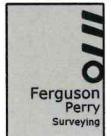
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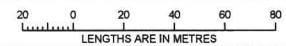


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Community Liveability

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
<p>1.1 An actively engaged community.</p>	<p>1.1.1 Establish stronger links with the Indigenous community through the Barengi Gadjin Land Council, Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative and Wurega Aboriginal Corporation</p>	<p>Reconciliation Action Plan developed</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tourism & Economic Development Officer continues to establish strong links with BGLC through regular meetings and discussions on a range of topics including tourism related events, activities and initiatives. Tourism & Economic Development Officer has begun the process of establishing a Reconciliation Action Plan and has been in discussion with BGLC regarding format and content. Tourism & Economic Development Officer continues to be a representative on the Wimmera Indigenous Tourism Group. Council CEO & Director Infrastructure Services attended the Goolum Goolum Wimmera River Challenge in Dimboola.</p> <p>Reconciliation Plan and MOU drafted, awaiting feedback/input from BGLC.</p> <p>MOU drafted for Wimmera River Discovery Trail project for which BGLC and Cultural Heritage are key.</p> <p>Whilst establishment of Cultural Heritage Management Plans for the Wimmera River Discovery Trail have been delayed due to the COVID-19 Crisis, Council has continued to strengthen relationships with BGLC through joint involvement in working groups.</p> <p>Council also allocated funding to Wurega Corporation through round two of the 2019/2020 Community Action Grants program for improvements to their meeting venue in Dimboola. Albacutya Cultural Heritage Management Plan has been approved.</p> <p>Work has commenced on the Wimmera River Discovery Trail Cultural Heritage Management Plan.</p>	<p>Continued strengthening of the relationship between Council and BGLC and consultation when conducting works in culturally sensitive areas.</p> <p>Continued representation at future Wimmera Indigenous Tourism Group meetings.</p> <p>Continued discussion around MOUs and RAP drafts (to be finalised once feedback is received from BGLC) to work towards establishment of Reconciliation Action Plan in consultation with BGLC. Currently waiting on further feedback from BGLC.</p> <p>Continued working relationship on WRDT and proactively looking for other project partnership opportunities</p> <p>Continued advocacy for 'keeping place' in Dimboola.</p> <p>On ground work with BGLC and other stakeholders for the development of CHMP's for the WRDT has re-commenced following delays due to COVID-19.</p>

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				Cultural heritage due diligence undertaken with BGLC at the Salisbury-Woorak Road project.	
	1.1.2 Maintain Community Action Plans for Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.	Community Action Plans reviewed in 2018 & Six monthly reports to Council on progress of Community Action Plans	2018/19	Community Action Plans have been reviewed in late 2017. Dimboola Community Precinct Plan was amended in October / November 2017. Both Dimboola and Nhill plans are reviewed on a regular basis.	The establishment of new community plans for Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow have been delayed during the COVID-19 pandemic but will be re-scheduled to be undertaken when permitted. Discussion to be held with new Council on incorporating Community Action Plans into the Council Plan 2021 – 2025.
	1.1.3 Support integration of migrants into the community	At least two cultural events per year supported by Council Karen Community Plan reviewed	Ongoing 2017/18	Council has supported Nhill Neighbourhood House Learning Centre (NNHLC) with their successful application to receive funding to establish the Wimmera CALD Workforce Industry Partnership (WCWIP). WCWIP will employ two people to assist in the development of strong links between Wimmera employers and Wimmera CALD residents to gain appropriate skills in order to obtain employment. Council's Settlement Officer ceased employment with Council at the end of December 2018 as it was the completion of funding for the role. The 2014 Karen Community Plan has been reviewed and a new 2017-2021 Plan has been established and was launched at the Karen New Year Celebrations in January 2018. The 2020 Karen New Year celebrations were held in Nhill in January and Council supported the Nhill Karen community with preparations of grant applications for funding assistance.	Council will continue to support NNHLC's WCWIP program with annual funding for the duration of the current grant obtained by NNHLC. Support being provided for the Karen Internally Displaced People event at Nhill Memorial Community Centre on 22 May 2021.

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<p>1.1 An actively engaged community.</p>	<p>1.1.4 Support and celebrate volunteering and work collaboratively with volunteer groups</p>	<p>Participation in at least one event per year that recognises volunteers across the Shire</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council staff continue to support numerous events and activities as volunteers throughout the year.</p> <p>Events and activities have included the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Vintage Rally, the Rainbow Desert Enduro, Jeparit Fishing Contest, Nhill Lake Fiesta, Dimboola Town Committee Easter Eggstravaganza, Christmas events and numerous community based working bees including Clean Up Australia Day.</p> <p>Volunteers are recognised in June each year.</p>	<p>Continued support of volunteers will be undertaken as appropriate and in accordance to COVID-19 restrictions.</p> <p>2021/2022 draft budget provides financial support for Rainbow Desert Enduro, Peter Taylor Barefoot Memorial Event, Arts and Culture Events, Great Victorian Bike ride and continuation of Community Action Grants.</p>

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	<p>1.1.5 Hold Council-Community Conversations in the four towns to provide an alternative avenue of engagement, consultation and promotion</p>	<p>Four Council-Community Conversations held per year</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Community consultations were held during March 2018 & 2019 in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill, Rainbow, Antwerp, Broughton, Winiam and Woorak. Community Conversations were generally well supported with local residents appreciating the opportunity to have input into the development of the 2018 / 2019 and 2019/20 Budget.</p> <p>Workshops were held in Rainbow, Nhill, Jeparit and Dimboola on Councils Planning Scheme Review. Tree Strategy consultation sessions were held in each township in May 2018.</p> <p>Council officers attend monthly Town Committee meetings in Nhill, Jeparit, Rainbow & Dimboola.</p> <p>Community Conversation meeting held in Jeparit in December 2019 to discuss a number of initiatives planned for Jeparit including the Wimmera River Discovery Trail Jeparit Node, Customer Services / Library upgrades, Jeparit Swimming hole retaining wall and Roy Street concept drawings.</p> <p>Community Conversation meetings were held in March and April 2021 in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.</p> <p>Council continues to live stream Council meetings following the installation of video conferencing and livestreaming technology at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre.</p>	<p>Jeparit Swimming hole – design phase is underway.</p> <p>Community meetings in Jeparit will be held when appropriate to do so to inform and seek opinions from Jeparit residents in relation to various aspects of the WRDT.</p> <p>Budget drop in sessions will be held in June 2021 to allow community members the opportunity to ask questions on the draft 2021/2022 budget incorporating the Revenue and Rating Plan.</p>

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	<p>1.1.6 Continue to engage with our farming community on road and road related infrastructure maintenance and improvements</p>	<p>Farmer consultation forums held annually throughout the Shire</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Feedback from Farmer consultations conducted in 2017/2018 has resulted in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The introduction of 6S roads that are used by farmers as important 'strategic' connector roads. (2) The formal roadside vegetation assessment has been completed with 275km of high priority and 210kms of longer term vegetation control identified. Working with an independent vegetation assessor the pruning program commenced in 2019. <p>An update of this program was provided at the 2019 Community Conversation Meetings.</p> <p>Funding for the reconstruction of a new 2 x lane bridge at Albacatuya has been secured, subject to a state funding agreement.</p>	<p>Council continues to invest in the upgrade of key strategic routes to support agricultural productivity.</p> <p>Farmer consultation sessions have recommenced. Council has held community consultation with regards to technical guidelines for approving B Double Routes, which have now been adopted by Council. Further meetings are being held involving transport operators and agencies.</p>
	<p>1.1.7 Promote and support the development of a Dimboola Indigenous Keeping Place</p>	<p>Planning for Keeping Place progressed</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Tourism & Economic Development Officer regularly discusses this project with BGLC.</p> <p>Initial plans have been included in the landscaping component of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail that has been incorporated into the rear of the Dimboola Library project. This will form the Dimboola visitor node of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail.</p> <p>MOU drafted for WRDT.</p> <p>BGLC now have dedicated Economic Development Officer to work in that space.</p>	<p>Continue to advocate for this project and assist where possible in developing and scoping it. The Tourism and Economic Development Officer also attends the Wimmera Indigenous Tourism Group meetings. Working with BGLC on WRDT, continue to advocate for Keeping Place. Council will continue to strengthen relationships with BGLC through joint involvement in working groups associated with the Wimmera River Discovery Trail which will provide significant links to a proposed Keeping Place. Continued advocacy in discussions with BGLC.</p>

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<p>1.2 A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community.</p>	<p>1.2.1 Broaden the engagement of young people in the Shire and continue to facilitate the Hindmarsh Youth Council</p>	<p>Number of young people engaged Youth priorities developed and actioned</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>The ongoing success of the Hindmarsh Shire Youth Council and attendance at numerous youth events and activities is clear evidence that Council's engagement with youth is succeeding. The establishment of the Hindmarsh Shire tourism guide for families was an initiative of the Youth Council and has been well received. Other priorities from the Youth Strategy continue to be implemented. 2019, 2020 & 2021 Youth Council inducted.</p>	<p>Regular Youth Council meetings and proposed youth development programs including the Youth Council Retreat and Leadership Conferences will further enhance the capabilities of our youth. Planning for future FreeZa events and other youth related activities and events will be discussed at Youth Council meetings. Youth Strategy to be completed during 2021. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown in Victoria the youth retreat had to be postponed. Another date will be set when restrictions ease. Youth Council meetings held Monthly, with 2021 events and activities currently being planned.</p>
<p>1.2 A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community.</p>	<p>1.2.2 Review actions in Council's Positive Ageing and Inclusion Plan</p>	<p>Review conducted</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Attendees at Council's 2019 Seniors Concert were handed a survey to complete, further consultation will be undertaken during the first half of 2020.</p>	<p>Council's Positive Ageing and Inclusion Plan will be incorporated into the Council Plan 2021-2025.</p>
	<p>1.2.3 Review the provision of aged and health services in the Shire and Council's role in this growing sector</p>	<p>Review conducted</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Council continues to hold discussions regarding the provision of aged and health services in the Shire and Council's ongoing role. Meeting held with Nhill Learning Centre regarding providing training, this has resulted in one Karen employee working in Council's HACC department and expression of interest from another.</p>	

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	<p>1.2.4 Advocate for enhanced services in community and mental health</p>	<p>Improved provision of services</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Youth and Early Years Officer has been facilitating mental health workshops through the Understanding Reality program which has attracted more than 100 participants to date.</p> <p>Council provided with \$75,000 funding for Mental Health Drought Support in 2018/19. This money has been pooled with West Wimmera, Yarriambiack and Horsham Rural City Council to enable the program to employ 3 support officers for the 4 Shires.</p> <p>Funding for extension to Rural Outreach Program provided by State Government to allow for continuation of this valuable program.</p>	<p>Continued promotion and implementation of mental health training to teenagers.</p> <p>Consultation has commenced with the community as to whether to advocate for water fluoridation in Hindmarsh Shire.</p>
	<p>1.2.5 Review and implement Municipal Early Years Plan</p>	<p>Two actions from Municipal Early Years Plan implemented</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>On hold</p>	<p>A review of the Municipal Early Years Plan commenced in 2019. Finalisation has been delayed due to staff change over and the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Will be incorporated into the Council Plan 2021-2025 and Municipal Health and Well-being plan 2021-2025.</p>

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	1.2.6 Develop Dimboola Community, Civic and Business Hub (subject to funding)	Hub constructed	2017/18	<p>Funding of \$600,000 has been secured from the State Government for the Dimboola Library project and Council has committed \$600,000. Works on the new Dimboola Library were completed in August 2020.</p> <p>Council has been awarded \$600,000 (subject to funding agreement) from the Federal Government to refurbish the existing Old Shire Hall in Dimboola to further establish the Dimboola Community Civic Hub. Works have commenced refurbishing the former Dimboola Library.</p> <p>Council has received \$600,000 from the Federal Government, \$400,000 from the Victorian Government and is contributing \$200,000 towards the Wimmera River Discovery Trail with the Dimboola Visitor Node being incorporated into the landscaping of the Dimboola Community Civic Hub.</p> <p>Official opening of the Dimboola Library was held on Wednesday 24 February 2021.</p> <p>Building works for old library / customer service centre completed along with landscaping.</p>	<p>Directional and interpretative signage to be installed as a part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail.</p> <p>Dimboola Community Civic Hub will have the official opening on Wednesday 9 June 2021.</p>

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<p>1.2 A range of effective and accessible services to support the health and wellbeing of our community.</p>	<p>1.2.7 Continually review public safety, and security of assets and infrastructure in the CBDs of our towns</p>	<p>Report presented to Council.</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Lighting under the verandas of shops along Lloyd Street, Dimboola and for various locations around Nhill leading to and from main public spaces including Nhill Lake, Davis Park, Jaypex Park and the Nhill Swimming Pool / Lowan Sports Stadium / Nhill College / River Dimboola has been completed.</p> <p>An LED lighting upgrade is planned to be completed for the Council Office and Nhill Memorial Community Centre by December 2019.</p> <p>Grant applications for funding of additional street lighting in the Dimboola Recreation Reserve and the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum were both successful.</p> <p>Security cameras installed surrounding the Dimboola Library in 2020.</p>	<p>Council continues to seek funding for lighting installation and upgrades.</p>
	<p>1.2.8 Promote the ‘traffic light approach’ to healthy food choices in community facilities, sporting clubs and events</p>	<p>Guidance material prepared and promoted Council policy adopted</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Council promoted and encouraged schools within our shire to participate in a training session hosted by West Wimmera Health Services on the Victorian Government’s Healthy Choices guidelines in March 2018.</p> <p>Health eating policy was adopted by Council during 2018/19.</p> <p>As part of Walk to School in October 2019, Council promoted healthy eating through a workshop at each school making healthy smoothies.</p>	

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	<p>1.2.9 Promote positive, equal and respectful relationships between and among women and men, girls and boys</p>	<p>Participation in White Ribbon Day or similar initiative.</p> <p>Implementation of actions from the Act@Work Action Plan</p> <p>Utilisation of Communities of Respect and Equality (Core) Alliance guidelines</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>The Act@Work Action Plan has been adopted.</p> <p>A second staff survey was conducted in December, 2017. This 'post training' survey measured the current attitudes, awareness and knowledge of the prevention of violence against women and made comparisons with the outcomes of the initial baseline survey.</p> <p>All interview panels have had a gender balance conducting interviews.</p> <p>Council in conjunction with West Wimmera Health Service held a forum to raise awareness about Violence Against Women in late 2018 which was well attended by the community and local Secondary Colleges.</p> <p>Further Act@Work training was held in October 2018 for new staff members.</p> <p>Council obtained funding through MAV for an awareness campaign in December 2019 and 2020 through "Call it Out" initiatives.</p> <p>Act@Work sessions were completed with new staff and Councillors.</p> <p>Council has adopted a Gender Equity Policy and Guidelines.</p>	<p>Tasks from the Act@Work Action Plan to be implemented on an ongoing basis along with other appropriate initiatives.</p> <p>Implementation of the Gender Equality Act 2020 will be undertaken.</p>

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<p>1.3 A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.</p>	<p>1.3.1 Develop Skate Parks in Dimboola, Rainbow and Nhill</p>	<p>Dimboola and Rainbow: Skate Parks constructed</p> <p>Nhill: Skate Park designs completed</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Dimboola, Rainbow & Nhill Skate Parks have been constructed.</p> <p>Official openings of both the Rainbow and Dimboola Skate Park were held on 9 and 10 April 2018 respectively. Nhill Skate Park opening was held in September 2019 at the same time as the Dimboola Femal Change Rooms official opening.</p> <p>Both openings were very well attended by the public and included a FreezA event and skate workshops and demonstrations.</p> <p>Skate competitions were held in Rainbow and Dimboola in February 2019 with a positive response from those who attended.</p> <p>Council received funding to undertake activities as part of Youth Week 2020. Skate Park activities were undertaken in December 2020 with a professional skateboarder providing lessons in Jeparit and Rainbow for students.</p>	
<p>1.3 A community that is physically active with access to a wide range of leisure, sporting and recreation facilities.</p>	<p>1.3.2 Develop and promote a public art/street art policy</p>	<p>Policy adopted</p> <p>Public art projects developed</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Policy developed and adopted by Council 15 August 2018.</p> <p>Policy available on Council website.</p> <p>A large Dimboola mural was commissioned and painted in August 2019 on the exterior wall of the Dimboola Café next to the Dimboola Library.</p>	<p>Policy to be considered with all future public art.</p> <p>Further public art to be investigated.</p>

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	<p>1.3.3 Complete detailed Recreation Reserve Master Plans</p>	<p>Master Plans developed</p>	<p>Nhill 2017/18 Dimboola 2018/19</p>	<p>Master Plan developed for Davis Park, Nhill. Draft plans for a new community pavilion / function room for Davis Park have been prepared with final amendments to be advised by NDSC. Dimboola Recreation Reserve Planning Report has been prepared which will be used to assist in preparing a Master Plan. A draft copy of the Rainbow Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park Masterplan was presented to the Community on 9 October, 2018 with positive feedback received. The Rainbow Recreation Reserve and Caravan Park Masterplan was adopted by Council at its July 2019 Council Meeting.</p>	<p>Ongoing development of plans for a new community pavilion / function room for Davis Park will be undertaken. Once agreement has been reached on final design cost estimates will be obtained and investigation of funding opportunities will proceed. Master Plan for Dimboola Recreation Reserve to be prepared. The final version of the Rainbow Recreation Reserve / Caravan Park Masterplan will be completed in early 2019 and following presentation to the community, it will be presented to Council for adoption. Continue to identify funding opportunities for recreation reserves to meet master plan priorities.</p>
	<p>1.3.4 Undertake a feasibility assessment for the development of new library hub, combining other visitor information and other services</p>	<p>Feasibility assessment completed</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Jeparit Library / Customer Service centre almost complete. Combining Library and Customer services in Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow working well.</p>	<p>Construction of the new Rainbow Library / Customer Service centre will commence in June 2021.</p>

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	<p>1.3.5 Advocate for the continued and expanded provision of Neighbourhood House activities/services</p>	<p>Neighbourhood House activities in Jeparit and Dimboola</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Rainbow Neighbourhood House is providing limited programs to Jeparit.</p> <p>The Dimboola Community Centre Committee of Management has held meetings with Nhill Neighbourhood House Learning Centre to determine if they are interested in providing / supporting learning programs in Dimboola.</p> <p>Although the Nhill Neighbourhood House Learning Centre was not in a position to take on management of the Dimboola Community Centre they still may be interested in providing services to Dimboola.</p>	<p>The Rainbow Neighbourhood will continue to provide programs to Jeparit providing there is sufficient interest.</p> <p>Discussions to be held in regards to offering activities / services in the Dimboola library.</p>
	<p>1.3.6 Redevelop Rainbow Recreation Reserve Change Rooms (subject to funding)</p>	<p>Change room redevelopment completed</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>The 2019/20 CSIF grant application for new female change rooms was not successful. A follow-up meeting with SRV identified areas where future applications could be improved with the design of the building to be modified to meet Netball Victoria standards.</p> <p>Funding has been obtained through Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) Local Sports Infrastructure Fund for new female change rooms in Rainbow Recreation Reserve.</p>	<p>Design complete with engineering currently underway. Working on power supply upgrade through Rainbow Caravan Park to service change rooms.</p>

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	<p>1.3.7 Ongoing exploration and assessment of options and opportunities for the development of walking and cycling tracks within the main townships, to support recreational participation, health and wellbeing</p>	<p>Assess options for the development of local trails and tracks networks, e.g. a walking track circling the Dimboola Recreation Reserve</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>New walking tracks within the Dimboola Recreation Reserve have been developed with grant funding and support from the Dimboola Town Committee.</p> <p>Established parkrun in Nhill.</p> <p>Plans and funding for other towns not yet undertaken.</p> <p><i>Grampians RDV Region Cycling and Trails Masterplan</i> delivered through WDA/Regional Partnerships. Implementation funding assisted Wimmera River Discovery Trail grant, plus development of “Cycle West” regional branding/marketing (including some photography and marketing focus on WRDT and Dimboola).</p> <p>Wimmera Mallee Tourism funded Building Better Regions townscape masterplans developed to present walking / linkages around townships.</p> <p>Nhill historic and nature walks flyer produced by Nhill Tourism Group and Nhill Historical Society.</p>	<p>Establishment of walking trails and paths will be considered on an ongoing basis with potential linkages to the Wimmera River Discovery Trail including incorporating the Edward Eyre Heritage Walk in Jeparit.</p>

Built & Natural Environment

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<p>2.1 Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.</p>	<p>2.1.1 Re-develop and maintain attractive streetscapes, open spaces and public places</p>	<p>One streetscape project per annum</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Replacement of park seats were completed in Dimboola in second quarter. Mulching of High Street Dimboola has taken place. Mulching of Nelson Street Nhill has taken place. Victoria Street Dimboola – open earth drains replaced with kerb and channel and nature strips mulched. Wimmera Street Dimboola – open earth drains replaced with kerb and channel. Dimboola Drainage Project – amenity of Horsham entrance improved with functional drainage. Albert St Rainbow – installation of footpath and school crossing outstands. Broadway St Jeparit – installation of footpath. Jaypex Park Nhill – installation of 6 new tables and chairs. Budget initiative was prepared and included in the 19/20 budget that included renewal of street furniture for the Rainbow township. Regular maintenance of streets. GWM improved relationship for prompt repair of main breaks improved amenity of towns. New street furniture for Rainbow is on order and should be installed in June 2020. Construction of new shelters at Jaypex Park, Nhill. Consultations and first drafts completed for the Wimmera Mallee Tourism BBRF funded project. Charles Street Jeparit completed. Leahy Street corner outstand near St Patrick's School completed along with MacPherson Street Nhill footpath crossing links. Lake Street Rainbow footpath completed between Railway and Taverner Streets.</p>	<p>Regular maintenance programs on all playgrounds. Proposed deeper level development of Nhill townscape and Rainbow Caravan Park master plans as part of the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Building Better Regions Fund Project. New street furniture being installed throughout the four towns to support outdoor dining and local businesses. Anderson Street Dimboola reconstruction project has commenced.</p>

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	<p>2.1.2 Encourage and support residents and ratepayers to maintain the cleanliness and good order of the properties for which they are responsible</p>	<p>One free green waste month per year Residential clean-up campaign trial completed</p>	<p>Ongoing 2017/18</p>	<p>Council held a free green waste month in September 2019. Council received approximately 1,334 loads of green waste throughout the shire which is around 1,190 loads (approximately 826.39%) greater than the average monthly intake. The number of loads received in 2019 is 5.45% greater than the September 2018 free green waste month. Council received 1,265 loads of green waste throughout the Shire in September 2018.</p> <p>Regular proactive inspection of footpaths to identify overhanging trees that require trimming, either on nature strips or planted on private property.</p> <p>2020 Green waste month was held from 26 September to 1 November.</p>	<p>Leading by example – Council continues to ensure regular inspection and maintenance of Council owned properties.</p>

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>Capital Improvement Plan adopted.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Council adopted a Footpath asset management plan. As part of the 17/18 budget process council adopted a 10 year capital expenditure plan for capital improvements.</p> <p>Building condition and ESM Audits commenced in March 2019. Initial inspections of the 180 buildings are complete. Inspection reports have been received, and further structural assessments and maintenance planning has commenced. Works have been prioritised.</p>	<p>Asset management plans for Roads and Bridges to be developed. An NHVR grant entitled Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project (SLGAAP) Round 1 was successful in December 2020 to review the load capacity of three bridges in the Shire on Rainbow Rises Rd, Tarranyurk West Rd and Antwerp-Woorak Rd.</p> <p>Ongoing reviews of the 10 year plan.</p> <p>A review of the roads hierarchy will begin in 2021. Council's road management plan is under review and to be adopted in June / July Council meeting 2021.</p> <p>Cyclic assessment of infrastructure condition surveys to occur.</p> <p>Implement maintenance works as a result of ESM and condition reports on Council owned buildings. Ensure that buildings are regularly inspected to maintain maximum condition.</p> <p>Road related asset condition audit and valuation RFQ currently being advertised. The results of the report will be used to develop the Forward Capital Works Program.</p>

<p>1.1 Well-maintained physical assets and infrastructure to meet community and organisational needs.</p>	<p>2.1.4 Enhance river and lakes environment to support informal recreation and social interaction (subject to funding)</p>	<p>Plans for Nhill Lake improvements developed</p> <p>Study of recreational and environmental water for Rainbow community completed</p> <p>Improved Wimmera River facilities for fishing and boating</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>A study into the use of Ross Lake at Rainbow has been commissioned and distributed to stakeholders. The report provides a positive overview of the proposal.</p> <p>Fishing and boating pontoons have been installed at Dimboola while a fishing pontoon has been installed at Jeparit and Nhill Lake.</p> <p>Jeparit Anglers club were also successful with funding, installing a fishing pontoon on the Wimmera River at Jeparit (near the Golf Club).</p> <p>The draft Wimmera River Waterway Management Plan was advertised for public comment in February 2019. At time of closing, nine responses were received. Responses were considered and plan amended, with the amended plan currently being reviewed by the advisory committee. Adoption of the plan has been deferred by Council until they meet with the CMA.</p> <p>The bridge along Rainbow Nhill Road across Outlet Creek has been replaced and upgraded in full to a dual lane bridge.</p> <p>Council has obtained funding through the Federal and State Governments to build a new Albacutya Bridge. Tender has been advertised for the Albacutya Bridge. Concept plans and native vegetation assessments have been completed, and Council has worked with Barengi Gadjin Land Council to complete a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Bridge.</p> <p>Council has taken ownership of Rainbow Lake site to facilitate development (to be leased to Lake Committee).</p>	<p>Ongoing relationship building with the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority, Parks Victoria and Marine Safety Victoria.</p> <p>Ross Lakes report was completed and it was established that the lake be considered as an opportunity for an intermittent wetland subject to conditions and availability of funding for pipeline support (in hands of GWM).</p> <p>Further plans in progress for establishment of picnic sites and amenities at the Rainbow Lake site.</p> <p>Connection of pipeline water complete and ready to be activated at Rainbow Lake.</p> <p>Council has advertised its intention to enter into a lease with the Rainbow Lake Committee Inc. for the management of the Lake site. Currently working with VicRoads to determine traffic requirements for entry and exit of the lake site.</p>
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	<p>2.1.4 CONT Enhance river and lakes environment to support informal recreation and social interaction (subject to funding)</p>	<p>Plans for Nhill Lake improvements developed</p> <p>Study of recreational and environmental water for Rainbow community completed</p> <p>Improved Wimmera River facilities for fishing and boating</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>As a part of the Jeparit node of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail, two concept drawings have been prepared for the redevelopment of the Jeparit Swimming Hole, with a third currently being developed to consider mobility scooter access.</p> <p>Flood gauges at Dimboola have been installed by the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority to more accurately monitor water levels, which are to be agreed upon by various user groups based on their recreation activities.</p> <p>Wimmera River Discovery Trail funded, will align with and support WMCA drought refuge pool strategy.</p> <p>The new Dimboola Rowing Club launch pontoon is completed, is in use and has been officially opened.</p> <p>GWM Water has obtained funding for water connection infrastructure to the former water reservoir to create a community recreation lake.</p>	<p>Plans for the Jeparit swimming hole are expected to be finalised in early 2021.</p> <p>Additional water supply sources to be investigated for Nhill Lake and Stormwater catchment improvements which assist filling the lake.</p>
	<p>2.1.5 Continue to implement the Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan</p>	<p>One initiative from the Master Plan implemented</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Amenities have been upgraded.</p> <p>Nhill Aerodrome Master Plan adopted by Council on 01 May 2019.</p> <p>A grant has been obtained to establish a new memorial entrance to the aerodrome. This has been established in conjunction with NAHC. Construction of the new entrance into the Nhill Aerodrome was completed in late October 2019.</p> <p>2020 applied for funding application for PAPI lights and concrete hardstands for emergency services.</p>	<p>Continue to adhere to the plan and develop and maintain the aerodrome as a functional facility and tourist attraction.</p> <p>Official opening of the new memorial entrance into the Nhill Aerodrome has been delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Pavement classification study for the runway to be undertaken.</p>

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	2.1.6 In partnership with other agencies implement recommendations from the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's Flood Plain Management Strategy	Implementation of recommendations from strategy underway	2018/19	Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's Flood Plain Management Strategy is complete. HSC Officer representation on Wimmera Floodplain Management Strategy Implementation Committee.	Implement actions from the Wimmera Catchment Management Authority's Flood Plain Management Strategy – subject to funding. Ongoing.
	2.1.7 Advocate for the construction of emergency services facilities in Dimboola	Emergency services relocated	Ongoing	The CFA have purchased property in High Street, Dimboola. Funding has been announced for a new CFA Station in Dimboola.	Advocate for and support the local Dimboola CFA in their quest to obtain full funding for the new fire station.
	2.1.8 Explore alternative road base treatments that will reduce long term maintenance cost	Alternative road base treatments trialled in three locations	2018/19	Works currently planned to install a geotec textile material in the road base along McKenzie and Grieg Roads to prevent the rising salinity reacting with the limestone. Investigative trial completed using Polycom at Tarranyurk West Road as road base stabiliser. Polycom road stabiliser additive used in the road base at the Perenna Rd Netherby capital Work project. The intersection will be monitored for performance over the coming seasons.	Look to incorporate the use of recycled material in road specifications. Review of road construction trials. Investigate use of gypsum in road base to counteract salinity issues.
2.2 A community that reduces its reliance on water and manages this resource wisely	2.2.1 Explore options for rainwater/stormwater harvesting to supplement the water supply for community assets	Rainwater/stormwater harvesting opportunities identified	2018/19	Installation of drought relief and fire suppression water tanks at Diapur. Tanks are charged from underground aquifers. Replacement of pumps and fire suppression water tanks on Rainbow-Nhill Road, Lake Hindmarsh to be installed in second quarter of 2018/19. This project was completed in May 2019. Funding of \$50,000 has been obtained through a Community Climate Change Adaptation Program to assist with the establishment of community green spaces as part of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail Visitor Nodes in Dimboola and Jeparit.	Incorporate into all designs for new facilities, Tree gardens, WSUD's Encouraging the use of tanks and other water harvesting techniques for new structures. Investigate use and installation of trash nets to improve quality of water in our catchments. Drought resilience funding will be available in July 2021 for Council to make an application.

