

MINUTES

FOR THE
GREATER SHEPPARTON CITY COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON
TUESDAY 19 JULY, 2016
AT 5.30PM

IN THE COUNCIL BOARDROOM

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Dinny Adem (Mayor)
Cr Fern Summer (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Hazelman
Cr Jenny Houlihan
Cr Les Oroszvary
Cr Dennis Patterson
Cr Kevin Ryan

VISION

*A THRIVING ECONOMY IN THE FOODBOWL OF VICTORIA WITH
EXCELLENT LIFESTYLES, INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE
A DIVERSE COMMUNITY AND
ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES*

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RISK LEVEL MATRIX LEGEND

Note: A number of reports in this agenda include a section on “risk management implications”. The following table shows the legend to the codes used in the reports.

Likelihood	Consequences				
	Negligible (5)	Minor (4)	Moderate (3)	Major (2)	Catastrophic (1)
Almost Certain (A) Event expected to occur several times per year (i.e. Weekly)	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
Likely (B) Will probably occur at some stage based on evidence of previous incidents (i.e. Monthly)	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme
Possible (C) Not generally expected to occur but may under specific circumstances (i.e. Yearly)	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
Unlikely (D) Conceivable but not likely to occur under normal operations (i.e. 5-10 year period)	Insignificant	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High
Rare (E) Only ever occurs under exceptional circumstances (i.e. +10 years)	Insignificant	Insignificant	Low	Moderate	High

Extreme CEO’s attention immediately required. Possibly avoid undertaking the activity OR implement new controls

High Director’s attention required. Consider suspending or ending activity OR implement additional controls

Moderate Manager’s attention required. Ensure that controls are in place and operating and management responsibility is agreed

Low Operational, manage through usual procedures and accountabilities

Insignificant Operational, add treatments where appropriate

PRESENT: Councillors Dinny Adem, Fern Summer, Chris Hazelman, Jenny Houlihan, Dennis Patterson and Kevin Ryan.

**OFFICERS: Peter Harriott – Chief Executive Officer
Steve Bowmaker – Director Infrastructure
Johann Rajaratnam – Director Sustainable Development
Chris Teitzel – Director Corporate Services
Kaye Thomson – Director Community
Maree Martin – Official Minute Taker
Peta Bailey – Deputy Minute Taker**

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We the Greater Shepparton City Council, begin today’s meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton. We pay respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture, and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.”

2. APOLOGIES

**Moved by Cr Patterson
Seconded by Cr Summer**

That the apology from Cr Oroszvary be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

CARRIED.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with sections 77A, 77B, 78 and 79 of the *Local Government Act 1989* Councillors are required to disclose a “conflict of interest” in a decision if they would receive, or could reasonably be perceived as receiving a direct or indirect financial or non-financial benefit or detriment (other than as a voter, resident or ratepayer) from the decision.

Disclosure must occur immediately before the matter is considered or discussed.

Cr Hazelman declared a direct conflict of interest in relation to Item 8.4 – Investigation Area 1 – Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan. Cr Hazelman is a Board member of the Shepparton Harness Racing Club and a member on the Kialla Racecourse Committee of Management.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Moved by Cr Ryan
Seconded by Cr Houlihan**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 21 June 2016 and the Special Council Meeting held 28 June 2016 as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.1 Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee - Appointment of Members

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

The term of appointment for three members of the Aerodrome Advisory Committee expired on 17 June 2015 and three members will expire on 30 June 2016.

The purpose of this report is to amend the Terms of Reference and Guidelines and to appoint members to fill vacant positions on the committee.

Moved by Cr Patterson
Seconded by Cr Hazelman

That the Council:

1. adopt the Terms of Reference for the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee
2. consider the nominations received for appointment to the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee and appoint the following members for a period of two years, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 30 June 2018:
 - Allan COLE
 - Christopher GREGORY
 - Susan CARROLL
 - Geoffrey HAMILTON
 - Barry HALLIDAY
 - Ken MUSTON

CARRIED.

Background

The Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee currently consists of up to nine members as follows:

- Up to three representatives from the Commercial Aero operators
- Up to one representative from the Shepparton Aero Club
- Up to four community positions
- One Councillor

The call for position nominations to the Committee were advertised in the Shepparton News on Friday 6 May 2016 and Friday 13 May 2016.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.1 Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee - Appointment of Members (continued)

Letters were sent to the Commercial Aero operators calling for nominations for up to three positions and a letter to Shepparton Aero Club calling for nominations for one position on the Committee.

Three nominations were received for the three Commercial Aero Operators positions on the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee as listed below:

- Allan COLE (Gawne Aviation Pty Ltd)
- Christopher GREGORY (Gawne Aviation Pty Ltd)
- Susan CARROLL (Secure Air Flight Training)

One nomination was received for the one Shepparton Aero Club position on the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee from:

- Geoffrey HAMILTON

Two nominations were received for the four Community positions on the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee as listed below:

- Barry HALLIDAY
- Ken MUSTON

Councillor Dennis Patterson is the current Council representative Committee member.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal supports the following goals from the Council Plan 2013 – 2017:

- Active & Engaged Community (Social)
- Quality Infrastructure (Built)
- High Performing Organisation (Leadership & Governance)

Risk Management

By ensuring that committees are established and members appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council considerably reduces the governance risks associated with the operation of committees.

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Lack of communication between the committee and Council	Possible	Minor	Low	A Councillor is an appointed member of the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Committee to provide a communication channel and directions.
Advisory Committee members not covered under Council's insurance policy	Possible	Minor	Low	Any recommendations made by the committee are referred to Council for final decision.
Non-compliance with Assembly of Councillors requirements under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> .	Possible	Minor	Low	Minutes of all meetings of the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee are submitted to Council in accordance with the Act.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.1 Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee - Appointment of Members (continued)

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

Legal/Statutory Implications

This proposal is consistent with the *Local Government Act 1989* and it is necessary to ensure compliance with this Act. As meetings of the committee will fit the definition of an Assembly of Councillors for any meeting at which there is a least one Councillor in attendance, an Assembly of Councillors record will be completed for each qualifying meeting and submitted to the next practicable Ordinary Council meeting for noting.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising from this proposal.

Social Implications

Appointing community members to the committee will help to build a sense of community as it increases stakeholder participation and pride in their local community.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic arising from this proposal.

Consultation

An email was sent to the past and present members of the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee whose appointments have expired and those due to expire encouraging them to reapply for another term on the committee.

Letters were sent to all Commercial Aero Operators that use the facility encouraging them to nominate a representative to join the committee.

A public notice calling for applications from community members interested in joining the committee was advertised in the Shepparton News on Friday 6 May 2016 and Friday 13 May 2016.

Members of the committee and Council officers will continue to liaise with other members of the community who may be interested in joining the committee with a view to filling in the two remaining community representative positions.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advertisements • Consultation with committee members
Involve	Work together. Feedback is an input into decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to consult with the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee in relation to management of the facility.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.1 Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee - Appointment of Members (continued)

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Collaborate	Feedback and advice received from the Committee will be incorporated into decisions to the maximum level possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community members to be appointed to advisory committees. Councillor appointee/s to advisory committees enables ongoing collaboration between the committees and Council.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Nil

b) Other strategic links

Nil

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council appoints all applications to the Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee.

Attachments

Terms of Reference - Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee Page 107

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.2 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

The Victoria Park Lake Precinct is one of Shepparton's most valued assets and is well patronised by both residents and visitors. It provides opportunities for passive and active recreation, a meeting place for friends and families, a major events space and strong linkages between the city and the river. The most recent master plan for the site was developed in 2008 and many of the elements of that plan have been developed.

In February 2015, Council received a feasibility study for the redevelopment of the Victoria Park Lake Caravan Park. As a result of this report, Council resolved at the February 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting to:

"Review and update the Victoria Park Lake master plan to incorporate the potential for a new SAM and visitor/tourist accommodation precinct"

Shortly thereafter at the May 2015 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to:
"Accept the findings of the Feasibility Study and Business Case for a new Art museum in Shepparton and endorse the proposed location at the site selected at the southern end of the Victoria Park Lake."

The master plan aims to provide strategic guidance for the future planning and development of the Victoria Park Lake precinct. A detailed background report has been prepared along with a site plan summarising key recommendations. The master plan also acknowledges existing conditions and therefore recommends continued rollout of broader plans for further enhancement of the precinct.

The master plan proposes a staged approach for development over time ensuring implementation can be realistically achieved, with detailed design to be undertaken as works progress to address site specific conditions in each precinct.

Council officers are seeking endorsement to place the draft document on public exhibition. As part of this process, Council officers will seek feedback on the draft master plan through a stakeholder consultation process involving media releases, letters to stakeholders, online forms, meetings with key stakeholders and through existing community events.

Feedback will also be sought from internal Council departments and relevant State Government bodies.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.2 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review (continued)

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That the Council release the draft Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review for public exhibition for a period of 4 weeks, commencing on 22 July 2016 and concluding on 19 August 2016.

CARRIED.

Background

The previous Victoria Park Lake master plan was developed and endorsed by Council in 2008. This master plan has successfully guided a number of improvements to the Victoria Park Lake as a pivotal open space precinct that supports a range of sport, recreation, leisure, community and tourism opportunities including some regionally significant major events.

The Victoria Park Lake precinct provides numerous benefits to the community including:

1. Health and wellbeing returns - open spaces facilitate increased levels of participation in physical activity, social gathering and active recreation, each of which is strongly aligned to health and well being
2. Preservation of open space - open spaces contribute to the character and amenity of townships, increasing liveability, support environmental outcomes.
3. Economic returns - from the tourism and events that occur in this precinct.
4. Social connections - providing opportunities for group gatherings and meeting new community members through activation of open space.
5. Connections to valued natural environments - Victoria Park lake is adjacent to the Goulburn river, and the wetlands create opportunities for improving water quality through treatment of stormwater, and habitat for a wide range of fauna
6. Community sense of belonging and pride – identity and pride which can have a positive flow on impact on population retention, growth and regional investment

Since the 2008 masterplan, Council has been adopted the business case for the establishment of new Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) to be located at the southern end of the park, as well as a feasibility study on the Victoria park lake caravan park to guide future opportunities for improvement.

These report were considered by Council which led to the resolution in February 2015 to *“Review and update the Victoria Park Lake master plan to incorporate the potential for a new Shepparton Art Museum and visitor/tourist accommodation precinct.”*

In May 2015, Council also resolved to *“accept the findings of the Feasibility study and business case for a new Art museum in Shepparton and endorse the proposed location at the site selected at the southern end of the Victoria Park Lake.”*

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.2 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review (continued)

SED advisory have been engaged by Council to undertake the master plan review. This review seeks to evaluate and review successes and issues arising from the 2008 master plan, and assess currency of master plan recommendations. Taking into account the following:

- Participation trends in relevant sport and recreation activities
- Changing vehicle and pedestrian needs
- The increased need for effective space to host events
- Demographic trends
- Environmental impacts
- Changing community needs
- Changing facility development trends (eg. playspace)
- Increased pressure for multi-use spaces and facilities

This will identify current and future infrastructure proposals and develop options to address issues around these facilities and proposals.

The master plan will also provide feasible and prioritised recommendations with an achievable implementation plan to guide the future development and management of Victoria Park lake precinct.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Active and Engaged Community

- We will improve liveability through social and recreational opportunities, a range of inclusive community services and activities, and valuing our diversity.
- We will provide and maintain urban and rural infrastructure to support the development and liveability of our communities.

Risk Management

Risk considerations for the general public and Council employees have been taken into consideration in the development of the Master Plan.

Policy Considerations

Relevant Council policies and external governing body policies have been considered in the development of the master plan.

Financial Implications

The master plan proposes a staged approach for development over time, ensuring implementation can be realistically achieved.

Should the master plan recommendations be endorsed by Council, costs associated with items will require financial consideration and commitments by relevant stakeholders (such as government funding bodies and community groups). Those items seeking a Council contribution will be subject to Council's normal capital budget bidding processes.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Statutory implications have been considered in the development of the plan.

Council's Planning, Projects, and Investment Attraction and Active living departments have also been consulted to ensure other relevant legal and statutory requirements and implications have been considered, such as OHS and planning regulations.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.2 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Council's Environment department has been consulted in the development of the master plan. Council's Environment Strategy was also considered, particularly in consideration of climate change. Recommendations include increased tree planting, consideration of the types of trees and plants.

Social Implications

A number of community and stakeholder interactions have been undertaken to ensure social opportunities and implications were taken into consideration.

Economic Impacts

Economic considerations were taken into consideration through consultation with Council's Investment Attraction department and the Chamber of Commerce.

Consultation

A series of stakeholder consultations have been conducted such as individual and group meetings; a series of workshops which included the following key stakeholder groups:

1. SAM Foundation
2. Committee for Greater Shepparton
3. Shepparton Chamber of Commerce
4. Councillor Workshop
5. Council departments
 - a. Investment attraction
 - b. Active living
 - c. Planning
 - d. Projects
 - e. Sustainability and Environment
 - f. Parks, Sport & Recreation
 - g. Works & Waste
6. VIC Roads
7. Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority
8. Victoria park lake users groups
 - a. Canoe Club
 - b. Adventure club
 - c. Triathlon club
 - d. Rowing Club
 - e. Sailability

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

b) Other strategic links

- 2015 SAM Feasibility Study
- 2015 Victoria Park Lake Caravan Park Feasibility Study
- 2008 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan
- 2011 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan review: Issues and Options Paper (NB: not presented/endorsed by Council)
- 2012 Greater Shepparton Accommodation Opportunities Study
- 2006 Economic Development Strategy
- 2011-2014 Tourism and Major Events Strategy

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.2 Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Review (continued)

Conclusion

The master plan aims to provide a strategic approach to the future development of Victoria Park Lake. The master plan has taken into consideration community and stakeholder needs and assessed local and state government policy, strategy and regulations.

The placing of the Victoria Park Lake master plan on public exhibition will enable community and key stakeholders to provide feedback to Council for consideration.

Attachments

Final Victoria Park Lake Master Plan Report Page 111

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

On the 19 March 2015 six community members were appointed to the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee for a two year term.

Since this date Council has received the resignation of one member. A Special Committees require a minimum of four and a maximum of ten members at all times.

This report recommends the rescindment of Ed Scholl's membership from the committee and accept the nomination of Julia Barnes keeping the membership of the committee at six members with one Councillor Representative.

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the Council :

1. accept the resignation of Ed Scholl from the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee; and thank Ed for his service over the past 3 years;
2. accept the nomination from Julia Barnes and appoint her to the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee for the remainder of the Committee term, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 17 August 2017.

CARRIED.

Background

Council called for nominations to the Australian Botanic Garden Special Committee on the 3 July 2015 as membership had lapsed. Six nominations were received, three existing members along with three new members. All six members were appointed,

- Ed SCHOLL – existing
- Karen KILGOUR - existing
- Jill GRANT - existing
- Audrey HURST
- Geoff DOBSON
- David CHEW

Council officially received a letter of resignation from Ed Scholl from the Australian Botanic Garden Special Committee on the 18 March 2016.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Council received a formal application for the appointment of Julia Barnes to the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee on the 2 May 2016. Julia has relevant qualifications, skills and experience which would aid the ABGS Special Committee which is outlined in her application.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal supports the following goals from the Council Plan 2009 – 2017:

- Active and Engaged Community (Social)
- Quality Infrastructure (Built)
- High Performing Organisation (Leadership & Governance)
- Enhancing the Environment (Environment)

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Lack of communication between the committee and Council	C	4	Low	Minutes from the monthly meetings are sent to Council. Council has identified a Liaison Officer for all correspondence to be directed to. All correspondence received and sent is stored in Trim, Councils electronic record management system. Councillor Houlihan also sits on the Committee as the Council Representative
Committee Members don't remain for the term of office	C	4	Low	Current members and newly nominated members are highly committed to the development of the ABGS. Members along with the Council Representative make a total of 6 on the committee so if someone was to resign there would be no change. Committee members actively seek and encourage volunteers so this type of involvement generally turns around to being a part of the formal committee in time

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications. The 2016/2017 budget suggests continuing with the same budget as 2015/2016.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Legal/Statutory Implications

This proposal is consistent with the *Local Government Act 1989* and it is necessary to ensure compliance with this Act.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

Nil, the development of the site will only positively impact the environment.

Social Implications

Appointing community members to the committee will help build a sense of community as it increases stakeholder participation and pride in their local community.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts in relation to this report.

Consultation

Email correspondence/communication between the committee and Council Liaison Officer and Manager of Parks, Sport and Recreation took place with regards to the resignation of committee member and application to appoint a new committee member.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep community members informed	Council website Email current members
Consult	Inform current committee members	Email resignations and applications to the Special Committee
Involve	Seek interest from the community members	State contact details of the Council staff member who can discuss the role of the committee and provide background of the ABGS
Collaborate	Feedback will be considered	All nominations will be recorded and considered
Empower	We will consider all nominations	Nominations that best benefit the committee for the continue development of the ABGS will be appointed

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

From the 2030 strategy, vision to accommodate more Shared Path Networks is linked to the development of this site along with the Municipality to have a Mosaic of Gardens across our region.

b) Other strategic links

Nil

5. INFRASTRUCTURE DIRECTORATE

5.3 Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee (continued)

Conclusion

We recommend that the Council accept the resignation of Ed Scholl from the committee and accept the nomination of Julia Barnes to the committee.

Julia has provided her relevant qualifications, skills and attributes within her application and would be an asset to have as a member of the Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee.

Attachments

Nil

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.1 Australian National Piano Award Shepparton - Council Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding

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Council Officers involved in producing this report
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Executive Summary

The Australian National Piano Award (ANPA) is a bi-annual piano competition held at Greater Shepparton's Eastbank Centre. It began in 1992 and has been supported by Greater Shepparton City Council (Council) for many years.

The total prize money for the 2016 event is \$65,000 which is a sufficient inducement to attract high calibre performers. Council is acknowledged as the provider of the First Prize.

Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ANPA in 2014 to cover the 2014 and 2016 competitions.

It is proposed that Council continue their support of this event and that an MOU is approved to cover the competitions in 2018 and 2020.

There are strong reasons for Council to support this event:

- This is an event of international significance which strengthens the image of Shepparton.
- It develops local support for performing arts.
- It boosts cultural tourism.
- It provides an opportunity for musicians to gain performing experience at the highest level.
- This event will continue to grow and enhance the image of Shepparton.

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That the Council:

1. continue sponsorship of the Australian National Piano Award Shepparton Incorporated through a Memorandum of Understanding, to a value of \$49,000 for the 2018 competition and a further \$49,000 for the 2020 competition.
2. approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the competitions in 2018 and 2020.

