

WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE WANGARATTA RURAL CITY COUNCIL, HELD  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICES,  
62-68 OVENS STREET, WANGARATTA  
ON **THURSDAY, 4 AUGUST 2011** AT 5.30PM

Doug Sharp  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

2. **OPENING PRAYER**

3. **PRESENT**

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

Officers Present:

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

4. **ABSENT**

Mr Ray Park (Director – Sustainability).

Councillor L McCully having previously been granted leave of absence from Wednesday 20 July 2011 to Friday 26 August 2011.

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

Councillor D McPhie.

**(Moved: Councillor R Paino/ Councillor R Webb)**

***That the apology be accepted and leave of absence granted.***

***Carried.***

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

6. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE**

Nil.

## 7. BUSINESS

### 7.1.1.1 AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee

25.070.006

#### Introduction

Expressions of interest for the appointment to the new Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee have been received and assessed against the relevant skills matrix.

#### Background

In June 2011, Council determined to establish an Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee to provide advice on strategic and policy matters as well as issues affecting that sector.

Expressions of interest were publicly called for the nine positions available under the charter. Sixteen nominations were received by the closing date of 20 July 2011.

#### Issues

Candidates were assessed against the skills matrix applicable to the committee charter.

In doing so, two factors were considered:

1. Achieving a spread of skills/interests;
2. Achieving geographical dispersal.

The following candidates were recommended for appointment arising from the above:

- Rosey Bennett – Bowman's Forrest
- Harvey Benton – Springhurst
- Harry Bussell – Carboor
- Geoff Bussell – Carboor
- Lachlan Campbell – Byawatha
- Joe LaSpina – Whorouly
- David Maples – King Valley
- Vincent McKenzie – Wangaratta
- Graeme Norman – Londrigan

A copy of the skills matrix completed for these candidates is attached (**refer attachment**). The committee charter requires appointments to be made on a staggered basis of one, two and three year terms. Where preferences have been nominated by candidates in this regard these have been taken into account.

## **Implications**

The appointment of an Agriculture and Agribusiness Advisory Committee will enable Council to receive advice on matters affecting the sector including a revised Draft Rural Land Strategy, the Alpine Valleys Agrifood Project and water security/use.

**(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor R Parisotto)**

## **Recommendation:**

***That Council appoint the following people as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta AGRICULTURE AND AGRIBUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE with appointment terms as specified:***

<b>Rosey Bennett</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)</b>
<b>Harry Bussell</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)</b>
<b>Graeme Norman</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)</b>
<b>Lachlan Campbell</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)</b>
<b>Vincent McKenzie</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)</b>
<b>David Maples</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)</b>
<b>Harvey Benton</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2012)</b>
<b>Geoff Bussell</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2012)</b>
<b>Joe LaSpina</b>	<b>(5<sup>th</sup> August 2012)</b>

***Carried.***

## **Communication**

All applicants will be notified of Council's decision and thanked for their interest.

### **7.1.1.2 [AUDIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE: COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION](#)**

[Audit Advisory Committee](#)

[51.020.004](#)

## **Introduction**

Under the Local Government Act 1989, Council has a statutory obligation to establish an Audit Advisory Committee. In accordance with the committee's charter:

- membership is for a maximum term of three years;
- The terms of the appointment should be arranged to ensure an orderly rotation and continuity of membership; and
- The Committee will comprise a minimum of five members – two Councillors and three external independent persons.

To allow for continuity, it is intended that one community member be appointed each year.

## **Background**

Council established an Audit Advisory Committee at its meeting held on 21 January 1997.

## **Issues**

The Committee's current Chairperson, Mr Frank Smith has been a member of the Committee since August 2005 and the Chair since 26 August 2010.

Mr Smith does not wish to renominate his position at the end of this term. Therefore, consideration must be given to the appointment of a new external member.

Membership of the Audit Advisory Committee for one community representative position for the period July 2011 to June 2014 was sought by public advertisement in the local media.

One application was received from Ms Jenny Ball and considered by the Mayor Anthony Griffiths, Cr Ron Webb and Mr Doug Sharp, Chief Executive Officer. Ms Ball is considered to be a suitable applicant for the position.