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				Rainwater tanks have been installed at the new public amenities in Dimboola which will be connected to garden irrigation system in the Visitor Node.	
	2.2.2 Replace appliances in Council facilities with water efficient appliances if and when redevelopment occurs	Water efficient appliances installed	Ongoing	Dual flush toilets have been installed at Nhill Aerodrome. Rain water tanks have been installed at the Dimboola Library and new amenities block. E-waste sheds Dimboola/Nhill have rain water tanks.	Investigation of the cost and installation of push button taps in new public facilities. Any new buildings will have water saving devices. Continue opportunity for water harvesting on new Council built assets. Rain water tanks to be installed at Rainbow Library.
2.3 A healthy natural environment.	2.3.1 Continue to work with local Landcare groups	Memorandum of Understanding with Hindmarsh Landcare Network	Ongoing	MOU with Hindmarsh Landcare exists and is reviewed periodically. Council have been working with Landcare groups.	Periodical reviews of MOU. Exploring ways to align Hindmarsh Landcare Network Wimmera River corridor tree planting project with WRDT.
2.3 A healthy natural environment.	2.3.2 Continue to implement actions from the Roadside Pest Plant and Animals Plan (subject to funding)	Kilometres of roadside treated	Ongoing	When undertaking the annual strategic fire break program, the opportunity is also taken to spray for noxious weeds. In addition, Council is negotiating with the Landcare Co-ordinator to provide the conduit between Council and farmers that are interested in partnering with Council to treat sucker trees on low traffic volume roadsides, along with sourcing most suitable treatments on vermin and weeds.	Continuance of shire wide roadside slashing and spraying program, working with the local Landcare groups.

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	<p>2.3.3 Implement Planting Program to improve tree coverage and shade cover in high traffic urban areas</p>	<p>Number of trees planted and successfully established</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Draft Street and Reserve Tree Strategy adopted in November 2018. Approximately 220 trees have been ordered for urban planting in June 2019. Trees that have not survived from 2019 plantings are included in the order for 2020, as a total of approximately 114 trees planted for 2020.</p> <p>Working for Victoria Staff completed tree planting works scheduled for years 3 & 4 in the Street and Reserve Tree Strategy.</p> <p>Working for Victoria staff completed tree planting works scheduled for years 3 & 4 in the Street and Reserve Tree Strategy.</p> <p>The trees planted as part of years 3 & 4 contributed an additional 206 trees, meaning a total of 320 new trees were planted in 2020.</p> <p>Avenue of trees planted on Charles Street Jeparit as part of the capital works project.</p>	<p>Street and Reserve Tree Strategy to be considered during budget process.</p> <p>Officers are now reviewing the plan in anticipation of the next 5 years of implementation.</p> <p>Avenue of trees to be planted on Anderson St Dimboola after completion of the street reconstruction project.</p>
<p>2.4 A community living more sustainably.</p>	<p>2.4.1 Advocate for distributed energy generation for Shire towns using solar, waste and biomass, wind and geothermal sources, subject to funding</p>	<p>Distributed energy generation trial program developed</p>	<p>2019/20</p>	<p>Submitted letter of support to DELWP as part of planning consultation for proposed Nhill Wind Farm</p> <p>Participated in Wimmera Southern Mallee Regional Planning and Energy Workshop.</p>	<p>Council officers continue to work with Diapur Wind Farm Project Managers.</p> <p>Nhill Solar Farm planning permit has been reviewed and approved.</p> <p>Council officers continue to work with the Murra Warra wind farm managers regarding stage two of the project.</p>
	<p>2.4.2 Advocate for upgrades to the main electricity grid servicing Hindmarsh Shire to support alternative electricity generation</p>	<p>Advocacy activity undertaken</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Where the opportunity arises this is raised with Ministers where appropriate.</p>	<p>Advocacy will be included in the agenda for the upcoming Canberra trip for the Mayor and CEO.</p>

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	2.4.3 Explore innovative waste management options for green waste	Report provided to Council	2017/18	Council purchased a mulching head attachment for the existing skid steer, which is to be used to transform green waste into recycled mulch.	Working with regional waste management group on initiatives for management of organics. Funding application has been submitted to upgrade the four transfer stations for Glass Recycling and Green waste.
	2.4.4 Continue to support Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance	Active Wimmera Mallee Sustainability Alliance membership continued	Ongoing	Membership renewed. Council represented by Cr Ismay and Coordinator Facilities and Environment.	

Competitive & Innovative Economy

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns.	3.1.1 Market the Shire's liveability, its stunning environment, relaxed country living and unique business opportunities	Development of marketing initiatives and continued promotion of Council and tourism websites	Ongoing	<p>The Youth Council's tourism guide for families has been printed and distributed. Tourism Officer continues to attend regional tourism meetings.</p> <p>Funding application for a Strategic Municipal Marketing Plan has been submitted – awaiting outcomes of application.</p> <p>Tourism signage plan has been prepared. Migrant Open Weekends have been held.</p> <p>Improved signage promoting towns and the shire have been prepared and will be implemented on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Visit Victoria funded a masterplan/business case exploring options for an alternate Silo Art project in Rainbow. Masterplan / Business case completed with funding obtained for Llew Schilling Silo.</p> <p>New shire and town entry sign designs have been established and a number of new signs installed.</p> <p>Better Approvals project completed along with development of business kit and investment prospectus.</p> <p>Painting has commenced on the Albacutya Silo Art being the first Silo in Hindmarsh on the Silo Art trail.</p>	<p>Further development of the Silo Art Trail into Hindmarsh Shire.</p> <p>Continue the installation of new signage as funding permits.</p> <p>Implementation of Albacutya Silo Art marketing.</p> <p>Funding committed by the State Government for the Llew Schilling Silo in Rainbow.</p>
	3.1.2 Prepare designs and prospectus for Dimboola Industrial Estate	Designs completed	2017/18	<p>To be developed – subject to funding. Concept Plans have been established.</p>	<p>To be developed – subject to funding.</p>

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3.1 A strong rural economy and thriving towns.	3.1.3 Support and promote work experience, apprenticeships and cadetships	Number of cadets and work experience students hosted by Council	Ongoing	Engagement of work experience students has continued across arrange of Council Departments. Infrastructure Services accommodated engineer student placement.	Continued support of work experience students etc.
	3.1.4 Facilitate business and social enterprise incubators, workshops and training	Professional development activities facilitated	2018/19	A range of small business workshops were held across the Shire in 2017 on a range of different topics. The Business Assistance Grants program assists with funding training etc. A review of the criteria for the Business Assistance Grants was held prior to the 2018/2019 Financial Year. Social enterprise workshops were held with Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship in Nhill and Rainbow.	Continued funding of the Business Assistance Grants program. A review of the criteria for the Business Assistance Grants was held prior to the 2018/2019 Financial Year and will be reviewed on a regular basis. The Business Assistance Grants program will be reviewed for the 2020 / 2021 financial year. Tourism / hospitality business e-learning program developed through Wimmera Mallee Tourism.
	3.1.5 Support Emerging Entrepreneurs Program in partnership with Rural Councils Victoria	Program delivered in partnership with Rural Councils Victoria	2017/18	To be developed.	
	3.1.6 Encourage investment in housing stock to address housing shortages	Investment options promoted	2018/19	To be developed.	Regional Housing study conducted by Wimmera Development Association in 2020 with results to be published in early 2021.

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	3.1.7 Active involvement in Rural Councils Victoria (RCV) and Wimmera Development Association (WDA)	Continued membership of Rural Councils Victoria and Wimmera Development Association	Ongoing	Membership and active involvement with WDA and RCV is continuing on an ongoing basis.	Membership and active involvement with WDA and RCV is continuing on an ongoing basis.
	3.1.8 Work regionally/collaboratively with other organisations	Continued support/membership of Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly, Western Highway Action Group, Wimmera Regional Transport Group and Centre for Participation	Ongoing	Council's Community Development Coordinator is on the Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly Board and regularly attends meetings. Council is represented on the Western Highway Action Group by Cr Ismay and Council's Director Infrastructure Services and the Wimmera Regional Transport Group by Cr Gersch and Council's Director Infrastructure Services. Tourism and Economic Development Officer is a representative on the Wimmera Indigenous Tourism Group.	Representation and attendance at these organisations will continue.
	3.1.9 Review Hindmarsh Planning Scheme, including Municipal Strategic Statement, with a focus on industrial and residential development	Hindmarsh Planning Scheme and Municipal Strategic Statement adopted.	2018/19	Public consultation for review of Planning Scheme has been completed. Draft is currently underway. The restructure of the Hindmarsh Planning Scheme as proposed by DEWLP was endorsed by Council at the 19 August 2020 meeting and consent given to the Minister to prepare and approve an amendment.	Ongoing.

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<p>3.2 A thriving tourism industry.</p>	<p>3.2.1 Implement recommendations from the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Master Plan</p>	<p>One project implemented per year</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tourism & Economic Development Officer attends monthly WMPM CoM meetings and is attempting to implement recommendations from the Master Plan.</p> <p>Funding is required to implement recommendations which have not yet been obtained.</p> <p>A funding application for the purchase and installation of solar powered lights at the WMPM was successful.</p> <p>WMPM successful in obtaining grant for a significance assessment of their collection.</p> <p>Repairs to Pioneer Museum Shed #4 were conducted in 2020, including re-aligning vertical posts and strengthening footings.</p>	<p>Continue the implementation of the recommendations from the WMPM Master Plan.</p> <p>Continue to work with Committee and look for funding opportunities.</p>

	<p>3.2.2 Promote and continue to develop our tourism facilities</p>	<p>Increased numbers of visitors to Council owned/operated tourism assets</p> <p>Improved tourism signage</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Signage Strategic Plan has been developed.</p> <p>Hindmarsh Heritage Drive brochures developed and distributed.</p> <p>Recreational bikes for Riverside Holiday Park, Dimboola are proving to be popular and hire and usage agreements prepared and in use.</p> <p>A new front entrance sign for the Riverside Holiday Park has also been prepared.</p> <p>Visit Victoria funded a masterplan/business case exploring options for an alternate Silo Art project in Rainbow.</p> <p>New Shire and Town entry sign designs being finalised in consultation with VicRoads.</p> <p>New HSC brochure suite being developed.</p> <p>“Hindmarsh Highlights” and town tourism sigs (Nhill and Jeparit) have been installed.</p> <p>Riverside Holiday Park brochures and business cards printed.</p> <p>New WMT website “Visit Wimmera Mallee” launched include interact touring routes, videos and podcasts.</p> <p>New Hindmarsh Shire brochure designed and printed.</p> <p>Wimmera River Discovery Trail funded and preliminary work has commenced.</p> <p>Albacutya Silo Art funding secured, design work completed and works to be undertaken as soon as COVID-19 restrictions allow.</p> <p>Leveraged financial and in-kind support from Visit Victoria for the development and marketing of digital media around the Albacutya Silo.</p>	<p>Further development of the Silo Art Trail – subject to funding.</p> <p>Implementation of Wimmera River Discovery Trail.</p> <p>Continued implementation of the branding and signage plan.</p> <p>A name change for the Jeparit Caravan Park has been suggested to better reflect its strategic location adjacent to the Wimmera River.</p> <p>Design and printing of new town brochures.</p> <p>Potential to further develop Dimboola Common interpretation and visitor attraction / experience through Creative Victoria grant.</p> <p>Development of regional touring routes and related marketing via WMT/WDA grant funded projects (in progress)</p> <p>Continued (growing) regional support and resources from Visit Victoria ... potential positive outcomes for our region from the Regional Tourism Review and Tourism Recovery (post covid-19) currently underway.</p> <p>Continue discussions with Visit Victoria to leverage funding for Llew Schillings Silo project.</p> <p>Visit Victoria / RDV establishing project working group to develop Llew Shillings Silo project to ‘shovel-ready’ stage and leverage of funding.</p>
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	<p>3.2.2 Promote and continue to develop our tourism facilities cont'd</p>	<p>Increased numbers of visitors to Council owned/operated tourism assets</p> <p>Improved tourism signage</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Visit Victoria funded masterplan and business case developed for tourism activation of Llew Shilling's silo in Rainbow</p> <p>Staged implementation of new Shire and Town Entry signage has commenced.</p> <p>Townscape masterplans and Caravan/camping site study initiated through WMT's BRRF grant (first drafts received)</p> <p>Yurunga Homestead northern veranda repaired through Heritage Victoria grant</p> <p>Nhill Aerodrome entrance project completed through Victoria Remembers grant</p> <p>2020 Great Victorian Bike Ride leveraged to start in Rainbow showcasing/marketing the region.</p> <p>"Hindmarsh Highlights" and town tourism signs (Nhill and Jeparit) have been installed.</p> <p>Grant Funding obtained for Llew Shillings Silo and one extra Hindmarsh Silo Art project</p> <p>Grant Funding obtained for WMPM collection significance assessment</p> <p>Grant Funding obtained for heritage mural at Yurunga</p> <p>Grant Funding obtained (RDV) for cabin installation at Nhill, Jeparit, Rainbow and Dimboola caravan parks ... BBRF Round 5 grant application submitted awaiting response</p> <p>Street furniture and outdoor dining pods installed</p> <p>Visit Hindmarsh "Unearth Amazing" TV ad and social media campaign</p>	<p>Complete Shire and Town Entry signage replacement</p> <p>Complete town brochure redesign</p> <p>2020 Great Victorian Bike Ride likely rescheduled to 2021, still planning to use same route starting in Rainbow.</p> <p>Continue to leverage for grant funding for facility upgrades and new cabins in Shire caravan parks, drawing support from regional (RDV, WDA and WMT) strategies and accommodation gap analysis</p> <p>Continued leveraging for further silo art instalments</p>

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				<p>Albacutya Silo Art completed</p> <p>New Shire and town entry sign instalment progressing with all signs delivered and in the process of installation</p>	
	<p>3.2.3 Develop a trail along the Wimmera River and Lake Hindmarsh (subject to funding)</p>	<p>Wimmera River Discovery Trail, Stage 1, completed</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>The Wimmera River Discovery Trail has been identified as a priority in the draft Grampians Region Cycling and Trails master plan and is gaining support from a range of organisations and sources.</p> <p>Council successful in obtaining funding through the Building Better Regions Fund for the Wimmera River Discovery Trail, Stage 1 from Dimboola to Jeparit.</p> <p>Advisory Group established, MOU with BGLC drafted.</p> <p>Support and resources leveraged from Parks Victoria.</p> <p>WRDT (along with Silo Art Trail) established as this regions 'iconic' cycling experiences in the "Cycle West" branding/marketing project (though WDA/RDV/Regional Partnership).</p> <p>Work on the Cultural Heritage Management Plan required for the WRDT has commenced.</p>	<p>Continue to advocate for funding for the establishment of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail.</p> <p>Works are progressing as appropriate but will significantly increase when the CHMP's are established.</p> <p>Jeparit railway-bridge was found to be in poor condition and not suitable for WRDT. A location for a new bridge is currently being finalised.</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
<p>3.2 A thriving tourism industry.</p>	<p>3.2.3 Support innovative community-driven events and festivals that stimulate tourism growth in the region</p>	<p>Support of at least three community events per year</p> <p>Funding guidelines for regional events, arts and culture, developed and Community Action Grants Program – Events Sponsorship - reviewed</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Support has been provided for the Nhill Lake Fiesta, Jeparit Fishing Competition, Dimboola Rowing Regatta and Fishing Classic, Rainbow Desert Enduro and Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum Vintage Rally, ParkRun in Nhill and NAHC Vintage Military Vehicle rendezvous among others.</p> <p>Community Action Grants program has been reviewed.</p> <p>An improved process for the assessment and approval process for community based events has been established.</p>	<p>Continue to advocate and support community based events and festivals.</p> <p>Improved and more efficient processes and procedures to assist with the planning and implementation of events are being developed.</p> <p>Continued monitoring and reviewing internal permit process.</p> <p>Re-establishment of appropriate community events when the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are lifted.</p>
	<p>3.2.4 Facilitate links between contemporary local and regional events, tourism product and businesses to maximise economic outcomes across the Shire</p>	<p>Calendar of events hosted and promoted on Council's websites and Facebook pages</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Council events listed on new council website, council/community events listed on Visit Hindmarsh website and promoted on Council's Facebook.</p> <p>Tourism brochure distribution at Rainbow Desert Enduro.</p> <p>Live Stream digital marketing at Rainbow Enduro events and HPV event. WMT owned equipment obtained through grant for Live Streaming future events.</p> <p>Rainbow is establishing itself as an off road racing destination, now home to 3 off road events, with a round of the Victorian Off Road and Australian Off Road Championship and now the Australian SXS Championship.</p>	<p>Continued focus of promotion of Hindmarsh tourism attractions shire-wide at events.</p> <p>Pro-actively working with event organisers for shire tourism promotional opportunities at events.</p> <p>Wimmera Mallee Tourism's BBRF funded project "Trading off the Tourism Trails" will incorporate community and business forums and support focusing on maximizing economic input from tourism.</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
	<p>3.2.5 Review the management of Council's caravan and camping accommodation</p>	<p>Report provided to Council</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Report presented to Council with suggested management options for considerations.</p> <p>Regular meetings are held in all council owned caravan and camping facilities to understand areas for improvement.</p> <p>Dimboola caretaker living onsite.</p> <p>A funding application to improve all-abilities amenities and BBQ facilities at Dimboola's Riverside Holiday Park was successful with works commencing in May 2021.</p> <p>New outdoor camp kitchen area completed with electric bbqs, running water, shade sail and seating.</p> <p>A funding application for joint female friendly change rooms / Rainbow caravan park female amenities was successful.</p> <p>Wimmera Mallee Tourism's BBRF funded project "Trading off the Tourism Trails" incorporates strategies around caravan parks across the region.</p> <p>Funding application to refurbish the Nhill Caravan Park amenities block was successful.</p>	<p>Ongoing. Expansion of facilities subject to suitable funding sources as opportunities arise.</p>
	<p>3.2.6 Facilitate "Tourism is everyone's business" forums</p>	<p>Forums held</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Successful Tourism Forums were held in Dimboola, Rainbow, Jeparit and Nhill during February 2018.</p> <p>The Nhill Tourism and Business Group has been established and meets on a regular basis. Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer attends these meetings.</p>	<p>Continue to promote "Tourism is everyone's business" throughout the Shire in an ongoing capacity.</p> <p>Hold a Tourism Forum adapted specifically for the Karen community.</p> <p>A name change for the Jeparit Caravan Park has been suggested to better reflect its strategic location adjacent to the Wimmera River.</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
	<p>3.2.7 Promote and support local historic assets and heritage groups.</p>	<p>Local historic assets and heritage groups supported.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Heritage Drive brochure established and distributed Youth Council tourism brochure – A tourism guide for families established and distributed. Heritage Victoria Grant obtained for veranda repairs at Yurunga. Victoria Remembers Grant obtained for memorial development at Nhill Aerodrome entrance and interpretive signage, will be completed by November 2019. Financial and in-kind support for NAHC Air Show, November 2019. Significant increase in organised bus tours, particularly to Yurunga and NAHC, through advocacy by Wimmera Mallee Tourism. New Brochures, plus pull-up banner designed and printed for Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum. Aerodrome entrance project completed Yurunga northern veranda repaired through Heritage Victoria grant Hindmarsh Cemetery Drive developed digitally (on Visit Hindmarsh website). Nhill historic and nature walks flyer produced by Nhill Tourism Group and Nhill Historical Society.</p>	<p>Implementation of the Signage Strategic Plan. An idea to establish a Hindmarsh Cemeteries brochure has been mooted which would complement the Heritage Drive brochure and add another tourism aspect to the region. Listing Yurunga and WMPM on the Australian Tourism Data Warehouse. Development of Hindmarsh Heritage Tour booklet combining Hindmarsh Heritage Drive, Hindmarsh Cemetery Drive, and town historical walks.</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
	<p>3.2.8 Work collaboratively with the Wimmera Mallee region's Indigenous Tourism Group</p>	<p>Actively participate in the regional tourism group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tourism and Economic Development Officer is a very active participant in the Wimmera Mallee Tourism Association and is developing substantial links with the BGLC. Drafted MOU with BGLC for WRDT.</p> <p>Drafted broader MOU and Reconciliation Action Plan. Both this and WRDT MOU will assist with greater opportunities to work with and support BGLC and the Wotjobaluk Communities.</p> <p>The recently completed Dimboola mural has a strong indigenous theme and the artists 'interpretive sign' will detail further indigenous information. This will complement the Dimboola Visitor Node of the WRDT.</p>	<p>Continue to advocate for the development of the Wimmera Keeping Place to be built in Dimboola.</p> <p>The proposed Dimboola Visitor Node of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail will have a focus on indigenous culture and heritage through interpretative signage and landscaping.</p> <p>Expanded interpretation and visitor experience at Dimboola Commons potential project</p> <p>Potential Indigenous themed Silo Art</p>
<p>3.3 Modern and affordable information and communication technology throughout the municipality.</p>	<p>3.3.1 Advocate for appropriate NBN coverage.</p>	<p>Support the Wimmera Development Association and Wimmera Mallee councils in advocacy efforts</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>3.3.2 Promote the use of latest technology to advance business practices</p>	<p>Promotional activities undertaken</p>	<p>2018/19</p>	<p>Ongoing Council's road construction team now uses latest technology being 3D machine control on their graders, increasing efficiency.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
	<p>3.3.3 Advocate for improved mobile phone coverage, including telecommunications tower at Yanac</p>	<p>Number of black spots reduced</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tower at Yanac announced in March 2019 as part of the Mobile Black Spot program. Planning permit for the tower was approved by Council in October 2019. Tower construction has now been completed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
	3.3.4 Advocate strongly for installation of a television repeater tower at Rainbow	Television reception improved	2020/21	Ongoing	Ongoing
3.4 Transport solutions that support the needs of our communities and businesses.	3.4.1 Advocate for flexible and responsive public and freight transport.	Active involvement in Western Highway Action Committee and Wimmera Regional Transport Group	Ongoing	Representation at the Western Victoria Rail Project and promotion of the project has been undertaken. Council has provided input into the Regional freight and transport plans via the Wimmera Regional Transport group. Council is also a member of the Rail Freight Alliance. Regional Transport Strategy 2020 (Wimmera and Southern Mallee) developed.	Continued advocacy and promotion of the project.
	3.4.2 Investigate innovative transport solutions and facility upgrades	Improvements to transport gaps identified Improvements to Dimboola bus stop facilities	2018/19	Redevelopment of the Dimboola Bus Stop is proposed as part of the redevelopment of the Dimboola Library. A temporary coach stop is located in Lochiel Street adjacent to the former Dimboola Hotel site. It is envisaged that this will be established as the permanent coach stop location.	Council to consider options for passenger bus drop off / pick up zones prior to undertaking any community consultations. Plans will be prepared and presented to V/Line and PTV regarding a permanent coach stop in Lochiel Street.