CARRIED.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.1 Australian National Piano Award Shepparton - Council Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding (continued)

Background

Supporting an event of international significance

This event is unique in regional Australia. There are very few piano competitions of this standing in the country. The top piano competitions are: the Sydney International Piano Competition, the Lev Vlassenko Piano Competition in Brisbane and the Australian National Piano Award in Shepparton.

If we accept that arts and culture have the potential to change the way we see ourselves, this event has the added advantage of changing the way others see us. This is a good news story for Shepparton and this news travels internationally.

The Wikipedia entry for Amir Farid, one of ANPA past winners and now a pianist of international standing reads, *In 2006 Amir Farid won the first prize of the prestigious Australian National Piano Award.* Kristian Chong, another former winner, also has a Wikipedia entry which credits ANPA.

The current edition of LIMELIGHT – Australia’s Classical music and arts magazine writes: *Proudly supported by the City of Greater Shepparton, in the heart of rural Victoria, the Australian National Piano Award is a major piano competition, recognised worldwide.*

The final concerts of the competition are broadcast nationally and streamed worldwide by ABC Classic FM

Grow local support for performing arts

Many residents attend this event. The fact that such a prestigious and high level piano competition is held in Shepparton inspires and motivates local music students. It is also a source of pride for local residents that such a prestigious event is held in their region.

A cultural tourism event

ANPA attracts many visitors from around the state and further afield, who stay several days during the week-long event. This is a great opportunity to introduce the attractions and benefits of the area to a niche market.

Provide an opportunity for musicians to gain experience of performing at the highest level

The ANPA website describes the event; *acclaimed for its standard of excellence, the Award is held every two years in Shepparton, Victoria and represents a true test of artistic talent and technical mastery in the world of classical piano.* It is very often a career changing experience to perform at this competition.

This event is successful and will continue to grow

The competition is managed a Board of Management who are efficient and professional. They have the resources and ability to grow the stature of the event and are supported by major patrons such as Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and the Sir Andrew and Lady Fairley Foundation. They employ a Publicity and PR specialist who promotes the event nationally in the specialised cultural market.

It should also be noted that the Steinway concert grand piano was purchased jointly about 15 years ago by Council and ANPA specifically to enable this competition to develop.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.1 Australian National Piano Award Shepparton - Council Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Council Plan 2013 – 2017

1. Active and engaged community (Social)

Strategies

1. Continue to support and promote arts initiatives.
2. Ensure that Riverlinks Eastbank Centre and Westside Performing Arts continue to deliver quality and diverse activities and events aimed at increasing public participation.

Risk Management

No appreciable risk identified in relation to this proposal.

Policy Considerations

No Policy implications have been identified in relation to this proposal.

Financial

Current Council sponsorship of the event is shown below:

2014	First Prize sponsorship Additional funding support	\$20,000 \$25,000		This latter amount is mostly paid by ANPA back to Council for use of the Eastbank Centre.
2016	First Prize Additional funding support	\$20,000 \$25,000		This latter amount is mostly paid by ANPA back to Council for use of the Eastbank Centre.
	TOTAL CURRENT	\$90,000		

Proposed Council sponsorship for the next two competitions is below:

This allows for CPI increase of just over 2% per annum.

2018	First Prize sponsorship Additional funding support	\$22,000 \$27,000		This latter amount is mostly paid by ANPA back to Council for use of the Eastbank Centre.
2020	First Prize Additional funding support	\$22,000 \$27,000		This latter amount is mostly paid by ANPA back to Council for use of the Eastbank Centre.
	TOTAL PROPOSED	\$98,000		

As noted, most of the additional funding support is paid back to council for the week long use of the Eastbank Centre.

The **net** cost to Council for 2014 and 2016 is therefore \$40,000.

The **net** cost to Council for 2018 and 2020 is proposed as \$44,000.

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.1 Australian National Piano Award Shepparton - Council Sponsorship Memorandum of Understanding (continued)

Legal/Statutory Implications

No legal / statutory implications have been identified in relation to this proposal.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

No environmental / sustainability impacts have been identified in relation to this proposal.

Social Implications

The high reputation of this competition enhances the cultural image of Greater Shepparton. This builds local pride of place and strengthens social cohesion.

Economic Impacts

The cultural tourism aspect of this event brings many people into town, some for several days.

Consultation

The nature of this event requires consultation with stakeholders who organise the event.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Collaborate	Discussions with ANPA Board of Management	Face to face meetings / email correspondence

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

The development of this event, building a strong national image for ANPA, is a long term objective that contributes to Council's long term goals of the 2030 Strategy.

b) Other strategic links

Nil

Conclusion

This is a cultural event of national significance with a growing international reputation. It enhances the image of Shepparton, grows cultural tourism and strengthens community pride.

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6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.2 Section 86 Committees of Management - Appointment of Members

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Approved by: Director Community

Executive Summary

In accordance with Greater Shepparton City Council CEO Directive 07.CEOD2, Section 86 Committees of Management (Special Committees), Section Four – Committee members can only be appointed by a formal resolution of Council.

The term of office for current members of the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management expires on 17 July 2016. It is therefore necessary that a new committee be appointed to manage the facilities. This report recommends the appointment of seven members to the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management for a two year term commencing 20 July 2016

In addition, the term of office for current members of the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management expires on 19 July 2016. It is therefore necessary that a new committee be appointed to manage the facilities. This report recommends the appointment of five members to the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management for a two year term commencing 20 July 2016.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.2 Section 86 Committees of Management - Appointment of Members (continued)

Moved by Cr Ryan
Seconded by Cr Hazelman

That the Council:

1. having considered the nominations received for appointment to the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management, appoint the following members for a term of two years, commencing 20 July 2016 and concluding on 20 July 2018:
 - Martin BAUMBER
 - Jodie BRISBANE
 - Mark BRISBANE
 - Ciara KENIRY
 - Tony MCCARTHY
 - Sharon MCCARTHY
 - Frank NIGLIA
2. having considered the nominations received for appointment to the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management, appoint the following members for a term of two years, commencing 20 July 2016 and concluding on 20 July 2018:
 - Julie BARNS
 - Tino CATANIA
 - Martyn MORRIS
 - Ian MACAULEY
 - Edmund REILLY
3. resolve that all members (who are not Councillors or nominated Officers) of the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management and the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management continue to be exempt from the requirement to complete Interest Returns in exercise of power granted to Council under section 81(2A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

CARRIED.

Background

Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 July 2014 eight applicants were appointed to the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management for a term of two years. One further member was appointed to the existing term on 15 December 2015.

As the term of appointment expires on 17 July 2016, it is necessary that a new committee be appointed to manage the facility.

Seven applications for membership have been received from past committee members interested in being reappointed to the committee.

It is recommended that all seven applicants be appointed to the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management for a two year term, commencing on 20 July 2016.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.2 Section 86 Committees of Management - Appointment of Members (continued)

Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 July 2014 five applicants were appointed to the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management for a term of two years. Since that time one member resigned and a further member regrettably died with both memberships being formally rescinded at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15 December 2015. An additional member was appointed to the committee at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 19 April 2016.

As the term of appointment expires on 19 July 2016, it is necessary that a new committee be appointed to manage the facility.

Five applications have been received in total, four from past committee members and one new application from a representative of a user group.

It is recommended that all five applicants be appointed to the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management for a two year term, commencing on 20 July 2016.

Interest Return Exemption

It is recommended that all newly appointed members of Section 86 Committees be exempt from the requirement of completing Interest Return in accordance with Section 81(2A) of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal supports the following goals of the *Council Plan 2013-2017*:

- Goal 1 – Active & Engaged Community (Social)
- Goal 4 – Quality Infrastructure (Built)
- Goal 5 – High Performance Organisation (Leadership and Governance)

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Governance risk associated with the delegation of Council powers to a committee	Possible	Major	High	The appointment of members by formal resolution of the Council reduces governance risks by ensuring that all members of a committee are covered by Council's public liability insurance.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this proposal.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.2 Section 86 Committees of Management - Appointment of Members (continued)

Legal/Statutory Implications

All of Council's Committees of Management have been established under Section 86 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and have been issued with an Instrument of Delegation and Guidelines outlining their responsibilities.

The appointment of members to this committee by formal resolution of the Council ensures that the powers, functions and duties delegated to these committees are able to be exercised legally.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts arising from this proposal.

Social Implications

The appointment of community members to committees helps to build a sense of

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts arising from this proposal.

Consultation

A public notice was placed in the Shepparton News on Friday 6 May 2016 calling for applications from community members to join the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve and Community Centre Committee of Management and the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management. Letters were also sent to outgoing members of the committees inviting them to apply for a further term.

A notice was placed in the newsletter of the Dhurringile Primary School and posters placed around the community centre advertising the call for applications for membership to the Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management.

The Murchison Neighbourhood House assisted with advertising the call for applications to the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management by placing posters around their facility. Members of the committee also placed posters around the town. A notice was also placed in the Murchison Primary School newsletter.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Keep informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper advertisements • Website announcement • Letters to outgoing committee members
Consult	Informed, listen, acknowledge	Council will consult with its committees prior to making decisions that relate to the relevant facilities.
Involve	Work together. Feedback is an input into decision making.	Committees provide an important source of feedback for Council to manage the facilities.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.2 Section 86 Committees of Management - Appointment of Members (continued)

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Collaborate	Feedback will be incorporated into decisions to the maximum level possible.	Council collaborates with its committees prior to making decisions that relate to the relevant facilities.
Empower	We will implement what the public decide.	Committees of Management have delegated powers to make decisions in relation to the day to day management of the facilities that they are responsible for.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

There are no direct links to the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy*.

b) Other strategic links

No other strategic links have been identified.

Conclusion

It is recommended that all of the abovementioned applicants be appointed to Dhurringile Recreation Reserve & Community Centre Committee of Management and the Murchison Community Centre Committee of Management for the term specified.

Attachments

Nil

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.3 Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival Grants - October 2016

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Approved by: Director Community

Executive Summary

The Victorian Seniors Festival is now in its 34th year and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the contribution made by our seniors to our community.

This Festival is held annually in October each year and supported by the State Department of Health and Human Services in partnership with Local Government. The State annually contributes funding to Greater Shepparton to use towards the preparation and delivery of activities and events aimed at older people living in our community.

With a component of this financial support, Council offers a small grant round to community groups to assist them in providing local events and activities throughout the month of October that encourage participation of older people. The remaining grant funds will be used to provide additional programs and events throughout the municipality at a subsidised rate.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Patterson

That the Council approves the recommendation of the Grant Review Panel to fund eight projects as detailed below to the value of \$1600 (GST not applicable) representing the 2016 Seniors Festival Grants applications.

Organisation	Project	Allocation (GST not applicable)
Shepparton Lawn Tennis Club	Come and try tennis	\$200
Goulburn Valley U3A	Art, Craft and Photography Show	\$200
Shepparton Senior Citizens	Bus Trip	\$200
Cosgrove/Dookie Hospital Auxiliary	Open gardens	\$200
Military History Group- Dookie	Dookie Military Vehicle Rally	\$200
Murchison Neighborhood House	A Day Away	\$200
Shepparton Croquet Club	Come and try golf croquet	\$200
Tatura Community House	Trivia Afternoon	\$200

CARRIED.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.3 Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival Grants - October 2016 (continued)

Background

The Victorian Seniors Festival originally commenced in 1982 and was known as Senior Citizens Week. In 2002, the week was rebranded to Victorian Seniors Festival.

The theme for this year's festival is "Diversity" and Council Officers are working in collaboration with community organisations and clubs to develop a program that will give the senior members of our community the opportunity to participate in a range of activities, attend concerts and outings to enhance their social interaction and build on current relationships.

The festival is targeted at all people aged 60 years and over, which in Greater Shepparton is 20% of the population (per census data 2011). Over 1000 events occur state-wide and many are planned locally with varying levels of support from Councils.

Greater Shepparton City Council offers a small grant to community groups to assist in providing grass roots events and activities throughout the month of October that encourage participation of older people in our community.

In 2015/2016 nine projects were delivered throughout the municipality with a total approved budget of \$1700. These projects included an Art, Craft and Photography Show, Education/Information Sessions and a Tennis Tournament. All projects have been fully acquitted.

Greater Shepparton City Council received eight applications for this years (2016/17) Seniors Festival Grant round. These applications all were considered by the internal grants review panel assessing the projects against eligibility requirements. The panel recommend that the eight applicants receive the full amount of funding they originally requested. The remaining grant funding will be utilised to provide additional programs and events throughout the month of October, and in most cases offers a subsidised rate for participants.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The endorsement of the Seniors Festival funding is intrinsically linked to the Council Plan 2013 – 2017. The majority of applicants have identified that their project meets one or more of the objective of:

Goal 1 - Active and engaged communities, in particular
Continue to enhance community capacity building.

Risk Management

Insignificant to low risks has been identified and will be addressed at the operational level. All grantees will be required to consult fully with Council representatives prior to, and during their projects to identify any potential adverse consequences, and to devise a strategy to minimise any risks.

Policy Considerations

Approval of the Seniors Festival grants funding recommendations supports existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

Council has committed a total expense of \$12,200 in the 2016/2017 budget for the Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival. It is recommended that \$1,600 of this allocation is allocated to support the eight projects.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.3 Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival Grants - October 2016 (continued)

	Approved Budget Estimate 2016/2017 Approved Budget for this proposal ¹ \$	This Proposal This Proposal \$	Variance to Approved Budget Estimate \$	This Proposal Comments
Revenue	2,700			DHHS Grant
Expense		\$1,600		To support grant applications
Net Total		10,600		\$10,600 remaining to support additional programs and events throughout the Seniors Festival in October 2016

¹ Budgets are GST exclusive

Legal/Statutory Implications

The Seniors Festival grants will be consistent with the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act (2006)*.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts arising from this project.

Social Implications

Projects recommended for approval came from community organisations that have been a part of the greater Shepparton community for up to 100 years. Each project provides opportunities for the community to engage in activities that will improve community connections and enhance the social capacity of individuals and families. The applications target older people from varying backgrounds and abilities including those who reside in our smaller rural communities. Four of the applications came from small towns in Greater Shepparton. The planning and implementation of a majority of these projects is made possible through a significant voluntary contribution from community members. All projects are community driven initiatives that will be implemented by groups in the community.

Economic Impacts

Where possible, some of the activities throughout the municipality will support economic stimulus through the purchasing of materials and supplies.

6. COMMUNITY DIRECTORATE

6.3 Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival Grants - October 2016 (continued)

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Deliver information about the application process to relevant groups/clubs.	Mailing list compiled with past and perceptive participants targeted.
Consult	Speak with relevant groups and clubs about this year's event.	Telephone, mail, email and face to face contact
Involve	Provide assistance to groups and clubs.	Consult on a one on one basis.
Collaborate	Successful groups and clubs will be responsible for the implementation of their projects.	Successful applicants will drive their own community initiatives.
Empower	Whilst the decision making process regarding successful grant applications is made by Council, Community groups will be responsible for the delivery of the projects.	Community groups will drive the delivery of their projects.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Direction 2 – Community Life

b) Other strategic links

Council Plan 2013 – 2017

Goal 1 - Active and Engaged Communities (Social)

Goal 2 - Enhancing the Environment (Natural)

Goal 3 - Economic Prosperity (Economic)

Greater Shepparton City Council – Community Development Framework

Greater Shepparton City Council – Community Engagement Strategy

Conclusion

The applications for funding through the 2016 Greater Shepparton Seniors Festival have been reviewed by an internal Grants Review Panel and they have recommended eight projects be funded. These eight projects meet eligibility requirements and all aim to build or strengthen older people participation and contribution in the Greater Shepparton community.

Attachments

Nil

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.1 Status of Contracts Advertised and Yet to be Awarded - June 2016

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

To inform the Council of Contracts awarded under delegation and status of requests for tenders that have not yet been awarded.

Moved by Cr Hazelman

Seconded by Cr Ryan

That the Council notes the tenders that have been advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED.

Tendered Contracts Awarded under Delegated Authority by Chief Executive Officer

Contract Number	Contract Name	Contract details, including terms and provisions for extensions	Value inclusive of GST	Awarded to
		Nil		

Requests for Tenders advertised but not yet awarded

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1686	Greater Shepparton Movement and Place Strategy	Lump Sum contract for the Development of a Greater Shepparton Movement and Place Strategy	Tender closed on 18 May 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1672	Railway Precinct Master Plan	Lump Sum contract for the development of the masterplan for Railway Precinct	Tender closed on 15 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1692	Shepparton BMX Track Berm Renewal	Lump Sum contract for the Development of the BMX Berm Renewal.	Tender closed on 23 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.1 Status of Contracts Advertised and Yet to be Awarded - June 2016 (continued)

Contract No.	Contract Name	Contract detail, including terms and provisions for extensions	Status
1689	Safer Cities Camera Network Ongoing System Maintenance	Lump Sum contract for the Safer Cities Camera Network Ongoing System Maintenance	Tender closed on 29 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation
1697	Cosgrove Landfills Precinct – Environmental Monitoring and Reporting	Cosgrove Landfills Precinct – Environmental Monitoring and Reporting	Tender closed on 15 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1696	Cosgrove 2 Quarry to Landfill Development Project - Cell 4 Sideliner	Cosgrove 2 Quarry to Landfill Development Project - Cell 4 Sideliner	Tender closed on 15 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1695	Cosgrove 3 Quarry to Landfill Development Project-Cell 3 Capping Installation	Cosgrove 3 Quarry to Landfill Development Project-Cell 3 Capping Installation	Tender closed on 15 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1694	Cosgrove 3 Quarry to Landfill Development Project-Cell Subgrade Excavation	Cosgrove 3 Quarry to Landfill Development Project-Cell Subgrade Excavation	Tender closed on 22 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.
1675	Cosgrove 3 Landfill – Cell 1 and Leachate Pond Design	Cosgrove 3 Landfill – Cell 1 and Leachate Pond Design	Tender closed on 22 June 2016 and is currently under evaluation. This will be signed under delegation.

Policy Considerations

Through the *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* the Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to award a contract up to the value of \$400,000 excluding GST.

The Council through the *Exercise of Delegations* Policy has delegated authority to the Directors to approve a contract up to the value of \$150,000 for goods and services and \$200,000 for works.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.1 Status of Contracts Advertised and Yet to be Awarded - June 2016 **(continued)**

Legal/Statutory Implications

Section 186 of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) establishes the requirements for tendering and entering into contracts.

Section 186(1) of the Act requires that before Council enters into a contract for the purchase of goods or services to the value of \$150,000 or more, or for the carrying out of works to the value of \$200,000 or more, it must give public notice of the purpose of the contract and invite tenders or expressions of interest from any person wishing to undertake the contract.

Conclusion

It is important that decisions and actions taken under delegation be properly documented and transparent in nature.

