

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
OF THE WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
62-68 OVENS STREET, WANGARATTA
ON **TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2011** COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

Doug Sharp
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

As at 25/10/11 3:40 PM

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1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

3. **PRESENT**

Chairman: Councillor A Griffiths, Mayor
Councillor L McCully, Councillor L McInerney, Councillor R Paino, Councillor R Parisotto, Councillor R Webb, Councillor D McPhie.

Officers Present:

Mr Doug Sharp (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Andrew Close (Director – Infrastructure), Ruth Tai (Director – Community Wellbeing), Mr Ray Park (Director – Sustainability).

4. **ABSENT**

Nil.

5. **ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES & GRANTING OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. **CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY**

An Australian Citizenship Ceremony was held.

7. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

(Moved: Councillor R Paino / Councillor R Webb)

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 September 2011 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

Carried.

8. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Nil.

9. RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

10. HEARING OF DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**11.1 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Nil.

11.2 OFFICER'S REPORTS**11.2.1 EXECUTIVE SERVICES****11.2.1.1 TIMOR-LESTE MINISTRY OF STATE ADMINISTRATION AND TERRITORIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM**

Lacluta, East Timor – Friendship City

42.070.020

Introduction

Council is participating in the 2011-2012 Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management (MSATM) training program.

Background

The objective of the MSATM training program is to enhance sustainability, build capacity and facilitate good governance at the District and Sub-district levels in Timor-Leste.

Wangaratta Rural City Council was previously involved in this program in 2009 when Council provided training to Mr Rui da Costa and Mr Francisco de Jesus Alves.

2011-2012 Program

Participants were selected in Timor-Leste during August 2011 and will come to Victoria from October to December 2011. Council will be hosting Deolinda da Costa and Clara de Carvalho Ximenes as part of this program.

They will undertake intensive English language and general induction training for four weeks in Melbourne and then proceed to the Rural City of Wangaratta where they will participate in structured learning and work plan activities with Council officers for a further four weeks.

Implications

Some of the learning activities expected to be delivered by Council are:

- Governance skills (administrative, financial and business planning);
- Project management skills (this may be as practical as learning how to use Excel to develop and monitor a budget);
- Community driven development, community participation and engagement; and
- Leadership skills.

LGPro is working in conjunction with the Department of Planning and Community Development and will assist Council in implementing a program for the participants and their mentors.

(Moved: Councillor R Parisotto / Councillor D McPhie)

Recommendation

That Council note the continuing support of the Timor-Leste Ministry of State Administration and Territorial Management training program.

Carried.

11.2.1.2 CONSIDERATION OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

Annual Report

20.060.001

Introduction

Council must consider the Annual Report within one month of submission to the Minister for Local Government. The Annual Report must include the financial position as at 30 June 2011, achievements and highlights, challenges faced throughout the year and reference to future directions.

Background

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), the Wangaratta Rural City Council has prepared an Annual Report (***refer attachment***) for the financial year 2010 - 2011 and has submitted the Report to the Minister for Local Government within 3 months of the end of the financial year.

As required by the Act the Annual Report contains:

- a report of Council's operations during the financial year;
- audited standard statements for the financial year;

- audited financial statements for the financial year;
- a copy of the performance statement prepared under section 132;
- a copy of the report on the performance statement prepared under section 133; and
- any other matter required by the regulations.

The report of operations is:

- prepared in a form and contains information determined by the Council to be appropriate; and
- contains any other information required by the regulations.

The standard statements in the Annual Report and the financial statements have been:

- prepared in the manner and form prescribed by the regulations;
- submitted in their finalised form to the auditor for auditing as soon as possible after the end of the financial year; and
- certified in the manner prescribed.

The standard statements in the Annual Report must show any variations from the standard statements in the budget as prepared under section 127 and, if the variation is material, explain the reason for the variation.

(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor R Paino)

Recommendation

That the Annual Report as prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government be referred to a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Thursday 1 December 2011 at 6:30 pm for presentation and adoption.

Carried.

11.2.1.3 **DRAFT RURAL LAND STRATEGY- GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Draft Rural Land Strategy

73.030.055

Introduction

To progress development of a revised Draft Rural Land Strategy a set of guiding principles has been prepared.

Background

The guiding principles provided in this report have been based on key elements raised by the community through the consultation process associated with the first draft of the Strategy and advice from the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee. These are:

- Capacity
- Characteristics
- Links with the 2030 Community Vision Objectives

- Planning Objectives
- Diversity
- Succession Planning
- Evidence Based
- Simplicity
- Community

The use of guiding principles for this purpose has proved to be very positive and helpful for Council when the Aquatic Strategy and Parklands Masterplan recommendations were being considered.

Issues

Based on the key elements identified above the following guiding principles have been developed:

1. Capacity

Must provide for the fair, orderly, economic and sustainable use and development of the available rural land.

2. Characteristics

Actions must take into account existing agricultural characteristics such as land capability, value and existing use.

3. 2030 Community Vision Objectives

- The rural areas separating townships should remain essentially productive and viable agricultural properties or Crown Land;
- Conservation and enhancement of our local natural environment and the sustainable use of the natural resources by the local community; and
- High value agricultural land and open rural landscapes are protected from development and fragmentation.

4. Planning Objectives

- Preserving farming land for productive agriculture;
- Providing flexibility for tourism, accommodation and agribusiness;
- Recognising that areas of rural living are lost to productive agriculture;
- Protecting landscape amenity; and
- Application of zoning provisions or overlays should not impede farm practices and should recognise a planning horizon of at least 30 years.

5. Diversity

Must recognise diversity and difference in rural land use across the Rural City – “one size does not fit all”.

6. Succession Planning

Must address the present and future interests of all landowners, ensuring that future farm planning opportunities are provided.

7. Evidence Based

Outcomes must be evidence based, recognising existing farm practises and trends, while providing for future farming opportunities.

8. Simplicity

Must be clear, simple and certain.

9. Community

Must recognise and support sustainable and resilient communities.

Community Engagement

Extensive community consultation occurred through the first Draft Rural Land Strategy. In recent times an Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee has been established made up of local residents with a cross section of rural interests. This committee has recommended the Draft Guiding Principles as presented.

ImplicationsCouncil Plan Outcomes

To undertake a strategic approach to land use planning to provide balanced outcomes for growth, existing land use, environment, heritage and community aspirations.