Our People, Our Processes

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
4.1 Long-term financial sustainability.	4.1.1 An equitable, efficient and transparent rating strategy	Annual review of Council's Rating Strategy	Ongoing	Council's rating strategy is reviewed annually as part of the budget process.	Council's rating strategy will be reviewed as part of the 21/22 budget process.
	4.1.2 Further develop Council's long term year financial plan	Ten year plan updated annually	Ongoing	Council's long term financial plan is updated annually as part of the budget process.	Council's long term financial plan will be updated as part of the 21/22 budget process.
	4.1.3 Advocate to State and Federal Governments for a sustainable funding model for small rural councils	Lobby relevant Ministers as opportunities arise	Ongoing	Cr Gersch continually and actively supports RCV's lobbying to Minister for Local Government and the Treasurer on behalf of Council.	
	4.1.4 Build strong relationships with upper and lower house representatives at a state and federal level.	Lobby relevant representatives as opportunities arise	Ongoing	Close relationships developed with Anne Webster MP and Emma Kealy MP. Council held a Federal Election Forum for Mallee Candidates in April 2019.	
	4.1.5 Undertake service planning across Council's operations	Number of service plans completed	2017/18	Services are reviewed regularly when there are changes to funding, staffing or community feedback.	
4.2 Quality customer services.	4.2.1 Develop and implement a customer service strategy	Customer service strategy adopted	2017/18	New customer service charter adopted which clearly details Council's service strategy for customer service standards.	
4.3 An engaged, skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs.	4.3.1 Implement a project management system, including training for key staff	Project Management System in place	2017/18	Project management system has been implemented and Project Management Framework adopted by Senior Management Team.	

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
<p>4.3 An engaged, skilled Council and workforce capable of meeting community needs.</p>	<p>4.3.2 Provide professional development opportunities and training for staff and Councillors</p>	<p>Training and professional development undertaken</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Sessions such as dispute resolution training have been held in Nhill for a number of staff, as well as active encouragement to look for and attend training that will develop staff skills for their roles.</p> <p>Fraud Awareness, Unshakeable Leaders and Unshakeable at work training undertaken by staff in early 2019.</p> <p>Training requirements are also identified through performance reviews.</p> <p>Managing Stress and building resilience training completed by range of staff in November 2019.</p> <p>Manual Handling training completed by range of staff in December 2019.</p> <p>Rotating staff training on variety of equipment to ensure flexible and allow multi-skilling of teams.</p> <p>Council's Study Support Policy has been reviewed and updated in May 2021.</p>	<p>Councillor induction being completed as part of the requirements of the Local Government Act 2020.</p>
	<p>4.3.3 Implement actions and initiatives from the Act @ Work program</p>	<p>Actions implemented</p>	<p>2017/18</p>	<p>All staff have undertaken Act@Work training and appropriate Action Plan has been developed and approved by the Chief Executive Officer.</p> <p>A second staff survey was conducted in December, 2017. This 'post training' survey measured the current attitudes, awareness and knowledge of the prevention of violence against women and made comparisons with the outcomes of the initial baseline survey.</p> <p>Recruitment procedure requires that all recruitment panels have a gender balance.</p>	<p>Implementation of the Act@Work Action Plan.</p>

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
4.4 Efficient and effective information communications technology.	4.4.1 Review and implement Council's IT strategy	IT Strategy review completed	2017/18	On hold. Council successful with Rural Councils Transformation Project (RCTP) which is looking at transforming Council's Information Technology.	
4.5 Support for the community in the areas of emergency preparedness, response and recovery	4.5.2 Review Council's role in emergency management	Report presented to Council	2017/18	Report presented to Council on Phase 1 of Local Government Victoria's <i>Council in Emergencies</i> project and also the potential changes and impacts of the Emergency Management Bill. Continuation of the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program (MERP) Funding for a further 4 years. New Wimmera Emergency Management Coordinator has been appointed to oversee the project for the next 4 years.	Partner with key agencies and emergency services to implement changes resulting from Emergency Management Bill. Continue to liaise with neighbouring Council's in cross border emergency management.
	4.5.3 Maintain the Jeparit levee bank.	Maintenance works completed	2017/18	Provision was made in the draft 2018/2019 budget for abutment works and boards.	Allocation for full structure replacement should be made in the long term financial plan. Council will require external funding to assess and renew the Jeparit levee bank prior to accepting maintenance responsibilities.
4.6 An organisation that takes its risk management responsibilities seriously and embeds a culture of risk management throughout the organisation.	4.6.1 Include risk management as a standing item on Audit Committee, Council and Senior Management Team agendas	All Audit Committee meetings have considered risk management	Ongoing	Risk Management is a standing item on Audit Committee Agenda's and reviewed at SMT meetings. Fraud Prevention and Control Policy and Plan developed and adopted. Risk Management Internal Audit undertaken in November 2020.	Risk Management Framework being reviewed and developed. Risk Management audit recommendations to be implemented subject to funding.

What we will achieve	How we will achieve this	How we will measure success	Year to be achieved	Achievements	Looking ahead
				Risk Management Policy adopted by Council in May 2021.	
	4.6.2 Develop a governance and compliance framework within Council.	Quality Assurance Framework developed.	2017/18	Governance adviser implemented framework for governance and compliance review. All requirements to date of the Local Government Act 2020 have been met and adopted within required timeframes.	Regular reviews undertaken to ensure council is compliant with required legislation. Continue to work towards implementing policies, plans and procedures in line with the requirements of Local Government Act 2020.

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HINDMARSH SHIRE COUNCIL

FINANCIAL REPORT

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDING
31 MARCH 2021**

**Hindmarsh Shire Council
Management Financial Report
For the period ending 31 March 2021**

COMMENTARY

General

This report is for the period ending 31 March 2021

The Financial report provides financial reporting and variances against budget. This report incorporates Year to Date actual and variance figures for the nine months up to 31 March 2021.

Dashboard

The Dashboard provides Council with a set of graphs detailing of both financial and non-financial items. This will be available for distribution at the Council meeting.

Executive Summary & Ratios

The Executive Summary and ratios provides Council with a summary of financial items comparing year to date actuals against year to date budget.

Financials

Attached to this report are a set of financial statements consisting of an Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement, Capital Works Schedule and Detailed Program Expenditure. These statements are prepared in line with Australian Accounting Standards and the relevant regulations under the *Local Government Act 2020*, and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*. The statements provide YTD Actual data with a comparison against YTD Budget figures.

A brief summary of the major budget variances is outlined on the following pages.

Comprehensive Income Statement

The Comprehensive Income Statement shows an operating surplus for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021 of \$3,229,723 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$1,963,499.

There are a number of items that make up the overall variances between actual and budget. Explanation of material variances have been detailed against the Comprehensive Income Statement report.

Balance Sheet and Cash Flow

Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2021 shows a balance of \$11,228,603.

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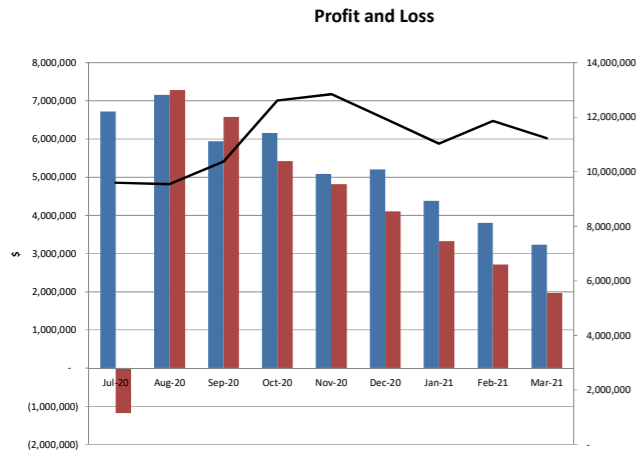
This report shows Capital works expenditure for the period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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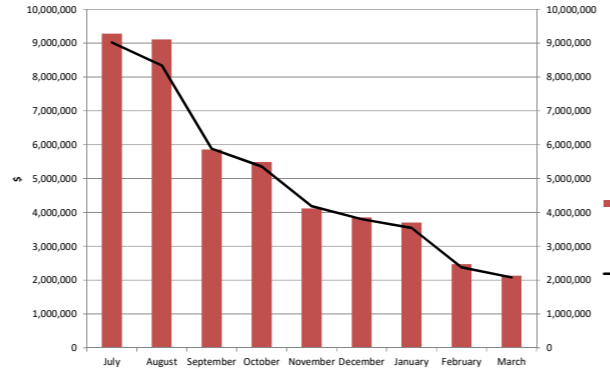
Hindmarsh Shire Council Performance Dashboard For the period ending 31 March 2021

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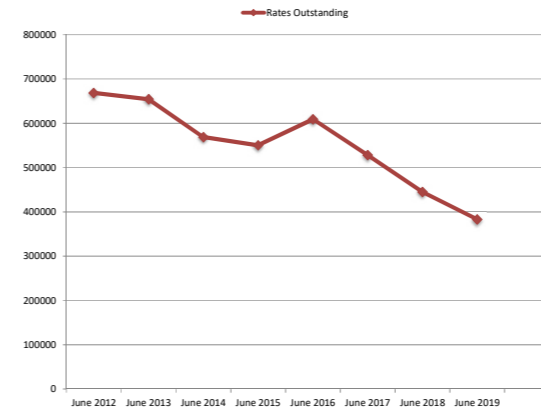


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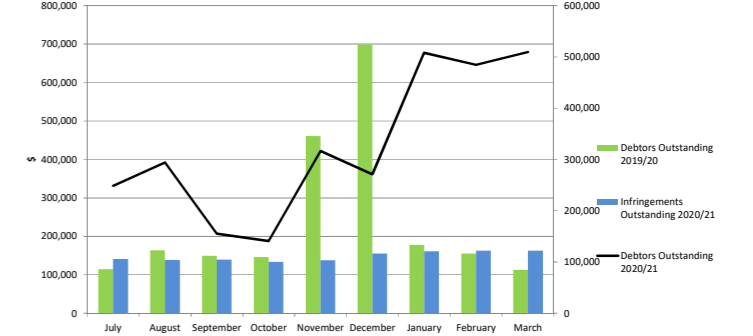
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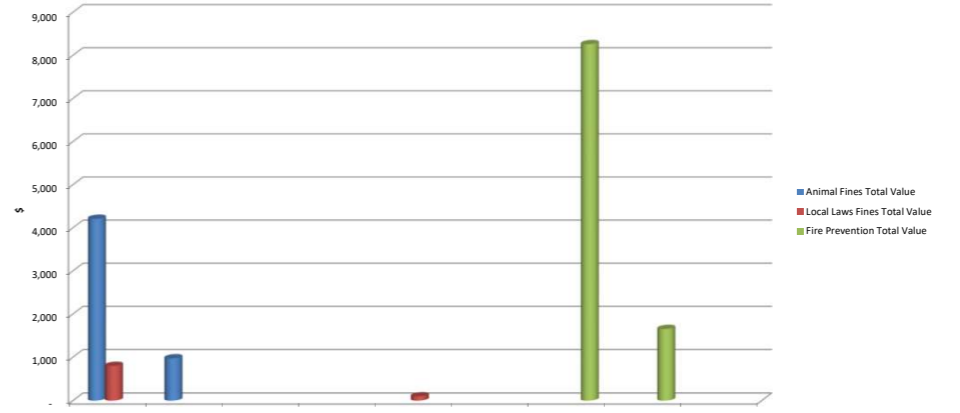
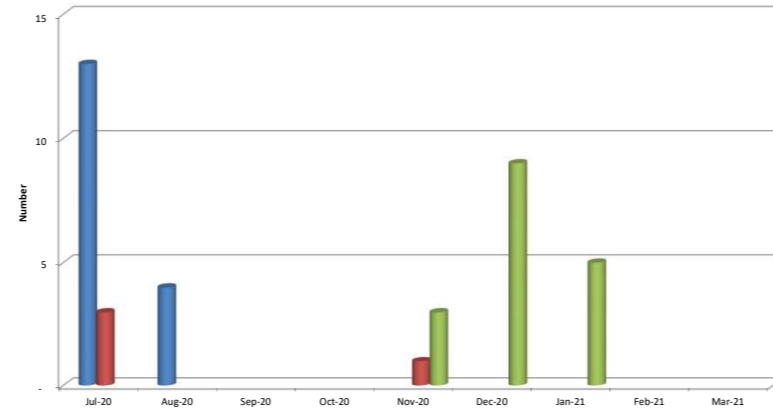
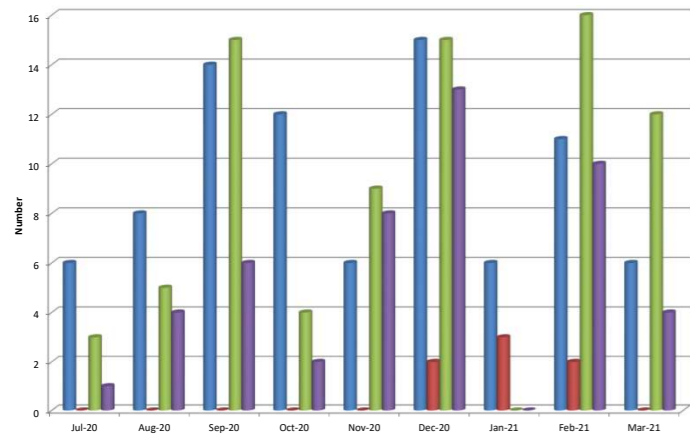
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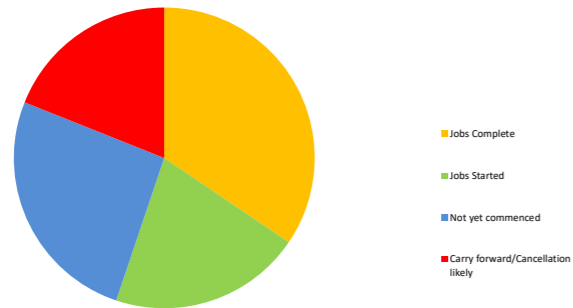


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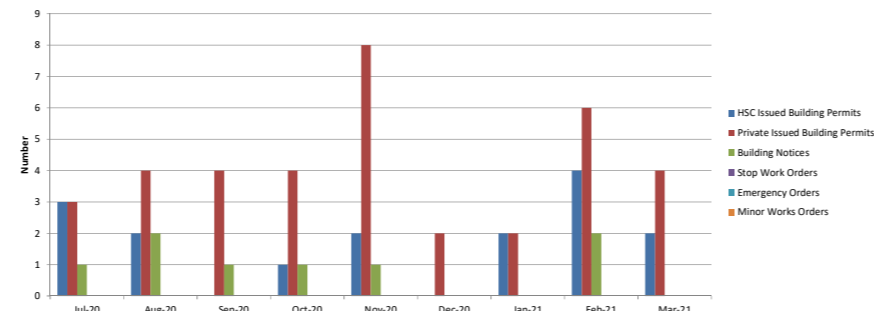
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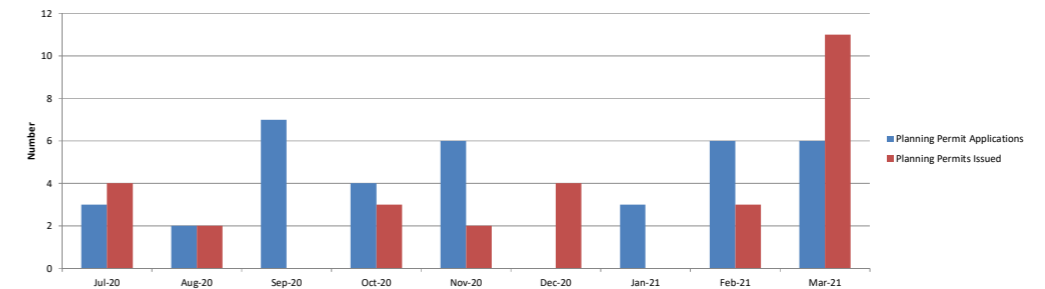


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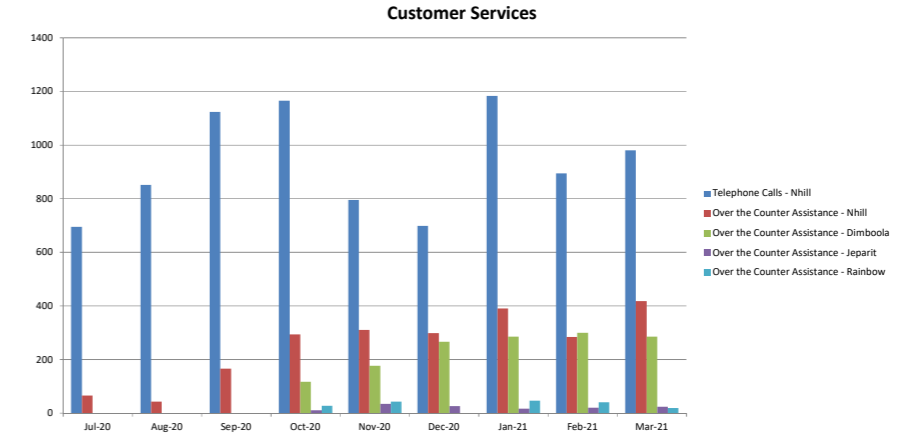
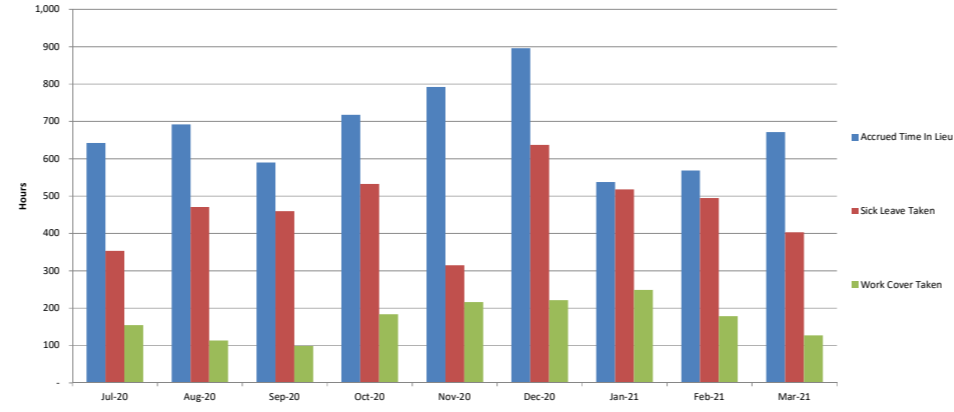
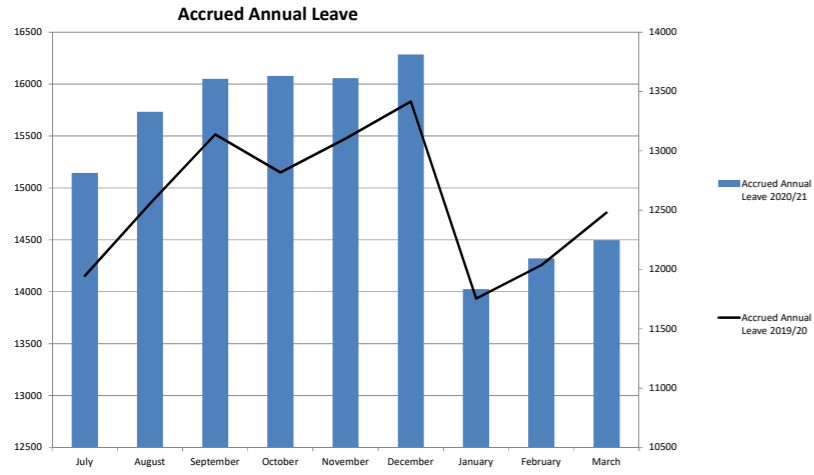




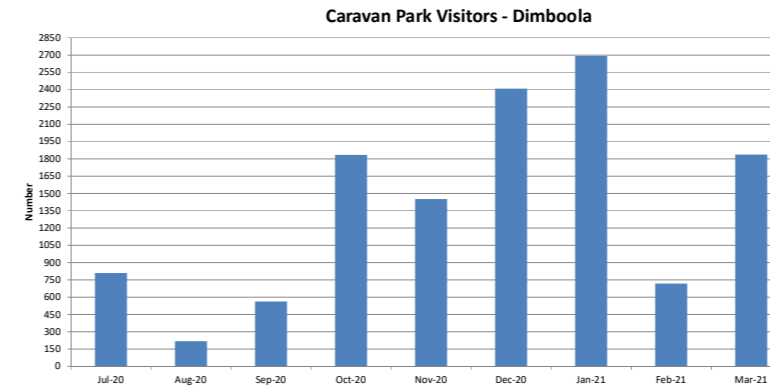
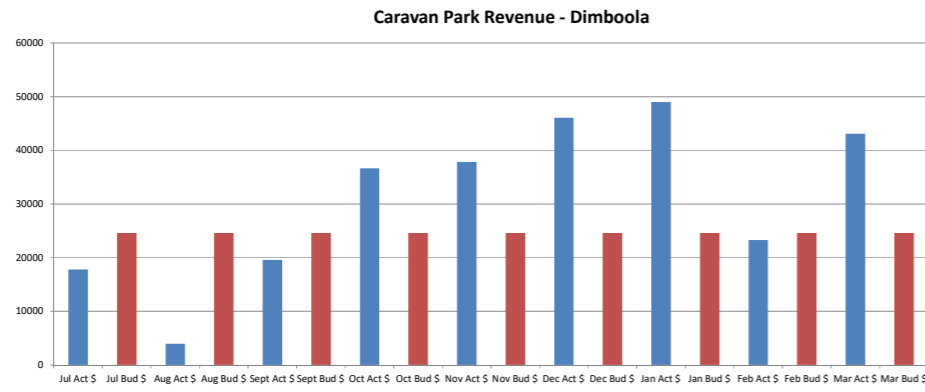
Hindmarsh Shire Council Performance Dashboard Cont'd
For the period ending 31 March 2021

Human Resources

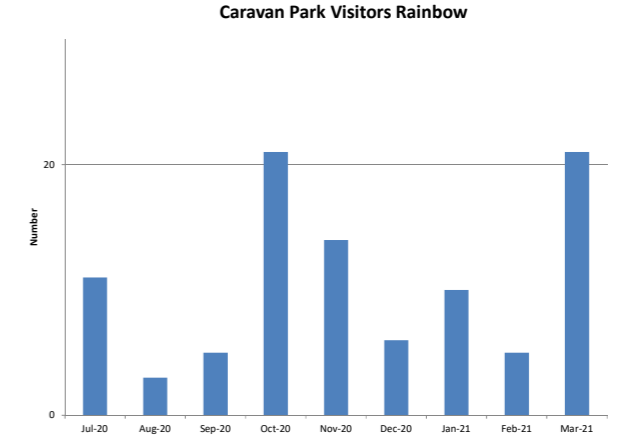
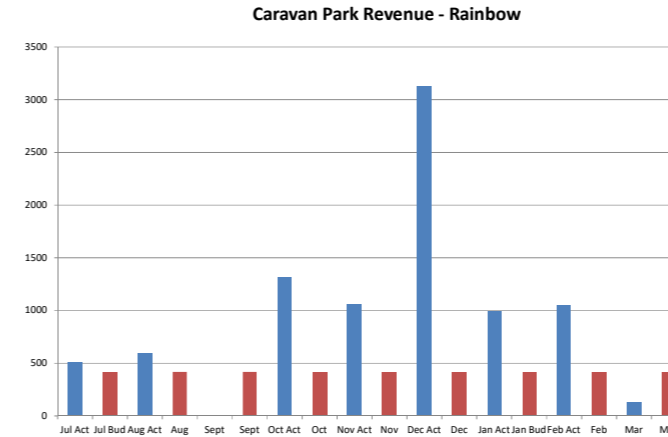
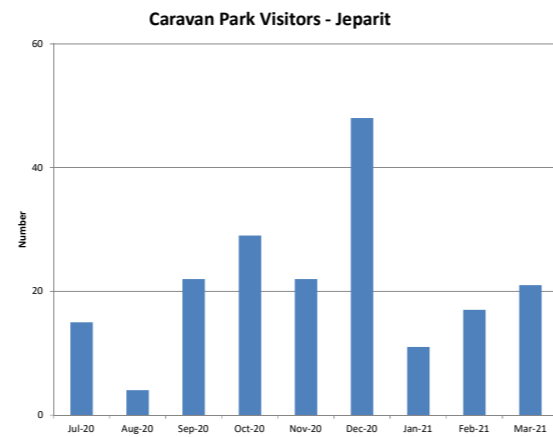
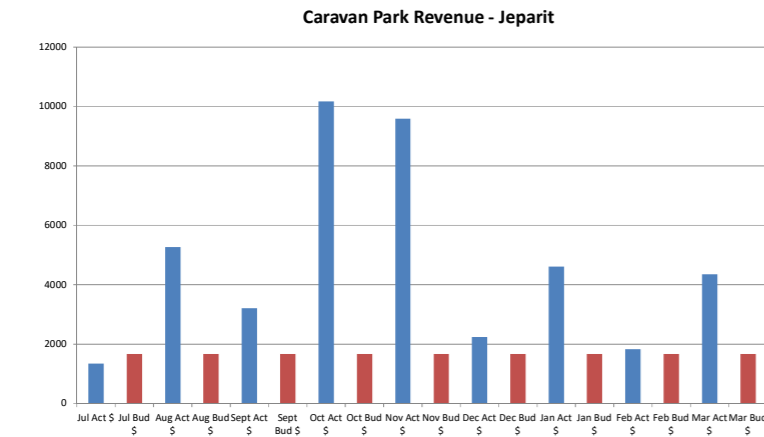
Customer Services



Caravan Park



Caravan Park



**Hindmarsh Shire Council
Executive Summary
As at 31 March 2021**

	Actual YTD March 2021	Budget YTD March 2021	Indicator
Rates & Charges Collected	7,303,096	6,794,740	
Income Statement Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	3,229,723	1,863,499	
Adjusted Underlying Surplus/(Deficit)	583,979	(513,956)	
Cash & Investments	11,228,601		
Rates Debtors	2,109,072		
Sundry Debtors	508,840		
Infringement Debtors	162,299		
Balance Sheet Working Capital	12,164,645		
Total Operating Revenue	17,986,986	16,992,742	
Total Operating Expenditure	14,757,262	15,079,243	
Capital Works Expenditure	4,326,092	5,740,719	