The report details the publicly advertised contracts awarded by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority of the Council and status of requests for tenders that have not yet been awarded during the period 1 June 2016 to 30 June 2016.

Attachments

Nil

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.2 Adoption of Procurement Policy

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Contracts and Procurement Analyst

Proof reader(s): Manager Corporate Governance

Approved by: Director Corporate Services

Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton City Council and Goulburn Valley Regional Collaborative Alliance (GVRCA) Procurement Policy (Policy) has been reviewed and is ready for adoption.

This is done in accordance with section 186A of the Local Government Act 1989 to review the Procurement Policy every 12 months.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That the Council adopt the Procurement Policy 13.POL1.

CARRIED.

Background

Section 186A (7) of the Act requires that each council review its *Procurement Policy* at least once each financial year.

The Policy review was supported by consultation with stakeholders throughout the organisation and amendments now better reflect Greater Shepparton City Councils Centralised Procurement model.

The Procurement guidelines were reviewed in conjunction with the Policy and followed the same consultation period and timelines, and as a result fully support the Procurement Policy.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The proposed *Procurement Policy* is consistent with the strategic goals and aims of the *Council Plan 2013/17*, ie:

- a) strategic goal 3 – economic prosperity – incorporating the aims of regional competitiveness, environmental sustainability and social inclusion; and
- b) strategic goal 5 – develop stronger relationships between Council, state and federal governments and the local government sector – incorporating the aim of collaboration within the local government sector.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.2 Adoption of Procurement Policy (continued)

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Non-compliance with the procurement provisions of section 186 of the Act.	Possible	Details of non-complaint contracts have to be included in a public register.	Low	Centralisation of the high level procurement function with a greater focus on documentation, contract extensions and re-tendering.
Contracts expire without being extended by the due date or re-tendered.	Possible	The current contractor is engaged (if possible) on a short term basis with the potential for further non-compliance.	Moderate	Centralisation of the high level procurement function with a greater focus on documentation, contract extensions and re-tendering.
	Possible	The current contractor declines the offer of a short term contract and Council is forced to engage another contractor or re-establish in-house service provision	High	Centralisation of the high level procurement function with a greater focus on documentation, contract extensions and re-tendering.
Exposure of non-compliant procurement activities as a result of a protected Disclosure, a freedom of information request, inspection of the public register or an inspection by the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate.	Possible	Unfavourable reporting.	Moderate	Centralisation of the high level procurement function with a greater focus on documentation, contract extensions and re-tendering. More frequent reporting to Executive, the Audit Committee and Council.

Policy Considerations

There are no conflicts with any other Council policy.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in adopting an updated *Procurement Policy*.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.2 Adoption of Procurement Policy (continued)

Legal/Statutory Implications

Council has a statutory requirement to adopt and annually review its *Procurement Policy*.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability implications in adopting an updated *Procurement Policy*.

Social Implications

There are no social implications in adopting an updated *Procurement Policy*.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic implications in adopting an updated *Procurement Policy*.

Consultation

There was no statutory requirement for community consultation.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	The Act requires that the <i>Procurement Policy</i> be publicly available.	The <i>Procurement Policy</i> is available at the Civic Centre and on the Council website.
	Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014 require that in their annual reports, Councils report on their procurement policy.	Inclusion of the required information in the Annual Report 2015/16.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

There are no direct links to the Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

b) Other strategic links

The proposed *Procurement Policy* is consistent with Council's GVRCA commitments

Conclusion

The proposed *Procurement Policy* is a statutory requirement.

The policy will again be reviewed in the 2017/18 financial year.

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7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.3 Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Manager Marketing and Communications

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Approved by: Director Corporate Services

Other: Shepparton Show Me Marketing Co-ordinator

Executive Summary

The terms of five current Shepparton Show Me (SSM) Committee members are due to expire on 21 July 2016. Expressions of interest for the five available positions were advertised with six applications being received.

The voting members of the Shepparton Show Me Committee assessed the applications against the selection criteria and are recommending that the following candidates be appointed to the Committee:

1. appoint the following candidates for a two year term, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 17 July 2018:
 - Shane Sali – Traffik, Shop 221 and Arcade Fashions
 - Sam Lagozzino – Noble Monks
 - Carrie Donaldson – Sense of Place Consulting
2. appoint the following candidates for a one year term, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 18 July 2017:
 - Danielle Tait – Dexus Group (Shepparton Marketplace)
 - Aaron Brain – BMW Group Australia

Moved by Cr Patterson

Seconded by Cr Houlihan

That the Council, having considered the applications received for appointment to the Shepparton Show Me Committee:

1. appoint the following candidates for a two year term, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 17 July 2018:
 - Shane Sali – Traffik, Shop 221 and Arcade Fashions
 - Sam Lagozzino – Noble Monks
 - Carrie Donaldson – Sense of Place Consulting
2. appoint the following candidates for a one year term, commencing on 20 July 2016 and concluding on 18 July 2017:
 - Danielle Tait – Dexus Group (Shepparton Marketplace)
 - Aaron Brain – BMW Group Australia

CARRIED.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.3 Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee (continued)

Background

As stated in the Shepparton Show Me (SSM) Guidelines - Committee Delegations:

- 8.1.1 *The Committee shall comprise of between 6 and 9 members representative of the Shepparton business community.*
- 8.4 *Business community members will be appointed for a period of two years, however a 12 month term can also be considered. Business community members may be removed by the Council at any time. Nominations will take place each year, with 50 per cent of the Committee positions eligible for nomination every 12 months. A member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-appointment at the expiration of his or her period of office.*
- 8.7 *The Council will call for registrations of interest from the community by way of a notice in the public notices section of a local newspaper before appointing business community representatives to the Committee.*

The nomination, assessment and recommendation process in the appointment of business representatives to the SSM Committee has been undertaken in accordance with the SSM Guidelines - Committee Delegations and SSM Committee Appointment Process requirements.

Expressions of Interest for the five available Committee positions were placed in the public notices section of the Shepparton News on Friday 27 May and 3 June 2016 and Wednesday 1 and 8 June 2016 in The Adviser. The availability of positions was further promoted via the SSM website and Facebook Page (including video testimonials from existing SSM Committee members) and direct email to SSM members. Applications for the positions closed at 5:00pm on Friday 17 June 2016.

Following the promotion of the availability of positions on the Committee six expressions of interests were received.

Voting members of the Committee assessed the six applications for the five positions.

The applications were assessed against the following criteria:

- Established networks with a range of Shepparton businesses
- An innovative and creative approach to problem solving
- A willingness to work in a team environment
- An understanding of marketing and advertising
- Relevant qualifications, skills and experience that will contribute to SSM.
- An understanding of business issues across a broad range of industry sectors.
- Potential conflicts of interest – yes /no response
- Previous SSM member and length of service – yes/no response
- Previous application made to SSM – yes/no response

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7.3 Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee (continued)

A score from 0 – 4 was used to assess the criteria:

SCORE	DESCRIPTION	DEFINITION
0	Does not meet criteria	Shows no understanding of or has no experience in the key issues/criteria
1	Partially meets criteria	Shows only a limited understanding of or has limited experience in the key issues; covers some key points only
2	Meets all criteria	Demonstrates an understanding of the issues and covers the key points, but shows no additional initiative or innovation
3	Partially exceeds criteria	Has extensive relevant experience in and knowledge of key criteria and shows initiative or innovation on some key points or criteria
4	Exceeds all criteria	Has extensive relevant experience in and knowledge of key criteria and provides innovative and creative responses on all points

Each assessor individually evaluated each applicant with the total of the scores tallied to reveal the results.

The following available Shepparton Show Me Committee voting members scored the applications on 20 June 2016:

1. Cr Dinny Adem
2. Cr Les Oroszvary
3. Johann Rajaratnam
4. Ed Thomas
5. Malcolm Blake
6. John Montagner
7. Ron Popelier

Based on the assessment outcomes the following candidates are recommended to be appointed to the SSM Committee:

#	Candidate	Business	Length of term
1.	Shane Sali	Traffik, Shop 221 and Arcade Fashions	2 years
2.	Sam Lagozzino	Noble Monks	2 years
3.	Carrie Donaldson	Sense of Place Consulting	2 years
4.	Danielle Tait	Dexus Group (Shepparton Marketplace)	1 year
5.	Aaron Brain	BMW Group Australia	1 year

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

This proposal is consistent with the Council Plan 2013-2017:

Goal 3: Economic Prosperity (Economic)

1. Maximise opportunities to ensure Greater Shepparton leads Victoria, retaining and attracting education and industry.
2. Ensure that retail strategies deliver appropriate outcomes for the community.

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7.3 Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee (continued)

Risk Management

The appointment of replacement members through formal resolution of the Council reduces governance risks by ensuring that all members appointed to a committee are covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

The review panel assessed the applicants based on their responses to the selection criteria and have ensured their recommendations for committee members are representative of the broader business community.

Policy Considerations

There are no policy considerations in relation to this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

The proposal conforms to legislation set out in section 86(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 – a Council may appoint members to a special committee and may at any time remove a member of a special committee.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainability impacts in relation to this report.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

Having a broader representation of business members assists SSM in increasing the range of marketing campaigns undertaken and directly supporting a more diverse range of SSM members

Consultation

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Inform	Availability of five Committee positions for either a two or one year term.	Public notes. SSM website promotion including videos. SSM Facebook promotion. Email to SSM members.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

7. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

7.3 Appointment of Members to the Shepparton Show Me Committee (continued)

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

The SSM Committee is an important component of the development and delivery of the Council's objectives for the enhancement of the Shepparton business community. The Committee supports the retail strategies outlined in the Greater Shepparton 2030 plan.

b) Other strategic links

- 2013-2017 Council Plan”
3.2 Ensure retail strategies deliver appropriate outcomes for the community.
- Economic Development Action Plan
As per the revised Economic Development Action Plan, Shepparton Show Me supports its objective of supporting the role and viability of the Shepparton CBD as the premier centre serving the region. Shepparton Show Me also supports promoting the area as a destination to live, work and invest, which is also a key objective of the strategy.

Conclusion

The appointment of nominated candidates provides a good mix of existing and new SSM Committee members which will ensure that existing projects get followed through as well as creating the opportunity for new ideas and opinions to be embraced. The appointment of the recommended new candidates further diversifies the industry sectors that are represented on the Committee. It is anticipated that the nominated candidates will be strong contributors to the SSM initiative.

Attachments

1. Shepparton Show Me Guidelines – Committee Delegations Page 179
2. Shepparton Show Me Committee of Management - Appointment Process Page 190

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7.4 Director Appointment for Shepparton Art Museum Limited

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Manager Corporate Governance

Proof Reader: Manager Corporate Governance

Approved by: Director Corporate Services

Executive Summary

On 19 April 2016 Council appointed Peter Harriott (Greater Shepparton City Council) and Peter Quinn (SAM Foundation) as founding members/directors for Shepparton Art Museum Limited (SAM Ltd).

SAM Ltd will be a public company under the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001, and it is therefore a requirement for SAM Ltd to have a minimum of three (3) directors to enable the company to be registered. It is also a requirement that a company secretary be appointed at the time of registration of the company. The position of company secretary can be held by either, one of the company directors or a third party nominated by the directors. It has been proposed by the founding members and current directors of SAM Ltd that Council's Director Corporate Services, Chris Teitzel, be appointed as the third director and company secretary of SAM Ltd.

Moved by Cr Hazelman
Seconded by Cr Summer

That Council appoint Chris Teitzel as the third Director and Company Secretary for Shepparton Art Museum Limited.

CARRIED.

Background

The current directors and founding members Peter Harriott and Peter Quinn, are requesting that the Council confirm the appointment of a third director to SAM Ltd to ensure compliance with legislation and therefore enable the SAM Ltd company to be registered.

As SAM Ltd is not yet incorporated, it was decided through advice from Russell Kennedy Lawyers that the best approach to appoint the third director is through a Council resolution.

This approach also allows for compliance with the Corporations Act 2001 once SAM Ltd becomes incorporated.

It is also a legal requirement that a company secretary be appointed. The founding members have recommended that the third director also be the company secretary. It has been proposed by the founding members and current directors of SAM Ltd that

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7.4 Director Appointment for Shepparton Art Museum Limited (continued)

Council's Director Corporate Services, Chris Teitzel, be appointed as the third director and company secretary of SAM Ltd.

It is envisaged that this initial board of directors will be in place as an interim board to oversee the establishment of the SAM Ltd governance structures and other associated procedural matters for a least the next 6 to 12 months. At some stage during the construction phase of the new SAM building the provisions of the SAM Ltd constitution will be used to appoint the full board of directors.

Risk Management

There are no risks associated with this report

Policy Considerations

There are no associated policies relevant to this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report. Advice was obtained from Russell Kennedy Lawyers on the appointment of an additional member to the board.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainable Impacts associated with this report.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

Officers believe that consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Conclusion

As SAM is not yet incorporated, Council are required to appoint the third member of the board and company secretary.

The current directors of SAM Ltd are requesting that the Council confirm the appointment of Chris Teitzel as the third director and company secretary to SAM Ltd to allow for registration of SAM Ltd in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001.

Attachments

Nil

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.1 Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee - Annual Report 2015

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report
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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

Author: Senior Strategic Planner

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Executive Summary

Council authorised the formation of the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee (the Committee) on 17 January 2012. The primary purpose of the Committee is to act as an advocate for all cultural heritage matters within the municipality.

The Committee has prepared an annual report to inform Council of its activities for the year ending 31 December 2015. At the Committee's monthly meeting held on 2 May 2016, the Committee agreed to present the *Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015* (the 2015 Annual Report) to Council, and for Council to receive and note the Report.

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Patterson

That the Council receive and note the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015 for the year ended 31 December 2015.

CARRIED.

Background

Council authorised the formation of the Heritage Advisory Committee at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 17 January 2012. As part of the resolution, Council adopted Terms of Reference (TOR) to guide the future operation of the Committee.

The Committee's membership consists of up to two Councillors, up to two members of Council's Strategic Planning Team, Council's Heritage Advisor, one voting member from each of the ten identified member organisations and three community representatives unaffiliated with any of these organisations.

The Committee has prepared its fourth annual report to inform Council of its activities. At the Committee's monthly meeting held on 2 May 2016, the Committee agreed to present the 2015 Annual Report to Council, and for Council to receive and note the Report.

The Annual Report outlines the Committee's activities for the year ending 31 December 2015 (see Attachment 1: *Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015*). It tracks the Committee's membership, activities and achievements, advocacy and advice.

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8.1 Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee - Annual Report 2015 (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The operation of the Heritage Advisory Committee is consistent with the following goals and objectives outlined in the *Greater Shepparton City Council Plan 2013-2017*:

- Goal 1: Active and Engaged Communities (Social):
 - Objective 1: Continue to enhance Community Capacity Building.
 - Objective 4: Provide sustainable community services to our community.
 - Objective 6: Value Arts Culture and Heritage as an integral part of our dynamic community.

Risk Management

There are minimal risks associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report

Policy Considerations

The consideration of the 2015 Annual Report does not conflict with existing Council policies.

Financial Implications

There are no costs associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report.

The Committee has an annual budget allocation of approximately \$2,000 to support its operation. A budget request for \$2,000 has been included in the 2016/'17 Draft Budget to meet the operating costs of the Committee in the 2016/'17 financial year.

Legal/Statutory Implications

The Heritage Advisory Committee is not a Section 86 Committee under the *Local Government Act 1989*.

There are no legal or statutory implications associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report.

The preparation of the 2015 Annual Report accords with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and *Local Government Act 1989*. No human rights were negatively impacted upon through the preparation of the 2015 Annual Report.

The consideration of the 2015 Annual Report is unlikely to impact upon the rights of all individuals and groups with regard to freedom of expression, right to be heard, entitlement to participate in public life and property rights.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental or sustainability impacts associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report.

Social Implications

There are no direct social impacts associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report.

The operation of the Committee has positive social impacts. The Committee is seen as a critical way of raising awareness and promoting community participation of cultural heritage issues within the municipality. The Committee will continue to raise awareness within the community of cultural heritage conservation.

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8.1 Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee - Annual Report 2015 (continued)

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with the consideration of the 2015 Annual Report.

Consultation

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred during both the formation and operation of the Committee, and the key activities it has been involved in since its formation by Council.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

The consideration of the 2015 Annual Report is consistent with the objectives, strategies and actions outlined in the Environment Section of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006*.

b) Greater Shepparton Heritage Study Stage IIB 2013

The consideration of the 2015 Annual Report will continue to implement a key recommendation of the *Greater Shepparton Heritage Study Stage IIB 2013*.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council receive and note the 2015 Annual Report.

The Committee is a critical way of raising awareness of cultural heritage issues, as well as promoting community participation in cultural heritage issues within the municipality.

By continuing to support the Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee, Council is continuing to embrace a cost-effective opportunity of raising awareness and promoting community participation of cultural heritage issues within the municipality.

Attachments

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8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.2 Education Strategy

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

The Council Plan 2013-2017 identifies an action to 'develop an education strategy that includes the principles of lifelong learning'.

Council is working diligently with key stakeholders in both the education and business and industry sectors to progress educational outcomes within Greater Shepparton.

The purpose of this report is to inform council of the actions taken by officers in pursuing an education strategy for Greater Shepparton as outlined in the Council Plan.

Moved by Cr Summer
Seconded by Cr Patterson

That the Council:

1. note the work undertaken to progress education outcomes within Greater Shepparton, as per the requirement of the Council Plan.
2. note that Council officers will continue to work with key stakeholders to:
 - Improve the educational aspirations and outcomes for Greater Shepparton's young people
 - Support every child, every step of the way, from cradle to career
 - Improve the alignment between the educational offer and the skills requirements of business and industry.

CARRIED.

Background

The Council Plan 2013-2017 identifies the following action to be undertaken – 'develop an education strategy that includes the principles of lifelong learning'.

Council, in October 2011, in conjunction with the University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and GOTAFE, financed the development of a 'Strategy for Tertiary Education in Shepparton 2011-2015'. This strategy outlined a number of objectives in relation to tertiary education and outlined five strategies to achieve these objectives. The first strategy was to establish a leadership group.

Since the development and subsequent adoption of this strategy the 'Shepparton Lighthouse Project' has commenced and this has effectively become the 'leadership group' that the 'Strategy for Tertiary Education in Shepparton 2011-2015' identified.

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8.2 Education Strategy (continued)

Further to this, former Mayor Cr Dennis Patterson instigated an Education Roundtable that aims to meet quarterly and is represented by education sector stakeholders and community leaders interested in progressing education outcomes. This Education Roundtable is being continued by current Mayor Cr Dinny Adem.

Council officers have utilised this 'Roundtable' to work with key stakeholders to progress educational initiatives within Greater Shepparton. Council officers continue to work with the Shepparton Lighthouse Project, Education Roundtable stakeholders and key stakeholders to continue to implement objectives and initiatives that increase educational outcomes in Greater Shepparton.