Sustainability

Seek to ensure farming remains a core component of the local economy and that land use planning decisions do not compromise the long term sustainability of agriculture.

Community

The guiding principles are intended to ensure that the community input received through consultation processes is considered in the revised Rural Land Strategy.

(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor L McInerney)

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Draft Rural Land Strategy Guiding Principles as recommended by the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee as follows:

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Carried.

Communication

The guiding principles will be published in local media and distributed to points of contact for interested parties.

11.2.2 SUSTAINABILITY

11.2.2.1 REVIEW OF CAR PARKING PROVISIONS OF THE VICTORIAN PLANNING PROVISIONS

Planning Matters

73.010.001

Introduction

The Minister for Planning is seeking submissions on a review of the car parking provisions in the Planning Scheme. This report provides an overview of the changes proposed and outlines issues that should be considered in making a submission.

Background

The Minister for Planning has appointed a Committee to review the car parking provisions of the Victoria Planning Provisions which form a standard clause in each planning scheme, being Clause 52.06. The Committee has released draft provisions based on a 2007 review.

Written submissions have been called for with a closing date of 7 October, 2011.

The car parking provisions of the Scheme have not been reviewed or seen major change since introduction of the Victorian Planning Provisions in 1997. The background information states:

“The car parking provisions in Clause 52.06 of planning schemes are based on research from decades ago and no longer reflect contemporary car parking requirements. The gap between the outdated existing standard car parking rates and real parking demand creates conflicts between applicants and responsible authorities. For example, an applicant has to apply to reduce the number of car parking spaces required at Clause 52.06 where it is considered too high relative to contemporary expectations. A permit would not be required if the standard car parking rate was more consistent with a contemporary expectation. This creates unnecessary regulatory burden and adds complication, delays and expense to the application process”.

Issues

The changes proposed to Clause 52.06 on which comments are sought are:

- Removing the need for a permit when a change of use does not increase demand for car parking to that of the existing use;
- Revised car parking rates to better reflect current car parking demand;
- Reduced car parking rates in business zones and the Activity Centre zone;
- Clearer decision guidelines about matters to be taken into account before car parking requirements are reduced;
- Provision of a Parking Overlay;
- Land used terms in the car parking table aligned with standard VPP definitions; and

- Greater emphasis on urban design matters including additional design guidelines.

Issues which should be addressed in any submission relate to:

1. Dimensions of car parking spaces and access lanes

It is considered that the planning scheme table is out of date and should as a minimum be updated to reflect the Austroads standard, as the generally acceptable minimum standard.

The car parking dimensions and access lane widths are still specified in the Clause as follows:

Table 2: Minimum dimensions of car parks and access ways

Angle of car parking spaces to access way	Access way width	Car park width	Car park length
Parallel	3.6 m	2.3 m	6.7 m
45°	3.5 m	2.6 m	4.9 m
60°	4.9 m	2.6 m	4.9 m
90°	6.4 m	2.6 m	4.9 m
	5.8 m	2.8 m	4.9 m
	5.2 m	3.0 m	4.9 m
	4.8 m	3.2 m	4.9 m

The differing design standards, which are smaller in the Scheme than in Austroad standards have created very tight car parking areas. These are local examples of designing to the minimum which creates challenges for vehicle manoeuvring.

It may not be necessary to specify standards within the Clause but to use the Austroads standard as an incorporated document to the Scheme. This approach is successful in referencing various codes and already the Australian Standard AS/NZS 2890.1:2004, Parking Facilities - Off-street car parking, Standards Australia 2004 is referenced in this way.

Taking such an approach will ensure that industry standards are adopted and the Scheme does not become out of date.

2. Decision Guidelines for reducing and waiving car parking requirements.

This element of the Clause is to be improved under the proposed changes. It aims to provide greater guidance to both the responsible authority and applicants about the issues for consideration.

This clause refers to the need to analyse short and long term car parking demand and it is considered that it should also refer to the need to take into account the applicant's staff and customer numbers anticipated.

The schedule to the Clause is to be replaced by a Parking Overlay. Council through incorporation of its Car Parking Strategy via a planning scheme

amendment will be able to apply this overlay to the Central Activities Area, incorporate the directions of the car parking strategy, nominate a financial contributions requirement for consideration of proposals where onsite parking cannot be provided at the nominated rate. This is already an element in Council's strategy, but the existing provisions do not provide for this in the scheme.

As Council has varied the existing schedule to a specific geographic area in the existing Scheme, Council should seek clarification from the Advisory Committee regarding translation of this element, if and when the car parking provisions are amended

Council has allocated funds for this financial year to amend the planning scheme to incorporate the recently adopted Car Parking Strategy. It would be prudent to defer this project until the Advisory Committee has finished its review and the Scheme updated to incorporate the proposed changes.

Implications

The improved decision guidelines and matters to be considered to reduce or waive car parking requirements will be of great assistance.

As submissions closed on the 7 October 2011, a submission (***refer attachment***) covering the issues raised above has been forwarded to the Advisory Committee. Council endorsement of this submission is required.

(Moved: Councillor R Paino / Councillor D McPhie)

Recommendation

- 1. That Council endorse the submission to the Car Parking Advisory Committee generally supporting the updating of the car parking provisions of the Victorian Planning Provisions and**
 - a) Request removal of the table to the Clause which is different to the Australian Standard for Car parking bay sizes and access lanes and that the Clause should refer to Austroads and Australian standard; and**
 - b) Request that Council's existing Schedule to Clause 52.06 of the Wangaratta Planning Scheme applying to the Central Activities Area, as relevant (bearing in mind the proposed car parking ratios for uses) be translated into the Parking Overlay.**

Carried.

11.2.3 COMMUNITY WELLBEING

11.2.3.1 COMMUNITY WELLBEING BUSINESS UNITS

Community Wellbeing

60.010.012

Introduction

The Wangaratta Children's Services Centre (CSC), Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre (WISAC), the Wangaratta Library Service (the library) and the Wangaratta Cemetery are required to function as discrete business units of Council. This report is to provide Council with a briefing on the achievements these units have attained.