Indicator Legend

	No action required
	Requires active monitoring
	Immediate action required

**Hindmarsh Shire Council
Ratio Summary
As at 31 March 2021**

	Actual YTD	Budget	Indicator
Working Capital (This ratio identifies if the Council has sufficient Current Assets to meet its due debts with a safety margin. A generally acceptable current ratio is 2 to 1.)	581%	106%	
Asset Renewal (This ratio identifies councils expenditure renewing assets compared to the depreciation of the asset)	101%	131%	
Own Source Revenue Coverage Ratio (This ratio is the measurement of a Council's ability to cover its costs through its own revenue efforts.)	78%	59%	
Operating Surplus Ratio (This ratio is a measure of a Council's ability to cover its operational costs and have revenues available for capital funding or other purposes.)	28%	-5%	
Liquidity (This ratio is the measurement of a Council's current assets compared to current liabilities.)	444%	414%	
Unrestricted Cash (This ratio is the measurement of a Council's cash compared to current liabilities.)	428%	371%	
Indebtedness (This ratio is the measurement of a Council's non-current liabilities compared to own source revenue.)	2%	2%	
Rates Concentration (This ratio is the measurement of a Council's rate revenue compared to total revenue.)	50%	64%	
Cash Expense Ratio (months) (This ratio indicates (in months) how long Council can continue to undertake operations without any revenue being received.)	9.64		

Indicator Legend

	No action required
	Requires active monitoring
	Immediate action required

Hindmarsh Shire Council
Comprehensive Income Statement
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021

	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Ref
Income				
Rates and charges	9,030,267	9,059,653	(29,386)	1
Statutory fees and fines	43,626	15,741	27,885	2
User fees & Reimbursements	1,118,693	1,020,924	97,769	3
Contributions - cash	206,515	40,822	165,693	4
Grants - operating (recurrent)	2,641,030	2,300,831	340,199	5
Grants - operating (non-recurrent)	786,662	499,851	286,811	6
Grants - capital (recurrent)	341,838	810,270	(468,432)	7
Grants - capital (non-recurrent)	2,645,744	1,968,705	677,039	8
Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	0	408,750	(408,750)	9
Interest	65,220	59,976	5,244	
Other income	1,107,391	807,219	300,172	10
Total Income	<u>17,986,986</u>	<u>16,992,742</u>	<u>994,244</u>	
Expenses				
Employee costs	5,750,823	6,071,656	(320,833)	11
Materials and services	3,688,334	3,683,822	4,512	
Depreciation	4,277,798	4,122,558	155,240	12
Other expenses	1,040,308	1,201,207	(160,899)	13
Total expenses	<u>14,757,262</u>	<u>15,079,243</u>	<u>(321,981)</u>	
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates and joint ventures accounted for by the equity method	-	(50,000)	50,000	
Surplus (deficit) for the year to date	<u>3,229,723</u>	<u>1,863,499</u>	<u>1,366,224</u>	
Net asset Revaluation increment / (decrement)	-	-	-	
Comprehensive result	<u><u>3,229,723</u></u>	<u><u>1,863,499</u></u>	<u><u>1,366,224</u></u>	

Comprehensive Income Statement
Explanation of material variations
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Rates & Charges	Rates & Charges are slightly lower than budgeted. This relates to the timing of windfarm invoices.
2	Statutory fees & fines	Statutory fees and fines are higher than budgeted largely due to a number of fire prevention fines being issued.
3	User fees & Reimbursements	User fees & Reimbursements are higher than budgeted due to Income received from Private works (including the regional Roads Victoria contract) and meals on wheels being higher than budgeted. Caravan Park Fees are significantly higher than budgeted.
4	Contributions - cash	Contributions are higher than budgeted due to receipt of final payment from the Dimboola & District Sporting Club toward the female change rooms facility, monies from the Dimboola rowing club for the pontoon, and Rainbow MECCA lighting contribution.
5	Grants - operating (recurrent)	Recurrent operating grants are slightly higher than budgeted due to timing of grant payments including Community Care Services, the Library Grant and Roadside Pest and Weeds Grant.
6	Grants - Operating (non-recurrent)	Non-recurrent operating grants are higher than budget due to Council receiving unbudgeted grant funds for Community Activation & Social Isolation, Outdoor Dining, Pride Workshops and 16 Days of Activism.
7	Grants - capital (recurrent)	Grants - capital (recurrent) is lower than budgeted due to the timing of receipt of the Roads to Recovery grant.

**Comprehensive Income Statement
Explanation of material variations
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021**

8	Grants - Capital (non-recurrent)	Non-recurrent capital grants is higher than budgeted, Council has received unbudgeted grants for Public Safety Infrastructure and ICT Infrastructure. Grants have also been received for Rainbow Recreation Reserve Female Changerooms, Dimboola Bowling Club Facilities, Living Libraries, Local Roads to Market and Yurunga Homestead Veranda Restoration.
9	Net gain/(loss) on disposal of property, infrastructure, plant and equipment	At 31 March 2021, Council has not sold any plant or equipment.
10	Other income	Additional income has been received through internal recovery in the operation of the quarry and plant.
11	Employee Costs	Employee costs are currently under budget due to staff vacancies as well as the restrictions on staff travelling for meetings and training due to Covid-19.
12	Depreciation	A full reconciliation for Depreciation will occur with End of Year processes.
13	Other Expenses	Other expenses is lower than anticipated due to the timing of the budget in relation to periodic payments such as utilities.

**Hindmarsh Shire Council
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	YTD Actual 2020/21 \$	Actual 2019/20 \$	Ref
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	11,228,601	11,877,433	
Rates and other receivables	3,101,715	2,085,427	1
Other assets & Inventories	360,890	481,249	
Total current assets	<u>14,691,206</u>	<u>14,444,110</u>	
Non-current assets			
Investments in associates by equity method	410,354	483,848	
Infrastructure, Property and Plant and Equipment	158,373,109	158,061,856	
Capital Expenditure 2019/20	4,326,092	0	2
Trade and other receivables	2,207	2,207	
Total non-current assets	<u>163,111,762</u>	<u>158,547,911</u>	
Total assets	<u>177,802,968</u>	<u>172,992,020</u>	
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	95,537	2,876,959	
Trust Funds and Deposits	304,797	31,936	3
Provisions	2,126,227	1,751,603	
Total current liabilities	<u>2,526,561</u>	<u>4,660,498</u>	
Non current liabilities			
Provisions	258,924	268,351	
Total non-current liabilities	<u>258,924</u>	<u>268,351</u>	
Total liabilities	<u>2,785,485</u>	<u>4,928,849</u>	
Net assets	<u>175,017,483</u>	<u>168,063,171</u>	
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	69,135,437	64,217,574	
Surplus/(Deficit) for period	3,229,723		
Asset revaluation reserve	102,652,323	102,652,323	
Total equity	<u>175,017,483</u>	<u>168,063,171</u>	

Balance Sheet
Explanation of material variations
As at 31 March 2021

Variance		
Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Rates & Other Receivables	Rates and other receivables reflects the total rates outstanding as at 31 March 2021 for the 2020/2021 financial year.
2	Capital Expenditure	Capital Expenditure as at 31 March 2021 was \$4,326,092. Refer to the Capital Works report for further information.
3	Trust Funds and Deposits	As at 31 March 2021 Council holds \$292,481 for the Fire Services Levy which will be remitted during the 2020/2021 financial year and \$29,493 in refundable deposits.

**Hindmarsh Shire Council
Statement of Cash Flows
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021**

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Receipts	Inflows/ (Outflows)
Rates & Charges	7,303,096
Statutory Fees and Fines	19,226
User Fees	351,202
Interest	65,220
Contributions - Cash	206,515
Grants - Recurrent	3,427,691
Net GST refund/(payment)	47,994
Grants - Non Recurrent	2,987,582
Trust	59,956
Other Revenue	1,107,391
Payments	
Employee Costs	(5,721,213)
Other Expenses	(1,073,229)
Suppliers	(4,259,647)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>4,521,785</u>

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Payments for Property Plant and Equipment and Infrastructure	(4,326,092)
Proceeds from sale of Property Plant and Equipment	-
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	<u>(4,326,092)</u>

Cash flows from Financing activities

Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	<u>-</u>
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Net increase/(decrease) in cash held	195,693
Cash at beginning of the period	11,032,908
Cash at end of the period	<u><u>11,228,601</u></u>

Hindmarsh Shire Council
Capital Works
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021

	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Variance \$	Ref
Property				
Land	-	-	-	
Total Land	-	-	-	
Buildings	1,067,841	429,333	(638,508)	1
Total Buildings	1,067,841	429,333	638,508	
Total Property	1,067,841	429,333	638,508	
Plant and Equipment				
Plant, machinery and equipment	134,546	1,578,261	1,443,715	2
Fixtures, fittings and furniture	135,676	59,988	(75,688)	3
Total Plant and Equipment	270,222	1,638,249	1,368,027	
Infrastructure				
Roads	1,993,693	2,563,881	570,188	4
Bridges	10,545	-	(10,545)	
Footpaths and cycleways	475,092	208,991	(266,101)	5
Drainage	31,893	70,068	38,175	
Other infrastructure	476,806	830,197	353,391	6
Total Infrastructure	2,988,029	3,673,137	(685,108)	
Total Capital Works Expenditure	4,326,092	5,740,719	1,414,627	
Represented by:				
New asset expenditure	529,506	329,470	(200,036)	
Asset renewal expenditure	2,065,417	4,428,656	2,363,239	
Asset expansion expenditure	-	-	-	
Asset upgrade expenditure	1,731,169	982,593	(748,576)	
Total Capital Works Expenditure	4,326,092	5,740,719	1,414,627	

Capital Works
Explanation of material variations
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021

Variance Ref	Item	Explanation
1	Buildings	The variance in actual expenditure to budgeted is due to the timing of the Dimboola library and Civic Hub project and the value of carried forward money for this project not reflected in the current year budget.
2	Plant, machinery and equipment	The purchase of plant and machinery is lower than budgeted as Council has not yet received plant and fleet that are on order.
3	Fixtures, fittings and furniture	The increased expenditure is due to the installation of Conferencing and Livestream equipment in the Community Centre (grant funded).
4	Roads	The shortfall in actual expenditure to budgeted is due to the phasing of the budgeted projects.
5	Footpaths and cycleways	This variance is mainly due to the phasing of the Wimmera River Discovery Trail which is a project carried forward from 2019/2020.
6	Other	This variance is mainly due to projects not yet undertaken such as the Davis Park upgrade, signage, as well as the purchase of a contract management system.

Hindmarsh Shire Council
Key Result Area Summary
For The Period Ended 31 March 2021

Strategic Objective 1: Community Liveability

Service area	Description of services provided		2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Community Development	Councils community Development Team works with community groups, organisations and individuals to assist communities reach their aspirations and be healthy, active and engaged.	Operating Expenditure	178,343	140,286	177,073
		Operating Revenue	171,616	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	6,727	140,286	177,073
		Capital Expenditure	23,272	-	-
Maternal and Child Health Centres	Maintain maternal and child health facilities in Dimboola and Nhill. Council provides support to early years' services through the Municipal Early Years Plan. Council does not provide Maternal and Child Health Services. This	Operating Expenditure	15,057	13,824	18,443
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	15,057	13,824	18,443
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Kindergarten Services	Provision of Kindergarten services in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow under contract with Horsham District Kindergarten Association. Council does not directly deliver Kindergarten Services.	Operating Expenditure	106,929	153,909	205,275
		Operating Revenue	46,973	58,302	77,762
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	59,956	95,607	127,513
		Capital Expenditure	75,502	24,381	32,522
Youth Services	Improve the wellbeing of and opportunities for youth within the Shire.	Operating Expenditure	46,107	105,453	140,640
		Operating Revenue	28,318	31,997	34,500
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	17,789	73,456	106,140
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Aged & Disability Services	Council's Aged and Disability Services aim to support people in their own homes and communities by providing services that promote and maintain independence. The program assists frail older people, people with a disability and their carers. These services provide	Operating Expenditure	727,076	651,627	869,150
		Operating Revenue	982,283	628,308	838,099
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(255,207)	23,319	31,051
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Health Promotion	To protect and enhance the health of the community.	Operating Expenditure	126,294	87,372	116,544
		Operating Revenue	33,074	23,578	29,587
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	93,220	63,794	86,957
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Libraries	Provision of permanent library services in Dimboola and Nhill, and improving services to Jeparit and Rainbow.	Operating Expenditure	207,818	222,444	296,679
		Operating Revenue	920,208	625,469	667,369
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(712,390)	(403,025)	(370,690)
		Capital Expenditure	1,010,844	202,500	225,000
Arts, Culture and Community Events	Promote and support activities relating to arts, culture and community events throughout the Shire.	Operating Expenditure	76,711	70,191	93,642
		Operating Revenue	32,543	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	44,168	70,191	93,642
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Recreation Programs	Providing a range of recreation programs that encourage an active and healthy life.	Operating Expenditure	10,009	10,431	13,909
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	10,009	10,431	13,909
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-

Service area	Description of services provided		2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Public Order & Safety	Educate the community about public order and safety and enforce Council's compliance with the local laws when required. Operate the school crossing on the Western Highway in Nhill and maintain school crossings throughout the Shire.	Operating Expenditure	190,686	160,065	213,517
		Operating Revenue	54,136	64,971	86,674
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	136,550	95,094	126,843
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Early Years	Lead a joint effort that will give Hindmarsh children the best start in life, working collaboratively with community and early years providers.	Operating Expenditure	26,064	26,892	35,868
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	26,064	26,892	35,868
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-

Strategic Objective 2: Built & Natural Environment

Service area	Description of services provided		2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Local Roads & Bridges	Provide safe, all weather access to residences and allow for efficient transport of goods to and from the Shire. • The aim of the road network is to provide property access for local traffic. Council endeavours to provide all-weather access to existing residential homes and dry weather access roads to non-residential	Operating Expenditure	3,939,094	3,895,740	5,196,370
		Operating Revenue	1,358,696	1,620,867	2,161,591
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	2,580,398	2,274,873	3,034,779
		Capital Expenditure	2,004,238	2,563,881	3,310,940
Drainage Management	Well maintained, fit for purpose drainage systems within townships.	Operating Expenditure	376,146	433,251	577,915
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	376,146	433,251	577,915
		Capital Expenditure	31,893	47,577	53,447
Paths & Trails	Well maintained pedestrian access, including disabled access to critical and popular destinations around our townships.	Operating Expenditure	180,364	188,496	251,409
		Operating Revenue	40,000	549,153	732,500
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	140,364	(360,657)	(481,091)
		Capital Expenditure	471,040	188,991	194,861
Tree Management	Conduct maintenance, inspections and replanting works on Council road reserves, parks and gardens, and recreation reserves.	Operating Expenditure	257,085	256,527	342,181
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	257,085	256,527	342,181
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Town Beautification	Maintain and redevelop public open spaces in Dimboola, Jeparit, Nhill and Rainbow.	Operating Expenditure	416,529	541,062	721,681
		Operating Revenue	9,000	14,652	19,539
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	407,529	526,410	702,142
		Capital Expenditure	-	31,997	36,002
Community Centres & Public Halls	Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Council-owned and controlled community centres and halls, and support of communities that undertake these activities on behalf of Council. To protect and enhance the health of the community.	Operating Expenditure	182,186	256,347	341,959
		Operating Revenue	2,098	22,491	30,000
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	180,088	233,856	311,959
		Capital Expenditure	17,288	74,970	100,000
Recreation Facilities	Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Council owned and controlled recreational land, buildings and facilities. Council also	Operating Expenditure	609,109	701,351	932,784
		Operating Revenue	380,274	2,250	3,001

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Recreation Facilities	Controlled recreational land, buildings and facilities. Council also supports groups that undertake these activities on behalf of Council.	NET Expenses (Revenue)	228,835	699,101
		Capital Expenditure	266,226	389,964
		Operating Expenditure	890,706	942,354
Waste Management	Management of Council's transfer stations and collection and disposal of domestic waste and recyclables across the Shire.	Operating Revenue	1,199,353	1,178,701
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(308,647)	(236,347)
		Capital Expenditure	-	-

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget	
Quarry Operations	Management of Council-owned and controlled quarries and gravel pits for extraction of gravel for road making.	Operating Expenditure	327,936	295,317	393,898
		Operating Revenue	403,387	294,255	392,500
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(75,451)	1,062	1,398
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Waterway Management	Management of Council-controlled waterways including weir pools and lakes.	Operating Expenditure	47,888	59,067	78,777
		Operating Revenue	20,390	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	27,498	59,067	78,777
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Environmental Management	Manage, protect and enhance Council's natural assets in conjunction with Government departments and environmental groups.	Operating Expenditure	106,040	128,034	170,763
		Operating Revenue	75,000	56,223	75,000
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	31,040	71,811	95,763
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Fire Prevention	Identification of potential fire hazards and prevention of loss of life and property caused by fire.	Operating Expenditure	89,328	70,074	93,460
		Operating Revenue	33,152	11,394	15,200
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	56,176	58,680	78,260
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-

Strategic Objective 3: Competitive and Innovative Economy

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget	
Economic Development	Facilitate an environment that is conducive to a sustainable and growing local business sector and provides opportunities for residents to access employment.	Operating Expenditure	241,453	141,500	182,035
		Operating Revenue	250,000	4,050	5,400
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(8,547)	137,450	176,635
		Capital Expenditure	10,530	100,000	100,000
Tourism	To develop a thriving Wimmera Mallee Tourism industry predominantly based on, but not limited to, the Shire's heritage and environmental assets.	Operating Expenditure	150,759	181,071	241,493
		Operating Revenue	32,500	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	118,259	181,071	241,493
		Capital Expenditure	24,186	43,232	43,232
Private Works	Provision of private civil works services. • Provide quotations for private works undertaken by Council's works department to residents, contractors and other authorities. • Potential private works include grading of farm driveways, grading of fence lines, construction of driveway cross-overs, and supply of	Operating Expenditure	164,976	317,232	423,109
		Operating Revenue	222,642	259,074	345,562
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(57,666)	58,158	77,547
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds	Maintenance, renewal and upgrade of Council Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds.	Operating Expenditure	330,407	301,050	401,555
		Operating Revenue	663,107	389,139	471,326
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(332,700)	(88,089)	(69,771)
		Capital Expenditure	108,880	217,977	243,007
	To ensure that any development that occurs in Hindmarsh Shire is	Operating Expenditure	155,934	172,404	229,965

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Land Use Planning	carried out in accordance with relevant planning policies, principals and controls.	Operating Revenue	55,164	42,500
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	100,770	187,465
		Capital Expenditure	-	-

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget	
Building Control	To provide statutory and private building services to the community	Operating Expenditure	160,731	139,248	185,735
		Operating Revenue	49,468	35,991	48,000
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	111,263	103,257	137,735
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Aerodrome	Manage and maintain the Nhill Aerodrome	Operating Expenditure	43,999	63,702	84,955
		Operating Revenue	-	9,000	12,005
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	43,999	54,702	72,950
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-

Strategic Objective 4: Our People, Our Processes

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget	
Civic Governance & Leadership	To ensure that Council provides effective leadership and that its decisions are transparent, inclusive and based on sound recommendations and advice.	Operating Expenditure	642,171	746,019	995,084
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	642,171	746,019	995,084
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Customer Service Centres	Operation and maintenance of customer service centres to provide facilities from which Council can efficiently deliver services to the community. Provision of information to ratepayers and the general public on a broad range of services provided by Council and other	Operating Expenditure	379,316	434,979	590,194
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	379,316	434,979	590,194
		Capital Expenditure	7,324	7,000	7,000
Council Elections	Efficient and effective running of Elections by the Victorian Electoral Commission on behalf of Council.	Operating Expenditure	2,068	106,011	106,011
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	2,068	106,011	106,011
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Financial Management	To ensure the efficient and effective allocation of resources through sound financial planning and management that secures the long term financial viability of the municipality.	Operating Expenditure	414,825	427,005	569,564
		Operating Revenue	1,813,892	2,249,949	3,000,026
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(1,399,067)	(1,822,944)	(2,430,462)
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Rating and Valuations	Management of Council's rating system, including valuation of properties and the levying of rates and charges.	Operating Expenditure	139,726	154,863	206,553
		Operating Revenue	7,986,853	7,968,108	7,991,396
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	(7,847,127)	(7,813,245)	(7,784,843)
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Records Management	Effective and efficient recording, storage, retrieval and disposal of records in line with the standards of the Public Records Office of Victoria.	Operating Expenditure	47,910	56,871	75,861
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	47,910	56,871	75,861
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Information Technology	Using Information Technology as a tool to connect with the	Operating Expenditure	189,297	183,987	245,404
		Operating Revenue	100,000	-	-

Service area	Description of services provided		2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget
Information Technology	community and provide efficient and effective services.	NET Expenses (Revenue)	89,297	183,987	245,404
		Capital Expenditure	135,677	59,988	80,000

Service area	Description of services provided	2020/21 YTD Actual	2020/21 YTD Budget	2020/21 Annual Budget	
Risk Management	Monitor and manage Council's risks in relation to operations, employment and infrastructure.	Operating Expenditure	459,058	417,591	556,997
		Operating Revenue	3,488	14,994	20,000
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	455,570	402,597	536,997
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Contract Management	Using Information Technology as a tool to connect with the community and provide efficient and effective services.	Operating Expenditure	113,102	139,941	186,656
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	113,102	139,941	186,656
		Capital Expenditure	-	60,000	60,000
Payroll and Human Resources Services	Provision of payroll services to Council employees and the provision of Human Resources services to management.	Operating Expenditure	609,881	656,991	726,086
		Operating Revenue	378,066	450,000	450,000
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	231,815	206,991	276,086
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Emergency Management	Provide support to the community in the areas of emergency preparedness, emergency response and emergency recovery.	Operating Expenditure	48,674	49,779	66,402
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	48,674	49,779	66,402
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Depots & Workshops	Operation of Council's depots and workshops including the provision of heavy plant and equipment.	Operating Expenditure	202,147	184,023	245,458
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	202,147	184,023	245,458
		Capital Expenditure	48,574	1,451,250	1,935,000
Asset Management	Provision of skills, resources and systems to ensure the most efficient and effective management of Council's assets. • Ensure that Council targets the correct level of asset expenditure to achieve and maintain the desired levels of service into the foreseeable future.	Operating Expenditure	135,587	174,771	233,113
		Operating Revenue	2,844	1,503	2,004
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	132,743	173,268	231,109
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Fleet Management	Ensure that Council's vehicle fleet is management, maintained and replaced in the most efficient and efficient way possible.	Operating Expenditure	169,388	172,431	229,988
		Operating Revenue	63,749	76,644	102,232
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	105,639	95,787	127,756
		Capital Expenditure	90,619	277,011	369,500
Accounts Payable	Payment of invoices in an efficient and timely manner.	Operating Expenditure	24,782	26,352	35,153
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	24,782	26,352	35,153
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	Receival of payments from debtors in an efficient and timely manner.	Operating Expenditure	9,293	9,882	13,182
		Operating Revenue	-	-	-
		NET Expenses (Revenue)	9,293	9,882	13,182
		Capital Expenditure	-	-	-



Hindmarsh Shire Council



Road Management Plan 2021-2023

Hindmarsh Shire Council

ROAD MANAGEMENT ACT 2004 - REVIEW OF ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with Section 54 (5) of the Road Management Act 2004 (Act), Hindmarsh Shire Council gives notice that it is conducting a review of its Road Management Plan (the Plan).

The purpose of the review, consistent with the role, functions and responsibilities of the Council as a road authority under the Act, is to ensure that the standards in relation to, and the priorities to be given to, the inspection, maintenance and repair of the roads and the classes of road to which the Council's Road Management Plan applies are safe, efficient and appropriate for use by the community served by the Council.

The following 2017 Plan sections have been amended:

- Section 2 - Adoption of this Plan
- Section 3 - Amendment Register
- Section 8 - Standards for Inspections
- Section 9 – Standards for Maintenance & Repair
- Section 10 - Demarcation of Responsibility
- Section 12 – Force Majeure
- Section 15 - Appendices

Notable changes to the Plan include:

- Changes include the addition of Owner Responsibilities in Road Reserve.
- Inspections and Inspection types

A copy of the reviewed Plan may be inspected at, or obtained from the Council's Municipal Offices at 92 Nelson St, Nhill, 3418, or accessed online by viewing the Council's website www.hindmarsh.vic.gov.au and following the links.

Any person who is aggrieved by the proposed amendments may make a submission on the proposed amendments to Council during the public submission period which will be advertised.

Any enquiries about the proposed review can be directed to Joe Scimone, Development Engineer by telephone, (03) 5391 4444, or by email at jscimone@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au

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1 **DEFINITIONS & ACRONYMS**

Unless the context otherwise requires, expressions used in this RMP have the same meaning as in the Road Management Act.

Arterial road means a road which is declared to be an arterial road under section 14 of the Road Management Act 2004.

Bicycle Path means a particular type of Pathway that is intended specifically for bicycles and where pedestrians are discouraged. Quite often bicycle paths use the left shoulder or parking lane of a roadway. Dedicated off-road bicycle paths are rare - usually off road paths for bicycles are Shared Paths. Bicycle paths are designated by signage and if away from roads usually have a painted centreline.

Bridge means all structures, including culverts, on, over or under a road that have a single span or diameter of 1.8 metres or greater, or have a waterway area of 3 m² or greater and includes all structural components (eg. abutments, wing walls, approach slabs, retaining walls, traffic safety barriers), and associated pathways, within the limits of the structure, but excludes approach embankments.

Note: Culverts or like structures under a road that have a single span or diameter of less than 1.8 metres or have a waterway area of less than 3 m² are road infrastructure for which the relevant responsible road authority for the roadway is responsible with the exception as provided in clause 40(1)(f) and subject to clauses 11(3)(a) and 15 of the Road Management Act.

Code Red (and Catastrophic in other Australian states) is the highest level of rating in Victoria and it signifies the worst conditions for grassfires or bushfires.

Critical Location means a location where the road alignment and/or pavement width and/or geometry are identified by additional markings or furniture to guide the travelling public (cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles, and pedestrians).

Customer Request System is the customer request system used by Council.

Day means a day on which HSC is open for business, unless stated otherwise. A timeframe stated in Days means the time allocated is the rest of the current day plus the number of business days stated in the timeframe up until the Normal Finishing Time on the last of those business days. A Day includes rostered days off.

Defect means a fault in an asset which detracts from the full performance of the asset but has not caused detrimental effects to the extent that it is deemed to be a Hazard.

Emergency means the actual or imminent occurrence of an event which in any way endangers or threatens to endanger the safety or health of any person in Hindmarsh Shire or which destroys or damages, or threatens to destroy or damage, any property in Hindmarsh Shire or endangers or threatens to endanger the environment or an element of the environment in Hindmarsh Shire. An Emergency may be responded to by the After Hours Service Officer or may be escalated to the Municipal Emergency Response Officer for a more comprehensive response.