The new Greater Shepparton Best Start Early Years Plan 2015-2019 was endorsed by Council last year. The plan focuses on 4 major areas of work:

- Every child enjoys a healthy start in life
- Every child is supported to become a confident learner
- Greater Shepparton – a child and family friendly community
- Collaboration to achieve collective impact.

Two key outcomes (as directed by the Department of Education and Training) will be focused on over the coming three years:

- Children engage and participate in early childhood education (e.g. kindergarten and supported playgroups)
- Children and families actively engage with Maternal Child Health (MCH) services

The various workgroups have been meeting on a bi-monthly basis to further the work and activities within the plan. Some key areas of work include:

Early Years Reference Group

- Continued use of the Vulnerability Tool and Ready Services Tool within kinder and MCH. Childcare workers will be trained in these tools in the coming months.
- Exploring ways to improve information sharing and communication between universal, secondary and tertiary services
- Held first Greater Shepparton Early Years Alliance Forum – bringing together practitioners from universal and secondary services to network and explore common themes / topics to better support children and families as they transition along the early years' service system
- Data collection around number of children starting school without a kinder year and consultation with MCH nurses around 'what is active engagement'

Early Years Language Workgroup (previously called Community Literacy workgroup)

- Provision of the book bag program (book bags handed out by MCH nurses to all children attending their 4 week, 8 month, 18 month and 3.5 year visit)
- Story a Day program (kindergarten based book borrowing program)
- Development and running of the local training 'Encouraging Language Development in Early Childhood Settings' – to upskill early childhood workers to provide more language rich environments for children and to appropriately support children with language delays.
- Annual Community Reading Day
- Co-ordination of the Mother Goose program for Greater Shepparton

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8.2 Education Strategy (continued)

Breastfeeding workgroup

- Provision of the beautiful muslin wrap to breastfeeding mums at the 2 week MCH visit
- Breastfeeding conference scheduled for 26th July at Eastbank
- Continued promotion of the breastfeeding mobile app

In addition to the above two programs, the following programs are also being progressed in collaboration with relevant stakeholders:

ASHE Mentoring Program

Since its inception the ASHE program has been an invaluable resource to the Greater Shepparton community, in providing youths aged 16-24 with the opportunity to complete educational and employment programs in a culturally appropriate environment. Services that ASHE have provided to students within our community have included VCAL, cultural and language curriculum, work experience placements, mainstream school support, mentoring, transport, accommodation and cultural guidance.

Council has developed a strong working relationship with ASHE over the past four years. In particular, the success of the Council and ASHE Work Experience Program has been a valuable initiative for both organisations. This two week work experience program is held on a yearly basis where Council employees mentor a student from ASHE in a particular department of the student's choice. This has provided Council with a greater understanding of what the organisation can do to support Aboriginal employment whilst also allowing ASHE students valuable insight into Council facilities and support in developing employability skills.

Careers Day Out

Council supported the Careers Day Out which aims to improve education and employment opportunities for young people. This day provides young people the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the requirements of their preferred career path.

GV Health Careers Day

The aim of this annual event is to inspire secondary school students to consider health careers through engagement with Health industry professionals in an interactive, informal and fun manner to inform better subject choices, career decisions and education pathway opportunities. The event aims to clearly articulate pathways of entry into the health sector from school and post school including; VET, TAFE and University. The initiative identifies health workforce shortages in regional Victoria and encourages students to consider careers in high demand which provide long term benefits in our region. The GV Rural Health Careers Workshop is supported by many key partners including education and training providers, government organisations and industry bodies that have an interest in promoting pathways and career opportunities in the Health sector. The partners are pleased to offer an annual event incorporating a 'hands on' approach. The event showcases 20 different health career disciplines and students have the opportunity to explore careers, seek clarification and ask direct questions to health industry leaders.

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8.2 Education Strategy (continued)

Graduate Population Health Officer

This 12 month full-time graduate position is aimed at Aboriginal people who have completed an undergraduate or higher degree in a public health or health promotion related discipline. Applicants for graduate positions who have completed a Certificate IV or Diploma in Health Promotion or Population Health and have had previous work experience in a health related field may also be considered.

The Officer will work alongside the Municipal Public Health Officer in implementing the current Municipal Public Health Action Plan and the development of the new 16/17 action plan. The graduate role will provide the ability to further work with Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative (RAC) and ASHE on initiatives and prevention contained in the current Action Plan including actions encouraging tertiary education and the promotion and education of knowledge on smoking, STI's, breastfeeding and increasing immunisation rates.

Further opportunities would be investigated where the graduate could mentor work experience placement participants whilst engage in placements with Council. It would be anticipated that the graduate would provide support to participants particularly placed in the Active Living and Community Strengthening teams.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The Council Plan 2013-2017 identifies an action to 'develop an education strategy that includes the principles of lifelong learning'.

Risk Management

There are no known risks associated with the recommendation to this report as Council continues to strive to increase educational outcomes within Greater Shepparton.

Policy Considerations

There are no existing policies that impact on the recommendation within this report.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal /statutory implications associated with the recommendation within this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no known environmental/sustainability impacts associated with the recommendation within this report.

Social Implications

The recommendation within this report, to continue to implement actions that will increase educational outcomes will have positive social implications for the community.

Economic Impacts

The recommendation within this report, to continue to implement actions that will increase educational outcomes will have positive economic impacts on the community.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.2 Education Strategy (continued)

Consultation

Consultation is ongoing with key stakeholders in the education sector through the Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project, the Mayor's Education Roundtable and through conversations with business and industry representatives.

Level of public participation	Promises to the public/stakeholders	Examples of techniques to use
Consult	Discussions regarding the merit of developing an Education Strategy.	Conversations

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy

Direction 2 – Community Life

Direction 4 - Economic Development Theme

Conclusion

Council should continue to apply resources (both in kind and financial) to assisting with the current objectives and initiatives that are being undertaken to increase educational outcomes in Greater Shepparton. It is considered that the implementation of the education strategy as encapsulated in this report delivers upon the Council Plan requirements.

Attachments

Nil

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan

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No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Other: Principal Strategic Planner

Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme at Clause 21.04 – *Settlement* states:

Investigation Area 3 – Adams Road area, Kialla. This area is directly adjacent to the Kialla Lakes Estate though is significantly impacted by flooding. The potential to develop this land to a more intensive residential use is dependent on this issue being resolved.

Investigation Area 3 is located to the east of the Kialla Lakes residential development. It is bound by Archer Road to the west, Doyles Road to the east, River Road to the south and the Broken River to the north (see Figure 1 – *Investigation Area 3 – Locality Plan*). The land is currently zoned Rural Living Zone and the minimum subdivision size is 8 hectares, which limits the development potential of this land.

In recent years, the Planning Department has been approached by a number of land owners within Investigation Area 3 seeking to subdivide or rezone their lands. However, the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme at Clause 21.04 - *Settlement* states that Council should:

avoid incremental approvals and development in identified investigation areas until an integrated investigation ... has been completed to assess and resolve future land opportunities and constraints, land use, development opportunities, subdivisional layout and servicing for the area.

Further, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) advised it would not support any development proposals within this area before flooding concerns were addressed. As a result, development proposals that would jeopardise the long term residential role envisaged for this area could not be supported before a model of flood behaviour was prepared and implemented through a planning scheme amendment.

Ordinarily, land owners are expected to fund investigation area studies in their entirety. Given the number of these requests and the benefit to Council of a comprehensive, whole of area investigation of the flood impacts of developing this land, Council proposed to contribute to the costs of preparing a model of flood behaviour for Investigation Area 3 in April 2015.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

In order to complete the assessment of Investigation Area 3, Water Technology Pty Ltd was engaged to complete a model of flood behaviour and prepare a conceptual masterplan to provide a framework for the future strategic development of the entire Investigation Area.

The Model of Flood Behaviour (see Attachment 1 - *Model of Flood Behaviour* and Attachment 2 - *Conceptual Masterplan* for Investigation Area 3) outlines the quantum of flood mitigation infrastructure required to support the future residential development of this corridor. The Conceptual Masterplan provides the framework for the future development of the entire Investigation Area, providing guidance for the location of collector roads, stormwater drainage infrastructure and public open space.

Following the Councillor Briefing held on 21 June 2016, individual meetings with landowners and stakeholders were arranged to discuss the findings of the peer reviews and the layout of the final Masterplan.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 3 has been completed and the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan are now ready for consideration by Council.

**Moved by Cr Hazelman
Seconded by Cr Houlihan**

That the Council:

1. note the findings of the Investigation Area 3 – Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan undertaken by Water Technology Pty Ltd;
2. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to allow for the excision of existing dwellings in Investigation Area 3;
3. note that the quantum of earthworks is substantial and that the final volume of earthworks will be subject to future detailed design to ensure that it is feasible;
4. prepare a precinct structure plan and development contributions plan for Investigation Area 3;
5. seek assistance from the Victorian Planning Authority in the preparation of the precinct structure plan and development contributions plan; and
6. note that budget bids will be made in the 2017/2018 financial year to commence the precinct structure and development contributions planning processes.

Cr Hazelman was granted an extension of time to speak to the motion.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Cr Adem vacated the Chair at 6.19pm to speak to the motion and Cr Summer assumed the Chair.

Cr Adem resumed the Chair at 6.21pm.

The motion was put and carried.

Background

Investigation Area 3

The *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* identified the “Adams Road area, Kialla” as Investigation Area 3. It states “*further work is required on land conditions, servicing and development potential before future zoning options can be fully assessed and determined*”.

The Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme at Clause 21.04 – *Settlement* states:

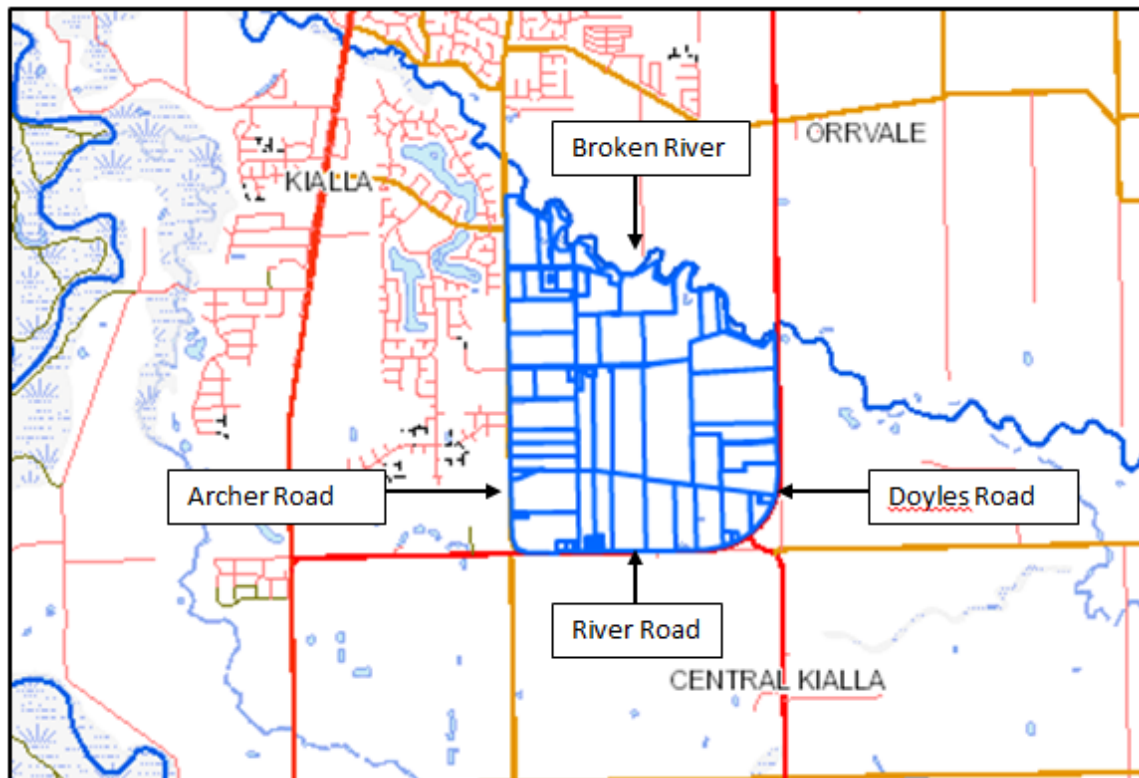
Investigation Area 3 – Adams Road area, Kialla. This area is directly adjacent to the Kialla Lakes Estate though is significantly impacted by flooding. The potential to develop this land to a more intensive residential use is dependent on this issue being resolved.

Investigation Area 3 is located to the east of the Kialla Lakes residential development. It is bound by Archer Road to the west, Doyles Road to the east, River Road to the south and the Broken River to the north (see Figure 1 – *Investigation Area 3 – Locality Plan*).

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Figure 1 – Investigation Area 3 – Locality Plan



The Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme at Clause 21.04 - *Settlement* also states that Council should “avoid incremental approvals and development in identified investigation areas until an integrated investigation ... has been completed to assess and resolve future land opportunities and constraints, land use, development opportunities, subdivisional layout and servicing for the area”.

Further, the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GBCMA) advised it would not support any development proposals within this area before flooding concerns were addressed. As a result, development proposals that would jeopardise the long term residential role envisaged for this area could not be supported before a model of flood behaviour was prepared and implemented through a planning scheme amendment.

Initiating a Model of Flood Behaviour

In recent years, the Planning Department has been approached by a number of land owners within Investigation Area 3 seeking to subdivide or rezone their lands. As a result of these requests and the need to investigate the flood impacts of developing this land, Council proposed to contribute to the costs of preparing a model of flood behaviour for Investigation Area 3 in April 2015. This project is an outcome of those requests. It is not a Council-initiated project. Ordinarily, land owners are expected to fund investigation area studies in their entirety.

Given their expertise and previous experience modelling flood behaviour in this area, Water Technology Pty Ltd was engaged to prepare a model of flood behaviour. Land owners within the Investigation Area were requested to fund at least 50% of these costs before Council would engage Water Technology Pty Ltd on their behalf.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Following an initial meeting with interested land owners on Wednesday, 29 April 2015, it was agreed that all 55 land owners within the Investigation Area would be contacted by letter. This letter was sent to all land owners on 6 May 2015 requesting that they contribute 50% of the costs. It was agreed that individual contributions would be calculated on the amount of flood-free land that each land holding possessed. Lands within the Urban Floodway Zone and the Floodway Overlay were deemed to be flood prone and have been excluded from the calculation. Lands identified as being flood free and lands affected by the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay have been included.

By mid-June 2015, 13 land owners provisionally agreed in principle to contribute to the cost of preparing a Model of Flood Behaviour. Letters, dated 10 and 11 June 2015, were issued to all interested land owners informing them of their predicted contribution rates. At a meeting with interested land owners on 2 July 2015, it was agreed that invoices to land owners would be delayed to July or August 2015 to allow other land owners to come forward (see Attachment 3 - *Minutes from Land Owner Meeting held on 2 July 2015*).

Given this in principle agreement, Council engaged Water Technology Pty Ltd to prepare the Model of Flood Behaviour for the Investigation Area. An inception meeting was held on 22 July 2015 with all interested land owners. Council officers and Water Technology Pty Ltd gave land owners an understanding of why and how flood controls have been applied to land, and what the project would entail.

At the land owners' request, Council officers provided an additional budget to allow Water Technology Pty Ltd to undertake onsite meetings with a number of individual land owners located within the Adams, Archer and Hoopers Roads area. These onsite meetings took place on 25 August 2015.

By mid-October 2015, 18 land owners had indicated in principle that they would contribute to the costs of the Model of Flood Behaviour and invoices were sent to land owners based on the amount of flood free land that they owned. At the time of preparing this report, six land owners have paid their contribution.

Completing the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan

Water Technology Pty Ltd was engaged in July 2015 to undertake the Model of Flood Behaviour and complete the assessment of Investigation Area 3. The objective of this work was to:

1. review relevant information on flood behaviour;
2. develop an estimate of flood behaviour (levels, extents, velocities) for the 100 year ARI design flood event;
3. develop a plan of possible development within Investigation Area 3;
4. assess change in flood behaviour (levels, extents, velocities) for the 100 year ARI design flood event due to the proposed development plan; and
5. determine a suitable conceptual layout of major collector roads, residential areas, and open space area together with any cut and fill requirements that will have acceptable level of change in floodplain characteristics.

At the inception meeting held on 22 July 2015, Water Technology Pty Ltd was confident that the Model of Flood Behaviour for Investigation Area 3 could be prepared by October 2015. Land owners were given this indicative timeframe.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

However, in September 2015, the GBCMA informed Council officers that the Model of Flood Behaviour must use the more comprehensive hydraulic model calibration data being undertaken for the *Shepparton Mooroopna Flood Mapping and Flood Intelligence Project* by Water Technology Pty Ltd. The delivery of this project was delayed for over a year owing to the need to finalise the hydraulic model calibration data associated with the 1974, 1993 and 2010 flood events. It was envisaged that this would be finalised in October 2015. Land owners were informed of this delay on 28 October 2015.

Agreement on the hydraulic model calibration data was reached by the GBCMA and Water Technology in late February 2016 and land owners were sent a letter on 22 February 2016 with this update. Work recommenced immediately on the Model of Flood Behaviour and was completed along with the Conceptual Masterplan in late May (see Attachment 1 – *Model of Flood Behaviour* and Attachment 2 *Conceptual Masterplan* for Investigation Area 3).

The Model of Flood Behaviour outlines the quantum of flood mitigation infrastructure required to support the future residential development of the corridor. The Conceptual Masterplan provides the framework for the future development of the entire Investigation Area, providing guidance for the location of collector roads, stormwater drainage infrastructure and public open space.

Next Steps

The recommendations of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan will inform two future planning scheme amendments (PSAs) to facilitate residential development in the Investigation Area.

The initial PSA would allow existing houses in the Investigation Area to be excised and the remainder of the lands to be sold. This would encourage developers or individual land owners to amalgamate land holdings and assist in the development of this land.

A second PSA would then be needed to implement a precinct structure plan (PSP) and development contributions plan (DCP) for the Investigation Area. The PSP provides a more detailed framework for the future development of the entire Investigation Area, including guidance for the location of collector roads, stormwater drainage infrastructure and public open space. The DCP also provides the cost of the infrastructure necessary to facilitate any future residential development.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 3 is now complete, and the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan are ready for consideration by Council. Additionally, Council officers recommend that Council:

1. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to allow for the excision of existing dwellings in the Investigation Area;
2. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to implement a precinct structure plan and development contribution plan for all land in the Investigation Area to facilitate the future residential development of this growth area; and
3. Seek assistance from the Victorian Planning Authority in the preparation of the precinct structure plan and development contribution plan.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The Greater Shepparton City *Council Plan 2013-2017* contains a strategic goal which seeks to develop structure plans for the continued growth of Greater Shepparton. The Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan provide the basis for future strategic planning for the Investigation Area to develop a PSP and DCP to inform future residential development.