Background

Wangaratta Children's Services Centre (WCSC)

The Wangaratta Community Childcare Service was originally delivered from the Tatham House Child Care Centre, which was a neighbourhood house community based facility, which opened in 1981. The service provided by Tatham House Child Care Centre was relocated to Cusack Street for Council to manage in July 1993, commencing operations with 50 child care places (30 transferred & 20 new).

In 2008, the Childcare Service relocated to the Wangaratta Children's Services Centre, which provided an opportunity to increase the number of childcare places to a 70 place service. When designing the new WCSC consideration was given to including aspects that would maximise the economies of scale for the childcare service and accommodate predicted regulatory changes. This opportunity and the quality service provided by Council staff has led to the Wangaratta Community Childcare Service being a leading service in the region.

This claim is supported by the following:

- The average daily usage is 93% other childcare services operate at an average of 82%;
- The Wangaratta Community Childcare service accommodates and supports a high number of children with additional needs, the highest in the region;
- The childcare service operated within budget in 2010/2011, and projects to continue this trend in 2011/2012 despite the increase in staff levels of some areas due to the introduction of regulatory changes; and
- Has passed accreditation with a high achievement.

The Family Day Care Scheme commenced in March 1989, operating out of the Ford St Maternal and Child Health Centre. Twenty years of Family Day Care in Wangaratta was celebrated in 2009.

Family Day Care (FDC) service is highly regarded and recently passed a Quality Standard assessment as part of a pilot to benchmark where services were operating. The pilot assessment addressed areas currently not required of FDC services and would require practises to be above and beyond current standards.

Wangaratta FDC passed all areas covered in the assessment; this was not achieved by many other services.

Work is being undertaken right across Australia to consider ways of ensuring FDC is a viable service. Over a number of years the expectations of this service has increased significantly particularly the financial demand on the Educators who provide the daily care and Councils as the coordinating agency.

Although at times the number of Educators belonging to this service decreases to a level that cannot meet demand and places pressure on the financial viability the Wangaratta FDC has operated within budget in 2010/2011.

Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre (WISAC)

WISAC has continued to experience an increase in membership numbers and overall attendance; with a total of 810 new members joining in 2010/2011, representing a growth of 8.1% against the 2009/10 membership base. Overall visits to WISAC for 2010/11 totalled 385,200; an increase of 1.3% or 4,800 on the previous year. Other increased use includes:

- Aquatic education has increased by 8.7%, with enrolments exceeding 800 for the first time in the Centre's history;
- Eleven new programs were introduced to create more opportunities for the community to undertake recreational activities. These include UBound, Megadance, Falls Prevention Program, EatSmart and Exercise, Radikidz Group Fitness, Aquatic Adult Education, Teen Challenge Fitness Camp, Watch Around the Water Program, Dance Birthday Parties, Youth Gym and YBall;
- A number of special events were undertaken during the year, including the Lifeball 'Fun and Friendship' Festival, Vixon Netball Clinic, National and State Racquetball Tournaments and the Regional Junior Basketball tournament, Karate Tournament, Wangaratta High School disco and numerous swimming events;
- Wangaratta's Community Advisory Group funded a "Healthy kids" program at Wangaratta West Primary School. Qualified fitness instructors from WISAC conducted three sessions of fitness activities at the school as part of the program;
- A number of "Zumba" classes were conducted in June, July and August, raising \$600 for the YMCA Open Doors program;
- The aquatic education program was nominated (for the second time) by YMCA Victoria for "Swimming and water safety school of the year" at the Aquatic and Recreation Victoria annual awards and
- The profit share for the Provision of WISAC and the Outdoor Pools has steadily increased over the past five years resulting each year with the opportunity to fund works and improvements at WISAC. This is an important indicator given it reflects the efficiency of the operations, the diversity of activities that attract people to attend and quality customer service which all contribute to the increase in revenue.

Wangaratta Library

The purpose and function of libraries has changed over the years. Changes have been more significant in the last ten years with the introduction of information

technology in public spaces generating new business for libraries. These changes are clearly evident in the data shown in the table below.

	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011
Membership	11,895	11,751*	11,677
Visits	131,853	143,382	140,136
Loans	215,464	215,164	211,700
Wireless internet access	n/a	2345.5 hours	10558 hours

*These figures include GOTAFE staff and students. The overall decline in membership is due to the deletion of a significant number of inactive users. In 2007 membership records were transferred to a new database. In May 2010 the records no longer used since the transfer, were deleted. This maintenance cycle ensures statistical accuracy and integrity.

Loans are decreasing rather than increasing. This has also occurred at other High Country Library Corporation branches and most of the 16 Victorian public library services in the SWIFT consortium. The Library's changing role, expansion of online services and other external factors are impacting on usage patterns and figures.

The decline in Wangaratta's visits can be partly attributed to the relocation of the High Schools' CLC students from GOTAFE to the Edward Street Campus. Their casual use of the library during lunchtimes was high during term time.

The Wangaratta Resource Centre (the library) is a partnered approach with the High Country Library Corporation and the Goulburn Ovens TAFE. This successful partnership has seen the library go ahead in 'leaps and bounds'. A recent review of the 'Joint Library' model by leading expert Alan Bundy, found the library to be in the top ten leading 'Joint Libraries' in the world.

Whilst focusing on the loan of books, the library has become a community point of connection and a place to learn. A range of activities are organised by the library staff to better engage the community with the library, including:

- Rhyme Time (for Mums and babies under 12 months of age);
- Pre-School storytime;
- Book Chat;
- Community storytime at Wangaratta West Primary School;
- Community storytime at Yarrunga Primary School;
- School holiday activities;
- Library tours for local schools, GOTAFE and community groups;
- Home Library service;
- Distributing copies of the Wangaratta Chronicle on cassette;
- Displays highlighting local events;
- Library catalogue demonstrations;
- Talks to community groups;
- Halloween Scream – a yearly Halloween party for teens;
- Monthly radio segment on OAK-FM;
- Parents book group at Wangaratta West Primary School;

- New Mum's groups at Maternal and Child Health Centres;
- Heritage Network meetings;
- Staff morning teas at GOTAFE;
- Youth Services Network meetings;
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee meetings;
- Special weeks such as Library and Information Week and Seniors Week;
- Storytime sessions at KidzRus;
- Book Well;
- Game on! for teenagers in the computer training room;
- Book Mates program with Cathedral College and St Johns Village; and
- Introduction to research sessions for GOTAGE staff and students.