Extreme means any fires that start are likely to be so fierce that even a well prepared, well-constructed and actively defended infrastructure may not survive a fire on these days expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions.

Hazard means a defect that is at or beyond the intervention levels that may lead to an unsafe condition.

Hour means one hour regardless of whether it is inside or outside Working Hours.

Month means one calendar month.

Municipal road means any road which is not a State road, including any road which:

- (a) is a road referred to in section 205 of the Local Government Act 1989; or
- (b) is a road declared by VicRoads to be a municipal road under section 14(1) (b) of the RMA;
- (c) is part of a Crown land reserve under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978 and has the relevant municipal council as the committee of management.

Public highway means any area of land that is a highway for the purposes of the common law.

Public road means a road opened or dedicated for the free ride of passage of the public on foot, in a vehicle, or otherwise, (together with the right to drive stock or other animals along its length) and declared to be a public road for the purposes.

MMS means Maintenance Management System.

MMS database is the system that ensures that the hazard and maintenance requests are captured and completed through the MMS of Council.

Repair means the taking of any action to remove or reduce a risk arising from a defect in a roadway, pathway or road-related infrastructure, including:

- (a) reinstating a road to its former standard following works to install any infrastructure;
- (b) reinstating a road to its former standard following deterioration or damage;
- (c) providing a warning to road users of a defect in a roadway, pathway or road related infrastructure but does not include the upgrading of a roadway, pathway or road-related infrastructure.

Road means any public highway, any ancillary area and any land declared to be, or forming part of a public highway or ancillary area.

Road infrastructure means the infrastructure which forms part of a roadway, pathway or shoulder, including;

- (i) structures forming part of the roadway, pathway or shoulder;
- (ii) materials from which a roadway, pathway or shoulder is made;

Road-related infrastructure means infrastructure which is installed or constructed by the relevant road authority for road-related purposes to:

- (a) facilitate the operation or use of the roadway or pathway; or
- (b) support or protect the roadway or pathway;

Examples: A traffic control sign, traffic light, street light, road drain or embankment would be road related infrastructure. A noise wall, gate, post or board installed on the road reserve by the relevant road authority for road-related purposes would be road-related infrastructure.

Road reserve means all of the area of land that is within the boundaries of a road.

Shared Path means a particular type of Pathway that is intended for use by both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Shared paths are designated by signage and usually have a painted centreline.

Week means seven calendar days regardless of weekends or public holidays.

Year means one calendar year

2 INTRODUCTION

The Road Management Act 2004 (the Act) was passed by the Parliament of Victoria on 11 May 2004 and became effective on 1 July 2004. The Act was created as a result of the High Court's decision to change the common law governing civil liability by removing Councils' immunity provided by non-feasance (the Highway Rule).

Hindmarsh Shire Council (HSC) is a Road Authority under Section 37 of the Act.

In accordance with Part 4, Division 5 of the Act, and Code of Practice for Road Management Plans (2004) (CoPRMP), Council has developed this Road Management Plan (RMP) having regard to the principal object of road management in line with works and infrastructure management principles:

This plan sets down specific requirements including,

1. Determination of standards for
 - the inspection, maintenance and repair; and
 - the prioritisation of inspection, maintenance and repair
2. Listing of road infrastructure in a road management plan or in an asset register.
3. A management system for inspection, maintenance and repair.

3 ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN

Hindmarsh Shire Council plans to endorse for public consultation the Draft Road Management Plan 2021-2023 at its 2 June meeting as required by the Road Management Act 2004.

Notice of the Draft Road Management Plan will be advertised in the Herald Sun, plus additional notices in the Victorian Government Gazette and local newspapers.

If no objections or comments are received the Council will formally adopt the Road Management Plan 2021-2023 at its 23 June 2021 meeting.

Notice of adoption of the Road Management Plan will then be formally gazetted in the Victorian Government Gazette and advertised for 28 days in the Wimmera Mail Times.

4 **AMENDMENT REGISTER**

Issue	Date	Details	By
Draft			
No.1	30/3/16	Draft Road Management Plan issued for public comment	AM
No.2	25/01/17	Draft Road Management Plan issued for Council endorsement prior to public consultation	AM
Final	17/05/17	Road Management Plan approved by Council	AM
No.1	02/06/21	Draft Road Management Plan issued for Council endorsement prior to public consultation	AM

5 **REVIEW OF THIS PLAN**

In accordance with Part 3 Division 1 Section 8 (1) of the Road Management (General) Regulations 2016, Council must review its RMP on a regular basis.

6 **ASSETS REGISTERS**

Council retains registers of roads and road related infrastructure. Registers are resource documents and are available for viewing at the Council Office, Nelson St, Nhill, and at the Council Service Centres in Dimboola, Jeparit and Rainbow.

6.2 **Road Register**

The Road Register lists the roads, for which Council is the responsible authority including;

- the name of each public road or, if a road is unnamed, a description which enables the particular road to be easily identified;
- if a road became a public road after 1 July 2004, the date on which the road became a public road;
- if a public road ceases to be a public road, the date on which the road ceased to be a public road;
- the classification of public roads under Council's road hierarchy;
- any ancillary areas such as car parks and scenic rest areas; and
- a reference to any arrangement under which road management functions in respect of any part of a public road or ancillary area is transferred to or from another road authority.

6.3 **Footpath Register**

The Footpath Register lists constructed footpaths, for which Council is the responsible authority including;

- The name of the roadway or, if not in a road reserve, a description which enables the location of the footpath to be easily identified;

- the type of construction of the footpath; and
- a reference to any arrangement under which road management functions in respect of any part of a public road or ancillary area is transferred to or from another road authority.

6.4 Bridge Register

The Bridge Register lists bridges, for which Council is the responsible authority including;

- The name of the road on which the bridge is located; and
- The name of the watercourse, or other feature the bridge spans; and
- The location of the bridge.

7 ROADS HIERARCHY

Council has developed a Roads Hierarchy for its Municipal Roads to establish corporate policies, goals and strategies for improving and maintaining the road network.

The objective of the Roads Hierarchy is to establish:

- The design and construction standards and service levels that Council will endeavour to provide for the various classes of urban and rural roads,
- The conditions under which Council may be prepared to agree to the provision and maintenance of a road to a higher standard than that set out in the hierarchy of roads.

The road network in the municipality consists of the following types of roads:

- Arterial Roads which include national and state highways. The provision and maintenance of the Arterial Road Network is the responsibility of VicRoads,
- Municipal Roads for which Council is the Road Authority.
- Roads on Crown land for which Department of Land, Water and Planning is the Road Authority,
- Forest Roads for which Parks Victoria is the Road Authority, and
- Private Roads for which landowners are responsible

Under the Council's Road Hierarchy, municipal roads are categorised as Rural or Urban Roads.

Both Urban and Rural Roads are comprised of the following classifications –

- 3 – Transport Routes

Roads which usually connect two towns, villages or districts and carry traffic both private and commercial from within and outside the municipality.

- 4 – Collector or Through Roads

Rural roads which provide the major link between a number of residential and property access roads, and Link Roads or the arterial road network.
Urban roads which provide the major link between a number of primary access roads and the arterial network, or are identified freight routes.

- 5 - Residential (Primary) Access Roads

Rural roads which provide all-weather access to occupied residential property.
Urban roads which provide access to residential, commercial or industrial properties.

- 6 - Property (Secondary) Access Roads.

Rural roads which provide access to non-residential property. They are not necessarily all-weather roads. Urban roads or laneways which provide secondary access to residential, commercial or industrial property.

- 7 - Secondary Paddock Access Roads

- 8 - Paper Roads

Note: Only roadways that are maintained by Council are included in the road hierarchy.

7.1 Bus Routes

Bus routes are roads that are used by school buses for transportation of students to and from school. Bus routes may change from year to year depending on the residential address of current primary and secondary school students.

The hierarchal classification of a road does not change if the road is designated as a bus route. Inspection levels, however on Class 4R, 5R, 6R, 4U and 5U Bus Routes are higher than those same classifications which are not bus routes.

Council recognises that a higher level of inspection will enable earlier intervention if required.

Bus routes are identified in Council's Bus Route Records.

7.2 Tourist Routes

Tourist routes are roads that are identified by Council as providing access to significant tourist attractions within the Shire. Tourist routes may change from time to time depending on the operation of private tourism operators.

The hierarchal classification of a road does not change if the road is designated as a tourist route. Inspection levels, however on Class 4R, 5R, 6R, 4U and 5U Tourist Routes are higher than those same classifications which are not tourist routes.

Council recognises that a higher level of inspection will enable earlier intervention if required.

Tourist routes are identified in Council’s Tourist Route Records.

8 SERVICE STANDARDS

Service standards for roadways, pathways, road infrastructure and road-related infrastructure are based on engineering standards, community expectation, risk and safety, asset preservation, asset hierarchy, available funding and available resources.

9 STANDARDS FOR INSPECTIONS

9.1 Inspections

9.1.1 General

The main reasons for the inspection of road assets are:

- To identify defects and act to minimise the risk of injury to the asset users; and
- To identify defects in time and repair to prevent premature failure of assets and minimise the financial impact to the community.

9.1.2 Inspection Types

Inspection Type	Definition and Purpose
Proactive Inspection	Inspection undertaken in accordance with a programmed inspection schedule These inspections determine if the road asset complies with the levels of service as specified in the Road Service Level Agreement.
Condition Inspection	Inspections undertaken specifically to identify deficiencies in the structural integrity of the various components of the road infrastructure assets which if untreated, are likely to adversely affect network values. The deficiencies may well impact short-term serviceability as well as the ability of the component to continue to perform for the duration of its intended life span.
Reactive	Inspections undertaken in response to notification to

Inspection	council by members of the community. These inspections allow Council to program required works where an intervention action is warranted.
Incident Inspection	Inspection carried out to comply with the requirements of the Road Management Act (Division 5 – Claims Procedure, Clause 116); This inspection enables an incident condition report to be prepared for use in legal proceedings and the gathering of information for the analysis of the causes of accidents and the planning and implementation of road management and safety measures.

9.1.3 Inspection Frequency

An inspection regime has been established for all roads and road related infrastructure identified as part of the Road Management Plan. This regime has been established having considered issues outlined in Appendix 1. The schedule set out in Appendix 2 and identifies the frequency that inspections must take place.

The Council and the community collectively identify the defects on roads. Inspections are performed as follows:

Proactive asset inspections identify defects that are at or beyond the defect intervention level.

Condition inspections determine the integrity of the road pavement and the seal. These are carried out every regularly.

Level 1 bridge inspections check for low severity bridge defects such as overhanging vegetation, blocked scuppers and waterway debris.

Level 2 bridge inspections check the structural integrity of individual bridge components such as the deck, beams, and piers.

Day Inspections check the condition of assets such as pavement, shoulder, signs, guideposts and line marking.

Night inspections check the night-time visibility of assets such as signs, guideposts and line marking.

Reactive asset inspections are carried out following notification to the Council from any person or organisation of a hazard to identify whether the reported hazard is at or above intervention and schedule maintenance in accordance with the maintenance response timeframes for the applicable hazard.

Asset Inspection Officers are responsible for the above inspections:

Details of inspection are included in Appendix 1.

10 STANDARDS FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

10.1 Intervention Levels and Response Times for Roads

Standards for maintenance and repair of Council's roads are set out in the following schedules in Appendix 2.

Risk Assessment and Response – Sealed

Risk Assessment and Response – Unsealed

The standards are based on road classification and the condition to be achieved in maintenance and repair of roads.

This includes but is not restricted to:

- The type and nature of defects.
- The time in which such defects should be repaired.

Road infrastructure, other than roadways includes signs, drains and drainage pits, line marking, bus shelters, and kerb and channel. In determining standards for maintenance and repair of road infrastructure, consideration is given to engineering standards, community expectations, relevant risk factors, available resources and potential impacts.

Roads and road infrastructure may be of similar nature having regard to the criteria listed above, however different standards may be adopted in regards to the nature of roads and road infrastructure.

10.2 Intervention Levels and Response Times for Footpaths

Intervention levels and response times for footpaths are set out in the Footpaths and Vegetation Inspections form in Appendix 1.

10.3 Intervention Levels and Response Times for Bridges

Due to the complex nature of bridges, and the type of defects which may occur, intervention levels and response times will be determined on the impact of each defect on safety, life of the asset, and available resources.

10.4 Routine Maintenance Service Levels for Roads

Routine maintenance service levels are set out in the following schedules in Appendix 3.

- Roads Hierarchy – Urban Roads: Routine Maintenance Service Levels and Standards

- Roads Hierarchy – Rural Roads: Routine Maintenance Service Levels and Standards

10.5 Emergency Response Time

For defects which are determined by council to pose a significant risk to the safety of the public and which, for any reason a repair is unable to be undertaken in the response time as per Appendix 2 an appropriate warning of the hazard is to be provided within 4 hours of inspection. Appropriate action to make the area safe must be undertaken within 24 hours of notification.

Appropriate actions could include:

- Provision and erection of warning signs;
- Barricading and fencing of the site;
- Traffic control action;
- Diversion around the site;
- Temporary speed limit signage;
- Lane closures;
- Restrict use (e.g. a load limit); and
- Full closure.
- Temporary Repair.

11 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Council's management system for inspection, maintenance and repair of roads and road related infrastructure includes:

- Policies and procedures;
- Monitoring asset condition;
- Establishing priorities and resources;
- Delivering maintenance programs;
- Recording asset performance;
- Responding to incidents.
- Regular inspections of the asset portfolios;
- The setting of intervention levels;
- The type of intervention action; and
- The target time for intervention action.

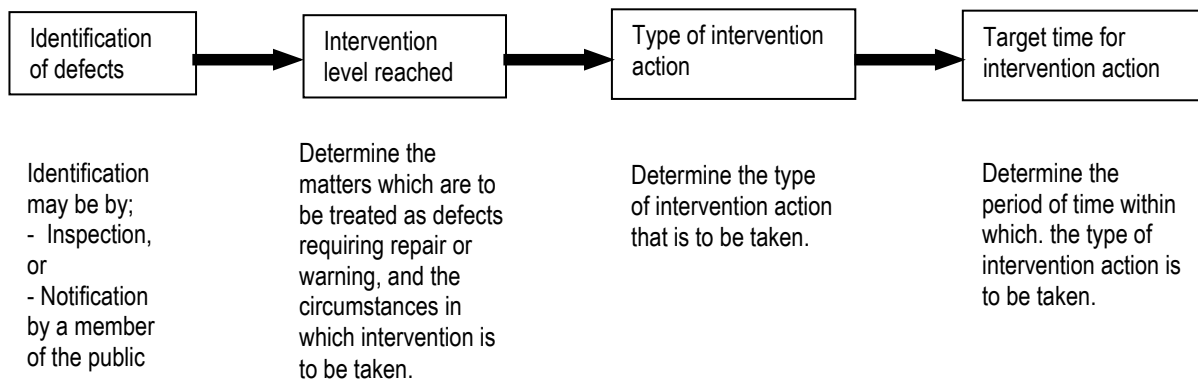
Information on all Council assets is stored in council's record management system ranging from replacement cost to condition and construction material.

The Customer Request System allows staff to log a request, complaint, or enquiry received from a member of the public or other employee, to be forwarded automatically to the responsible Council Officer for action. Timelines for action on

requests are embedded in the system with reminders, escalation, and reporting functions automatically activated.

The maintenance management system (MMS) is a combination of the Customer Request System and Asset management software, and the documented processes involved in conducting the requirements of the Road Management Plan. The below flowchart identifies an overview of the process for entering and completion of works into the MMS.

Diagram illustrating Council's system for inspection, maintenance and repair of road infrastructure.



12 DEMARCATIION OF RESPONSIBILITY

12.1 VicRoads

Responsibilities for road related infrastructure on and around arterial roads is set out in Road Management Act 2004 Code of Practice – Operational Responsibility for Public Roads.

12.2 Bordering Municipalities

Where a public road is a municipal road then Council is the co-ordinating and responsible Road Authority for the operational function. In the instance of boundary roads with other municipalities the responsibility is allocated according to an agreement between the two municipalities. The Hindmarsh Shire Council borders West Wimmera Shire Council, Horsham Rural City Council, Yarriambiack Shire Council and Mildura Rural City Council.

The Boundary road agreement sets the responsibilities as follows:

- Each municipality is responsible for all routine maintenance (grading and rolling), without any cost sharing, on the agreed length of boundary roads, and
- Periodic maintenance, rehabilitation and improvement works (including reseals and gravel re-sheeting) shall be proposed by the municipality responsible for the road, but the cost shall be shared on a 50:50 basis.

The decision to carry out any works requires consent of both municipalities and must be detailed at Budget time.

The boundary road agreements are available for inspection in the Nhill Council Office.

12.3 Rail Road Interfaces

The Rail Safety Act 2006 requires Safety Interface Agreements (SIAs) to be entered into between the co-ordinating road authority and the rail infrastructure manager.

Hindmarsh Shire Council entered into an SIA with VicTrack in 2020. This SIA is available as a referenced document to this plan.

12.4 PROPERTY OWNER

12.4.1 Vehicle Crossovers

A vehicle crossover (alternatively referred to as a driveway) provides vehicular access to private property from the traffic lane of the public road. A person must not, without a permit, construct, install, remove or alter a vehicle crossover. The Road Management Act 2004 provides that a road authority is not liable for private vehicle crossings (driveways) and pathways on road reserves that provide access to land adjoining a road, this responsibility being with the adjoining landowner and constructed at the landowners expense. Landowners are responsible for ensuring the crossovers are maintained in a safe condition.

The following diagram illustrates the layout of a typical vehicle crossover in urban areas, showing Council's responsibility and that of the property owner.

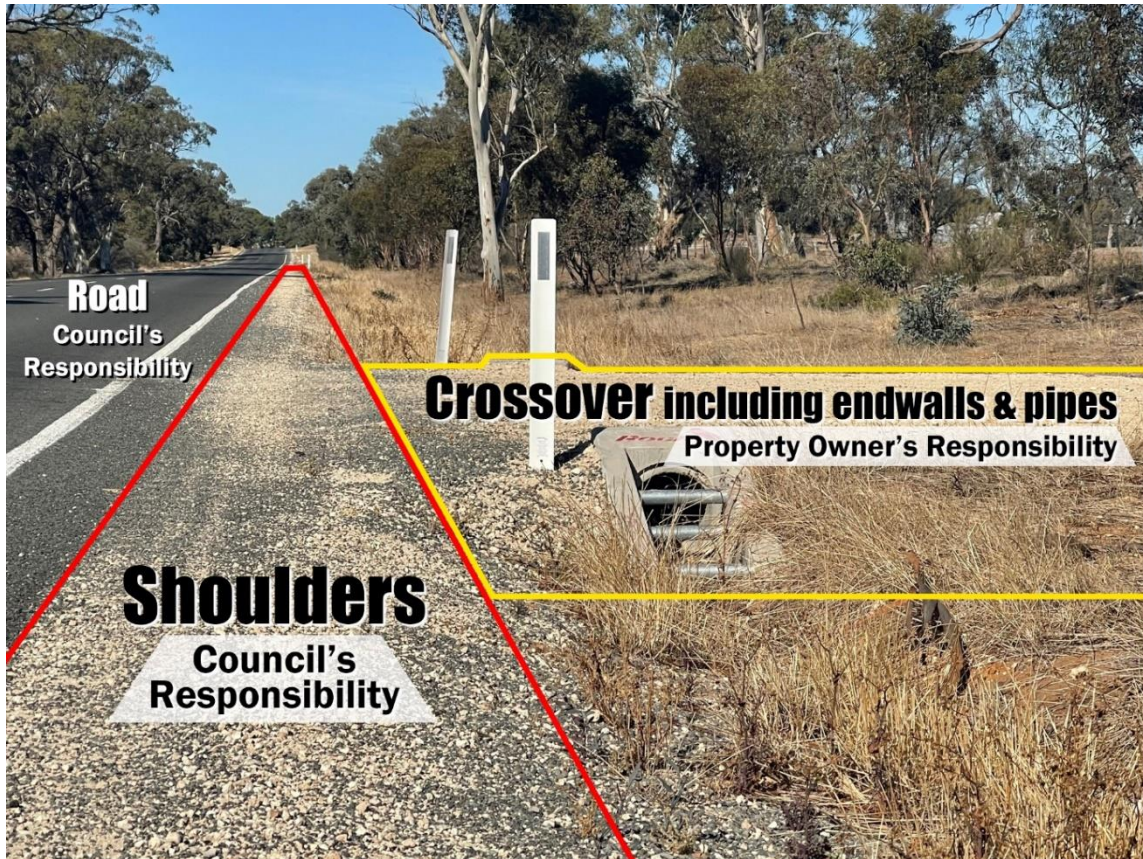
Typical Urban Crossover



In the rural area, the typical crossover may consist of a crushed rock pavement, or sealed pavement, often including a reinforced concrete pipe or culvert and should include drivable endwalls. All elements are the responsibility of the landowner, including general maintenance and cleaning of the pipe.

Roadside maintenance in rural areas where the speed zone is 100 kilometres per hour is the responsibility of the road authority. If landowners wish to do works in the road reserve, they should contact Council to arrange appropriate approvals.

Typical Rural Crossover



Section 107 of the Road Management Act 2004 provides that Council is under no statutory duty to inspect, maintain or repair private vehicle crossings (driveways) and pathways on road reserves that provide access to land adjoining a road. This responsibility rests with the adjoining landowner.

Vehicle crossovers on Council roads must comply with Council's specifications and standards. Landowners must obtain a Consent to Works within Road Reserves permit (CWWRR) and comply with permit conditions and Council specifications when constructing vehicle crossovers.

Proposed new or altered cross overs to properties adjoining Arterial Roads (RZ1) require a Planning Permit under the *Planning and Environment Act 1986* before any works can commence.

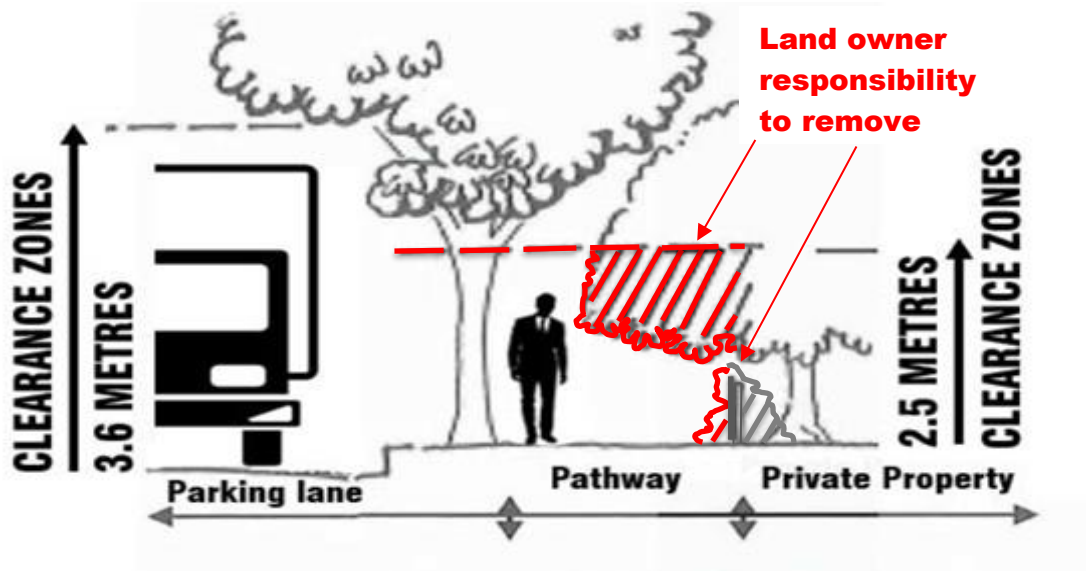
12.4.2 Street Lighting

Streetlights in road reserves provide a service to the community and are funded by the Council, but are owned and maintained by the respective network provider. They are therefore not covered by this Road Management Plan. The levels of service relating to these assets are considered through the Asset Management Plan and arrangements made directly with the appropriate utility.

12.4.3 Footpaths and Overhanging Vegetation

A landowner has a responsibility to keep a footpath clear of any overhanging branches or vegetation growing from their property. Under the provisions of Council's local laws, Council may direct the landowner to trim the overhanging branches or vegetation as per example below.

Example of vegetation clearance zones required from private property in urban areas



12.4.4 Obstructing Footpaths and Roads

It is the responsibility of landowners to keep footpaths and roads clear of any obstructions, including circumstances relating to:

- Tables, chairs, shop displays and signs on footpaths in commercial areas.
- Obstructions on nature strips including skip bins and household rubbish.
- Vegetation affecting visibility.
- Vehicles must not park over crossovers, nature strips or footpaths.
- Heavy vehicles/ long vehicles must not park in a residential street for no longer than 1 hour unless permitted to do so by council.

12.4.5 Nature Strips

Due to potentially high costs Council does not maintain nature strips to a high standard. Council may only undertake works where some safety or significant amenity issue is present. Historically the landowner has undertaken mowing and upkeep as a part of the presentation of their property.

12.4.6 Road Opening Permits/Consent to Perform Works in Road Reserve

In general, any person considering performing works in road reserves must obtain consent from the Coordinating Road Authority unless they are exempted under the Road Management (Works & Infrastructure) Regulations 2005. Advice and application forms based on Councils Local Law are available from the Municipal Offices for work on municipal roads.

12.4.7 Property Stormwater Drains

Property stormwater drains within the road reserve from the property boundary to a discharge outlet in the kerb or into the drain are there to benefit the property and such are the responsibility of the property owner to maintain. These drains are excluded from the RMP.

12.4.8 Access Control

Under the provisions of the Act a road authority may make a decision concerning access onto a public road in relation to:

- Location;
- Restrictions of use;
- Conditions; and
- Works.

VicRoads may specify requirements for highways and main roads and Council for local roads. Under the Planning Permit process Council may impose conditions on a permit for the use or development of land in relation to:

- Stock Crossings;
- Vehicle crossings;
- Driveway dimensions;
- Turning lanes; and
- School bus stopping areas.

13 “FORCE MAJEURE”

Hindmarsh Shire Council will make every endeavour to meet all aspects of its Road Management Plan.

In the event of natural disasters and other events including but not limited to, fires, floods, drought, pandemic and the like, together with human factors, such as a lack of staff or suitably qualified contractors, because of Section 83 of the Wrongs Act 1958 as amended, Council reserves the right to suspend its Road Management Plan.

In the event that the CEO of Council, has to, pursuant to Section 83 of the Wrongs Act, consider the limited financial resources of Council and its conflicting priorities, meaning Council's Plan cannot be met, the CEO will inform Council's Officer in Charge of its Road Management Plan in writing that some, or all, of the timeframes and response times are to be suspended.