The Model of Flood Behaviour, Conceptual Masterplan and subsequent planning scheme amendment to implement their findings are consistent with the Council Plan's vision and strategic goals. In particular, it implements the following key objective:

- 4.3 Encourage sustainable municipal growth and development.

Risk Management

If the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan are not fully implemented before the development of the Investigation Area, there may be flooding implications for the land in the surrounding areas. The GSHS identifies land for future residential development. By not implementing the findings of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan there is the potential that housing affordability could be impacted by a lack of suitable residential land in Shepparton.

Policy Considerations

The realisation of residential development in the Investigation Area supports existing Council policy including the *Greater Shepparton City Council Council Plan 2013-2017* and the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)*.

Financial Implications

The recommendation does not have any financial or budgetary implications for Council. A budget allocation was included in the adopted budget for the 2014-'15 financial year to complete the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan. Land owners in Investigation Area 3 have agreed to pay half of the cost to prepare the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan in the 2015-'16 financial year. A budget bid has been made in the 2016-'17 financial year to prepare and exhibit the first planning scheme amendment to implement its findings; this will allow the existing houses in the Investigation Area to be excised.

Once this amendment has been completed, a budget bid will be made to prepare a PSP and DCP for the Investigation Area. This work is expected to cost in excess of \$400,000 based on previous similar projects undertaken elsewhere in the City of Greater Shepparton and regional Victoria. Ordinarily, the cost of this work may be borne by Council or a developer / developers. The costs will ultimately be included in the DCP and recovered over the lifespan of the DCP, which may be 20-30 years.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with the preparation of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan for Investigation Area 3 comply with the legislative requirements and has been prepared in accordance with the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

A large proportion of Investigation Area 3 is located in the Urban Floodway Zone or is affected by the Floodway Overlay and the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, which will place development constraints in these areas. Development of Investigation Area 3 will not have a detrimental flood effect on surrounding lands, and could improve conditions. Floodplain areas could also potentially be utilised for drainage infrastructure, open space and/or recreation trails.

There are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the consideration of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan.

Social Implications

The conceptual masterplan will provide positive social benefits. It could potentially expand existing uses and introduce new uses to this part of Shepparton. It is intended to achieve a positive social outcome by facilitating development on a key strategic site in Shepparton.

There are no adverse social impacts associated with the consideration of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan.

Economic Impacts

The Conceptual Masterplan proposed would provide positive economic benefits. There is an opportunity for a range of new uses to be realised within this location, which would create employment opportunities and have a positive impact upon the local economy. This would also provide additional planning certainty over the location and built form for a range of uses.

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with the consideration of the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan.

Consultation

The consultation process is a vital aspect of this investigation. An extensive consultation exercise has already been undertaken, comprising of four meetings with interested land owners, including site visits.

Following the Councillor Briefing held on 21 June 2016, individual meetings with landowners and stakeholders were arranged to discuss the findings of the peer reviews and the layout of the final Masterplan.

An additional opportunity for public consultation will be included as part of any potential future planning scheme amendment. Public notification of the proposed amendment will be needed and will involve another formal consultation process.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

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8.3 Investigation Area 3 - Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan (continued)

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)

The future planning and development of Investigation Area 3 is consistent with the premise of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)* for continued sustainable development.

b) Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy (2011)

The *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy (2011)* (GSHS) was developed to respond to existing and future housing needs in the municipality up to 2031. It includes objectives, strategies and actions to guide housing delivery, and sets a long-term direction for future residential growth. The Conceptual Masterplan prepared for Investigation Area 3 supports the GSHS by encouraging residential development in appropriate locations. It will also create sustainable living environments which conserve land and energy and are integrated with existing networks and systems.

Conclusion

In relation to Investigation Area 3, the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* stated that “*further work is required on land conditions, servicing and development potential before future zoning options can be fully assessed and determined*”.

Water Technology Pty Ltd was engaged in July 2015 to complete a model of flood behaviour and prepare a conceptual masterplan to provide a framework for the future strategic development the entire Investigation Area.

The Model of Flood Behaviour outlines the quantum of flood mitigation infrastructure required to support the future residential development of this corridor. The Conceptual Masterplan provides the framework for the future development of the entire Investigation Area, providing guidance for the location of collector roads, stormwater drainage infrastructure and public open space.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 3 has been completed and the Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Masterplan are now ready for consideration by Council. Additionally, Council officers recommend that Council:

1. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to allow for the excision of existing dwellings in the Investigation Area;
2. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to implement a precinct structure plan and development contributions plan for all land in the Investigation Area to facilitate future residential development; and
3. Seek assistance from the Victorian Planning Authority in the preparation of the precinct structure plan and development contributions plan.

Attachments

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| 1. Model of Flood Behaviour for Investigation Area 3 - June 2016 | Page 210 |
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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989* officers and persons engaged under a contract providing advice to Council must disclose any conflicts of interests, including the type and nature of interest.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

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Executive Summary

The Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme at Clause 21.04 – *Settlement* states:

Investigation Area 1 – Kialla Paceway and Shepparton Greyhound Racing environs. This area surrounds and includes the greyhound and trotting facilities and is directly adjacent to the Shepparton South Growth Corridor. There is potential to extend services to this land. However, future residential development within this area will be dependent on amenity issues such as lighting, noise, odour and dust being addressed to ensure that the long term interests of the racing facilities are protected.

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd was commissioned in December of 2013 to complete the assessment of Investigation Area 1. The project is jointly funded by Greater Shepparton City Council, Regional Development Victoria, Shepparton Harness Racing Club, Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club, Harness Racing Victoria and Greyhound Racing Victoria.

In June of 2015, following two rounds of public consultation, Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd prepared the *Draft Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan* (Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan). At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2015, Council resolved to note the Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan (see Attachment 1 - *Draft Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan*) and release it for a third round of public consultation.

During consultation, held in late 2015, several issues were raised (see Attachment 2 – *Submissions Recorder*). The most critical of these were related to the flood controls and acoustic levels in the precinct. Additionally, a submission from the APA Group identified that an easement exists for a high-pressurised gas pipeline in an east to west direction across the entire precinct (see Attachment 3 - *Submission from the APA Group*).

To address these concerns, Council officers commissioned an acoustic assessment and a model of flood behaviour and sought advice from the APA Group, the owners of the pipeline, to understand the implications the easement has on future development in the precinct.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd was commissioned to prepare an acoustic assessment. The *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Masterplan - Acoustic Assessment* (see Attachment 4 - *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Masterplan - Acoustic Assessment - May 2016*) recommends that the proposed modifications to the public address system at the harness racing facility, made by the Shepparton Harness Racing Club, are the only noise control measures required in order for the residential development proposed in the Masterplan to proceed, without adverse noise impacts at the future residential premises. The report also recommends an appropriate buffer distance for sensitive land uses around the racing facility.

Water Technology Pty Ltd was commissioned to prepare a model of flood behaviour to assess the existing flood controls on the land and to assess the impact of the extent of development outlined in the masterplan.

The Investigation Area 1 – Model of Flood Behaviour (see Attachment 5 - *Investigation Area 1 - Model of Flood Behaviour Report*) indicates that parts of the Investigation Area are more flood affected than reflected in the current flood controls. The impact of the study is that Council's masterplan will require further changes in order to limit the impact of flooding over the investigation area and beyond. These changes are outlined in the body of this report. Based on the results of the Model of Flood Behaviour the previous Council endorsed masterplan released for comment would therefore require changes. Various development scenarios were modelled to ensure an appropriate development outcome was achieved.

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd consulted with the APA Group and determined that due to the risk associated with sensitive uses in proximity to the pipeline and the cost prohibitive price to recoat the pipeline to accommodate development above, development within the easement should be restricted or used for flood mitigation infrastructure and public open space.

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd has considered the implications of the APA Group's submission, and the results of the acoustic assessment and model of flood behaviour. The *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* has been revised accordingly (see Attachment 6 - *Final Goulburn Valley Harness and Equine Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan - June 2016*).

On 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016, individual meetings with landowners and stakeholders were arranged to discuss the findings of the peer reviews and how the reviews have informed the layout of the final Masterplan. This additional consultation period highlighted the need to include the Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) backbone channel traversing the Investigation Area in an east-west direction on the final Masterplan. The Masterplan has been revised accordingly.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 1 has been completed and the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* is now ready for consideration by Council. Additionally, Council officers recommend the preparation and exhibition of a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan*.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Cr Hazelman declared an direct conflict of interest in relation to this report. Cr Hazelman is a Board member of the Shepparton Harness Racing Club and a member on the Kialla Racecourse Committee of Management.

Cr Hazelman left the meeting at 6.24pm

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. note the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Masterplan - Acoustic Assessment* undertaken by Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd;
2. note the findings of the Investigation Area 1 – Model of Flood Behaviour undertaken by Water Technology Pty Ltd;
3. note the submissions received during public consultation for the *Draft Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan*;
4. endorse the *Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan*; and
5. prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan*.

Moved by Cr Patterson

That the matter lay on the table.

CARRIED

Cr Ryan call a division.

Those voting in favour of the motion Cr Adem, Cr Patterson and Cr Summer.

Those voting against the motion Cr Ryan and Cr Houlihan.

Cr Hazelman returned to the room at 6.25pm.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Background

The *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* identified the “Kialla Paceway and Shepparton Racing Environs” as Investigation Area 1. It states “*further work is required on land conditions, servicing and development potential before future zoning options can be fully assessed and determined*”.

Investigation Area 1 is located in Kialla, to the south of River Road and to the east of Goulburn Valley Highway (see below *Figure 1 – Investigation Area 1 – Locality Plan*).

In order to complete the assessment of Investigation Area 1, Council commissioned Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd on 18 December 2013 to complete the *Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan*. Urban Enterprise was appointed in accordance with Council’s procurement policy.

The project is funded by Greater Shepparton City Council, Regional Development Victoria, Shepparton Harness Racing Club, Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club, Harness Racing Victoria and Greyhound Racing Victoria.

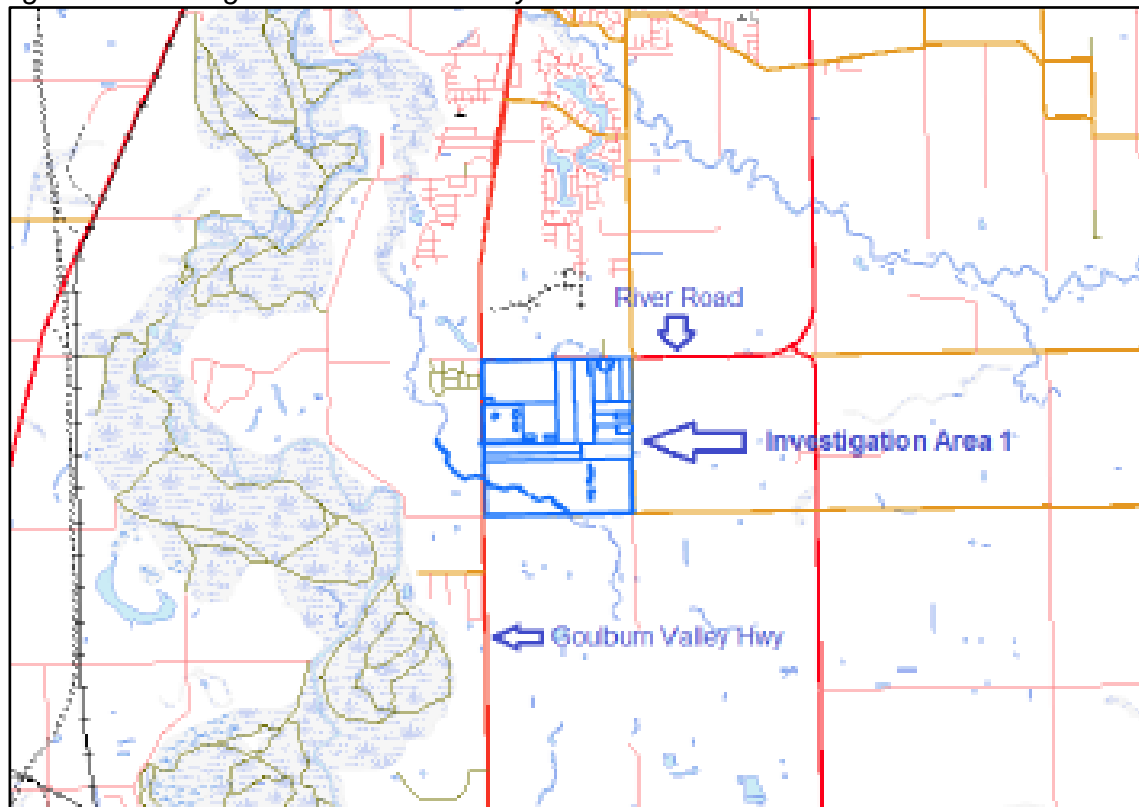
This work is in accordance with the actions outlined in the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* and *Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme*. Clause 21.04 – *Settlement of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme* references the Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct and provides the following description:

“Investigation Area 1 – Kialla Paceway and Shepparton Greyhound Racing environs. This area surrounds and includes the greyhound and trotting facilities and is directly adjacent to the Shepparton South Growth Corridor. There is potential to extend services to this land. However, future residential development within this area will be dependent on amenity issues such as lighting, noise, odour and dust being addressed to ensure that the long term interests of the racing facilities are protected”.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Figure 1 – Investigation Area 1 – Locality Plan



In June of 2015, following two rounds of public consultation, Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd prepared the *Draft Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan* (Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan), (see Attachment 1 - *Draft Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan*). The Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan was released for a third round of public consultation from 27 July 2015 to 24 August 2015.

During this consultation, submissions (see Attachment 2 – *Submissions Recorder*) were received that queried flood controls and acoustic levels in the precinct, and identified that an easement exists for a high-pressurised gas pipeline in an east to west direction across the entire precinct. These matters are addressed individually below.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

APA Group High-Pressure Gas Pipeline

The APA Group provided a submission (see Attachment 3 – *Submission from the APA Group*) during the latest round of public consultation. Council officers discussed this submission with the APA Group's Land Agent for Victoria and can provide the following information:

- An easement approximately 1.8km in length and 20 metres wide exists in an east to west direction across the entire precinct for a high-pressure gas pipeline;
- A 20 metre buffer exists around the 200mm wide pipeline. The buffer exists 5 metres to the South and 15 metres to the North of the pipeline to accommodate the possible duplication or replacement of the pipe;
- Due to the change in land uses proposed in the Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan within the vicinity of the APA high pressure gas pipeline, a Safety Management Study will be required prior to any development occurring;
- APA Group prefers that its easement not be split up into numerous different titles or allotments. Ideally, the easement would exist over only one allotment to reduce risks and costs for monitoring and maintaining the pipeline;
- APA Group would not support any major development (construction of buildings and sealed roads, etc.) within this buffer and if any major development was to occur, it would require the costly recoating of the pipeline (approximately \$1,000 per linear metre plus administration costs); and
- APA could support the following:
 - Roads crossing the pipeline at a 90 degree angle;
 - Flood mitigation infrastructure, such as swales, along/across the easement; and
 - The easement being used as public open space with shared paths and/or horse trails.

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd has considered the implications of the APA Group's submission and recommended that, due to the risk associated with sensitive uses in proximity to the pipeline and the cost prohibitive price to recoat the pipeline to accommodate development above, land within the easement should not be identified for future development. This land can be used for flood mitigation infrastructure and public open space.

Acoustic Assessment

A submission (see Attachment 2 – *Submissions Recorder*) was received during the latest round of public consultation that suggested that the noise levels from the Racing Facility during an event were affecting the amenity of the surrounding properties.

In October 2015, Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd was commissioned to undertake an acoustic assessment to identify an appropriate buffer distance from the racing facility and the land uses proposed in the Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan.

In order to complete this assessment, Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd placed three stationary noise loggers at various locations within the racing facility for six days to obtain ambient background noise data. Additionally, a hand held noise logger was used to take measurements at multiple intervals from various locations within the proposed Precinct during both a harness and greyhound racing event (separate dates).

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

The acoustic engineer then used these readings to build an acoustic spread model. This model indicated that noise levels during a harness racing event were quite high, up to 70 dBs, and during certain wind speeds/directions could affect the amenity of the proposed land uses in the Precinct.

Council officers met with representatives of the Shepparton Harness Racing Club (SHRC) to discuss the findings of the acoustic model. In conjunction with advice from the acoustic engineer, SHRC agreed to upgrade their public announcement system to utilise a number of short-range, more localised speakers instead of the larger, long-range speakers currently employed at facility. The acoustic engineer revised the acoustic model based on the noise emissions of the new speaker configuration and prepared a final assessment.

Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd prepared the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Masterplan - Acoustic Assessment - May 2016* (see Attachment 4 - *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Masterplan - Acoustic Assessment - May 2016*) and recommend recommends that the proposed modifications to the public address system at the harness racing facility, made by the Shepparton Harness Racing Club, are the only noise control measures required in order for the residential development proposed in the Masterplan to proceed, without adverse noise impacts at the future residential premises. The report also recommends an appropriate buffer distance for sensitive land uses around the racing facility.

Model of Flood Behaviour

During the latest round of consultation, multiple submissions were received from landowners within Investigation Area 1 that questioned the accuracy of the existing flood controls that apply to their land (see Attachment 2 – *Submissions Recorder*).

As a result of these submissions, Council officers engaged Water Technology Pty Ltd in August 2015 to prepare an independent model of flood behaviour for Investigation Area 1 to peer review the existing flood controls against the development proposed in the Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan.

Investigation Area 1 – Model of Flood Behaviour (see Attachment 5 - *Investigation Area 1 - Model of Flood Behaviour Report*) indicated that based on the existing flood conditions (flood extent for the 1% AEP), parts of the Investigation Area were more flood affected than reflected in the current flood controls. The Model of Flood Behaviour also indicated that the development scenario in the draft masterplan had significant off site impacts. To enable some of the flood affected areas to be developed as per the draft masterplan, the quantum of earthworks required to offset the loss of flood storage and resolve these flood issues would be significant. In addition, the Model of Flood Behaviour highlighted the undesirable consequences of filling land for the holiday resort on the corner of Goulburn Valley Highway and Mitchell Road above the 1% AEP flood level, as it would have a significant impact on the levels and velocity of flood waters downstream.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

The G-MW backbone channel running east-west within the Investigation Area plays an important hydraulic control under existing conditions. The channel restricts the amount of water travelling north from Seven Creeks across the north of the Investigation Area. Given the current status of the channel as a 'backbone' channel, it is not scheduled to be decommissioned in the near future. Any development within Investigation Area 1 would be required to accommodate the existing channel and ensuring the current crest levels are not reduced. The need for this change was also highlighted during the additional consultation period held on 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016.