## **Implications**

### **Council Plan Outcomes**

Council has an objective to provide community leadership through the provision of an accessible, open and consultative government.

### **Sustainability**

Council's Financial Position

The stipend for each community representative on the Committee is \$2,500 per annum.

**(Moved: Councillor R Webb / Councillor L McInerney)**

### **Recommendation:**

***That Ms Jenny Ball be appointed by Council as a community representative on the Audit Advisory Committee for the period July 2011 to June 2014.***

***Carried.***

### **Communication:**

Ms Ball will be advised of the outcome of the Audit Advisory Committee community representative appointment, and thanked for her interest.

### 7.1.1.3 PLACE NAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Place Naming Committee

73.020.014

#### Introduction

Expressions of Interest for appointment to the Place Naming Advisory Committee have been received and assessed against the relevant skills matrix.

#### Background

The Place Naming Advisory Committee has been in place since 2008 and with the review of Advisory Committees it was timely to call for nominations for members under the revised charter.

Expressions of Interest were publicly called for the nine positions available under the charter. Seven nominations were received by the closing date of 20 July 2011.

#### Issues

Candidates were assessed against the skills matrix applicable to the committee charter.

The following candidates were recommended for appointment arising from the above:

- Val Gleeson
- Neil Ottaway
- Julie Allen
- Ken Jenvey
- Beryl Bellis
- Margaret Pullen
- Ivan Tippet

A copy of the skills matrix completed for these candidates is attached (**refer attachment**). The charter requires appointments to be made on a staggered basis of one, two and three year terms. All have nominated 3 years. Appointment terms were made based on the range of the skills brought to the committee identified in the skills matrix.

#### Recommendation:

***That Council appoint the following people as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta's Place Naming Advisory Committee as follows:***

- ***Val Gleeson (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)***
- ***Neil Ottaway (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)***
- ***Margaret Pullen (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)***
- ***Julie Allen (5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)***
- ***Ken Jenvey (5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)***
- ***Ivan Tippet (5<sup>th</sup> August 2013)***



- **Beryl Bellis** (5<sup>th</sup> August 2012)

**(Moved: Councillor R Paino/ Councillor R Parisotto)**

**Motion:**

***That Council appoint the following people as representatives on the Rural City of Wangaratta's Place Naming Advisory Committee as follows:***

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

**Carried.**

**Communication**

All applicants will be notified of Council's decision and thanked for their interest.

**7.1.1.4 WANGARATTA UNLIMITED ADVISORY COMMITTEE: BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

**Introduction**

Expression of Interest for appointment to fill four vacancies on the Wangaratta Unlimited Board have been received and assessed against the revised skills matrix whilst also reflecting on the skills of existing board members.

**Background**

As an outcome of the June 2011 review of all advisory committees, Council determined to extend the charter of the Wangaratta Unlimited Board to incorporate tourism development.

Given the staggered appointment process, three member's terms had expired and there was one additional resignation.

Expressions of Interest were publically called with six nominations for four vacancies received by the closing date of 20 July 2011.

**Issues**

Candidates were assessed against the revised skills matrix which reflected the incorporation of tourism development into the boards charter.

In doing so, the existing skills set of the incumbent board members was taken into consideration.

The following candidates were recommended arising from the above consideration:

- Hailey Cail
- Wendy Lester
- Guy Wilkinson
- Stephen Oxley

A copy of the skills matrix completed for this appointment recommendation is attached (refer attachment).

To ensure the established staggered appointment process is maintained, three candidates should be appointed for three year terms and one candidate for one year to conclude the term of the resigned member.

**(Moved: Councillor L McInerney / Councillor R Parisotto)**

### **Recommendation**

***That Council appoint the following four nominees to the board of Wangaratta Unlimited with appointment terms as specified:***

- ***Hailey Cail*** (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)
- ***Wendy Lester*** (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)
- ***Stephen Oxley*** (5<sup>th</sup> August 2014)
- ***Guy Wilkinson*** (5<sup>th</sup> August 2012)

***Carried.***

### **Communication**

All applicants will be notified of Council's decision and their interest acknowledged.

## **8. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.