Once the events beyond the control of Council have abated or partly abated, the CEO shall write to Council's Officer in charge of its Road Management Plan informing which parts of Council's Plan are to be reactivated and timeframes for each part of the plan to be reactivated.

13.1 EXTREME OR CODE RED DAYS

Council's priority on any day declared as a Total Fire Ban or Code Red by the Country Fire Authority is for the safety of its employees, Councillors, contractors and volunteers. On these days, Council's Code Red, Day of Caution and Total Fire Ban Policies will apply and have precedence over any aspect of the Road Management Plan.

14 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

TITLE
Road Management Act 2004
Road Management (General) Regulations 2005
Road Management Act 2004 Codes of Practice Code of Practice for Road Management Plans Code of Practice: Operational Responsibility for Public Roads Code of Practice: Management of Infrastructure in Road Reserves
Council Plan
Road Asset Management Plan
Road Register
Footpath Register
Bridge Register
Bus Route Records
Tourist Route Records
Agreements for responsibility for boundary roads
Safety Interface Agreement for railway crossings
Asset Management Policy

15 ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

TITLE
Council Plan
Road Asset Management Plan
Road Hierarchy Review
Moloney Asset Management System
Rural and Residential Tree Trimming and Removal Policy
Roadside Management Strategy
Risk Management Standards AS/NZS 4360:1999

16 APPENDICES

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- APPENDIX 2: Risk and Assessment Response – Sealed
Risk and Assessment Response – Unsealed
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Roads Hierarchy – Rural Roads, Routine Maintenance Service Levels and Standards

APPENDIX 1

DEFECT INSPECTION FREQUENCY

NATURE OF INSPECTION	INSPECTION FREQUENCY BY ROAD CLASSIFICATION								
	RURAL						URBAN		
PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS DEFECT #	3R (Transport Routes)	Bus Routes / Tourist Routes	4R (Collector or Through)	5R (Resident Primary Access)	6S (Strategic)	6R (Property Secondary Access)	4U (Collector or Through)	5U (Residential Primary Access)	6U (Property Secondary Access)
DAY TIME Level 1 (Pavement / shoulder / road furniture) #	1 time per year		1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	Nil	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	Nil
DAY TIME Level 2 (Pavement / kerb & channel / shoulder / road furniture / table drains / culverts / vegetation) #	1 time per year	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 3 years	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years
NIGHT TIME Level 1 (Pavement / shoulder / road furniture) #	1 time per year	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	1 time per 2 years	Nil	Nil	1 time per year	1 time per 2 years	Nil

Note1: Level 1 inspection frequencies have been split into Day and Night as some defects are more readily identified at night.

Note2: Inspections to be scheduled such that each inspection type is carried out at the frequencies shown. Each inspection type is to be carried out independently of other inspections for each road.

**APPENDIX 1 Cont.
FOOTPATHS AND VEGETATION FREQUENCY**

INSPECTION NAME	DEFECTS RECORDED	PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS – DEFECT				
		COMMERCIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TYPE	HAZARD	USE
Footpaths	All	6mths	12mths	1 Asphalt 2 Gravel 3 Concrete 4 Pavers 5 Other 6 Trees	1. 10-20 mm 3. 20-30mm or Obtruding Foliage + 6. +30 mm or Obtruding Branches	2 LOW 4 MEDUIM = 8 HIGH
Constructed Trails	All	As Necessary	As Necessary			

APPENDIX 1 Cont.

BRIDGE INSPECTION FREQUENCY

The following tabulation, in accordance with the VicRoads Bridge Inspections Manual guidelines, indicates the frequency and detail required for the inspections of all bridges within the Shire.

	DESCRIPTION	PROACTIVE INSPECTIONS - DEFECT
LEVEL 1	To check the general serviceability of the structure , particularly for the safety of road users, and identify any emerging problems	Every 6 months
LEVEL 2	To assess and rate the conditions of the structure (as a basis for assessing the effectiveness of past maintenance treatments, identifying current maintenance needs, modeling and forecasting future changes in condition and estimating future budget requirements)	All new structures within 12 months of opening, thereafter on a 5 year cycle.
LEVEL 3	To assess the structural condition and behavior of a structure, to identify and quantify the current and projected deterioration of the structure, and to assess appropriate management options.	Bridges; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reporting poor condition in the Bridge Inspection System• showing evidence of accelerated deterioration• for which significant works such as rehab, strengthening or widening is proposed

APPENDIX 2

RISK ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION – SEALED

NATURE OF INSPECTION	TARGET STANDARD CONDITION	HAZARD INTERVENTION LEVEL	REPAIR TARGET TIME FOR INTERVENTION ACTION			
			3 (Transport Route)	4 (Collector or Through)	5 (Residential Primary Access)	6 (Property Secondary Access)
Pothole Patching	Hole is to be repaired to a smooth surface consistent to line and level of surrounding pavement.	Hole is more than 450mm diameter or more than 75mm deep.	1 week	3 weeks	2 months	6 months
Regulation of Wheel Ruts and Depressions	Return to line, level, and trafficable surface, with no ponding of water evident.	Wheel rut or depression is more than 75mm deep and more than 20m ² in area.	2 weeks	1 month	3 months	12 months
Edge Repairs	To provide a trafficable lane.	Edge breakaway is more than 125mm over 5m in length.	2 weeks	1 month	3 months	6 months
Pavement Failures	Failure is to be repaired to a smooth pavement surface consistent with line and level of surrounding pavement.	Surface disruption is more than 75mm over area more than 20m ² .	1 week	3 weeks	2 months	6 months
Kerb and Channel	Minimal ponding	When ponded water extends outside the lip of the channel.	Subject to funding	Subject to funding	Subject to funding	Subject to funding

Table Drains	Minimal ponding	Any obstruction that significantly prevents free flow of water.	6 months	12 months	12 months	In conjunction with works program
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APPENDIX 2 Cont.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION – SEALED (Cont.)

NATURE OF INSPECTION	TARGET STANDARD CONDITION	HAZARD INTERVENTION LEVEL	TARGET TIME FOR INTERVENTION ACTION			
			3 (Transport Route)	4 (Collector or Through)	5 (Residential Primary access)	6 (Property Secondary Access)
Culverts/includes separated Culverts	Water flow is unrestricted	Silting or 50% obstruction of cross section.	3 months	6 months	12 months	2 years
Shoulder Grading	Provision of a trafficable surface which is free draining and which prolongs the pavement life.	Edge Drop off is more than 100mm over more than 50m in length.	3 weeks	6 weeks	3 months	6 months
Roadside Signage/Guide Posts	A fully visual signposted and delineated road network.	Illegible or missing warning signs or missing guide posts at culverts.	2 weeks (see note 3)	1 month (see note 3)	3 months	6 months
Roadside Grass Cutting	To maintain sight distance and reduce fire risk.	Inadequate visibility at intersections or on curves.	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months

Note 1: Where the defect warrants emergency action, this is taken within 24 hours of receipt of notification.

Note 2: The times shown in the above tabulation are subject to variation in times of extreme weather conditions when extra demands may be placed on Council resources.

Note 3: Depends on availability of signs/guideposts.

Note 4: Signage/notifications may be used as an intervention.

APPENDIX 2 Cont.

RISK ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION – UNSEALED

NATURE OF INSPECTION	TARGET STANDARD CONDITION	HAZARD INTERVENTION LEVEL	TARGET TIME FOR INTERVENTION ACTION				
			3 (Transport Route)	4 (Collector or Through)	5 (Residential Primary access)	6S (Strategic)	6 (Property Secondary Access)
Potholes and Corrugations	Trafficable pavement free of potholes, corrugations and other surface defects.	Potholes and corrugations are more than 600mm diameter and 150mm deep	1 month	2 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
Pavement Failure	Failure is to be repaired to a smooth pavement surface consistent with line and level of surrounding pavement.	Area of failed pavement is more than 20m ² in area.	1 month	2 months	6 months	6 months	12 months
Roadside Signage/Guide Posts	A fully visual signposted and delineated road network.	Illegible or missing warning signs or missing guide posts at culverts.	1 month (see note 3)	3 months	6 months	12 months	12 months
Roadside Grass Cutting	To maintain sight distance and reduce fire risk.	Inadequate visibility at intersections or on curves.	1 month	3 months	6 months	12 months	12 months
Table Drains	Minimal ponding	Any obstruction that significantly obstructs free flow of water.	6 months	12 months	12 months	12 months	In conjunction with works program
Culverts	Water flow is unrestricted	Silting or 50% obstruction of cross	3 months	6 months	12 months	12 months	2 years

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Note 1: Where the defect warrants emergency action, this is taken within 24 hours of receipt of notification.

Note 2: The times shown in the above tabulation are subject to variation in times of extreme weather conditions when extra demands may be placed on Council resources.

Note 3: Depends on availability of signs/guideposts.

APPENDIX 3
ROADS HIERARCHY – URBAN ROADS
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS & STANDARDS

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	SEALED ROADS				UNSEALED ROADS	
		PAVEMENT WORKS	EDGE REPAIRS	SHOULDER GRADING & DRAINS	KERBING	GRADING	SHOULDERS & DRAINS
4U COLLECTOR OR THROUGH	Unclassified roads linking parts of the townships or leading to the town centre. Would be sealed or surfaced all weather roads.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded	Annually	When I.L. exceeded	Annually	As necessary
5U RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ACCESS	Unclassified road providing access to occupied residential, industrial or commercial properties. Would be sealed or surfaced all weather roads.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded.	Annually	As necessary	When I.L. exceeded	As necessary	As necessary
6U PROPERTY SECONDARY ACCESS	Roads or laneways providing alternate access to occupied properties or access to vacant land. Would not necessarily be all weather construction.	Annually	Annually	As necessary	When I.L. exceeded	As necessary	As necessary

I.L. – Intervention level

APPENDIX 3 Cont.
ROADS HIERARCHY – RURAL ROADS
ROUTINE MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVELS & STANDARDS

CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION	SEALED ROADS			UNSEALED ROADS	
		PAVEMENT WORKS	EDGE REPAIRS	SHOULDER GRADING & DRAINS	GRADING	SHOULDERS & DRAINS
3R LINK	Unclassified roads connecting two towns, villages or districts. May be sealed or formed and surfaced.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded.	2 times per year or when I.L. exceeded	Annually or when I.L. exceeded	2 times per year or when I.L. exceeded	Annually
4R COLLECTOR	Unclassified road linking residence and property access roads into higher class roads. May be sealed or formed and surfaced.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded.	Annually or when I.L. exceeded	Annually	Annually or when I.L. exceeded	Annually
5R RESIDENTIAL ACCESS	Unclassified road providing all weather access to occupied houses in rural or rural residential areas.	Annually	As necessary	As necessary	As necessary	As necessary
6S STRATEGIC	Class 6 road considered strategic and maintained more regularly	N/A	N/A	N/A	Annually or when I.L. exceeded	As necessary
6R PROPERTY ACCESS	Roads providing access to rural properties for farming purposes. Would not necessarily be an all-weather road.	N/A	N/A	N/A	As necessary	As necessary

I.L. – Intervention level



19th April 2021

To Committee Members,
“as addressed”

NOTICE is hereby given that a Nhill Town Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council will be held at The Community Centre, Nhill on Monday 19th April 2021 commencing at 7.33 pm.

MINUTES

1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community

2. Apologies

3. Confirmation of minutes

4. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda

5. Finance report

6. Decisions to be made

7. Correspondence

8. General business as notified to the Chair

9. Urgent business

10. Meeting Closed

Present:

Committee members: Catherine Bates, Emily Graham, Darrell Hall, Leith Dean
Council officer: Heather Boyd
Councillor in attendance: Cr Melanie Albrecht

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.33 pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community.

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.

2. APOLOGIES

Committee members: Pauline McCracken
Council officer: Daniel Griffith

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Nhill Town Committee Meeting held on Monday 15th of March at The Farmers Arms, Nhill as circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed.

***MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Catherine Bates
SECONDED: Darrell Hall***

CARRIED

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

No conflicts disclosed.

5. FINANCE REPORT

Circulated via email prior to meeting, presented by Heather.

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

Rolled into general business for this meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

In:

- Nhill Market Feedback (included in general business)
- Letter of Support for Nhill Caravan Park Grant Application – requested

Out:

- Letter of Support for Nhill Caravan Park Grant Application – supplied

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Nhill Market

- Feedback from the market showed good alignment with current projects.
- Multicultural projects suggested, cooking/cultural nights.
 - Events designed by the people hosting the evening.
 - Reach out to people/groups, maybe align with national days, see if people are willing to host events.
- Art, Pauline will lead on, liaise with school.
- Red tape and council processes were commented on.
 - To help in this area council processes could be publicised, including the councils jurisdiction (e.g. VicRoads vs Council, etc.), the council approval process, the decision making process, and limitations on council abilities.
 - Ideas to get the word out include information sessions (possible on the weekend), Nhill Free Press article/s, and a newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION:

To include information on council processes etc. in newsletter publications and on media platforms, e.g. Facebook.

MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Catherine Bates

SECONDED: Darrell Hall

CARRIED

- Good to get feedback, possibility of getting people to join committee if ideas from community feedback can be actioned.

8.2 What's on in Nhill book – tourist centre

- Idea seen in another town's information centre, a page per day calendar with all events on in the town for visitors to look at and get ideas.
- A month calendar could be made, and consistent dates inserted, then community groups informed so that individual events could also be added, e.g. movie showings.
- Emily will contact the information centre and see if they would have it in there.
- A committee canva account may be useful for this project and other advertising materials.

8.3 Goldsworthy Playground – seat and shade sails

- Play area does not have shade for parents, needs a second shade sail and more

seating.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the council should investigate an additional shade sail and additional seating for the Goldsworthy Park Playground.

MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Leith Dean

SECONDED: Emily Graham

CARRIED

8.4 Caravan Park

- Negative feedback has been received.
- Improvements are currently being made, including a new toilet block being in the works and a grant application for additional cabins.
- The question was raised if the Park has been sublet. Managers can be installed which can look like subletting.
- Lease has 3-4 years remaining, Mel will double check this.
- Council can comment on the status of the lease, they can also communicate expectations. They are aware of feedback.

8.5 Welcome to Nhill packs/Nhill merchandise

- Information about the town; council information, rates, rubbish, local sports information. A booklet could be printed in bulk. Amendments made once or twice a year. Melanie keen to investigate. Could be part of a Welcome Pack.
- Businesses could be asked if they would like copies.
- Mugs, magnets, and post cards all available, which could have Nhill-centric photo/art on them.
- Other towns welcome new businesses with flowers.

8.6 Water tower project

- Emily will make a Facebook post to re-engage community support for the project and write a letter to distribute to businesses for feedback and expressions of support.

8.7 Youth events (bare foot bowls, trivia)

- Trivia and barefoot bowls are being investigated as youth events.
- A Facebook post will be made to see if people would support trivia and what style of trivia.
- A grant application will be made for funding.

8.8 Weekend planning/workshop event

8.9 Truck Stop Project

- Bins will be added.

8.10 Bird Hide Project

- Bees are yet to be removed, an assessment will be made about whether or not to removed them now or leave it until a more suitable time.
- Paint has been dropped off.

8.11 Bank Account

- Catherine will close the bank account.

8.12 DMD Storage

- Emily will contact DMD about the current storage arrangement.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

N/A

10. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9:19 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday the 17th of May at 7.30 pm.



MINUTES OF RAINBOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a Rainbow Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council to be held at the Civic Small meeting room 15 Federal St Rainbow on Tuesday March 27th 2021 at 7:30 pm

1. **Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4. **Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda**

5. **Finance report**

6. **Decisions to be made**

7. **Correspondence**

8. **General business as notified to the Chair**

9. **Urgent business**

10. **Meeting Closed**

11. **Council Officer Authorisation**

Present: Members Michael Sullivan, Leonie Clarke, Greg Roberts, Adrian Bennett and Bill Hutson.

Council: Wayne Schulz and Mayor Cr Ron Ismay
Michael Frazer newly appointed Rainbow Caravan Park Caretaker.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.30pm by acknowledging 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.

2. APOLOGIES

Julie Mc Lean, Ross Heinrich, Alison Ey

Moved: Adrian Bennett / Michael Sullivan - carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the RTC Meeting held on 30th March 2021 at the Rainbow civic small meeting room circulated to RTC members be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Greg Roberts / Adrian Bennett - carried

4. DISCLOSURE BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR COUNCILLORS OR COUNCIL OFFICERS OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- General; or
- Material

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members, Councillors or Council Officers at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

No Conflicts recorded:

5. FINANCE REPORTS

As supplied by Wayne Schulze

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendation to Council for endorsement:

6.1 Motion moved to change RTC meetings to the third Monday of the month making the next scheduled meeting the 17th May 2021

Moved: Adrian Bennett / Greg Roberts - carried

6.2 XX to take to council

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Introduction:

7.2 Inwards: Purchase order received for the purchase of paint supplies for the mural project.

Email: from Shannon Dempsy Family Services Project Support. (fw)

Outwards:

Motion: to receive inwards Correspondence

Moved: Greg Roberts/ Michael Sullivan - carried

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Pre authorise expenditure EWG in preparation for the next Enduro an up to amount for the local businesses to allow the use of purchase orders and endeavour to streamline the financial side of things.

- Rainbow IGA \$3000
- Clugston Butchers \$3000
- Bow Bakery \$500
- Float \$2000
- Norelle Eckermann \$2000 Reimbursement

Motion: to approve above up to amounts

Moved: Adrian Bennett / Michael Sullivan - carried

8.2 Tax invoice approval for Lachlan Robinson \$220 for EWG account toilet cleaning

Moved: Greg Roberts / Adrian Bennett - carried

8.3 letter of request to be sent to council re authorising Mural project funds.

Project cost \$9,882.46 EXC (labour & paint)

RTC original Contribution \$5,040.46

Council contribution \$3,232.00 (pre – budget submission)

RTC additional \$1610.00 (to cover shortfall)

Moved: Michael Sullivan / Greg Roberts – carried

8.4 Chairperson Leonie Clarke congratulated Michael Frazer on his appointment to the position of Caravan Caretaker and felt that he would be great asset for tourism.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION:

10. MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business Chairperson Leonie Clarke Closed Meeting at 8:19 pm

11. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION:

I Wayne Schulze accept the recommendations item 8.2 made by the RTC Committee in these minutes dated 27th March 2021 apart from the following items which require more information and need to be referred to a Council meeting for a decision:

- Item 8.1 – requires a Council decision
 - Item 8.3 – requires a Council decision
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MINUTES OF RAINBOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a Rainbow Advisory Committee Meeting of the Hindmarsh Shire Council to be held at the Civic Small meeting room 15 Federal St Rainbow on Monday 17 May 2021 at 7:30 pm.

1. **Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Confirmation of Minutes**

4. **Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda**

5. **Finance report**

6. **Decisions to be made**

7. **Correspondence**

8. **General business as notified to the Chair**

9. **Urgent business**

10. **Meeting Closed**

11. **Council Officer Authorisation**

Present: Leonie Clarke (CP) Michael Sullivan, Greg Roberts, Adrian Bennet, Peta Bennett, Bill Hutson and Alison Ey.

Visiting: Mayor Ron Ismay, Operations Manager Wayne Schulz and Cr Brett Ireland.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.30pm by acknowledging 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.

2. APOLOGIES

Ross Heinrich and Julie McLean

Moved: Michael Sullivan / Alison – carried

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the RTC Meeting held on 27th April 2021 at the Rainbow civic small meeting room circulated to RTC members be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Michael Sullivan / Peta Bennett - carried

4. DISCLOSURE BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR COUNCILLORS OR COUNCIL OFFICERS OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- General; or
- Material

Declaration of general or material conflict of interest must also be advised by Committee Members, Councillors or Council Officers at the commencement of discussion of the specific item.

None recorded

5. FINANCE REPORTS

Wayne Schulz finance report as attached.

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

Moved:
6.2 XX

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Outwards:

7.1 Email: sent to Phil King regarding the council contribution of \$10,000 to the town entrance project which was rolled over for the end of financial last year, an inquiry to see that it was still available for this project. Not to be confused with the \$10,021.95 as held by the RTC.

7.2 Emailed: all relevant information to Council regarding the Mural project quotes included.

Inwards:

7.3 Email; from Shauna Johnson (HSC Executive Assistant) Advising that Council approved payment of \$8,916.60 to Norelle Eckermann for expenditure incurred in relation to the Rainbow Rises 240 event in March 2021.

Also approving transfer of Rainbow Recreation Reserve committee camping fees collected by the Enduro Working Group to Recreation Reserve Committee.

Council approved Alison Ey as a member of Rainbow Town Committee.

Motion: to receive inwards and endorse outwards correspondence

Moved: Michael Sullivan / Greg Roberts - carried

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 It was advised that Mayor Ron Ismay had been appointed to RTC committee so therefore was entitled to vote.

8.2 There is a situation where the RTC committee members and executive needs to be Formalized until the November Annual meeting as no meetings were held during the pandemic need to advise council membership.

Office bearers:

Chairperson: Leonie Clarke

Deputy Chairperson: Ross Heinrich

Secretary: Bill Hutson.

Committee Members: Roger Aitken, Adrian Bennett, Peta Bennett, Greg Roberts, Michael Sullivan, Julie Mc Lean and Alison Ey

Moved: Greg Roberts / Adrian Bennett - carried.

8.3 As proposed changes to the local government act two other town committees are thinking of becoming an incorporated body.

It was suggested that Rainbow may want to consider going down that path as the

financial restrictions are almost unworkable at the best very inconvenient to work with under the state government act.

There are several options but one could be come under in the progress association.

Cr Ismay commented that it is not council but state government causing the problem

Further discussion took place and it was decided to invite a representative from the progress association to our June meeting Alison Ey will organize and make general enquiry regarding incorporate committees.

8.4 Community Garden:

Alison Ey advised that the community garden is going ahead, at court house (Learning Centre)

8.5 Trails and track meeting: was very professionally conducted with about 60 people attending.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION:

10. MEETING CLOSE

As there was no further business Chairperson Leonie Clarke thanked all for attending the meeting and was closed at 8:15 pm

11. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION:

I Wayne Schulze accept the recommendations made by the Rainbow Town Committee in these minutes dated 17 May 2021 apart from the following items which need to be referred to a Council meeting for a decision:

- Item 8.2 – require Council decision

Yurunga Homestead Committee of Management

General Meeting, Thursday, February 25, 2021, Yurunga dining room, 7.30pm

Minutes

Welcome and Opening at 7:30 pm

Members present: Jenny Solly (Chair), Peter Solly (Secretary), Sam Smith (Treasurer), Helen Fisher, Helen Heinrich, Lou Ravenhorst,

Visitors: Cr Brett Ireland, Jeff Woodward (Hindmarsh Shire), Debbie Funcke,

Apologies: Nil

Additional items for General Business (to be accepted at Chairperson's discretion)

- Application for Living Heritage grant – need to shift dresser from kitchen wall by Monday March 1st for application photos.
- Tour and lunch March 22nd
- Wedding March 13th in grounds
- New Sunday roster
- Thanks to Lions for working bee 20th Feb. Fantastic job. Don Fisher, Ian McLean, Peter Gosling, Mark Thomas, Roger Smith, Lou Ravenhorst, Rob Heinrich plus Helen Heinrich, Peter Solly, Helen and Jenny for morning tea.