In light of the conclusions of the Model of Flood Behaviour, the APA Group submissions and the further acoustic assessment from Watson Moss Acoustics Pty Ltd, the draft masterplan required changes. A number of development scenarios were tested to ensure the most appropriate response to the issues identified above. The masterplan now shows the removal of some areas of development entirely, allowing for pad sites on Rural Living Areas and the modification of other areas to mitigate the impact on adjoining properties, minimise the extent of flooding, minimise the loss of flood storage and require less compensatory earthworks.

Completion of the Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd recommends that the quantum of earthworks required to support all development proposed in the Draft Feasibility Study and Masterplan is cost prohibitive.

Urban Enterprise Pty Ltd has consulted the APA Group, Watson Moss Growcott Acoustics Pty Ltd and Water Technology Pty Ltd, and considered the results of the acoustic assessment and the model of flood behaviour. The *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* has been revised accordingly (see Attachment 6 - *Final Goulburn Valley Harness and Equine Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan - June 2016*).

The *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* provides the following:

- a detailed assessment of the strategic context of the site, and an informative background of the existing harness and greyhound activities that currently take place;
- a profile of the harness and greyhound sectors, highlighting that growth is expected to take place within both sectors in the near future;
- an estimate of the economic benefits of implementing the masterplan both in the construction and operational phases; and
- the strategic framework for the future residential development of the precinct.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 1 has been completed and the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* is now ready for consideration by Council. Additionally, Council officers recommend the preparation and exhibition of a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan*.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

The Greater Shepparton City *Council Plan 2013-2017* contains a strategic goal which seeks to promote economic growth by working with existing businesses and industries, encouraging new business development and diversification, attracting and supporting education within the City and strengthening agriculture and industry. The implementation of the Master Plan will support economic growth in Shepparton.

The Feasibility Study and Masterplan is consistent with the Council Plan's vision and strategic goals. In particular, it implements the following key objectives:

- 3.3 Make Greater Shepparton the regional sporting capital of Victoria and a leading sporting destination.
- 4.3 Encourage sustainable municipal growth and development.

Risk Management

The GSHS identifies land for future residential development. By not implementing the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan*, there is the potential that housing affordability could be impacted by a lack of suitable residential land in Shepparton.

Additionally, there is the risk that if the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan* are not implemented the future needs of the Kialla Paceway will not be met and its viability and competitiveness will suffer.

Policy Considerations

The *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan* supports existing Council policy including the Greater Shepparton City Council *Council Plan 2013-2017* and the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)*.

Financial Implications

The recommendation does not have any financial or budgetary implications for Council. A budget allocation was included in the adopted budget for the 2014 -'15 financial year to complete the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan*. A budget bid has been made in the 2016-'17 financial year to prepare and exhibit a planning scheme amendment to implement its findings.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan* comply with the legislative requirements and has been prepared in accordance with the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

A large proportion of the Precinct is affected by the Floodway Overlay and the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, which will place development constraints in these areas. Flood prone areas could potentially be utilised for drainage infrastructure, open space, recreation trails and/or horse tracks.

There are no adverse environmental impacts associated with the Feasibility Study and Masterplan.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Social Implications

The Feasibility Study and Masterplan will provide positive social benefits. It could potentially expand existing uses and introduce new uses to this part of Shepparton. It is intended to achieve a positive social outcome by facilitating development on a key strategic site in Shepparton.

There are no adverse social impacts associated with the Feasibility Study and Masterplan.

Economic Impacts

The Feasibility Study and Masterplan proposed would provide positive economic benefits. There is an opportunity for a range of new uses to be realised within this location, which would create employment opportunities and have a positive impact upon the local economy. This would also provide additional planning certainty over the location and built form for a range of uses.

There are no adverse economic impacts associated with the Feasibility Study and Masterplan.

Consultation

The consultation process is a vital aspect of this investigation. An extensive consultation exercise has already been undertaken. The process has comprised of three stages of public consultation prior to the adoption of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Feasibility Study and Master Plan*.

On 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016, individual meetings with landowners and stakeholders were arranged to discuss the findings of the peer reviews and the layout of the final Masterplan. This additional consultation period highlighted the need to include the Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) backbone channel traversing the Investigation Area in an east-west direction on the final Masterplan. The Masterplan has been revised accordingly.

An additional stage of consultation will be required as part of a potential future planning scheme amendment.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)

The future planning and development of this investigation area is consistent with the premise of the *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (2006)* for continued sustainable development.

b) Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy (2011)

The *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy (2011)* (GSHS) was developed to respond to existing and future housing needs in the municipality up to 2031. It includes objectives, strategies and actions to guide housing delivery, and sets a long-term direction for future residential growth. The Feasibility Study and Masterplan supports the GSHS by encouraging residential development in appropriate locations. It will also create sustainable living environments which conserve land and energy and are integrated with existing networks and systems.

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8.4 Investigation Area 1 - Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan (continued)

Conclusion

This Ordinary Report details the investigation and technical studies undertaken for Investigation Area 1 in response to the GSHS 2011. The Masterplan outlines a practical development outcome for the investigation area, considering the expected growth in the greyhound and harness racing industries, utilising input from an acoustic assessment and a model of flood behaviour.

On 30 June 2016 and 1 July 2016, individual meetings with landowners and stakeholders were arranged to discuss the findings of the peer reviews and the layout of the final Masterplan. This additional consultation period highlighted the need to include the Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) backbone channel traversing the Investigation Area in an east-west direction on the final Masterplan. The Masterplan has been revised accordingly.

Council officers consider that the assessment of Investigation Area 1 has been completed and the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan* is now ready for consideration by Council. Additionally, Council officers recommend the preparation and exhibition of a planning scheme amendment to implement the findings of the *Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Masterplan*.

Attachments

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| 1. Goulburn Valley Equine and Greyhound Precinct - Feasibility Study and Masterplan | Page 249 |
| 2. Submission Recorder - consultation in July 2015 | Page 344 |
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8.5 Shepparton Court Development

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Council Officers involved in producing this report

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider whether Court Services Victoria (the Court) should make a financial contribution to Council for its shortfall in car parking.

The current Court provides 23 on site car parking spaces for Court staff.

It is proposed to continue to provide 23 on site car parking spaces for Court staff. No public parking is provided for security reasons; meaning Council car parking spaces will be utilised to cater for much of the Court's parking needs.

The Court's traffic engineers identify a parking shortfall of 26 spaces.

The 'Shepparton Law Courts Redevelopment Project Incorporated Document March 2015' (the document) states the following in relation to the Courts on site car parking:

If a shortfall in car parking occurs, a financial contribution shall be made to Council for each reduced space unless Council is satisfied that such payment is not warranted having regard to the circumstances

Based on a 26 space reduction a contribution of \$150,696 (\$5796 per space) can be sought by Council under the provisions of the document.

Despite this, the benefit of the Court development to region's economy also needs consideration in Council's deliberations.

Moved by Cr Summer

Seconded by Cr Patterson

That the Council require Court Services Victoria to make a financial parking contribution to Council of \$150,696 (GST not applicable) before the development is occupied.

CARRIED.

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8.5 Shepparton Court Development (continued)

Background

The Court Redevelopment consists of a \$73 million investment which will provide 7900sqm of floor space over five stories. The estimated completion date of the project is late 2017.

The development leads to:

- A \$73 million investment into Shepparton's central business district
- Improved Court services to the Hume Region
- Creation of 730 full time equivalent construction jobs of which 430 full time equivalent jobs would be supported locally
- Creation of 85 new full time equivalent local office positions

The development is authorised under the 'Shepparton Law Courts Redevelopment Project Incorporated Document March 2015' (the document). The document forms part of the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Council officers were consulted during the preparation of the document as set out in the below table.

Date	Officer's Response	Outcome
13 March 2015	Officers suggested that a traffic and parking condition be included in the document. It was also recommended that a Section 173 Agreement be entered into agreeing on a parking contribution amount from the Government to Council	
1 April 2015	Officers reviewed a revised document which included the following condition: Traffic Impact Assessment and Management Plan providing details on the provision, location, layout and treatment of all vehicle and bicycle parking areas, loading and unloading areas within the site, driveways and other access ways within the abutting site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details on access arrangements for prisoner transport vehicles • Road treatments to and from Welsford Street If a shortfall in car parking occurs, a financial contribution shall be made to Council for each reduced space unless Council is satisfied that such payment is not warranted having regard to the circumstances. Officers responded stating the document was appropriate.	The document was incorporated into the scheme in accordance with this wording.

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8.5 Shepparton Court Development (continued)

To date planning officers have approved the following plans / reports under the document:

- Drainage plans
- Water sensitive urban design report
- Architectural design plan

The Court has submitted a Car Parking Assessment, the key details are outlined below:

- The Court consists of four court rooms which are serviced by 23 staff car parking spaces. No visitor spaces are provided
- The expansion proposes to expand the court to six hearing rooms and provide 23 staff car parking spaces with no visitor spaces
- Visitor parking within the Court is not provided for security reasons
- It is anticipated that the expanded Court will require an additional 23 spaces for visitors and three spaces for staff

The Courts traffic engineers justify the reduction in car parking for the following reasons:

- There is ample off-street car parking in close proximity; and
- Currently there is zero car parking on site for visitors for security reasons. This is consistent with security policy and should be continued with the expansion of the site

For these two reasons the Court submit that no parking contribution should be made to Council.

Officers Assessment

The Court development proposes to provide 23 car spaces in a basement car park which is accessed from Welsford Street. Four of the spaces will be tandem spaces and two of these spaces will be for small vehicles.

One disabled space will be provided in the basement car park.

The following options available to Council are:

Option	Officers Comment
Require \$150,696 contribution	The document provides the ability to seek a contribution. Requiring a contribution would be consistent with other planning decisions in relation to new developments in Shepparton's CBD. The Courts traffic report acknowledges that the Court will have a parking shortfall and as a result the Court will rely on Council's parking infrastructure to satisfy its parking demand.
Not require a parking contribution	Council actively lobbied through the 'Make Shepparton Greater' document for the Government to fund the Court re-development. The subsequent request for a parking contribution may not be seen as a co-operative approach between Council and Government. Additionally the economic benefits to the region may offset the need for a parking contribution.
Require a lesser parking contribution	Council could require a lesser financial contribution as a compromise position similar to the Nixon Street dental clinic. If Council decide to adopt this option Council need to provide direction to officers as what the contribution will be.

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8.5 Shepparton Court Development (continued)

Risk Management

There are no risks associated with this report

Policy Considerations

There are no associated policies relevant to this report.

Financial Implications

If the recommendation is carried by Council, Council can expect to receive an additional \$150,696 of income to its parking fund.

Legal/Statutory Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

There are no environmental/sustainable Impacts associated with this report.

Social Implications

There are no social implications associated with this report.

Economic Impacts

There are no economic impacts associated with this report.

Consultation

Officers believe that consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Conclusion

Council under the document has the ability to seek a parking contribution from the Court.

Therefore officers recommend that a parking contribution should be sought from the Court.

Attachments

Nil

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8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans

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Executive Summary

The Planning Department and the Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) have prepared the Shepparton North East Precinct Structure Plan (NEPSP) and the Shepparton South East Precinct Structure Plan (SEPSP) to accommodate residential growth in Shepparton.

The NESPS and SEPSP areas have been identified in the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* as two of the four major growth fronts for Shepparton. The Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme highlights these two areas in the Framework Plans at Clause 21.04 as "Urban Growth Areas".

The *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identifies Shepparton as a "Major Growth Location" in the Hume Region. The Shepparton Urban Growth Framework in the *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identified the NEPSP and SEPSP areas as "key residential growth fronts" for Shepparton.

These two important growth corridors will accommodate a population of approximately 8,000 residents and are of key strategic importance to satisfying the future residential needs of Greater Shepparton and the Hume region.

The Precinct Structure Plans (PSPs) and Development Contributions Plans (DCPs) have undergone extensive drafting and are now ready to be implemented into the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. Council officers seek Council approval to write to the Minister for Planning and request that the MPA be made Planning Authority to undertake these planning scheme amendments.

The MPA works closely with councils and government agencies on integrated land use and infrastructure coordination for strategically important development sites across Melbourne, in the declared growth areas and in regional centres.

The MPA has a strong record of implementation of PSPs in growth areas, and will provide consistent, effective advice and independent input into the planning amendment process.

The MPA is managing the preparation of the PSPs and DCPs in conjunction with Greater Shepparton City Council. Greater Shepparton City Council is a key stakeholder and is the responsible authority for the implementation of the PSPs and DCPs.

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8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Patterson

That the Council writes to the Minister for Planning to request the Metropolitan Planning Authority become the Planning Authority for two amendments to the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme to implement the Shepparton North East Precinct Structure Plan and the Shepparton South East Precinct Structure Plan.

CARRIED.

Background

The *Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy Plan 2006* consider that a significant portion of residential growth in the short-medium term will be met by the four main growth corridors, as identified in the Municipal Strategic Statement the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme. The residential growth Framework Plans at Clause 21.04 of the Planning Scheme include the areas covered by the NEPSP and SEPSP, showing them as “Urban Growth Areas”. These growth areas are of key strategic importance to satisfying the future residential needs of Greater Shepparton.

The *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011* (GSHS) identifies land to meet the future residential growth needs of the municipality up to 2031. The GSHS states that it is important that growth is maintained on a number of fronts, providing choice and variety in the housing market. The GSHS identifies a number of other corridors and estates that will aid in meeting this predicted demand. The NEPSP and SEPSP will be two of the most extensive and important of these areas.

The *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identifies Shepparton as a “Major Growth Location” in the Hume Region. The Shepparton Urban Growth Framework in the *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identified the NEPSP and SEPSP areas as “key residential growth fronts” for Shepparton.

Given the significance of these areas, Council wrote to the Minister for Planning in July 2013 (NEPSP) and again in July 2014 (SEPSP) requesting assistance from the MPA in the preparation of comprehensive structure plans to provide a development framework, including infrastructure costs, to allow for a comprehensive vision of residential growth for the two areas. These requests were subsequently approved by the Minister for Planning.

The preparation of the Structure Plans has been informed by significant detailed and technical investigations, including traffic impact assessment, drainage reports and functional design drawings, engineering input to enable costing and cross sections for proposed road infrastructure, cultural heritage reports, flora and fauna assessments and detailed design for active recreational space. These investigations have been undertaken at Council’s behest and, in the case of the NEPSP, by the proponent as part of a proponent driven project.

The preparation of the Structure Plans has also required broad consultation with key stakeholders such as service authorities, VicRoads, Goulburn Murray Water, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and other large landowners in both precincts. The next step will involve the formal exhibition of the PSPs to the community for submissions.

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8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

The MPA can become Planning Authority for land in the Urban Growth Zone (UGZ). Council requires a resolution in order for the MPA to act as Planning Authority and progress the amendment, as it is currently not part of the existing delegation.

Shepparton North East Precinct Structure Plan (NEPSP)

The NEPSP area includes approximately 170 hectares of land located approximately three kilometres to north-east of the Shepparton CBD (see Attachment 1 – North East Precinct Structure Plan).

The NEPSP area is generally bounded by Verney Road to the west, the low-density 'Matilda Drive' residential development and Ford Road to the north, the Goulburn-Murray Water (G-MW) Drain 3 to the south, and a G-MW channel and the Shepparton Alternate Route (Grahamvale Road) to the east.

The main land uses within the NEPSP area are intensive horticulture, other agriculture, and ancillary uses. There are a small number of rural residential lots to the southwest of the NEPSP area along Verney Road.

The land is currently primarily within the Farming Zone (Schedule 1). The G-MW channels that traverse the area are in the Public Use Zone.

The NEPSP is a proponent driven project, put forward by a single developer who owns the majority of land within the NEPSP area. Nordic Pty Ltd undertook to work with Council and the MPA to ensure the development of this area as a primary project for Council. As such, Nordic Pty Ltd entered into an arrangement with Council by way of a Memorandum of Understanding, to provide technical reports and background information satisfactory to Council requirements that would inform the coordinated and orderly development of this area, with adequate provision of infrastructure and services.

The NEPSP and Development Contributions Plan (DCP) will provide the long-term vision for the future planning and development of the NEPSP area. These plans will provide a broad framework that will coordinate development and assist in the transition of the area from its current rural character into an urban residential expansion area for Shepparton.

It is envisaged that the NEPSP will accommodate a population of approximately 3,600-4,000 residents (approximately 1,400-1,600 lots). The current PSP includes five retarding basins that integrate with adjoining local parks, approximately 6 hectares of sports reserves and local parks, and a local convenience centre with a community centre and town square. The PSP will also build on the existing road network to include safe and convenient access to Verney Road, Ford Road and Grahamvale Road, with better connections to Grahamvale School.

The PSP documents will concentrate on the location and quantum of stormwater drainage infrastructure, traffic infrastructure, community facilities and parks, as well as the manner in which G-MW channels are to be decommissioned, and how the G-MW Drain 3 will be treated.

Shepparton South East Precinct Structure Plan (SEPSP)

The SEPSP area includes approximately 475 hectares of land located approximately four kilometres south-east of the Shepparton CBD (see Attachment 2 – South East Precinct Structure Plan).

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8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

The SEPSP area is generally bounded by the Midland Highway (Benalla Road) to the north, the Shepparton Alternate Route (Doyles Road) to the east, the Broken River to the south and the existing limit of residential development to the east of Shepparton to the west.

The main land uses within the area are intensive horticulture, other agriculture, and ancillary uses. There are a small number of rural residential lots scattered throughout the area. Conventional residential development and two aged care facilities have recently been constructed along Channel Road on residential zoned lands. Commercial uses are located to the north-east of the SEPSP area.

The land is currently primarily in the Farming Zone (Schedule 1). Small pockets of Commercial 1 Zone, Commercial 2 Zone, General Residential Zone, Industrial 1 Zone, Road Zone Category 2, Public Use Zone 1 and Urban Floodway Zone also exist within the SEPSP area. The lands south of Channel Road are affected by the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay, reflecting the fact that the southern portion of the area is subject to inundation during 100 year ARI storm events.

The SEPSP is a Council driven proposal, with Council undertaking to work with the MPA to provide technical reports and investigation required to facilitate the long term vision for the land.

The SEPSP and Development Contributions Plan (DCP) will provide the long-term vision for the future planning and development of this area. These plans will provide a broad framework that will coordinate development and assist in the transition of the area from its current rural character into an urban residential expansion area for Shepparton.