The range of activities provided has resulted in further involvement of the general public in specific programs:

Adult programs – April to June 15 programs with 341 attendees

Junior programs – April to June 70 programs with 1192 attendees

There were 13 external programs with a total of 200 in attendance.

Wangaratta Cemetery

Operating a Cemetery is a highly valued and critical service for the community. By nature the business cannot be promoted to influence the level of business attained. However, the customer service provided has a significant impact on the service users. This can be seen by the cards and letters of thanks that continue to be received from clients in appreciation of the kind and supportive service provided by Wangaratta Cemetery staff.

A number of major projects have been undertaken at the cemetery during the 2010/2011 financial year including a shed to accommodate plant and a new rotunda which was achieved in partnership with the Rotary Club of Appin Park. These projects were able to be achieved from within the resources of the Wangaratta Cemetery Trust.

Further works will be undertaken to provide a sewerage system upgrade. This work is expected to be undertaken during September 2011.

The Wangaratta Cemetery maintenance requirements have been higher than usual as a result of increased rain from September 2010 onwards. In the past year 160 burials have been undertaken, given the increased level of maintenance required and that the Cemetery is operated by only two staff members, an outstanding result has been achieved.

Future business planning is required however to determine availability of land and future resource requirements.

Implications

Council Plan

To operate specific undertakings on a business basis with sufficient funding to meet agreed community benefit.

Conclusion

The above business units are regarded highly in their respective fields and industries. The achievements of these services are not always able to be promoted due to the nature of the business.

Each service can be a risk for Council in terms of liability and economic viability coupled with strong community ownership and interest. However, as demonstrated above, the services are achieving high levels of attainment and satisfaction.

(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor L McCully)

Recommendation

That Council note the achievements of each of the above referenced business units.

Carried.

11.2.3.2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS – CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Ethnic Affairs/Multiculturalism

60.020.006

Introduction

Arising from the Victorian Government's Plan for a Multicultural Victoria and the subsequent enactment of the Multicultural Victoria Act 2011, eight Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) are being established. The RACs will work in partnership with local communities and provide advice to the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) on local multicultural affairs and citizenship issues.

Background

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) is a statutory authority providing independent advice to the Victorian Government on matters relating to multicultural affairs, citizenship and the promotion of diversity in the Victorian community. Its role includes establishing stronger links between Victoria's diverse communities and the Government, and researching and reporting to the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship on systemic and community-wide issues.

RACs will support the Government's approach to ensuring that Victoria remains a leader in building and maintaining a multicultural society, providing local knowledge on settlement issues in the region, as well as assisting the VMC to promote the benefits of cultural and religious diversity.

The Hume Regional Victorian RAC boundary includes the following municipal areas:

- Alpine Shire Council;
- Benalla Rural City Council;
- Greater Shepparton City Council;
- Indigo Shire Council;
- Mansfield Shire Council;
- Mitchell Shire Council;
- Moira Shire Council;
- Murrindindi Shire Council;
- Strathbogie Shire Council;
- Towong Shire Council;
- Wangaratta Rural City Council; and
- Wodonga City Council.

The Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, The Hon Nicholas Kotsiras, held a series of *Strengthening Our Community* information sessions across the state throughout August and September to outline the RACs and the recruitment process. A session was held in Wangaratta on Thursday 25 August 2011 with representatives from Council and the community in attendance.

Issues

Each RAC will comprise of up to 13 appointed members, being:

- the chairperson, who is a Commissioner of the VMC;
- seven to nine community members who are:
 - local residents in the region;
 - representatives from community organisations, agencies and/or service providers who have a focus on provision of services to multicultural communities in the region;
 - representatives from local business organisations; and
- up to 3 local government representatives.

Representatives of local government are expected to be senior managers who have responsibility for areas that interact with multicultural affairs and citizenship issues (such as health and human services, community and recreation, planning, community wellbeing etc). Councillors with experience in these areas are also encouraged to apply.

It is also expected that local government representatives are able to work effectively with their colleagues across the region and to represent the views of other councils where necessary.

Council's Industry Development Officer (Charles Halter) is responsible for the Skilled Migration Program for the Hume Region. As a consequence Mr Halter has identified interest in becoming an appointed local government representative on the Hume Region RAC for the following purposes:

- overcome settlement issues of overseas migrants;
- develop regional strategies and resources to address issues associated with migrant settlement;
- provide an opportunity to take full advantage of existing resources; and

- formalise existing networking with surrounding municipalities (Alpine, Benalla, Mansfield and Moira) and expand this regional approach.

Given one particular aspect of focus for the VMC and RAC is settlement and migration it is thought the nomination of the Industry Development Officer to be appropriate.

Implications

Council Plan

Deliver the Global Skills for Provincial Victoria Project.

Community Engagement

There was good community attendance and interest at the *Strengthening Our Community* information session in Wangaratta.

Conclusion

RAC members were being sought through an Expression of Interest (EOI) process which closed on 30 September 2011. As a consequence a nomination has already been submitted for Charles Halter to be a Local Government representative for the Hume Regional Advisory Council.

Membership of a RAC will provide an opportunity to provide strategic advice to Government, and to advocate on behalf of local community. The role local government plays in promoting full participation by Victoria's diverse communities in the social, cultural, economic and political life of Victoria is critical.

(Moved: Councillor R Parisotto / Councillor R Paino)

Recommendation

That Council endorse the nomination of the Industry Development Officer, Mr Charles Halter, to be the representative on the Victorian Multicultural Hume Region Regional Advisory Council.

Carried.

Communication

Further advice will be provided to Council and interested community stakeholders on the outcome of this nomination.

11.2.3.3 COMMUNITY PLANS

Community Planning

60.010.003

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to present a further six community plans to Council from the following communities: (***refer attachment***).

- Cheshunt;
- Edi and Edi Upper;
- Glenrowan and Hamilton Park;
- Killawarra;
- Myrree; and
- Tarrawingee.

Background

Twenty rural communities have participated in Council's Community Planning program and are involved at various stages of the process.

Council's Community Planning Department has commenced working with rural communities to review their existing plans and has also initiated engagement in the urban area.

Issues

In order for Community Planning to be successful it is important for the community to be empowered to be part of decision making and determine the directions for their community.