Declaration by a Councillor, Officer or Committee Member of any direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda: Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated:

Moved Sam Smith, Helen Heinrich - That the minutes of the January 28th meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record c/d

Business Arising:

- Jan 29: Thanks to Lou & Robyn for repairing the broken dining room chair
- Feb 1: Peter ordered the two feather flags which arrived promptly, \$318.39
- Our bank, the Commonwealth, will close permanently in Rainbow on April 23
- Feb 1: Peter organized the QR Code for visitor check-in. If we encourage visitors to use it, we can have 20 visitors in the house at one time instead of 10. The written register will still be available
- Feb 1: Jeff Woodward advised that the couple being married in the grounds on March 13 need to have insurance and fill out a form and risk assessment
- Feb 1: Rose Slade (bride to be) was contacted re necessary paperwork & insurance for their wedding. The information was emailed to her

- Jenny rang Len Fox, organizer of Geelong MG car club visit on May 1. He is happy with price of \$15 per person for tour of house & sweet afternoon tea
- Feb 1: Sam spoke to Fred Saul re updating our shipping container. There is a shortage now, some arriving in a couple of weeks. Cost for a better one is around \$2,850 (+ our \$2,000 trade-in). Price will go up next shipment – now tied in with Heritage Grant
- Feb 2: Peter, Sam & Jenny attended the Hindmarsh Tourism Group meeting in Nhill. The next meeting is on May 4 in Rainbow
- Feb 3: Jenny was interviewed without warning by Mail-Times journalist Alex Dalziel, about Heritage Victoria's Living Heritage grant. An article was printed on Feb 8
- Cameras were placed in the orchard for a while. Nothing suspicious came up
- Feb 4: Peter rang Garry Salt re a roller for our working bee on March 13. It was delivered. Thanks to Don Fisher for organizing Lions club helpers. The working bee had to be cancelled on March 12 due to the 5 day Covid lockdown.
- Peter also spoke to Garry Salt re upgrading/shifting the shipping container. The building permit and footings work will take a long time. The old container can be replaced quite easily even after it is shifted to footings & tied down. The mural can be transferred. We can go ahead with the mural
- Feb 4: Peter made & set up a rope barrier in the kitchen as requested by heritage consultant Dr Gary Hill. Visitors can look through the doors, but not to enter the laundry or pantry.
- Peter revised the signs for room densities & QR Code check-in
- Peaches were picked. Thanks Robyn & Helen
- Feb 12: Peter carted the limestone gravel from West paddock & Konings & piled it up ready for the working bee
- Feb 18: Alison Ey delivered 50 visitor brochures (old design)
- Our Quick Response grant application for the shipping container mural is on the way. The round closes on March 1
- Ben Gosling is still working on our new visitor brochure & tourist card
- Feb 22: Started picking figs
- Feb 23: Thanks to Don fisher for delivering some horse manure for the garden
- Feb 22 and 23: Peter spread extra gravel, watered and re rolled gravel. Thanks to Rob and Helen Heinrich for donating extra gravel

Correspondence In (Emails)

- Jan 28: Jeff Woodward to Peter re grant & container
- Jan 28: Jeff to Peter re report for meeting & questions
- Jan 29: Ben Gosling to Peter re sample of visitor brochure design
- Jan 29: Cr Brett to Peter re thanks
- Feb 1 x2: Jeff to Peter re larger groups & QR Code

- Feb 1: Jeff to Peter re logo files for flags
- Feb 1: Jeff to Peter re wedding information & forms
- Feb 1&11: Jacqui Jones, Trade Travel to Peter re confirming March 22 booking & our Covid plan
- Feb 2: Shelly to Jenny re restrictions
- Feb 3 x2: Jeff to Peter & Jenny re Shire ad campaign
- Feb 12: Shauna Johnson to Peter re thanks for meeting Minutes
- Feb 16: Jeff to Jenny re grant application
- Feb 16: Sharon Maloney, Hindmarsh Tourism Group re tourism webinar
- Feb 16: Sharon Maloney re accessible tourism checklist forms
- Feb 16: Sharon Maloney re Newsletter Summer2021 "Unearth Amazing"
- Feb 17 x2: Jeff to Jenny re grant application
- Feb 18: Jeff to Jenny re grant application

Late Correspondence in

- Feb 24: Alexandra McGlashen re lunch menu for tour March 22nd

Correspondence Out (Emails)

- Jan 28: Peter to Jeff re meeting apology & questions
- Jan 29: Peter to Ben Gosling re visitor brochure
- Jan 29: Peter to Garry Salt re working bee & roller
- Jan 29: Peter to Jeff re wedding paperwork
- Jan 29: Peter to Jeff & Cr Brett re guidelines for larger groups
- Jan 30: Peter to Jeff & Cr Brett re QR Code
- Feb 1x2: Jenny to Shelly re Covid restrictions
- Feb 1x2: Peter to Jeff re QR Code & larger groups
- Feb 1 & 9: Peter to Rose Slade re wedding information & forms
- Feb 1: Peter to Jeff & Ben re logo files for flags
- Feb 3x2: Jenny to Jeff re Shire ad campaign
- Feb 4: Peter to Jacqui Jones, Trade Travel re Yurunga's Covid plan
- Feb 4x2: Jenny & Peter to Alex Dalziel re article & photo
- Feb 9: Peter to Jacqui Jones re confirming booking for March 22
- Feb 12: Jenny to Shire re copy of October Minutes
- Feb 16x2: Jenny to Jeff re mural grant application
- Feb 17&18: Jenny to Jeff re grant application

Late correspondence out

- Feb 22: Jenny to Dr Gary Hill, Minerva Heritage re rope barrier, visit and Living Heritage Grant application.
- Feb 24: Thank you card from Peter to Don Fisher and Rainbow Lions for working bee.
- Feb 24 Reply to Alexandra McGlashen re lunch menu for tour March 22nd

Moved Helen Fisher, Helen Heinrich – That the incoming correspondence be received and the outgoing endorsed. c/d

Reports

Financial : Sam Smith	
• Opening Balance at January 1 st 2021	\$10,281.11
• Income	\$588.80
• Expenses	\$0.00
• Closing Balance at January 31 st 2021	\$10,869.91
• Term Deposit	\$5039.41

Moved Sam Smith, Helen Heinrich - That the financial report be received. c/d

Hindmarsh Shire

Cr Brett Ireland nothing significant

Jeff Woodward

- The Arts Grant was submitted at 4 pm today, there should be a response in 15 days.
- Albacutya silo work will commence 15th April.
- Significant work happening on district tourism including grant applications in progress for improvements to the Rainbow Caravan park plus 2 cabins. The master plan is due to be finished by May 28th.
- The Visit Hindmarsh TV ad has been completed and will be shown in the next 2 months.

Moved Lou Ravenhorst, Sam Smith - That the Hindmarsh Shire Reports be received. c/d

General Business

- Changed banking arrangements. We can use the Post Office for deposits and small withdrawals when the Commonwealth Bank closes. Discussion followed re upgrading systems or changing banks. No change is proposed at present.
- Policy on charging for functions held in Yurunga grounds.

Moved Sam Smith, Helen Heinrich - That potential users be told: "As the grounds and amenities at this venue are prepared by volunteers, a donation would be appreciated". cd

- Delegate for Hindmarsh Tourism Group meetings
Next meeting: May 4, 2021 in Rainbow at the Oasis. Several will attend then see what happens.

Jeff Woodward departed at 8:45 pm

- Shipping container & mural. Dr Gary Hill suggests we bring the existing container closer to allow storage for renovations. Costs could be included in the grant application. Lots of material in the container can be disposed of or moved into the men's room in the coach house. Dr Gary and his stone mason will visit next Monday March 1st. The dresser against the laundry wall needs to be emptied and moved before then. Jenny will check on the time of Dr Gary's visit and text the committee.
- Curtains. Helen Fisher can get appropriate material from Spotlight Mildura. Barcelona is the pattern.
- Conservation Management Plan is funded by Council. Dr Gary Hill has been employed. The plan is not quite finished. It will include cyclical maintenance program.

Late items

- Application for Living Heritage grant – need to shift dresser from kitchen wall by Monday March 1st for application photos.
- Tour and lunch March 22nd? We need to wait and see what the regulations are.
- Wedding March 13th in grounds. Clean chairs are required. Could be 70 people
- New roster. Helen is doing it.

Tentative Bookings

Monday, March 22, 2021, Trade Travel (Mildura), Sisterhood Women's Travel, 20ppl & 2 crew for lunch & tour, 11.15am arrival, 1.15pm departure

Contact: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Saturday, May 1, 2021, Geelong MG car club, 60 people for tour & afternoon tea, 1.30 or 2pm arrival

Contacts: Organiser - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On tour - [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2021

Please notify the Secretary or Chairperson of any agenda items asap before the meeting

Meeting Closed 9:25pm

Yurunga Committee of Management

General Meeting, Thursday, March 25, 2021, Yurunga dining room, 7.30pm

Minutes

Welcome and opening 7:35 pm

Members present: Jenny Solly (chair), Peter Solly (secretary), Lou Ravenhorst, Helen Heinrich

Visitors: Cr Brett Ireland,

Apologies: Helen Fisher, Sam Smith, Debbie Funcke, Jeff Woodward

Moved: Lou Ravenhorst, Helen Heinrich - That the apologies be accepted c/d

Additional items for General Business (to be accepted at Chairperson's discretion)

- Duty at Easter, Sunday April 4th – Committee
- Catering/Tour April 19th, who is available?

Declaration by a Councillor, Officer or Committee Member of any direct or indirect interest in any item on the agenda

Nil

Minutes of the previous meeting as circulated

Moved: Helen Heinrich, Lou Ravenhorst - That the minutes of the February 28th meeting be confirmed as a true and accurate record c/d

Business Arising:

- Mar 1: Peter rang Garry Salt about our faulty security system (flat battery?). He contacted electrician Heather to check it
- Mar 1: Tony Balcombe, Spirit Travel & Tours (Melbourne) rang. He is aiming to resume group tours in the second half of 2021
- Mar 1: Dr Gary Hill, Elaine Doling & their stone mason visited Yurunga. The S-W corner of the house does not need to be demolished. If grant application to Heritage Victoria is successful, some render will be removed, & rods put in to pin & stabilize walls. Shipping container to be moved closer for storage of contents
- Gary & Elaine recommend leaving interior doors open for air circulation. They also recommend that a roofing plumber make adjustments to the chimneys to allow air to be drawn up
- Mar 2: Jenny picked a bucket of figs. Tree checked for more

- Mar 5: Dr Gary rang. The quote to repair the walls is \$90,000. Maximum Living Heritage grant is \$200,000. Gary will also apply to replace part of the school room floor (termite damage), to reinstate the drainage system along the west & north of house & to paint the fascia boards. He is seeking quotes
- Mar 9: Jeff Woodward rang. His application to Regional Arts Victoria for a \$4,000 Quick Response grant for our mural project was successful!!
- Mar 12: Dr Gary rang. He is getting quotes from builders Trevor Dumesny & Daryl Leyonhjelm. If we get the grant, there will be a tender process to select the builder. *Daryl's quote is in, Trevor visited March 22nd.*
- Mar 13: The wedding was relocated from our garden to the brewery because of cold, windy, wet weather
- Mar 15: Helen Fisher has completed the Sunday volunteer duty roster for the next year. Thank you Helen
- Thank you to Ann Thomas & Carol Gebert for cleaning the silver, dusting & deadheading roses. Much appreciated
- Mar 15: Jenny picked the pears
- Shelly at Council advised that at this stage we can provide catering for the tour group on March 22. She has asked that we serve the food (no self service)
- Ben is still working on our new visitor brochure & tourist card

Late Items

- Thanks Helen Heinrich for finding nice envelopes for our cards sell \$2
- Tour and Lunch March 22nd was very successful. Many thanks to Robyn and Lou for making sandwiches, Jenny for cakes, Robyn, Helen H, Jenny and Peter for assisting.
- Thanks Peter and Robyn for conducting impromptu tour of 14 yesterday.
- Robyn let Heather Davidson in to work on the security system but we don't have a key. Peter is working on finding a key.
- Fire extinguishers have been checked

Correspondence In (Emails)

- Mar 6: Tracey O'Connell (Trade Travel) to Peter re reconfirming numbers for tour on March 22 (16), & dietary requirements
- Mar 11: Shelly (Gagandeep Kaur), Environmental Health Officer HSC to Jenny re catering for tour group on March 22
- Mar 18: Brittany Lanyon (Trade Travel) to Peter re booking enquiry for lunch & tour on April 19, 22 people

(Late emails in)

- Mar 18 Brittany Lanyon, Trade Travel, booking for tour and lunch for 20 people April 19th
- Mar 19: Brittany Lanyon, re arrangements for tour April 19th
- Mar 19: Dr Gary Hill to Peter, thanks for information about school room floor.
- Mar 19 Mar 20: Tracey O'Connell (Trade Travel) to Peter with phone numbers of crew for tour March 22nd.
- Mar 25: Jeff Woodward, apology for meeting and report.

Correspondence Out (Emails)

- Mar 1: Peter to Dr Gary Hill re historical photos of water tanks at west end of house
- Mar 9: Peter to Tracey O'Connell re thanks for confirmation of booking (March 22) & information
- Mar 10: Jenny to Shelly, Environmental Health Officer re approval & requirements for catering on March 22
- Mar 11: Peter to Dr Gary re photo of north end of school room floor & measurements
- Mar 16: Jenny to Council re a copy of our January Minutes

Late emails out

- Mar 19: Peter to Brittany Lanyon re information about our tours and accepting booking for April 19th.
- Mar 23: Peter to Trade Travel, invoice for lunch and tour March 22nd, Sisterhood Women's Travel.
- Mar 25: Peter to Jeff Woodward, thanks for apology and report.

Moved: Lou Ravenhorst, Helen Heinrich – That the incoming correspondence be received and the outgoing endorsed. c/d

Reports

Financial

- Sam Smith sent later, defer to be approved at the next meeting.
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| Opening balance at Feb 1 st | \$10,869.91 |
| Income | \$0.00 |
| Expenses Power | \$164.33 |
| Feather flags Reimbursement. | \$318.39 |
| Closing balance at Feb 28 th | \$10,387.19 |

Hindmarsh Shire

- Jeff Woodward - emailed

Hi Jenny and Peter,

Sorry but I will be an apology for tonight's meeting due to family matters.

I've sent all the paperwork re arts grant off ... I assume that it is ok to discuss the success of the grant at the meeting tonight but please ask that it be kept within the committee until we make a public announcement.

I've been speaking with Dr Gary Hill this week and he is putting the final touches on the Heritage Grant application for the homestead stonework repairs and submitting it tomorrow.

Cheers,
Jeff.

- Cr Brett Ireland

Two town community consultations have been held, at Dimboola and Jeparit. Rainbow's is on Monday 28th at 5pm.

The \$4.9 m silo art grant is mainly for Hind Shire including Lou Schilling's silo. Rainbow caravan park will be getting 2 or 3 cabins - grant applications are in. New street seating will soon be available.

Moved Helen Heinrich, Lou Ravenhorst that the shire reports be received. c/d

General Business

- New visitor brochure (when completed). Do we print the photos on both sides in colour? Alison has provided a price list.

Moved: Lou Helen - We have brochures double sided colour. c/d

- Update our toilet door sign? More obvious & more inclusive?
Peter will check with Gary Salt.
- Buying our own smaller trestle table (without telescopic legs) for tea/coffee/urn/mugs etc. (Helen F.)
It would need to be at least 1.21 meters long (size of the borrowed table)

Helen H will source a Marquee 4 ft table from Bunnings.

- Making a decision about whether we need all of the plain cups & saucers stored in the kitchen dresser (possibly donated by the Kenmare tennis club/hall). Hold for now.
- Update on curtains (Helen F) Jenny will check and purchase if Helen has not already done so.
- Approaching Council to discuss the possibility & pros and cons of our committee becoming an incorporated body. Peter will email Helen Thomson to check.

- Should we move our banking to the NAB branch in Rainbow?
(Commonwealth closing permanently on April 23). We will stay where we are at present and revisit if necessary.
- Duty at Easter, Sunday April 4th – Committee – any volunteers? Peter and Jenny will be available if necessary.
- Catering/Tour April 19th, who is available?

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1.30 or 2pm arrival

Contacts: Organiser -

On tour -

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arrival

Contact:

Meeting closed 8:47pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22, 2021

If you have an idea or would like some action taken, please notify the Secretary or Chairperson so that it can go on the agenda for discussion at the meeting. If something comes up after the agenda goes out (usually a week before the meeting), it can be listed in additional items on the night.

Dimboola Town Committee Minutes
1st February @ Dimboola Community Centre @ 7pm

Present: Jo Donnelly (JD,) Amanda Ingeme (AI), Kaylene Pietsch (KP), Phil Colquhoun (PC), Bill Eldridge (BE), Angela Hoy (AH), Debra Nelson (DN), Lou Catania (LC), Wendy Bywaters (WB), Jamie Ouy (JO), Chan Ouy (CO)

Apologies: Tony Schneider (TS), Sharyn Cook (SC), Rick Charlesworth (RC)

	Item	Action	Whom
1	Welcome & apologies	Mvd PC 2 nd BE	
2	Minutes of last meeting	Mvd KP 2 nd PC	
3	Items arising last Minutes	Nil – AI & PC	
4	Further Items for the Agenda	Our of Session Endorsements, Lights on the Bridge	
5	Treasurer's report	Amanda Ingeme presented the DTC Summary she has been keeping since we converted to an Advisory Committee Angela Hoy to email DTC a copy of our Financial Summary from the Hindmarsh Shire Ledger Summary from (AI): Mvd AI 2 nd JD	
5	Correspondence in/out	IN: Various emails from Phil King & the Building Inspector re Shelter on Banks of Soundshell Project Various emails from Shire re DTC converting to Advisory Committee, including confirmation of our "Terms of Reference" Various emails re COVID Restrictions / Limitations for meetings & events OUT: Various emails to Phil King & the Building Inspector re Shelter on Banks of Soundshell Project Various emails to Shire re DTC converting to Advisory Committee, including confirmation of our "Terms of Reference" Various emails to members re COVID Restrictions / Limitations for meetings & events Mvd KP 2 nd AI	
6	General business		
	DTC Activity during COVID since last meeting March 2020	No longer S86 Committee – now Advisory Council of the Hindmarsh Shire New Shelter to be built on the banks of the Dimboola Sound Shell – Permits all done & Max Baker to commence building very soon (Bruce Miller to erect the roof) Phil King has been working on the permits for the extension to the Sound Shell on DTC behalf – further info required (see reference later in minutes) Various members of the Community (DTC) have been working on extending / resurfacing the walking tracks of the Rec Reserve & larger area, & erecting Bollards etc	

		<p>Memorial Plaques have been attached to the new seating along the walking tracks / along the river</p> <p>Working bee with various Dimboola & Districts Tennis Clubs to re-surface / fix the Public Tennis Courts near the Croquet Club. DTC provided a BBQ for all the workers as well.</p> <p>Some trees / shrubs were planted along the new “Avenue of Honour” walking path that goes from the Rec Reserve Ticket box up to the Skate park (Some need to be replaced – KP to organize)</p> <p>Tony Schneider put in 3 new Pedestrian Gates for access to the Rec Reserve walking track. 2 on Lloyd Street, & one on Park Street, near the corner of Lloyd Street. Thank you Tony!!</p> <p>Sensor lighting has been installed along the road within the Rec Reserve from the main gate, up to the Caravan Park (near the Croquet Club).</p> <p>DTC hosted a BBQ on behalf of the Hindmarsh Shire for Dimboola for “16 Days of Activism”</p> <p>Very successful Xmas Event for the Public at the Rec Reserve was organize at very short notice as COVID restrictions lifted enough to hold the event. Approx 200 people attended. (All COVID precautions were implemented) – Big thank you to the Shire & their local workers for helping us with the lead-up to the event.</p>	
	Items addressed at previous Hindmarsh Meeting on behalf DTC	<p>Request to lower the speed in the main street down to 40, due to the older demographic; and an extra Disability Parking bay on the Library side of Lloyd Street near the main Shopping area.</p> <p>These were brought up at the last Hindmarsh Meeting. The request for the speed limit reduction was forwarded to Vic Roads (it was discussed that there are not many precedents for 40km thru a town area – may not be successful). It was suggested that a request could be made to Emma Kealy or other Political members to strengthen our request on our behalf? JO suggested he could follow up? Angela Hoy advised that the Disability Parking bay will probably be close to the Library & that all parking around the library will need to be re-done.</p>	JO, AH
	DTC now Advisory Council to Hindmarsh Shire – Confirmation of Committee	<p>During COVID (as discussed earlier) all Victoria S86 Committee’s were dissolved, and had the option of converting to various other options. At short notice, DTC decided to go with the option of an “Advisory Council” to the Hindmarsh Shire. Due to COVID, no meetings / AGM’s were allowed to be held. This meeting addresses the Confirmation of the Committee.</p> <p>PC nominated Kaylene Pietsch as Chair Person. No other nominations. 2nd by BE. All in favour. Passed</p> <p>AI nominated Jo Donnelly as Secretary. No other nominations. 2nd by KP. All in favour. Passed.</p> <p>2 other office bearers. JD nominated Phil Colquhoun & Amanda Ingeme. No other nominations. 2nd by BE. All in favour. Passed.</p> <p>(It was noted that Councillor Bywaters abstained from voting)</p>	JD, DTC, AH
	Dimboola Sound Shell Extension	<p>Phil King has been working with the Building Inspector re the Building Application on the DTC behalf. A recent email from the Building Inspector has advised that there is still a lot of information that needs to be followed up on. JD to email PK as to what needs to be done, & get a copy of everything</p>	JD, PK, AH

		that has been sent through to Inspector. JD to then work with AH on progressing. (PK has been unwell lately, & it was suggested that DTC could help take responsibility of following up)	
	Update on BBQ Shelter on banks of Rec Reserve	We have the Green light from the Building Inspector, & Purchase Orders have been processed for Max Baker & Bruce Miller to commence work. Work will be commencing very soon.	
	Signage – entrance to Town	It was noted that we have a few signs in place advertising Dimboola that need re-doing. One coming into town from the Highway (Horsham Road) which has leaves/gumnuts at the top has been removed by TS. We have asked LC for some ideas on updating this one. (The previous sign had listed 3 attractions to Dimboola – did we still want to go with that?) Option may be to include details of Tourism Website for people to access / #. Lou to give us some ideas? JD to speak to TS & ask him to liaise with Lou It was also mentioned that there is another “Sad” Dimboola sign just over the railway line on High Street that needs re-doing. Lou asked for suggestions on this one too? JD to take a photo. Lastly, Darryl Hartwick has advised that he is happy to have a sign for Dimboola on his property – but it is within the 100km speed zone. (Keep this in mind)	JD, LC, TS
	Event Signage into town	JD has been talking to LC (& it was discussed in previous meetings last year) about updating the current entrance signs into town (One located in the Train Park on High Street, & the other on Nhill Rd before the Nursery) which currently have old/faded signs for various clubs etc on them. It was discussed that these could be revamped / updated & the bottom half of the sign could be used for upcoming events. Ideas welcome	DTC, LC
	Shade / Seating Options for popular area near Swimming / Boating Pontoon near Bridge	It was discussed that further Seating / Table and Shade option needs to be installed down near the Bridge in Dimboola (near the swimming/boating pontoon). It is a Very popular spot for families and visitors to town, and it has been noted that there is hardly any shade down there. People have to sit amongst the trees further down on the dirt. AH mentioned that the Shire is looking to install a new “Picnic Pod” into a prominent location in Dimboola – but would this be a suitable location. (AH to send an image of the Pod – JD to distribute to DTC Members). AH also mentioned that the vicinity of the area could be encompassed by the Riverside Caravan Park, so this could help with actioning this sooner?	AH, DTC
	Round 2 Community Action Grant – Cut-off 17 th Feb – ideas?	Round 2 of the Community Action Grant needs to be submitted by 17 th Feb 2021-01-22 3 categories: Event Sponsorship \$500 (Easter Event?) Minor Facility Upgrades \$2,000 – no suggestions Community Assistance \$1,000 (for projects outside these categories) – no suggestions JD to submit Event Sponsorship request for an Easter Event for the Town	JD

	Anne Webster – Stronger Communities Programme Grant – Closes 22 nd March	JD brought this to everyone’s attention. \$150,000 per electorate. Grants will be given \$2,500 to \$20,000 per project. Any idea’s? JD to email a copy of the details to all attendees	JD
	Horsham Road Walking Track – from Motel	AH advised that for this to happen, it would need to be taken over by a “Committee of Management” and the Hindmarsh Shire would not be interested in taking it on. She advised that it would be possible for the DTC to take it on as the Committee of Management, and go from there? AH also advised that the Hindmarsh Shire submitted into the 2021/22 Budget paving on the other side of the road from the housing down to / past the Lutheran School. This could save on quite a high expenditure, but it would mean that people from the Motel would need to cross the road (80km zone) – but this could be a better option. Need to wait for the Budget to be released to see if this was adopted for the Budget.	DTC, AH
	Storage Ideas for DTC	DTC have assets / equipment / Xmas Decorations stored in various locations (PC’s Sheds, 2 rooms of the Dimboola Community Centre, etc) & would prefer to consolidate it all into the one location. AH mentioned that the CFA building could be an option (when they move to new location). – Unsure if this has already been earmarked for other options. Also it was brought up again about the GEB Shed/s near the Shire Depot. TS was looking into this for us? JD to follow up with TS any progress.	JD, TS
	Progress of “Walk of Fame”	PK and TS have been very busy starting on the installation of a “Walk of Fame” walkway within the Rec Reserve. A walking track has been made from the Ticket Box at the entrance to the Rec Reserve, down to the Skate Park. Seats have been installed, & trees planted along the path. JD to follow up with PK on the next stage & DTC involvement.	JD, PK, TS
	Future Projects - Ideas	A donation has been given to the DTC to go towards a shelter / seating at the old “Pony Club” down near the corner of Lloyd /Park Streets within the Rec Reserve. KP mentioned the option of setting up a few “Frisbee Golf” stations within the Rec Reserve. AH mentioned this could possibly be an option as well for within the Riverside Caravan Park? Park manager could organize Frisbees? KP to look into costings & advise. It was also mentioned there are quite a few interesting old “Sites” around town and on the outskirts of town that people aren’t aware what they are & their relevance to the Town. Option to look at erecting “Historical Plaques” at these locations? If anyone knows or sees any locations that this could apply – please let us know.	KP, DTC
	Gardening around Town	Jan Ballard was very hands-on over the years in maintaining a lot of the gardens around town. She is no longer able to continue this hard work. It was asked that if anyone sees anything (garden wise) that looks unattractive or needs attention, could they look at volunteering to help with weeding, etc. If they do any gardening work, and have garden waste from your work – leave in a neat pile where the Shire workers can collect, & advise them of where you have left it for them, when you see them	DTC

	Update on the “Old Pub” site Cnr Lloyd/Lochiel Streets	AI advised that work is under way on the Corner Block of the Old Pub site, & that it is scheduled for the opening to be on 2 nd July 2021. Graeme Schneider (who owns the block & has leased it to the town) has been erecting a fence over the last few days to Border the rest of his land to the Town Open Space area. Further fill will be delivered later this week, & work will be progressing over the next few months. Exciting times!!	
	Grainflow BBQ Trailer	Grainflow donated their BBQ trailer that we use often for BBQ’s etc, to the DTC. Ron Ismay has agreed to Sandblast / Powdercoat for us. PC will collect from current location, strip it down so that it can be worked on by Ron Ismay, & deliver to Rainbow to Ron. (It was discussed that PC needs to speak to Ron, & find out if the work could be completed before our Easter Event – if not, to hold off until after Easter)	PC
	Silo Art Options	It was discussed that the Silo Art Trail is very popular for Tourism at the moment, & that Dimboola are very interested in getting on board, but have looked at other options other than painting Silo’s. At previous meetings it was discussed about “Projecting” onto the Silo’s – so as to keep people in town overnight. A Group of the DTC met with Hanna French from Natimuk at the Imaginarium last month to discuss being involved in a Community Grant for a Projector that could be used within the Region for events etc. Dimboola submitted an “Expression of Interest” letter to accompany their Grant Request. It was thought that Projections could be done at various times through the year, at various locations (on walls, over the River on screens/sails, onto the Silo’s, onto the Train, etc) WB mentioned that Rainbow Community have a projector that could possibly be used? AH mentioned there is possibly an allocation of \$’s that have been earmarked for Dimboola re Silo Art Trail. JD to follow up with Jeff Woodward.	DTC, JD
	Easter Event	Due to COVID restrictions, it would be a good idea to have an Easter Event for the community. As discussed above, JD to submit a Grant request to Shire. KP mentioned she needs to order Easter Eggs now to get a good deal. KP to submit quote to JD, to send through to AH for Purchase order. Anyone interested in following anything up / ideas for Easter Event – please advise	KP, DTC, JD
	Out of Session Endorsement	AH mentioned it would be a good idea for DTC to endorse an Out of Session Endorsement process. All Agreed	DTC
	DTC to change from Advisory Council to the Hindmarsh Shire to being Incorporated	Angela Hoy & Wendy Bywaters left the meeting for the DTC to follow through on the discussion of DTC becoming Incorporated. It was discussed between members of the DTC the option of becoming Incorporated. Benefits were addressed, & aspects that would be less beneficial. All seemed in favour of being Incorporated DTC request that Hindmarsh Shire Council dissolve the Dimboola Advisory Council. JD moved that DTC become an Incorporated Not for Profit business. 2nd KP. All in favour. Moved. Name to be: Dimboola Town Committee Incorporated.	AH, JD, AI