It is envisaged that the PSP will accommodate a population of approximately 4,000-5,000 residents (approximately 2,200-2,500 lots) and has the capacity to accommodate 310 jobs. The PSP will include linear parks connecting drainage infrastructure to create a corridor of approximately 10 hectares of parkland throughout the area, enhanced connections with Shepparton marketplace and other commercial areas to the north, as well as a community and local convenience centre.

The PSP documents will concentrate on the location and quantum of stormwater drainage infrastructure, traffic infrastructure, community facilities and parks, as well as the manner in which G-MW channels are to be decommissioned, how G-MW drains are to be embellished and how development will seek to integrate with the existing limit of residential development to the west of the SEPSP area.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

Quality Infrastructure (Built)

Objective 4.1 – Encourage sustainable municipal growth and development.

Risk Management

The MPA will be responsible for undertaking all stages of the planning scheme amendment process. This will ensure risk to Council is minimised.

Not progressing with this planning scheme amendment may mean that the land cannot be developed to provide for additional residential growth in Shepparton. It could also result in ad hoc development proposals without a comprehensive development framework and fair infrastructure funding model.

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8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

Policy Considerations

The proposal seeks to implement the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011*.

The proposal also implements important elements of the *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014*, which identifies the NEPSP and SEPSP areas as “key residential growth fronts”.

There are no conflicts with existing Council policy.

Financial Implications

This planning scheme amendment will not impose any unreasonable costs on the Council's resources or finances.

All costs associated with the planning scheme amendment process will be met by MPA. Some minor additional costs associated with an Independent Planning Panel process may need to be met by Council.

DCPs have been developed in accordance with State government guidelines for the two PSP areas. The DCPs establish a framework for developers to contribute a fair proportion of the cost of works and services required to support the future development of the PSP areas. It ensures that the cost of providing new infrastructure and services is shared equitably between developers and the wider community.

Technical investigations including full functional designs and costings have been completed for all major infrastructure items in the DCPs. This will ensure that costs are as accurate and fair as possible, and that Council is not unreasonably burdened by development costs.

Legal/Statutory Implications

All procedures associated with this project comply with the legislative requirements under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

The assessment is considered to accord with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (the Charter) – no human rights have been negatively impacted upon throughout the process.

The Charter recognises that reasonable restrictions may be placed on the use and development of land, and that there may on occasion be reasonable and acceptable off-site impacts on others. Provided these issues are properly considered, it would be a rare and exceptional case where the exercise of a planning decision in accordance with the regulatory framework is not Charter compatible.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The PSPs utilise regional precinct guidelines and standards to ensure adequate provision of active open space, a network of shared paths and linear parks.

Social Implications

The PSPs provide for a positive social outcome, including standards for the provision of community facilities, access and walkability requirements for open space, public transport and community areas.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

Economic Impacts

The PSPs will allow for the coordinated development of a large area of residential land within Shepparton's growth corridors. The PSPs provide additional planning certainty of the location, and design of built form and infrastructure requirements, as well as a mechanism to ensure equitable delivery costs for the provision of infrastructure throughout the precincts.

The MPA will lead the inclusion of the PSPs into the planning scheme, reducing the economic impact to Council's in terms of operational costs.

Consultation

Consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, which includes:

- Letters to affected and neighbouring land owners and occupiers;
- Notice in the Shepparton News;
- Notice in the Victorian Government Gazette;
- Notice on the Council website;
- Notice on the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website; and
- Copy of the documentation at the Greater Shepparton City Council offices.

The statutory consultation process for planning scheme amendments does not conflict with Council's Community Engagement Strategy.

Strategic Links

a) Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy 2006

Topic: Settlement and Housing

Theme: Growth

Objective 1: To provide for sufficient suitable additional land for urban growth

Objective 2: To release land efficiently in terms of location, supply of services and infrastructure

Objective 3: To contain urban growth to identified growth areas in order to protect higher quality and intact agricultural areas and achieve a more compact built up area

b) Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011

Objective A: Ensure an adequate supply of appropriate land for residential development
The NEPSP and SEPSP areas are identified as "Urban Growth Areas" in the *Greater Shepparton Housing Strategy 2011*.

c) Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014

The *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identifies Shepparton as a "Major Growth Location" in the Hume Region.

The Shepparton Urban Growth Framework in the *Hume Regional Growth Plan 2014* identified the NEPSP and SEPSP areas as "key residential growth fronts" for Shepparton.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.6 Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans (continued)

Conclusion

The PSPs and DCPs have undergone extensive drafting in co-ordination between Council officers and the MPA, and are now ready to be implemented into the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme.

Requesting the MPA to act as the Planning Authority will ensure a fair, consistent approach to the implementation of the PSPs and DCPs into the planning scheme, and allow Council access to their considerable resources in undertaking two planning scheme amendment processes.

Attachments

1. Shepparton North East PSP Page 519
2. Shepparton South East PSP Page 520

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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay

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Executive Summary

This report is an assessment of the proposed complete demolition of a heritage listed dwelling at 71 Corio Street, Shepparton.

The dwelling has been partially demolished with planning permission in accordance with a redevelopment plan; this application seeks to remove the remaining part of the dwelling.

The land is within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone and Heritage Overlay.

Officers have advertised the application and one objection to the proposal have been received. The objection relates to the loss of the heritage dwelling in the Corio Street precinct.

The purposes of the Heritage Overlay include; to conserve and enhance those elements which contribute to the significance of the heritage places and to ensure development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places.

The most significant consideration with this application is whether the remaining part of the dwelling is of sufficient heritage importance to refuse the proposed demolition application.

Officers engaged Heritage Alliance to undertake an expert heritage assessment of the proposed demolition. The findings of the Heritage Alliance review are below:

Should the house be further demolished. My answer is no. It is quite clear what the house is and its location on its block, its scale, its materials, its very form as a triple fronted gable building and its detail are evident as is its place amongst a group of similar dated timber houses. Even the remaining portion continues to the highly relevant to the heritage overlay.

Officers have formed the view that the application should be refused as the remaining part of the dwelling continues to be of heritage significance and redeveloped in accordance with planning permit 2015-292.

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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Summer

In relation to Planning Application 2016-181, on the basis of the information before Council and having considered all relevant matters as required by the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council resolves to refuse to grant a planning permit for the demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay for the following reasons:

- a) The proposal is not consistent with the State Planning Policy Framework (SPPF), particularly:
 - I. 15.03-1 (heritage conservation) which requires that 'the conservation and enhancement of those places which are of, aesthetic, archaeological, architectural, cultural, scientific, or social significance, or otherwise of special cultural value and Encourage appropriate development that respects places with identified heritage values and creates a worthy legacy for future generations'
- b) The proposal to demolish the dwelling is not consistent with objectives in the Heritage Overlay at clause 43.01 which seeks to:
 - To conserve and enhance heritage places of natural or cultural significance
- c) The proposal fails to adequately respond to Council's local policy at 21.05-4 and the decision guidelines at clause 43.01-4 as:
 - I. The application is not supported by a redevelopment proposal which prevents the Council considering the following:
 - Whether the location, bulk, form or appearance of the proposed building will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place
 - Whether the location, bulk, form and appearance of the proposed building is in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings and the heritage place
 - II. The proposed demolition will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place.

Cr Houlihan was granted an extension of time to speak to the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Property Details

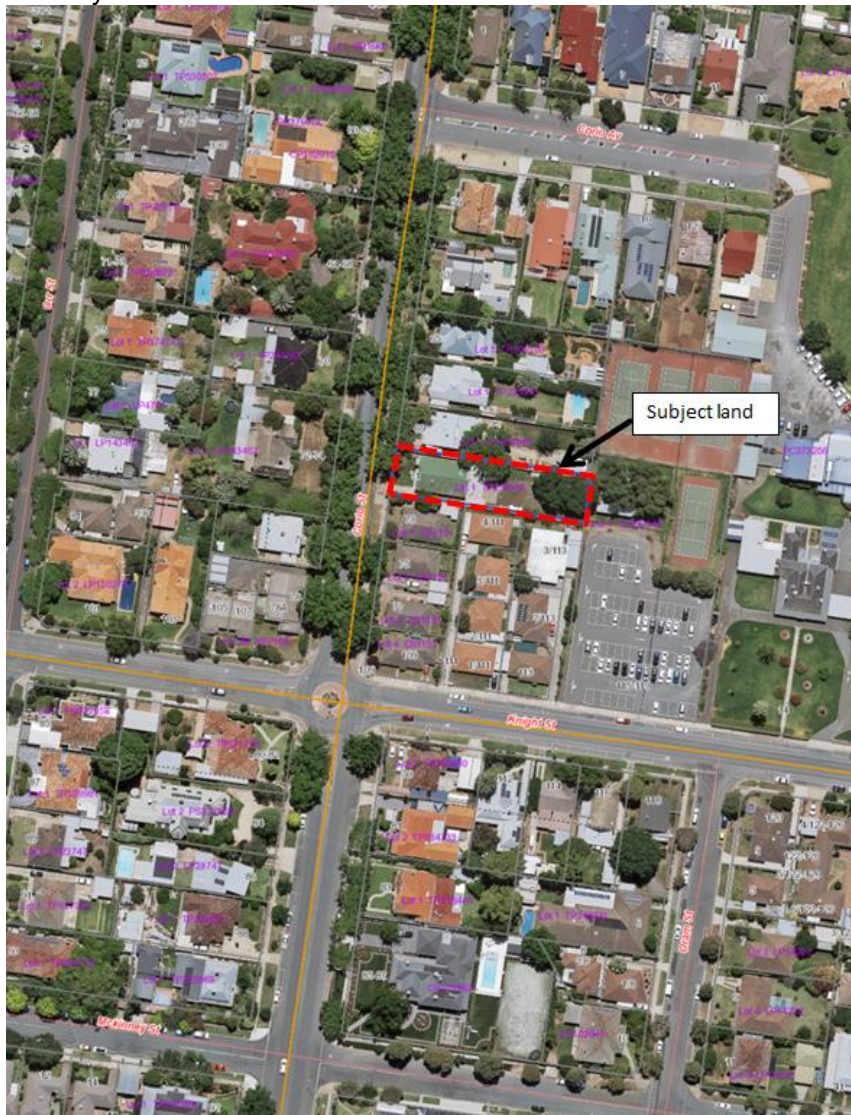
Land/Address	71 Corio Street, Shepparton
Zones and Overlays	Neighbourhood Residential Zone Heritage Overlay
Why is a permit required	Demolition of a dwelling under clause 43.01-1

Proposal in Detail

The planning application was lodged on 2 May 2016 and proposes the complete demolition of the dwelling.

The application was accompanied by a potential replacement dwelling that is a style that would be consistent with the character of the street however permission was not sought for the replacement dwelling. The application was not supported by an expert report which assessed the structural stability of the remaining part of the dwelling.

Locality Plan



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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Photos of the remaining part of the dwelling are below.



Rear elevation of the dwelling



Front elevation of the dwelling

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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Summary of Key Issues

- The application seeks planning permission to demolish the remaining part of the dwelling at 71 Corio Street, Shepparton.
- The application has been advertised and one objection lodged. Grounds of objection relate to loss of a heritage dwelling in the Corio Street precinct.
- Heritage advices are that the dwelling is of heritage significance and the part of the dwelling should be retained and incorporated into a redevelopment of the land.
- Officers assessment of the application concludes that on balance no permit should be granted for the demolition of the dwelling as the remaining part of the dwelling continues to be of heritage significance to Corio Street.

Background

Date	Summary of Actions
March 2006	Heritage advice as part of pre-application meeting for demolition of dwelling and two new dwellings was provided. It was recommended that the dwelling be retained and a unit constructed to the rear of the existing dwelling.
April 2008	Planning permit 2007-441 issued for two lot subdivision and removal of car port.
22 June 2009	Building application lodged for demolition of the dwelling
6 July 2009	Building permit issued by Council to allow the demolition of the dwelling. The building permit subsequently expired without the demolition being undertaken
February 2011	Council's heritage advisor determined that demolition of the dwelling would be supported.
2 August 2011	Letter to land owners regarding design requirements.
26 August 2011	Letter to land owners informing that the site is best suited to a two unit development.
3 October 2013	Planning scheme amendment C110 revises the planning scheme to include new local policy relating to the demolition of the heritage buildings.
20 January 2015	Meeting between planning officer and land owner at which time the owner was informed that the scheme had changed and demolition was unlikely to be supported
2 February 2015	On site meeting with owners attended planning officers and heritage advisor. During this meeting the owners were informed that demolition of the dwelling would no longer be supported due to the change in heritage policy.

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8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Date	Summary of Actions
17 February 2015	Officers provide a letter to the land owner to explain the amendments to Council's heritage policy that results in officers not supporting the demolition of the dwelling in the Heritage Overlay.
18 February 2015	Officers provide a letter to the land owner informing that a subdivision of the land would not be supported by officers due to non-compliance with Rescode standards.
24 February 2015	Officers inform the landowner by letter that Council will engage a new heritage advisor to consider development options for the land.
April 2015	Lovell Chen Architects and Heritage Consultants provide a report which states the 'complete demolition or removal of the building could not be supported from a heritage perspective'. On 30 April 2015 this report was provided to the land owners.
3 August 2015	Planning application lodged for 'extensions to a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay' and associated partial demolition of the dwelling. The permit was subsequently issued on 10 September 2015.
29 February 2016	Council's Chief Executive Officer informs the owners by letter that the complete demolition of the dwelling will not be supported by planning officers.
2 May 2016	Planning application lodged which seeks permission to demolish the remaining part of the dwelling.

Assessment under the Planning and Environment Act

The land is within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone, however no permission is required under the zone for the demolition of the dwelling.

Shepparton Residential Precinct South (HO141) – Statement of Significance

What is significant?

The Shepparton Residential Precinct South. It demonstrates the ongoing residential development which has occurred in Shepparton from the late nineteenth century, through the Edwardian and Inter-war years, to the 1940s showing the close pattern of development which evolved as the town expanded.

Council's Local Planning Policy includes the following relevant objective:

- To discourage the demolition of places of cultural heritage significance that are designated as Individually Significant or Contributory in heritage precincts.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

The Heritage Consultants

Lovell Chen was engaged in 2015 by Council officers to review the heritage issues of 71 Corio Street, Shepparton.

Lovell Chen's findings are below:

Assessment of significance

While subject to alteration of the facade, 71 Corio Street presents as a property which is consistent with others identified in the precinct as contributory buildings.

Notwithstanding the alterations, the interwar character of the house remains strongly legible in the single and paired gable arrangement, the side porch entry and in the overall form. If desired the facade alterations easily could be reversed, enhancing both the building and its contribution to the streetscape.

In considering the statement of significance contained within the precinct citation³, the house remains as one of a number which evidence the principal phases of development in the area and the range of architectural styles pursued. In this regard it is important in maintaining the strength of the small north-east cluster of buildings which form part of the greater precinct.

The conclusion of this appraisal is that the designation of the house as 'contributory' is appropriate.

Demolition/removal

Complete demolition or removal of the building could not be supported from a heritage perspective. Albeit that works are required, potentially including restumping, the property does not present as being structurally unsound. Demolition or removal would unacceptably diminish the cultural heritage significance of the heritage place. Removal of the building to an alternative site would entirely remove any cultural heritage significance associated with the structure.

Heritage Alliance was engaged in 2016 by Council officers to specifically review whether the remainder of the dwelling should be demolished.

Heritage Alliance findings are below:

Comments in relation to expectations of buildings within the overlay

It would be anticipated that buildings of contributory significance (and this is clearly one) are not demolished except in unusual circumstances (eg termite ridden, fire, severe weather damage).

It would be anticipated that out of character alterations made to the house in previous years (1960s) are corrected where visible in the main frontage and sides to some distance down each of the the sides of the building.

New extensions are mainly built to the rear and do not add visible bulk to the existing building when viewed from the street.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Discussion

I cannot see that the demolition has gone so far as to completely destroy the understanding of the building given that:

- *The house had peculiar modifications in the 1960s and some of these have been removed during the recent works in anticipation of restoring the building*
- *The remnant layout and previous plans make it reasonably clear what the house was in layout and how big it was (i.e. it is a plan based on a published SSB design).*
- *The interior works are exempt anyway from a planning permit which could theoretically result in just the exterior of the building maintaining the appearance of a period building.*
- *There are circumstances in other planning jurisdictions in Victoria where the whole house has been demolished and rebuilt in the same (exact matching) materials to the extent of the roof, chimney, doors, windows and frontage and a substantial portion of the side walls and some but not all of the original interior layout also retained.*

The works have removed “significant fabric” but the fabric is not the only thing of importance here: the interpretation of the design in its street context is just as important as the fabric. Similar amounts of “significant fabric” is removed every day in heritage overlay areas where alterations are made to houses which are of a contributory nature particularly as interiors are not subject to planning controls.

As a heritage advisor I would have expected that a plan would be lodged showing sympathetic alterations and reinstatement of the exterior form where demolished with a series of historically based re-instatement works at the frontage and sides including:

- *Timber doors and timber sash framed windows as single and multiple units (in either fixed, casement or vertical sash form)*
- *Reinstatement of the missing portion of the galvanised roof sheeting (the framing is not relevant except to keep the correct slopes and size and expressed rafters) along with D mould gutters (galvanised)*
- *Reinstatement of a substantial portion of the side timber walls (albeit modified by where doors and windows might be inserted) although the wall frame method is not relevant.*
- *Closing up of some of the lounge wall leading onto what was a sleep-out with a half wall and flyscreen netting – the interior side of the sleep-out reveals how this was arranged.*

None of these works are onerous in themselves.

Conclusion:

Should the house be further demolished. My answer is no. It is quite clear what the house is and its location on its block, its scale, its materials, its very form as a triple fronted gable building and its detail are evident as is its place amongst a group of similar date timber houses. Even the remaining portion continues to be highly relevant to the heritage overlay.

Both of the expert heritage consultants have formed the view that no permit should issue for the total demolition of the dwelling.