Implications

Council Plan Outcomes

To improve community wellbeing by focusing on:

- Increasing the capacity of the community to be self-supporting and resilient;
- Actively fostering community leadership;
- Providing a safe and fair place to live; and
- Valuing and respecting the contribution of all sectors.

To engage the community in a strategic approach to decision-making and the development of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

Sustainability

Through community planning, five new action/development groups have been formed to progress their plan as a collective voice with one being, Milawa, becoming incorporated. A further positive outcome achieved through community planning has been the identification of community champions who have connected with others across the municipality sharing information, resources and experiences.

The usual allocation of \$5,000 has been provided to each community to assist with the implementation of a project.

Community Engagement

The six community plans being presented to Council have engaged participants through, email, phone calls, small gatherings, town meetings, and workshops to inform, involve and empower.

Conclusion

Each of the community plans provides Council with information on the priority needs and aspirations identified by each community that will enhance the future liveability of their rural communities.

The receiving of these plans by Council completes the process of the first round of Community Plans by all but one being Oxley which is still under development. The second round will involve a review of each of the Plans with the aim of producing longer term development plans.

(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor L McInerney)

Recommendation

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Cheshunt, Edi and Edi Upper, Glenrowan and Hamilton Park, Killawarra, Myrree and Tarrowingee community plans as presented; and***
- 2. Note that these are community plans and that Council is one of a number of stakeholders who have a role in actioning them.***

Carried.

Communication

The respective communities will be advised of Council's decision.

11.2.3.4 SEASON PASS FOR OUTDOOR POOLS – INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR WISAC MEMBERS

Mgt & Provision of WISAC

84.070.001

Introduction

In order to provide the community with convenient access to all public aquatic facilities in the Rural City of Wangaratta it is proposed to introduce a further membership option as part of the fees and charges schedule for the Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre (WISAC).

Background

The Rural City of Wangaratta currently offers a Season Pass (the pass) to members of the public who want unlimited access to the Olympic and/or Yarrunga pools during the outdoor pool season.

Currently the pass provides patrons with access to the outdoor pools only and operates independently of the WISAC facility, with no reciprocal access between the outdoor pools and WISAC. This provides little incentive to encourage WISAC members to purchase a pass to the outdoor pools, with members currently required to purchase the pass in addition to their WISAC membership fees.

Issues

Discussions have occurred with the contractors of the swimming pools (YMCA Victoria) to consider a means to improve access and encourage WISAC members to also use the outdoor pools during opening season. YMCA Victoria has proposed a 'discount' incentive program to encourage WISAC members to use the outdoor pools and ideally purchase a pass.

The proposed pass will provide an additional cost on top of the current payment for the WISAC membership. In comparison (see table below) the additional cost for the 'all aquatics' pass will be provided with a 20% discount on the cost of a season pass for the outdoor pools for WISAC members. WISAC members have the choice to pay an upfront payment, or increase their current direct debit commitments over a period of sixteen weeks. The suggested fee structure is as follows:

	Season Pass - Current/Approved Fees	Proposed WISAC Member Discount Fee (Up Front Payment)	Proposed WISAC Member Discount Fee (Increase to fortnightly Direct Debit)
Family	\$133.00	\$106.40	\$13.30
Adult	\$80.00	\$64.00	\$8.00
Concession	n/a	\$51.20	\$6.40
Child	\$49.00	\$39.20	\$4.90

Implications

Council Plan Outcomes

To encourage the greater use of recreation facilities including formal sports facilities, open spaces, shared paths and aquatic centres.

Policies

The new pass proposed is required to be endorsed by Council in order to be included in Council's schedule of Fees and Charges.

Sustainability

It is expected that the introduction of the 'all aquatics' pass will have minimal impact on the allocated budget. However, it is hoped that the proposed pass will increase usage of the outdoor pools and contribute to positive health outcomes.

Community Engagement

An alternative membership option that covered 'all aquatics' has been adopted previously with little take up from the community, however it is believed that the proposed pass will provide a better option and consequently be more encouraging for the community to use.

Conclusion

It is proposed that the program be piloted during the 2011/2012 season and evaluated to consider the potential of being ongoing.

(Moved: Councillor D McPhie / Councillor R Paino)

Recommendation

That Council approve the pilot of an 'all aquatics' pass for members of the Wangaratta Indoor Sports and Aquatic Centre and include as part of the 2011/2012 schedule of Fees and Charges.

Carried.

Communication

YMCA Victoria will be advised of Council's decision.

11.2.3.5 SPORT AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee

61.010.003

Introduction

Nominations have been received for vacancies on the Sport & Recreation Advisory Committee (S&RAC) and assessed against the approved skills matrix.

Background

The Charter for the S&RAC allows for up to nine appropriately skilled representatives of the community, based on an established skills matrix. One existing standing member currently remains, Ms Cassandra Roberts who has a term of appointment that expires in 2012.

Advertisements for the vacancies were placed in the Wangaratta Chronicle on Council's Rural Connections page for eight vacancies on the S&RAC. Due to an

initial poor response two rounds of advertisements were undertaken. The dates of advertisement were as follows:

Round 1 – 29 July and 05 August 2011 and closed 19 August 2011; and Round 2 – 16 September and 23 September 2011 and closed 30 September 2011.

Issues

Ten nominations were received. Each nominee was assessed against the related skills matrix which reflects the skills required for S&RAC membership.

Based on the assessment of each nominee the following eight nominees are recommended for endorsement by Council:

- Youth Councillor Bekk Hoppach
- Youth Councillor Elizabeth Hindle
- Leon Newton
- Wayne Tennant
- Jason Maroney
- Lawrence Johnston
- Anne Bittner
- Laura Tonkin

The unsuccessful nominations were unable to demonstrate having the strength of networks other nominees have. A copy of the completed skills matrix for these appointments is attached. (***refer attachment***).

Given the proportion of young people involved in sport it was felt to be beneficial to have two members of the Committee representing this cohort.

Conclusion

The term of appointments for the nominees have been staggered as indicated in the recommendation below to ensure continuity of the S&RAC membership. The nominations received have provided a good cross section of community representation.

It is worthy to recognise that four previous members of the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee have re-nominated for further terms, two others are retiring Mr Leon Quartermain and Mr Alistair McCracken.