		<p>JD nominated Kaylene Pietsch as President. No other nominations. 2nd AI. All in favour. Moved.</p> <p>KP nominated Phil Colquhoun as Vice President. No other nominations. 2nd JD. All in favour. Moved.</p> <p>PC nominated Jo Donnelly to incorporate the Dimboola Town Committee and become Secretary. No other nominations. 2nd by BE. All in favour. Moved.</p> <p>BE nominated Amanda Ingeme as Treasurer. No other nominations. 2nd by PC. All in favour. Moved.</p> <p>JD nominated Bill Eldridge and Sharyn Cook as ordinary members. No other nominations at this stage. 2nd KP. All in favour. Moved.</p> <p>Standard Model Rules to be adopted – and 30th June to be adopted as the “End of Financial Year”</p> <p>Once we have received notification from Hindmarsh Shire of dissolution of Dimboola Advisory Committee, JD will go ahead with becoming Incorporated.</p> <p>It was also discussed that the Dimboola Town Committee (as a Corporation) would be very open and appreciative of a Hindmarsh Shire representative attending our meetings on a regular basis; as the aim of the Dimboola Town Committee is to work cohesively with the Hindmarsh Shire, & value their input and experience.</p> <p>AI to look into Insurance for “Not for Profit” Corporation.</p>	
	Next Meeting	Monday 1 st March 2021 – 7.30pm at Dimboola Community Centre	
	Meeting Closed	Closed at 9.45pm	

Dimboola Town Committee Minutes
1st March @ Dimboola Community Centre @ 7.02pm

Present: Jo Donnelly (JD), Kaylene Pietsch (KP), Phil Colquhoun (PC), Bill Eldridge (BE), Debra Nelson (DN), Lou Catania (LC), Wendy Bywaters (WB), Chan Ouy (CO), Tony Schneider (TS), Sharyn Cook (SC), Ross Johns (RJ), Greg Wood (GW)

Apologies: Amanda Ingeme (AI), Jamie Ouy (JO), Angela Hoy (AH)

	Item	Action	Whom
1	Welcome & apologies	Mvd PC 2 nd BE	
2	Minutes of last meeting	Mvd PC 2 nd DN	
3	Items arising last Minutes	Nil – AI & PC	
4	Further Items for the Agenda	Our of Session Endorsements, Lights on the Bridge Mvd PC, 2 nd BE	
5	Treasurer’s report	Amanda Ingeme presented the DTC Summary she has been keeping since we converted to an Advisory Committee Angela Hoy to email DTC a copy of our Financial Summary from the Hindmarsh Shire Ledger Summary from (AI): Mvd KP 2 nd JD	
5	Correspondence in/out	IN: Various emails from Shire re DTC converting to Advisory Committee, including confirmation of our “Terms of Reference” Various emails re COVID Restrictions / Limitations for meetings & events Email from the Shire asking for “Letter of Support” re funding for extra 2 Bedroom Cabins for the Wimmera Caravan Parks, including Dimboola. Email from LC re designs for the new sign at the entrance to Dimboola on Horsham Road. OUT: Various emails to Phil King & the Building Inspector re Shelter on Banks of Soundshell Project Various emails to Shire re DTC converting to Advisory Committee, including confirmation of our “Terms of Reference” Various emails to members re COVID Restrictions / Limitations for meetings & events Grant submission & Risk Assessment paperwork for Easter Event Streetrader for Easter Event Emails re entertainment for Easter Event Mvd PC 2 nd SC	
6	General business		

	Greg Wood answering questions etc re Advisory Council v Incorporation	<p>No longer S86 Committee – now Advisory Council of the Hindmarsh Shire</p> <p>Greg explained that with regard to our request to dissolve the Advisory Council, we probably shouldn't rush in to moving to a separate Corporation.</p> <p>He advised that there would be extra costs involved, we would need to submit a "Terms of Reference" to show that the Shire that the new incorporation would have the best interest at heart for the town / show our structure, & we would need to advise who we are & what we are.</p> <p>Until this is done, our request for dissolution will not be brought to the Shire Meeting. The Shire would need to make sure that there is no void in having a DTC in some form.</p> <p>PC expressed the DTC were happy with the way it was as a S86. It was explained that there is no S86 option any more in Victoria. Other Vic towns have usually moved to the same (Advisory Council). Not all Towns have Town Committees – but a lot have moved to Advisory Council.</p> <p>The only real difference in the S86 and as an Advisory Council is that the Shire look after the money. The DTC money has always been public money, it's now just held by the Shire – no real change</p> <p>TS suggested that if we did move to changing to an incorporation – into our Terms of Reference we would be best to include a section stating that if the membership fell below "?" then the Advisory council would fold & \$'s would move to the Shire.</p> <p>Greg Wood has suggested that we just wait a little longer before we decide to make any big changes. As this is a new situation, & we are just coming out of COVID restrictions, GW suggested that we work together to discuss any improvements in any of the current processes.</p> <p>PC stated that there is an issue that we moved the money out of our Community Bank. GW stated that this cannot stay this way as the \$'s need to stay within the Shire as an Advisory Council.</p>	
	Notification to the Town	WB mentioned that we should probably make a public notice of upcoming Town Committee meetings & to invite the public. JD will make sure that a notice is placed in the local paper & on Social media to invite the public to our meetings.	JD
	New Member nominations	PC nominated Tony Schneider, Lou Catania, Sharyn Cook, Ross Johns, & Chan Ouy as members of the Dimboola Advisory Council. 2 nd BE. Moved by all.	DTC
	Dimboola Sound Shell Extension	<p>Phil King has been working with the Building Inspector re the Building Application on the DTC behalf. A recent email from the Building Inspector has advised that there is still a lot of information that needs to be followed up on. JD to email PK as to what needs to be done, & get a copy of everything that has been sent through to Inspector. JD to then work with AH on progressing. (PK has been unwell lately, so this has contributed to the delays)</p> <p>It was suggested that the DTC need to advise on 2 aspects of the Project. One was disability access to the Sound Shell, which can easily be addressed as there is currently only a gap of around 4" to access. Proper access would be an inexpensive project.</p>	JD, PK, AH

		The second aspect for us to consider was whether we should have balustrading at the front of the Sound Shell stage. It was suggested that this would not be necessary, as it is not very high at all, & there are precedents at other local sound shells where there is no railing at higher stage heights.	
	Update on BBQ Shelter on banks of Rec Reserve	We have the Green light from the Building Inspector, & Purchase Orders have been processed for Max Baker & Bruce Miller to commence work. Work will be commencing very soon.	
	Signage – entrance to Town	<p>It was noted that we have a few signs in place advertising Dimboola that need re-doing. One main coming into town from the Highway (Horsham Road) which has leaves/gumnuts at the top is the first priority as the sign has been taken down (in Kaylene’s Shed).</p> <p>LC presented an idea with great graphics which everyone is happy with – we just need suggestions for the wording underneath Dimboola. Details of Tourism Website will be displayed at the bottom of the sign for people to access further information.</p> <p>Some suggestions were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dimboola Welcomes You • Gateway to the Little Desert • Hidden Jewel <p>Please forward any further suggestions to Jo Donnelly & she will compile suggestions so that we can make a choice – ASAP please</p> <p>It was also mentioned that there is another “Sad” Dimboola sign just over the railway line on High Street that needs re-doing. Lou asked for suggestions on this one too? JD to take a photo.</p> <p>Lastly, Darryl Hartwick has advised that he is happy to have a sign for Dimboola on his property – but it is within the 100km speed zone. (Keep this in mind)</p>	DTC
	Event Signage into town	JD has been talking to LC (& it was discussed in previous meetings last year) about updating the current entrance signs into town (One located in the Train Park on High Street, & the other on Nhill Rd before the Nursery) which currently have old/faded signs for various clubs etc on them. It was discussed that these could be revamped / updated & the bottom half of the sign could be used for upcoming events. The Town Service plaques will need to be updated & some re-done. JD to discuss with those that are still current.	JD, LC
	Shade / Seating Options for popular area near Swimming / Boating Pontoon near Bridge	<p>It was discussed that further Seating / Table and Shade option needs to be installed down near the Bridge in Dimboola (near the swimming/boating pontoon). It is a Very popular spot for families and visitors to town, and it has been noted that there is hardly any shade down there. People have to sit amongst the trees further down on the dirt.</p> <p>Windfarm has a grant coming up. Maybe we could do that. (asking for help to submit the Grant)</p>	JD, TS, DTC

		KP mentioned the old shelter from behind the library, which was dismantled & is in sections down at the Shire yard next to the tip. It was thought that this belonged to the Shire but it was actually Rotary funded & then Lions took it over. So, it belongs to the town. JD to follow up	
	Round 2 Community Action Grant – Cut-off 17 th Feb – ideas?	Round 2 of the Community Action Grant was submitted for Event Sponsorship (\$500) for the Easter Event.	JD
	Easter Event – Sat 3 rd April	Sub Committee nominated as Sharyn, Kaylene, Jo, & Amanda to organize. JD has submitted all paperwork to the Shire to run the event – just waiting on approval, & then we will start publicising to the public.	JD, KP, AI, SC
	Anne Webster – Stronger Communities Programme Grant – Closes 22 nd March	JD brought this to everyone’s attention again. \$150,000 per electorate. Grants will be given \$2,500 to \$20,000 per project. Any ideas? DTC was successful around 3 years ago for \$20,000 for the walking tracks.	JD
	Horsham Road Walking Track – from Motel	AH advised that for this to happen, it would need to be taken over by a “Committee of Management” and the Hindmarsh Shire would not be interested in taking it on. She advised that it would be possible for the DTC to take it on as the Committee of Management, and go from there? AH also advised that the Hindmarsh Shire submitted into the 2021/22 Budget paving on the other side of the road from the housing down to / past the Lutheran School. This could save on quite a high expenditure, but it would mean that people from the Motel would need to cross the road (80km zone) – but this could be a better option. Need to wait for the Budget to be released to see if this was adopted for the Budget.	DTC, AH
	Storage Ideas for DTC	DTC have assets / equipment / Xmas Decorations stored in various locations (PC’s Sheds, 2 rooms of the Dimboola Community Centre, etc) & would prefer to consolidate it all into the one location. AH mentioned that the CFA building could be an option (when they move to new location). – Unsure if this has already been earmarked for other options. Also, it was brought up again about the GEB Shed/s near the Shire Depot. TS was looking into this for us? JD to follow up with TS any progress. We also have storage in the shed behind Kaylene’s shop. There was a rumour also that the Men’s Shed have been offered the Fire Station (when the Fire Station relocate). It could be possible that we take over the Men’s Shed behind the Community Centre.	JD, TS
	Progress of “Walk of Fame”	PK and TS have been very busy starting on the installation of a “Walk of Fame” walkway showcasing Dimboola’s famous sporting identities, within the Rec Reserve. A walking track has been made from the Ticket Box at the entrance to the Rec Reserve, down to the Skate Park. Seats have been installed, & trees planted along the path. Some have died - PC has volunteered to help plant the replacement trees that are at Kaylene’s shop.	PC, TS

		DN mentioned that maybe the roads in the Rec reserve could be named after famous sportspeople. But it was suggested how would you work out who is the worthiest????	
	Future Projects - Ideas	<p>A donation has been given to the DTC to go towards a shelter / seating at the old Pony Club down near the corner of Lloyd /Park Streets within the Rec Reserve. If anyone wants to apply for funding for this project – please advise.</p> <p>It was suggested that the open area of land in from the walking path heading towards the old stable area (in line with Rhonda Huf’s) would be a great location for a “Dog Off Leash area” within an enclosure. This would also be a deterrent for people camping in this area – which they tend to do. KP was on holidays recently, & saw “Frisbee Golf” in other towns, she suggested stations within the Rec Reserve. AH mentioned this could possibly be an option as well for within the Riverside Caravan Park? Park manager could organize Frisbees? KP to look into costings & advise.</p> <p>It was also mentioned there are quite a few interesting old “Sites” around town and on the outskirts of town that people aren’t aware what they are & their relevance to the Town. Option to look at erecting “Historical Plaques” at these locations? If anyone knows or sees any locations that this could apply – please let us know.</p>	KP, DTC
	Gardening around Town	<p>TS has been very busy & weeded the roundabout & other areas around town. (Thank you Tony)</p> <p>Thank you to TS also for picking up litter around the town over the weekend.</p> <p>Please if anyone sees any areas around town that need attention to the gardens / weeding, if you can help, please do. Otherwise let us know & we will let the Shire know.</p> <p>A lot of litter on the highway. If you see this, report to the Shire & they will action.</p>	DTC
	Update on the “Old Pub” site Cnr Lloyd/Lochiel Streets	JD advised a summary of what will be happening on the corner block. Due to open 2 nd July opening day.	JD
	Grainflow BBQ Trailer	After Easter.	PC
	Lights at the Bridge	Not working – Solar lights.	JD
	HRAA Meeting in Horsham – Hanna French Tues 23/2/21	<p>Chan Ouy represented the town at the HRAA Meeting in Horsham.</p> <p>One of the things that was discussed was creating an “Arts trail” in the Wimmera</p> <p>Also, “The Wimmera” Book by Tourism Victoria, will be launched before fathers’ day.</p> <p>They are looking for someone to launch the book. TS to speak to Tim Watson (footballer)</p> <p>(Each town will have a book launch)</p> <p>The sample book was given to Deb Nelson to place in the Dimboola Library.</p>	TS, CO, DN
	Ross Johns 0417 909 225 jrjohns@netconnect.com.au	Ross bought “Dunmills” property on the river. 2Km of Wimmera River property – zoned as Rural Living – can be divided into 5 acre blocks? Ross suggested that the town would not need to worry about funding for any of these projects – he is looking for ideas /suggestions & any info on other	RJ & DTC

		<p>people who might be able to offer advice/suggestions. Ross provided his contact details for this purpose.</p> <p>Ross's intention for any of these projects is to bring families to our area, both to live & to visit.</p> <p>If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for any of these projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas for developing the 2km of land on the Wimmera River to best benefit the community. Some ideas put to Ross were an "Eco Community". (Chan has ordered some info re "Eco building" • Also, any Idea's to make the Wimmera a "Journey", which encompasses the historical sights & destinations within the Wimmera (Could be an extension of the projected "Discovery Trail") • Ross likes the idea of a "Tower" (Ross got a quote for approx \$750,000) – this could be Dimboola's attraction rather than a Silo (our Silo's in town aren't really suitable re viewing area's etc). Chan suggested that if a lot of money was to be spent on a Tower, then it should be unique – a reason to visit the town. Any ideas / suggestions welcome, &/or suggestions of anyone that might have great ideas. 	
	Next Meeting	Monday 12 th April 2021 – 7pm at Dimboola Community Centre (The first Monday of the month is Easter Monday)	
	Meeting Closed	Closed at 9.24pm	



**MINUTES OF THE DIMBOOLA TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MONDAY
3RD MAY 2021 AT THE DIMBOOLA COMMUNITY CENTRE, COMMENCING AT
7PM.**

AGENDA

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| 1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community |
| 2. Apologies |
| 3. Confirmation of Minutes |
| 4. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda |
| 5. Finance report |
| 6. Decisions to be made |
| 7. Correspondence |
| 8. General business as notified to the Chair |
| 9. Urgent business |
| 10. Meeting Closed |
| 11. Council Officer Authorisation |

Present:

Kaylene Pietsch (Committee Member), Amanda Ingeme (Committee Member), Phil Colquhoun (Committee Member), Bill Eldridge (Committee Member), Chan Ouy (Committee Member), Deb Nelson (Committee Member), Wendy Bywaters (Councillor in Attendance), Angela Hoy (Council Officer), Rick Charlesworth (Member), Lou Catania (Member).

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community.

2. APOLOGIES

Jo Donnelly (Committee Member), Tony Schneider (Committee Member), Sharon Cook (Committee Member) – Moved PC, 2nd BE

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the DTC Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th April, 2021 at the Dimboola Community Centre as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

That the Minutes of the DTC Committee Meeting held on 12th April, 2021 at the Dimboola Community Centre as circulated to Committee Members be taken as read and confirmed. Moved PC. 2nd KP

CARRIED

Attachment: 1

4. DISCLOSURE BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR COUNCILLORS OR COUNCIL OFFICERS OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

- General; or
- Material

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5. FINANCE REPORTS

Financial Report to be supplied by Angela Hoy.
Kaylene Pietsch to follow up discrepancies with fund allocations with Angela Hoy.
It was noted in the meeting by Angela Hoy that as an Advisory Council of the Hindmarsh Shire, the DTC will no longer be able to accept donations.

At this point in the meeting, Bill Eldridge and Rick Charlesworth left the meeting.
Moved A.I. 2nd PC

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendation to Council for endorsement:

6.1 Welcome New Residents event for Dimboola – Friday 28th May 2021 6pm

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Introduction:

The following correspondence is tabled for noting by the Committee,

Inwards:

- Request by Dimboola Men's Shed for extra Decking Oil for Community Centre

Outwards:

- Correspondence / Request Hindmarsh Shire for PO # for Decking Oil from Dimboola Hardware for Dimboola Community Centre (Men's Shed)
- COVID Grant Application with Hindmarsh Shire for Dimboola Welcome New Residents event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: Committee Members

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Dimboola Sound Shell Update

Phil King has forwarded on to Angela Hoy & Jo Donnelly to follow up. Jo Donnelly to follow up on info for Building Permit.

8.2 Dimboola Town Committee BBQ Shelter at the Sound Shell Progress

Max Baker's boys have completed a good majority of the Shelter. The roof will be going on very soon.

8.3 Update on Signage Lou Catania

Lou Catania presented the latest design for sign closest to Horsham Road. Almost ready to sign off on final draft. DTC to also look at replacement signage for large sign closest to the railway tracks.

8.4 Shade / Seating for popular area near the Bridge & Boating Pontoon

Ongoing.

8.5 Storage ideas for DTC

Still looking at options. We really need to centralize all our assets in one location.

8.6 Update on Grainflow BBQ

Currently being used at the Caravan Park due to very high occupancy. Once they don't require it there any more, it will be taken up to Ron Ismay.

8.7 COVID Grant Hindmarsh Shire

Kaylene Pietsch submitted a Grant submission for the COVID Grant / Hindmarsh Shire for \$500 to go towards our "Dimboola Welcome New Residents" event. Kaylene was notified shortly after submission that the Grant Request was approved. To be acquitted by 30th June 2021

8.8 Welcome New Residents event for May 2021

Date was agreed for the "Dimboola Welcome New Residents" event as Friday 28th May – 6pm. Venue to be confirmed – Dimboola Rowing Club, or the new Dimboola Library. (Finalized as venue to be Library) – Poster to go to Angela for Shire approval.

8.9 Working Bee's to be scheduled

Still waiting for rain at this stage as approx 10 seats need to be installed. Priority is the seat / plaque for Ivan Pipcorn (between the Fishing Pontoon & the next seat closest to the Rowing Club). Also planting of replacement trees on the walking track near the Ticket box at Rec Reserve, and installation of other seats.

8.10 Plaques for the seats

Historical Society seat on the Common side of the Weir seat. Look at Lou Catania printing off some plaques for us? – get a sample. Lou is looking at new equipment.

8.11 Update on Old Pub Site Development

There is a meeting to be held at Dimboola Vic Hotel on Thursday night. Update next meeting

8.12 Hindmarsh "Picnic Pod" location

Has been installed behind the new Dimboola Library in the grassed area. Would be great to get another one for Dimboola to maybe be included in the new Corner block development.

8.13 Roadside Cropping \$'s

It was noted that the money made from the local Roadside Cropping was intended to be used locally within the town. DTC to address this with the Roadside Cropping Group & a DTC member to attend their next meeting.

8.14 Sydney Nolan Shed

DTC to follow up with Max Baker as to where we are at with submitting a quote to Grainflow – where the Sydney Nolan Shed is located.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

9.1 Lights still not working on the Bridge. A work order was submitted last month.

RECOMMENDATION:

Jo Donnelly to submit another Customer Action Request

9.2 There was discussion for the DTC Advisory Council to go forward with becoming a Not for Profit Incorporated Association.

RECOMMENDATION:

DTC to follow up on Public Liability Insurance options, and also put together the Local Rules to go ahead with becoming a Not for Profit Incorporated Association

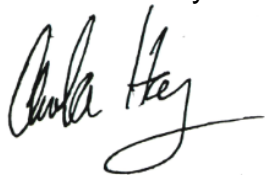
10. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

11. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION

I, Angela Hoy accept the recommendations made by the Dimboola Town Committee in these minutes dated 3 May 2021.

Signed:
27/05/2021





MINUTES OF THE JTC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10TH MAY 2021 AT THE FOOTBALL PAVILLON, RECREATION CENTRE COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

AGENDA

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| 1. Acknowledgement of the Indigenous Community |
| 2. Apologies |
| 3. Confirmation of Minutes |
| 4. Disclosure by Committee members or Councillors or Council Officers of any interest or conflicts of interest in any item on the agenda |
| 5. Finance report |
| 6. Decisions to be made |
| 7. Correspondence |
| 8. General business as notified to the Chair |
| 9. Urgent business |
| 10. Meeting Closed |
| 11. Council Officer Authorisation |

Present:

Councillor in Attendance: Mr. B. Ireland, Ms. J. Fritsch (HSC), Jason Hutson (Chair-CM), Ms. T. Smith (CM), Cheryl Quinn (Secretary-CM), Wendy Werner (CM), Sharron Reilly (CM- 7.40pm) Graham Blair (CM).and Tony Simpson (CM)

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY AND OPENING PRAYER

Chairperson opened the meeting at 7.36pm by acknowledging the Indigenous Community.

2. APOLOGIES

Ms. M. Wagener (Committee Member)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 12th April 2021 at the Football Pavilion, Recreation Reserve as circulated to Councillors be taken as read and confirmed.

MOVED: Wendy Werner (CM), SEC: Teresa Smith (CM)

CARRIED

Attachment: 1

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5. FINANCE REPORTS

Account 1: (HSC) see attached	Balance:	\$45,218.46
Account 2:(JTAC) to be transferred to HSC	Balance:	\$10,756.50
Account 3: Balance: (Funds kept for future project - garden plaque)		\$ 588.94

JTCA Request that the following Purchase Orders be raised;

I.G. ISMAY & Co. Purchase Order No: 108508

Sand Bl, Pow Coating & Prim on 3 x town signage . \$1,200.00 incl gst

JEPARIT BOWLING CLUB: Purchase Order No: 108504

Hall Hire for New Res BBQ 23/4/21. \$0,100.00 excl gst

ROADSHOW :

Copyright Fee (The Dry) 14/05/2021 \$0,150.00 incl gst

SUPERMARKET: Purchase Order No: 108505

Movie function catering supplies \$0,350.00 incl gst

MOVED: Graham Blair (CM), SEC: Sharron Reilly (CM)

6. DECISIONS TO BE MADE

The following decisions are recommendation to Council for endorsement:

6.1 XX

6.2 XX

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 S86 HSC, R. Ismay, (M.) B. Ireland (HSC)' J. Fritsch (HSC)– Min 12/4/2021 (Out)

7.2 Committee Members – Copy of Minutes 12/4/2021 (Out)

7.3 Minutes Amendment (Out)

7.4 Committee Members - Grampians News Letter (In/forwarded)

7.5 Wimmera Uniting information (In/forwarded)

7.6 New Residential Function – Flyers & letter box drop (150)

7.7 Hook (Four Mile Beach) instalment (Outward)

7.8 CM Agenda Request (outgoing)

7.9 Tidy Town Awards (In/forwarded)

7.10 COV19 Community Grant (In/forwarded)

7.11 Advisory Committee Fund Raising (In/forwarded)

7.12 Financial Report Inclusion (attached)

That the Committee notes the attached correspondence.

MOVED: Tony Simpson (CM), SEC: Graham Blair (CM).

CARRIED

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED TO THE CHAIR

8.1 Four Mile Movie night – Friday 14th May 2021 – Flyer prepared

Discussion held regarding event, JTC catering (gold coin donation) QR code, Letterbox delivery, Plan B if Weather changes.

8.2 Outdoor seating placement in streets/areas of Jeparit

REMOVE: PLACEMENT:

A. 1 Old style seat Supermarket (Roy Street) Store Council

B. 1 Old style seat Hindmarsh Hotel Shop (Roy Street) Store Council

C. 1 Old style seat Old Doc shop (38 Roy Street near PO) Donate to Fishing Club

D. 2 Old style seats Pharmacy. (Roy Street) Donate to Museum

- E. 1 Old style seat opposite Supermarket (Roy St) Donate to Cemetery
- F. 1 Old style seat Cnr. Roy & Riverside Donate to Cemetery

REPLACEMENT OF SEVEN CHAIRS

(additional costing to come from JTAC's account)

INSTALLATION OF NEW SEATING: (ARMS) OR (BCH bench seat)

- Z. 1 @ 14. Charles Street (Arms)
 - Y. 2 @ 39 Roy Street (Pharmacy) (Arms)
 - X. 1 @ Old Doc Shop (38 Roy Street near PO) (Arms)
 - W. 2 @ Roy & Riverside grassed area opposite sides of the road (Arms)
 - V. 2 @ Memorial Hall (Roy Street) (Arms)
 - U. 1 @ 2 Broadway (Grassed Area) (Arms)
 - V. 2 @ War memorial & Garden (Bench)
- INSTALLATION OF 11 NEW SEATS (9 with arms & 2 bench seats).

8.3 JTAC shirt design and costing

Discussion held regarding individuals of the JTAC purchase polo shirts with logo of JTAC Black body and Red writing -CM will finalise pricing and sizing.

MOVED: Sharron Reilly SECONDED: Terese Smith CARRIED

8.4 It was voted that JTAC FUNDS PURCHASE One pod to enable a second Pod to be obtained for free. River & Swimming hole are planned.

MOVED: Wendy Werner SECONDED: Graham Blair CARRIED

8.5 Rubbish receptacle to be placed (new or used) near seating Pod at garden in Broadway

MOVED: Wendy Werner SECONDED: Graham Blair CARRIED

8.6 Mr. B. Ireland (C) discussed the following items in his report. Jeparit being a through fair would benefit from a stream of tourists. Ideas shared regarding improving the streetscape by painted drums with plantings and a representation of little bird painting. Costs are currently being sought.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

10. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.45pm.

11. COUNCIL OFFICER AUTHORISATION:

I JANETTE FRITSCH accept the following recommendations made by the JTC Committee in these minutes dated 10th May 2021:

Item 3 – Minutes, 5 – Purchase Orders to be created, 7 – Correspondence and 8.5 – Additional rubbish bin.

I cannot accept the following recommendation:

Item 8.4 – Table and Chair PODS as the funding criteria for location of the PODS needs further consideration.

SIGNATURE:



DATE: 18th May 2021