Below is an assessment of the proposed demolition application against local policy and the decision guidelines to the Heritage Overlay.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Policy Statement	Officer's Response
<p>Discourage the demolition of Individually Significant or Contributory buildings, except where it can be demonstrated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the building is structurally unsound (as determined by a suitably qualified Building Surveyor), and the cost of repairs is considered to be unreasonable and economically unsustainable, and the significant physical fabric is so compromised or in such poor condition that the replacement and/or repair would compromise and reduce the integrity of the building. 	<p>Does not comply</p> <p>The submitted application has not been accompanied by any expert reports that assess the structural stability of the building or the cost of undertaking repairs to the building.</p>
<p>Demolition of features of Individually Significant or Contributory places may be considered if it will help to reveal the original fabric of the place.</p>	<p>N/A – This application seeks a total demolition of the dwelling.</p>
<p>Demolition of features that are identified as not contributing to the cultural heritage significance of either an Individually Significant or Contributory place can be removed. If the place is Individually Significant, the Statement of Significance for the individual place will be used to inform the assessment of an application.</p>	<p>N/A – This application seeks a total demolition of the dwelling.</p>
<p>Demolition or removal of buildings or features on places identified as Non-Contributory on the relevant precinct map may be considered.</p>	<p>N/A – The dwelling has been identified as a contributory building.</p>
<p>Demolition approvals should not be granted until replacement buildings or works have been approved.</p>	<p>Does not comply</p> <p>The applicant has submitted a potential replacement dwelling plan. Despite this an integrated application has not been lodged which seeks permission for demolition of the dwelling and the subsequent redevelopment of the land.</p>
<p>New development visible from the street should be designed in a manner sympathetic to the character of the significant fabric or in an understated modern manner in complementary form and materials.</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>The application was not supported by a formal redevelopment proposal.</p>
<p>Decision guidelines in the Heritage Overlay</p>	<p>Officers Response</p>
<p>The significance of the heritage place and whether the proposal will adversely affect the natural or cultural significance of the place.</p>	<p>The dwelling has been identified as a contributory place in Council's heritages study. Whilst the dwelling has been partially removed what is left is the front and side facades which continue to be of</p>

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Policy Statement	Officer's Response
	heritage significance. The removal of this dwelling would result in the loss of a 1920's dwelling from the Corio Street precinct which would be an undesirable outcome.
Whether the demolition, removal or external alteration will adversely affect the significance of the heritage place.	The proposed demolition if allowed would result in the total loss of the dwelling. Heritage advice from both Lovell Chen and Heritage Alliance is that the demolition of the dwelling would be an unacceptable heritage outcome as the loss of the dwelling would diminish the Corio Street heritage precinct.

Officers have formed the view that no permit should grant for the demolition of the heritage listed dwelling for the following reasons:

- Lovell Chen and Heritage Alliance being heritage experts having undertaken an assessment of the dwelling are recommending that is inappropriate to allow the demolition of the dwelling.
- The relevant planning policies seek to conserve heritage places and avoid the loss of heritage buildings except in exceptional circumstances. The application is supported by no expert reports that demonstrate the dwelling is structurally unsound or the cost of repairing the dwelling is prohibitive.
- Although it is acknowledged that a possible replacement dwelling design was submitted with the application, permission was not sought to construct this dwelling. Therefore if the demolition was allowed, what the future development of the land is unknown to officers or the community.

Council Plan/Key Strategic Activity

A goal of the Council plan is titled enhancing the environment (natural):

We will continue to value our heritage, open spaces and natural environments, maintaining and enhancing them, and enabling greater access for people to connect with our environment.

Risk Management

Risks	Likelihood	Consequence	Rating	Mitigation Action
Incorrect notification	A	5	Low	The application has been properly advertised which allowed objections to be lodged with the Council. This objector will be informed of Council's decision on the application.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Policy Considerations

The application has been considered against the policies contained within the Greater Shepparton Planning Scheme and found to achieve unacceptable planning outcomes in terms of the Heritage Overlay.

Financial Implications

This planning application has no significant financial implications on Council.

Legal/Statutory Implications

Should either the applicant or objector be dis-satisfied with Council's decision an application for review can be lodged at VCAT.

Cultural Heritage

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* provides protection for all Aboriginal places, objects and human remains in Victoria, regardless of their inclusion on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register or land tenure.

The *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* introduces a requirement to prepare a Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) if all or part of the activity is a listed high impact activity, resulting in significant ground disturbance, and all or part of the activity area is an area of cultural heritage sensitivity, which has not been subject to significant ground disturbance.

The land is not within an area of aboriginal cultural heritage sensitivity therefore the proposed demolition does not trigger the need for a cultural heritage management plan.

Environmental/Sustainability Impacts

The application raises no significant environmental or sustainability issues.

Social Implications

Section 60(1)(f) of the Act states the following:

Before deciding on an application, the responsible authority must consider,

- *Any significant social effects and the economic effects which the responsible authority considers the use or development may have.*

The proposed application to demolish a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay is not considered to raise any significant social or economic effects.

Economic Impacts

The application raises no significant economic impacts to Council.

Referrals/Public Notice

The application was advertised to neighbours by letter and a sign erected on the land. This public notice resulted in one objection being lodged from 65 Corio Street, Shepparton.

8. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

8.7 Demolition of a dwelling in the Heritage Overlay (continued)

Ground of Objection	Officer Response
Demolition of the dwelling will severely impact on the precinct	Officers agree that the loss of this contributory dwelling would negatively impact on the Corio Street heritage precinct.
No future intention of land use has been disclosed	Officers acknowledge that the applicant did include a potential redevelopment proposal; however this dwelling proposal did not form part of the application.
Shepparton has lost to many significant buildings in the past	Past decisions regarding heritage buildings such as Shepparton's Post Office is not a relevant consideration to the proposed demolition of a dwelling at 71 Corio Street.
Affect property valuation	Property value is generally not a relevant planning consideration.

Officers believe that appropriate consultation has occurred and the matter is now ready for Council consideration.

Strategic Links

Greater Shepparton 2030 Strategy (GS2030)

8.4 of GS2030 provide the following key objectives:

- To identify, protect and enhance sites and areas of recognised historic significance.
- To recognize efforts at restoration and re use of sites of identified heritage significance.

Table 5 – built heritage contains the following relevant strategies.

- Encourage the retention, adaptation and appropriate renovation of significant historic buildings and works, gardens and other areas as a viable alternative to demolition.

The GS2030 document provides strategic direction to retain buildings of heritage value. The more detailed and technical assessment was undertaken by the heritage study which provided assessment criteria for applications in the Heritage Overlay.

Based on Council heritage policies which were borne from the heritage study it is deemed that it is an unacceptable planning outcome to allow the dwelling to be demolished.

Conclusion

Officers having undertaken an assessment of the application have decided that the proposed demolition of the dwelling achieves unacceptable planning outcomes and therefore it is recommended that no permit issue.

Attachments

Nil

9. TABLED MOTIONS

Nil Received

10. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL DELEGATES TO OTHER BODIES

Nil Received

11. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

11.1 Cr Houlihan's Report on Special Committees and Advisory Committees

Name of Committee	Date of Meeting Attended	Key Items
Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee	6/06/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Study Stage 2C is continuing including a broad assessment of the Dookie area now completed. • Discussion held about the status and future of Gowangardie Weir which is to be de-commissioned in the near future. • A sign company was engaged to restore historical signage in the Queens Gardens • Investigation is continuing of the possibility of setting up a grants program to assist owners of properties with local heritage significance to complete some restoration projects.
Deakin Reserve Advisory Committee	8/06//2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ground area has been verti-drained and this is helping to maintain the ground surface in good condition. • The Committee was awaiting confirmation of funding for a Master Plan. This has since been confirmed following the passing of the 2016/17 Council Budget. Nets behind the goals will be considered during work on the Master Plan. • Netball change rooms will be built during the 16/17 financial year. • Need to improve disabled access within Deakin Reserve was discussed. Note: Since this meeting \$30,000 has been allocated in the Council Budget for this purpose.
North East branch of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)	10/06/2016	This meeting was held at the Benalla Council offices and attended by female councillors from north eastern Victorian Councils. Discussion was focused mainly on ways and means of providing information, mentoring, advice and support to women who are interested in standing for the Local Government elections in October.
Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Special Committee	22/06/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation from representative of a local signage business of ideas for design and production of signs which will display the botanical and common names of the hundreds of different species of plants within the gardens. Advice is being sought from established Botanic Gardens throughout Australia. • A Runners group has requested trail distance markers throughout the site and this is being investigated. • A \$60,000 Myer Foundation Grant, to be used for the strengthening and sustainability of supporting groups (not for Capital Works) has been granted to the Committee to administer.

11. REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

11.1 Cr Houlihan's Report on Special Committees and Advisory Committees

Name of Committee	Date of Meeting Attended	Key Items
Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Special Committee	22/06/2016	<p>The two supporting groups which will receive assistance and work with the Council's Section 86 committee are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Friends of the Botanic Gardens Shepparton (FABGS) and; • Shepparton Mooroopna Urban Landcare. <p>The funding is across two years and will provide administrative assistance with governance, communication, social media, increasing membership base and servicing members, education and workshops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the capital funding amount of \$100,000 allocated in the 2016/17 Council budget, the Committee will now move forward with the staged building of a Children's Nature Play Space and Garden, interpretive signage, providing seating and shelter, plus the design and part delivery of a new themed garden on Honeysuckle Rise.

Moved by Cr Houlihan
Seconded by Cr Hazelman

That Cr Houlihan's report on Special Committees and Advisory Committees be noted.

CARRIED.

12. NOTICE OF MOTION, AMENDMENT OR RESCISSION

Nil Received

13. DOCUMENTS FOR SIGNING AND SEALING

Nil Received

14. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

14.1 Councillors Community Interaction and Briefing Program

Disclosures of conflicts of interest in relation to advice provided in this report

Under section 80C of the *Local Government Act 1989*, Council officers and others who are contracted to provide advice or services to the Council must disclose any conflicts of interests they have before any advice they provide is considered. Disclosures must be in writing, to the Chief Executive Officer and must specify the type and nature of the conflict.

No Council officers or contractors who have provided advice in relation to this report have declared a conflict of interest regarding the matter under consideration.

Councillors' Community Interaction and Briefing Program

From 1 June 2016 to 30 June 2016, some or all of the Councillors have been involved in the following activities:

Give Me Five for Kid's Launch
 Greater Shepparton Update Launch
 Official Opening Shepparton Showgrounds | The Hon Jaala Pulford
 Embedding Legal Assistance Partnership Launch
 Meeting with Wendy Lovell & Shadow Minister Tim Smith MP
 Community Session – Understanding Islam
 HWBAC Meeting
 Australian Burundian Community in Victoria | Women's Day Celebration
 SAM Chen Qiulin – Tofu carving performance & Exhibition opening
 SAM Chen Qiulin Tofu Banquet
 Toolamba | Opening Toilets
 WOW Women One Day Event
 Heritage Advisory Committee meeting - June 2016
 Round table discussion with Senator Fiona Nash
 Meeting | Senator Bridget McKenzie - 'Backpackers Tax'
 2cool4school Graduation
 PAAC Meeting
 Meeting | Goulburn Regional Partnership | Amanda Cattermole - Deputy Secretary
 Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Community Showcase
 2016 Origin All Star Basketball Series
 2016 Vic Country V Vic Metro Masters Football - Mayor Coin Toss and Presentation
 Softball Masters Presentation
 SAM Election Promise | Senator The Hon Fiona Nash
 100th Community BBQ | Let's Get Together Group
 GSCC Reception for The Hon Dr Sharman Stone
 Dairy Price Impact in the Goulburn Area - Meeting with Minister Pulford and Local Councils
 Farmers- take a load off- event
 Murray Federal Election Candidate's Forum | C4GS
 Regional Cities Victoria – June Meeting
 Roadsafes Heavy Vehicle Forum
 Meeting with Woongi Council of Elders
 20th Anniversary Concert | Goulburn Valley Concert Orchestra
 Refugee Week Launch
 Shepparton Show Me Ordinary Meeting
 Funding Announcement | GV Region Investment Package
 Refugee Week Morning Tea
 FRRR | Grants Presentation Event

14. COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES

14.1 Councillors Community Interaction and Briefing Program (continued)

RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee Meeting
Community Leadership Program Network Dinner
Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation | Board Meeting
Refugee Week Movie Night – Desert Flower
Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee
Give Me 5 For Kids event
Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee Meeting
African Youth Forum 2016
Tatura Hospital Sunday Afternoon Tea
Meeting | The Hon Barnaby Joyce
Victorian Tennis Awards
MAV Conference - Planning Group Meeting
Minister's Nash, Chester & McCormack | Jobs, Investment & Infrastructure Investment -
Roundtable Discussion
Private Meeting with Duncan McGauchie and The Hon Mitch Fifield
Conversations for Change Project
Inland Rail Round Table
3rd Annual Heart of Victoria Tourism Dinner | Goulburn River Valley Tourism

In accordance with section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* records of the Assemblies of Councillors are attached.

Moved by Cr Hazelman
Seconded by Cr Summer

That the summary of the Councillors' community interaction and briefing program be received.

CARRIED.

Attachments

Nil

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

15.1 Assemblies of Councillors

Heritage Advisory Committee Monday 7 March 2016		
Councillors:	Councillor Jenny Houlihan	
Officers:	Michael MacDonagh, Lynette Bolitho	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1	Introductions & Apologies	Cr Houlihan
2	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	Cr Houlihan
3	Items to be raised during 'Agenda Item 12 General or other Business'	Cr Houlihan
4	Confirmation of Meeting Minutes of 1 February 2016	Cr Houlihan
5	Greater Shepparton Cultural Heritage Awards Guidelines 2016	Cr Houlihan
6	Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2014	Cr Houlihan
7	Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015	Cr Houlihan
8	Greater Shepparton Heritage Strategy 2016-2020	Cr Houlihan
9	Strategic Work Program	Cr Houlihan
10	Information Purposes – Michael MacDonagh	Cr Houlihan
11	Information Purposes – Deborah Kemp	Cr Houlihan
12	Active Planning Permit Applications within the Heritage Overlay	Cr Houlihan
13	<i>Greater Shepparton Heritage Study Stage IIC: Rural</i>	Cr Houlihan
14	Short Discussion Session	Cr Houlihan
15	General or other business	Cr Houlihan

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Nil	

Heritage Advisory Committee Monday 2 May 2016		
Councillors:	Councillor Jenny Houlihan	
Officers:	Michael MacDonagh, Lynette Bolitho	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1	Introductions & Apologies	Cr Houlihan
2	Declarations of Conflict of Interest	Cr Houlihan
3	Items to be raised during 'Agenda Item 12 General or other Business'	Cr Houlihan
4	Confirmation of Meeting Minutes of 4 April 2016	Cr Houlihan
5	Inaugural Biennial Heritage Lecture	Cr Houlihan
6	Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee Annual Report 2015	Cr Houlihan
7	Strategic Work Program	Cr Houlihan
8	Information Purposes – Michael MacDonagh	Cr Houlihan
9	Information Purposes – Deborah Kemp	Cr Houlihan
10	Active Planning Permit Applications within the Heritage Overlay	Cr Houlihan
11	<i>Greater Shepparton Heritage Study Stage IIC: Rural</i>	Cr Houlihan
12	Short Discussion Session	Cr Houlihan
13	General or other business	Cr Houlihan

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Nil	

Councillor Briefing Session – 7 June 2016		
Councillors	Cr Dinny Adem, Cr Chris Hazelman, Cr Jenny Houlihan, Cr Les Oroszvary, Cr Dennis Patterson	
Officers:	Peter Harriott, Steve Bowmaker, Kaye Thomson, Chris Teitzel, Matthew Jarvis, Majenta Rose, Jacalyn Thatcher, Chris Molyneaux and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items).	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Strategic Resource Plan	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary (partial) Cr Patterson
2.	Partnership Agreement with Algabonyah	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson
3.	Mooroopna Retail and Commercial Properties	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson
4.	Tributes to Bruce Wilson	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil	

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Councillor Briefing Session – 14 June 2016		
Councillors	Cr Dinny Adem, Cr Chris Hazelman, Cr Jenny Houlihan, Cr Les Oroszvary, Cr Dennis Patterson, Cr Kevin Ryan	
Officers:	Peter Harriott, Steve Bowmaker, Kaye Thomson, Chris Teitzel, Matthew Jarvis, Majenta Rose, Chris Molyneaux, Kelli Halden, Marilyn Howley, Katie Wallace, Sharlene Still, Michael MacDonagh, Michael Carrafa, Ken Cameron, Ronan Murphy and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items).	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Consideration of 2016/2017 Budget Submissions	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary (partial) Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
2.	Greater Shepparton Sports Precinct East – West Boulevard and Balance of Precinct Works	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan (partial)
3.	Australian Botanic Gardens Special Committee	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
4.	Councillor Code of Conduct	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
5.	Greater Shepparton Heritage Advisory Committee – Annual Report 2015	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
6.	Education Strategy	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
7.	Australian National Piano Award Shepparton – Council Sponsorship MOU	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
8.	Review of Draft Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
9.	Property Valuations	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
10.	Shepparton Chamber of Commerce MOU	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
11.	Tatura Park Master Plan	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil	

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Councillor Briefing Session – 21 June 2016		
Councillors	Cr Dinny Adem, Cr Chris Hazelman, Cr Jenny Houlihan, Cr Les Oroszvary, Cr Dennis Patterson, Cr Kevin Ryan	
Officers:	Peter Harriott, Steve Bowmaker, Johann Rajaratnam, Chris Teitzel, Colin Kalms, Michael MacDonagh, Jon Griffin, Sam Kemp, Elke Cummins, Virginia Boyd, Heath Chasemore, Mel Sporry and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items).	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Investigation Area 3 – Model of Flood Behaviour and Conceptual Master Plan	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary (partial) Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
2.	Investigation Area 1 – Goulburn Valley Harness and Greyhound Racing Precinct Feasibility Study and Master Plan	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
3.	Shepparton Court Development	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Oroszvary Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
4.	Update on Early Intervention Strategy	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
5.	Sport, Recreation and Open Space Planning	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson
6.	Sport, Recreation and Open Space – Process and Status Report	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
7.	Council Meeting Agenda – Alternative Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2016/2017 Budget - Use of Land for a Dwelling and Car Restoration 	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson Cr Ryan

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS
15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
8.	Court House Construction	Cr Adem (Chair) Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson Cr Ryan
Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
2	Cr Hazelman	Yes

Councillor Briefing Session – 28 June 2016

Councillors	Cr Chris Hazelman, Cr Jenny Houlihan, Cr Dennis Patterson	
Officers:	Peter Harriott, Steve Bowmaker, Chris Teitzel, Tony Tranter, Colin Kalms, Andrew Dainton, Michael MacDonagh, Jon Griffin, Elke Cummins, Fiona LeGassick, Sharlene Still, Rob Aynsley and Rebecca Bertone (not all officers were present for all items).	
Matter No.	Matters discussed	Councillors Present for Discussion
1.	Independent Panel Members on DHP	Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan Cr Patterson
2.	Shepparton North East and South East Precinct Structure Plans	Cr Hazelman Cr Houlihan (partial) Cr Patterson
3.	Community Satisfaction Survey	Cr Hazelman Cr Patterson
4.	Procurement Policy	Cr Hazelman Cr Patterson

15. ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

15.1 Assemblies of Councillors (continued)

Conflict of Interest Disclosures		
Matter No.	Names of Councillors who disclosed conflicts of interest	Did the Councillor leave the meeting?
	Nil	

**Moved by Cr Patterson
Seconded by Cr Houlihan**

That the Council note the Assemblies of Councillors.

CARRIED.

Attachments

Nil