(Moved: Councillor D McPhie / Councillor L McInerney)

Recommendation

That Council:

1. endorse the following nominations for the Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee:

- ***Bekk Hoppach – October 2011 to October 2012***
- ***Elizabeth Hindle – October 2011 to October 2012***
- ***Leon Newton – October 2011 to October 2013***
- ***Wayne Tennant – October 2011 to October 2013***

- **Jason Maroney – October 2011 to October 2014**
 - **Lawrence Johnston – October 2011 to October 2014**
 - **Anne Bittner – October 2011 to October 2014**
 - **Laura Tonkin – October 2011 to October 2014, and**
- 2. provide a letter of appreciation to each of the retiring members in appreciation of their contribution.**

Carried.

Communication

All nominees, including unsuccessful nominees will be notified of Council's decision and their interest will be acknowledged.

11.2.3.6 **FRIENDS OF LACLUTA COMMITTEE**

Friends of Lacluta Committee

Introduction

The Friends of Lacluta Special Committee (FOLC) has worked in partnership with the Rotary Club of Appin Park (Rotary Club) to develop a Community Centre for the people of Lacluta. Previous visits to Lacluta by FOLC members have assisted in the planning for the redevelopment of an old house into a Community Centre and establishing relationships.

Background

The development of a Community Centre in Lacluta will involve a team of Rotary Club members building a Community Centre in the small village of Dilor in the district of Lacluta in Timor Leste.

Establishing this community centre will be a five year project for the Rotary Club. The club will also assist with planned community development activities including education support and a health needs analysis in preparation for a later visit to Lacluta to develop health capacity in the area of women's and children's health and preventable disease and illness.

Issues

Six members of the Rotary Club and the chairperson of FOLC, Andy Kimber are to travel across to Dilor on 27 October 2011 to begin transforming a dilapidated house into a brand new Community Centre.

This trip follows the return of one of the Rotary Club's members, David Bennett, who visited Lacluta in late July 2011, along with FOLC members Barbara Broz and Elizabeth Walpole to initiate the project and undertake the necessary planning to ensure the October visit is successful.

The Community Centre will be known as the Lacluta Friendship House. It is proposed that a sign be taken to Lacluta on the planned trip to Dilor on 27 October and fixed during the redevelopment works (*refer attachment*).

Implications

Council Plan Outcomes

Make a significant contribution to the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of the community.

Community Engagement

The FOLC has a range of community representation as members. Opportunities are always being undertaken to encourage other community members to become involved in supporting the people of Lacluta.

Conclusion

The FOLC is a special committee of Council and will be representing Council on their visit to Lacluta as will the sign to be erected. Council's endorsement of the signage is required to ensure it provides suitable representation.

(Moved: Councillor R Parisotto / Councillor R Paino)

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Friends of Lacluta sign for display at the proposed Community Centre in Dilor, Lacluta, East Timor.

Carried.

Communication

The members of the Friends of Lacluta Committee will be advised of Council's decision.

11.2.4 INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

11.2.4.1 A CONTRACT C1112/008 FOR DESIGN & CONSTRUCT TWO PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES ACROSS THE OVENS RIVER

Contract C1112/008 Design & Construct Two Pedestrian Bridges across the Ovens River 30.082.008

Introduction

This Contract is for the design and construction of two pedestrian bridges across the Ovens River in Wangaratta. The bridges are to be 2.5m wide with minimum clear spans of 45m and 50m respectively. These bridges will link the proposed shared pathway extension between the Showgrounds to the Sydney Beaches.

Background

Advertised Contract Dates

Tenders for this contract were invited through advertisements in The Chronicle and Tenderlink on Friday 9 September 2011. Tenders closed at 2.00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2011.

There was no pre tender meeting for this contract.

Tenders Received

Tenders were received from the following tenderers by the due date:

- Cable Bridge Constructions, Porepunkah;
- Fleetwood Urban Pty Ltd, Riverstone, NSW (2 options);
- J & R Industries, Wangaratta;
- Bridge & Marine Australia Pty Ltd, Ardeer;
- Carters General Engineering Pty Ltd, Bathurst, NSW; and
- Landmark Products Ltd, Melbourne.

All tenders were assessed as conforming tenders.

Tender Evaluation

The tender was evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria set out in the Conditions of Tendering. The evaluation criteria is based upon a Weighted Attribution Method as follows:

Criteria	Description	Weighting
Tender Price	Total price of the work (including 40m ramps)	50%
Capacity to carry out contract works	Contractor's capability to perform contract works and experience and past performance in previous similar works.	25%
Timeliness	Ability to start and complete project within the timeframe nominated.	10%
Plant & Equipment	Standard and appropriateness of plant and equipment for selected contract.	10%

Criteria	Description	Weighting
OHS systems	Contractor's commitment to OHS.	5%
Total		100%

Panel members assigned a score (maximum 100) to each criteria (as shown below) and then weighted the average score to produce a final Weighted Attribution Method Score.

P	Evaluation Result	Criteria
100	Exceptional	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards and innovations proposed.
90	Excellent	Demonstrated capacity exceeds all required standards.
70	Good	Complies with all required standards and capacity demonstrated.
50	Satisfactory	Complies with relevant standards without qualifications.
30	Marginal	Complies with relevant standards with qualifications.
0	Unsatisfactory	Fails to satisfy required standards.

Summary of the Weighted Attribution Method Score is as follows:

Tenderer	Score
Cable Bridge Constructions	88
Fleetwood Urban Pty Ltd (Option B)	80
J & R Industries	75
Bridge & Marine Australia Pty Ltd	67
Carters General Engineering Pty Ltd	37
Landmark Products Ltd	16

The highest value reflects the most favourable tender assessment. From this method of assessment, Cable Bridge Constructions is deemed to be the preferred tenderer.

Conclusion

The tendered amount from the preferred tender, Cable Bridge Construction, is \$573,850 (excl GST).

The recommended tender compares favourably with the available budget and conforms with the tender specification.

(Moved: Councillor R Paino / Councillor R Webb)

Recommendation

- 1. That Contract C1112/008 for the Design and Construction of Two Pedestrian Bridges across the Ovens River be awarded to Cable Bridge Constructions for the amount of \$658,735 including GST.***

2. That Contract C1112/008 for the Design and Construction of Two Pedestrian Bridges across the Ovens River be signed and sealed by Council when available.

Carried.

11.2.4.2 PLACE NAMING COMMITTEE

Place/Road Naming

73.020.014

Introduction

Council has received an Expression of Interest for membership of the Place Naming Committee. Currently there are eight representatives on the Committee and the Charter allows for nine community members meaning a vacancy exists.

Background

Expressions of Interest were publicly called for the nine positions available under the Place Naming Committee Charter closing on 20 July 2011. At the Special meeting of Council held on 4 August 2011 the following eight members were appointed to the Place Naming Committee:

- Val Gleeson (5th August 2014)
- Neil Ottaway (5th August 2014)
- Margaret Pullen (5th August 2014)
- Julie Allen (5th August 2013)
- Ken Jenvey (5th August 2013)
- Ivan Tippet (5th August 2013)
- Beryl Bellis (5th August 2012)
- Helen Guilfoyle (5th August 2012)

Issues

The Expression of Interest received from Joshua Ferguson has been assessed against the skills matrix with the outcome that, it is believed his presence on the committee will add value to the advice provided to Council.

Mr Ferguson is currently the Chair of the Dirrawarra Network (Local Indigenous Network) and brings an indigenous perspective to the Committee.

Implications

The maximum number of community members allowed on the Place Naming Committee is nine and currently there are only eight members. Joshua Ferguson's appointment will round out the full complement for the Committee.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the Expression of Interest received from Joshua Ferguson be approved for a period of 12 months bringing the Place Naming Committee to a full complement of nine community representatives.

(Moved: Councillor R Paino / Councillor R Parisotto)

Recommendation

That Council appoint Joshua Ferguson to the Place Naming Committee for a period ending 5 August 2012.

Carried.

Communication

The applicant will be notified of Council's decision and thanked for his interest.

11.3 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

11.4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

(Moved: Councillor L McCully / Councillor L McInerney)

That items 11.4.1.1, 11.4.1.2, 11.4.1.3 and 11.4.1.4 be noted.

Carried.

11.4.1.1 AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEETING REPORT

Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee

25.070.006

Background

Council's Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee held meetings on 28 September and 10 October 2011.

Meeting 28 September 2011

Attendees: Cr Lisa McInerney (Chair), Rosey Bennett; Harry Bussell; Graeme Norman; Lachlan Campbell; Vincent McKenzie; David Maples; Geoff Bussell; Joe La Spina, Graham Nickless, Executive Manager Economic Development and Ray Park, Director – Sustainability.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Members feedback to the Rural Land Strategy Background Papers as previously circulated; and
2. Members feedback on the Draft Rural Land Strategy Guiding Principles.

The Advisory Committee recommended the Guiding Principles be endorsed subject to the term 'productive agriculture' replacing 'farming' in the planning objectives principle.

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee is to be held on Monday 10 October 2011.

Meeting 10 October 2011

Attendees: Cr Lisa McInerney (Chair), Rosey Bennett; Harry Bussell; Lachlan Campbell; Vincent McKenzie; David Maples; Geoff Bussell; Graham Nickless, Executive Manager Economic Development and Ray Park, Director – Sustainability.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The meeting further discussed the Rural Land Strategy Background Papers.

The next meeting of the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee is to be a tour of the rural districts within the Rural City of Wangaratta. The tour will be held on Tuesday 18 October 2011.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

11.4.1.2 WANGARATTA UNLIMITED ADVISORY BOARD (COMMITTEE) – MEETING REPORT

Wangaratta Unlimited Board

25.007.002

Background

The Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Board (Committee) held their monthly meeting on Tuesday 4 October 2011 with the following members in attendance: Barry Sullivan (Chair); Stephen Oxley; Hayley Cail; Grant Jones; Ken Butterworth; Greg Larkins; Wendy Lester; Guy Wilkinson; Cr Anthony Griffiths; Cr Lisa McInerney; Doug Sharp; Graham Nickless; Charles Halter and Emma Keith.

Greg Larkins declared a conflict of interest for the South Wangaratta Urban Renewal report and left the room for duration of the agenda item discussion

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Review process for the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
- Manufacturing Industry Health Report
- Jazz Festival Update
- Rural Land Strategy
- South Wangaratta Urban Renewal Strategy

Reports were received from the following committees or projects:

- Regional Development Australia
- Wangaratta Centre for Medical Excellence
- Sports Tourism – capacity/capability assessment
- Alpine Valleys Agrifood Project
- Ned Kelly Interpretive Centre Re-scoping Study

Recommendation

That the Report be noted.

11.4.1.3 ARTS CULTURE AND HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEETING REPORT

Cultural/Arts Issues

67.010.006

Background

The Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC) held their bi - monthly meeting on 05 October 2011.

Attendees Justine Ambrosio, Dianne Mangan, Ruth Tai, Cr Rozi Parosotto (Chair), Lorraine Monshing, Joshua Ferguson, David Godkin, Georgina Cusack, Kim Westcott, Tina Thompson, Rhonda Diffey and guest speaker Paul Carrick

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. The Jazz Festival Chairperson Paul Carrick gave an overview of the status of the Jazz Festival
2. Gallery Upgrade presentation of Concept Design
3. Gallery Logo options presentation
4. Wangaratta Heritage Festival overview
5. Sculpture Award- workshop and discussion
6. Bi Monthly Report for Arts, Culture and Heritage services

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

11.4.1.4 YOUTH COUNCIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Youth Council

10.020.010

Background

The Youth Council Advisory Committee held a meeting on 13 September 2011.

Attendees: Youth Councillors Bec Barnewall, Lachlan Thomas, Samuel Burbury, Bekk Hoppach, Natasha Young, Tim Van der Leeuw, Aidan Dean, Elizabeth Hindle and Yth Mayor Erin Ritchie. Ruth Tai - Director – Community Wellbeing, Cr Roberto Paino, Mayor Cr Anthony Griffiths and Katy Hawkins - Community/Youth Development Officer.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

The following items from the meeting are reported to Councillors for information:

1. Wangaratta Youth Survey
2. Wangaratta Youth Card Report
3. Children's Week BBQ
4. Knox Youth Council visit

5. Blue Light Disco
6. Seniors Week Young @ Heart Day
7. Creative Youth Committee Report
8. Wangaratta Youth Service Providers Network report
9. SCOPE Report

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

12. RECORDS OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

An “Assembly of Councillors” is a meeting at which matters are considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision and is either of the following:

- A meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Councillor is present; or
- A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Councillors and at least one Council officer.

At an assembly of Councillors, a written record is kept of:

- a) The names of all Councillors and members of the Council staff attending;
- b) The matters considered;
- c) Any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor attending; and
- d) Whether a Councillor who has disclosed a conflict of interest leaves the assembly.

The written record of an assembly of Councillors is, as soon as practicable:

- a) Reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council; and
- b) Incorporated in the Minutes of that Council meeting.

DATE	MEETING DETAILS	REFER
11/10/2011	Draft Agenda and Deputations Meeting	Attachment
10/10/2011	Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee	Item 11.4.1.1
5/10/2011	Arts Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee	Item 11.4.1.3
04/10/2011	Wangaratta Unlimited Advisory Board (Committee)	Item 11.4.1.2
04/10/2011	Visit to Wangaratta by the Hon Matthew Guy, Minister For Planning	Attachment
28/09/2011	Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee	Item 11.4.1.1
27/09/2011	Councillors Briefing Forum	Attachment
20/09/2011	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Attachment

(Moved: Councillor L McCully / Councillor R Paino)

Recommendation

That:

1. **Council receive the reports of Assemblies of Councillors, and**
2. **the items listed below remain confidential in accordance with S.77 of the Local Government Act on the grounds that they relate to one or more of the following matters:**
 - a. **Industrial matters;**

- b. Contractual matters;**
- c. Proposed developments; and**
- d. a matter that would prejudice the Council**

(i) Councillor’s Briefing Forum dated 27 September 2011:

- 4.1.1.1 Audit Committee Chairperson’s Allowance
- 4.2.1.1 Key Performance Indicators
- 4.2.1.2 Works And Activities Progress
- 4.2.1.3 Finance Reports
- 4.2.1.4 Planning and Subdivision Reports
- 4.2.1.5 Implementation of Council Decisions
- 4.2.1.6 Council Planning Calendar 2011
- 4.2.2.3 Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting – Receipt of Motions
- 4.2.2.4 Car Parking Strategy
- 4.2.3.1 Rural Heritage Study
- 4.2.3.1 Wangaratta Golf Club – Redevelopment Opportunities
- 4.2.4.1 Local Government Infrastructure Fund Projects
- 4.2.4.4 Wangaratta Current Sculpture Award Review
- 4.2.5.1 Showground Lighting Fees
- 4.2.5.2 Domestic Asbestos Fund Application

Other Items

1. Proposed Agenda – Minister for Planning Agenda
2. Options – Local Development Contribution Proposal
3. South Wangaratta Urban Renewal project

Carried.

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil.

14. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

15. AUTHORISATION OF SIGNING AND SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

Authorisation of Signing & Sealing of Documents

50.010.004

(Moved: Councillor R Parisotto / Councillor L McCully)

Recommendation

That Council sign and seal Contract: C1112/008 - Design and Construct Two Pedestrian Bridges across the Ovens River in Wangaratta.

Carried.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time

10.020.004

Ms Nicola Bussell, Carboor

Ms Bussell referred to the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee and the draft Rural Land Strategy – Guiding Principles and disputed Council's claim that the Committee supported the Principles and that the Principles were not endorsed by the Committee and that not all the members of the Committee were aware they were being presented to Council.

Ms Bussell also queried arrangements for Committee members to meet with the Minister for Planning.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer and Councillor L McInerney responded that the principles had been adopted unanimously by the Committee.

Mr Kieran Klemm, Londrigan

Mr Klemm asked if there would be pedestrian access to the new Ovens River bridges and whether there would be proper sides to prevent jumping.

Mr Andrew Close, Director Infrastructure responded that he would reconsider the bridge designs.

Mr Brian Jones, Bowser

Mr Jones asked if there was any chance of a traffic bridge at Ovens Street.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer responded that the Transport Study doesn't support such an outcome.

Mr Gary Nevin, Bobinawarra

Mr Nevin asked when the Executive Summary of consultation for the draft Rural Land Strategy will be released.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer responded that assuming the Agricultural and Agribusiness Advisory Committee are happy with it, it will be released.

Mr Jim Lewis, Wangaratta

Mr Lewis referred to the TAFE land in Christensens Lane and asked whether Council could use planning processes to ensure east west blocks for passive design.

Mr Ray Park, Director – Sustainability responded that this could only happen with co-operation of developers.

Ms Nicola Bussell, Carboor

Ms Bussell asked how possible future changes to State Planning Provisions can be incorporated into Council's Rural Land Strategy.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer responded that the Minister said to proceed with the process.

Mr Kieran Klemm, Londrigan

Mr Klemm made reference to the roadwork and speed signs at Morrison and Carraragarmungee Roads and asked what the frame was for leaving signs out without repairs being undertaken?

Mr Andrew Close, Director Infrastructure responded that signs are intended to make roads safer and noted that the sealed road network is being progressively repaired.

Mr Gary Nevin, Bobinawarra

Mr Nevin asked how the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee can communicate with the community when there is a degree of confidentiality.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer responded that some information which is confidential but that doesn't prevent consultation with the community.

Mr Tom Whiton, Springhurst

Mr Whiton referred to the draft Rural Land Strategy - Guiding Principles and said only one was left out 'democracy' and that the Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee should be open to the community.

Mr Jim Lewis, Wangaratta

Mr Lewis stated that Advisory Committee reports, reported as one, devalue Committees.

Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer responded that it is not necessary to have reports if nothing is being conveyed. If there are recommendations, a separate report will be included in the agenda.

Ms Nicola Bussell – Carboor

Ms Bussell referred to the guiding principles, particularly those dealing with planning objectives and noted that those objectives conflict

Mrs Val Gleason, Wangaratta

Mrs Gleason acknowledged Council for the white ant damage being resolved and thanked Ruth Tai for her work.

Mr Kieran Klemm, Londrigan

Mr Klemm asked whether the Bush Telegraph was correct and that the Mayor had endorsed Councillor R Paino for Mayor.

The Mayor, Councillor A Griffiths responded that the Bush Telegraph had got its wires crossed.

17. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Nil.

18. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.