

MINUTES

Greater Shepparton City Council

COUNCIL MEETING

3:00PM, Tuesday 20 December 2022

Studio 1, Riverlinks Studios

COUNCILLORS

Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)

Cr Seema Abdullah

Cr Dinny Adem

Cr Anthony Brophy

Cr Geoffrey Dobson

Cr Greg James

Cr Sam Spinks

Cr Fern Summer

VISION

GREATER SHEPPARTON, GREATER FUTURE

A thriving economy in the foodbowl of Victoria with excellent lifestyles, innovative agriculture a diverse community and abundant opportunities

Values

Values reflect what we feel is important. Organisations may have core values that reflect what is important in the organisation. These values may be guiding principles of behaviour for all members in the organisation.

Respect first, always

We are attentive, listen to others and consider all points of view in our decision making.

Take ownership

We take pride in honouring our promises and exceeding expectations, and are transparent with and accountable for our actions.

Courageously lead

We lead with integrity, and stand up and stand by what is in the best interests of the Greater Shepparton community.

Working together

We work collaboratively to create higher quality outcomes that are more efficient, thoughtful, effective and responsive. We cannot accomplish all that we need to do without working together.

Continually innovate

We are open to new ideas and creatively seek solutions that encourage us to do our best for our community.

Start the celebration

As ambassadors for our people and place, we proudly celebrate the strengths and achievements of Council and the Greater Shepparton community.

**MINUTES
FOR THE
COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 DECEMBER 2022 AT 3:00PM**

**CHAIR
CR SHANE SALI**

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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 (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Extreme (5)
Almost Certain (5) Would be expected to occur in most circumstances (daily/weekly)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME	EXTREME
Likely (4) Could probably occur in most circumstances (i.e. Monthly)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	EXTREME
Possible (3) Reasonable probability that it could occur (i.e. over 12 months)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
Unlikely (2) It is not expected to occur (i.e. 2-5 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Rare (1) May occur only in exceptional circumstances (i.e. within 10 years)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH

Extreme Intolerable – Immediate action is required to mitigate this risk to an acceptable level. Event/Project/Activity is not to proceed without authorisation

High Intolerable – Attention is needed to treat risk.

Medium Variable – May be willing to accept the risk in conjunction with monitoring and controls

Low Tolerable – Managed by routine procedures

PRESENT: Cr Shane Sali (Mayor)
Cr Seema Abdullah
Cr Dinny Adem
Cr Anthony Brophy
Cr Greg James
Cr Sam Spinks

Officers:	Peter Harriott	Chief Executive Officer
	Louise Mitchell	Director Community
	Claire Barnes	Acting Director Corporate Services
	Gary Randhawa	Director Infrastructure
	Geraldine Christou	Director Sustainable Development
	Molly Willmott	Official Minute Taker
	Jennah Ahmet	Deputy Minute Taker

1 Welcome to Country

The Council Meeting commenced with a Welcome to Country presented by Cr James on behalf of the Yorta Yorta Elders Council and the 16 family.

2 Acknowledgement

We, Greater Shepparton City Council, acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Peoples of the land which now comprises Greater Shepparton, we pay our respect to their tribal elders, we celebrate their continuing culture and we acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.

3 Privacy Notice

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and made available for public access on our website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

All care is taken to maintain your privacy; however as a visitor in the public gallery, it is assumed that your consent is given in the event that your image is broadcast to the public. It is also assumed that your consent is given to the use and disclosure of any information that you share at the meeting (including personal or sensitive information) to any person who accesses those recordings or Minutes.

4 Governance Principles

Council considers that the decisions contained in these Minutes gives effect to the overarching governance principles stated in Section 9(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020*. These principles are as follows:

1. Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
2. priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
3. the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
4. the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
5. innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
6. collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
7. the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
8. regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
9. the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

5 Apologies

That the apology from Cr Geoff Dobson and Cr Fern Summer be noted and a leave of absence be granted.

6 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

In accordance with section 130 (1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020 Councillors are required to disclose any “conflict of interest” in respect of a matter to be considered at a Council Meeting.

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

Cr Shane Sali indicated a conflict of interest in relation to item 12.2 Major and Minor Grants Round 1 2022/2023.

7 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the minutes of the 29 November 2022 Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

8 Public Question Time

Nil Received.

9 Deputations and Petitions

9.0 Petition regarding the intersection of Archer Street and Channel Road, Shepparton Vic. December 2022

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council receive and note the petition titled 'Petition regarding the intersection of Archer Street and Channel Road, Shepparton Vic. December 2022' in accordance with Governance Rule 81.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

10 Community Directorate

10.1 Multicultural Strategy Update 2022

Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council:

1. Note progress made against the Greater Shepparton Multicultural Strategy 2019-22 in year three of the Strategy.
2. Approve the recommendation that the Multicultural Strategy is diversified into a three year Multicultural Action Plan that is integrated into the broader Greater Shepparton City Council Plan.
3. Note the next version of the Multicultural Action Plan will contain an action that the Mayor is to acknowledge culturally significant festivals observed by the multicultural communities in Greater Shepparton and issue a greeting message to the respective communities on the festival day.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11 Corporate Services Directorate

11.1 Contracts Awarded Under Delegation - November

Moved by Cr James
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. note the contracts awarded under delegation pursuant to a formal tender process for the reporting period; and
2. note the requests for tender advertised but not yet awarded.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.2 November 2022 Monthly Financial Report

**Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council receive and note the November 2022 Monthly Financial Report, as attached.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

11.3 Councillor Representation on Committees

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council:

1. appoint the Councillors listed in the table, below as representatives on the Committees of Council, established in accordance with the Local Government Act 2020:

Committee	Councillor Representative(s) 2023
Audit and Risk Management Committee	Mayor Cr Anthony Brophy
Development Hearings Panel	Chair, Cr Shane Sali Cr Seema Abdullah
CEO Remuneration Review	Mayor Cr Dinny Adem Cr Sam Spinks Vacant Councillor (TBD)

2. appoint the Councillors listed in the table below, as representatives on the following Advisory Committees of Council:

Committee	Councillor Representative(s) 2023
Australian Botanic Gardens Shepparton Advisory Committee	Cr Geoff Dobson
Calder Woodburn Memorial Advisory Committee	Cr Anthony Brophy

Committee	Councillor Representative(s) 2023
Disability Advisory Committee	Cr Sam Spinks
Greater Shepparton Aerodrome Advisory Committee	Cr Dinny Adem
Greater Shepparton Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Advisory Committee	Cr Shane Sali
Greater Shepparton Women's Charter Alliance Advisory Committee	Cr Sam Spinks
Heritage Advisory Committee	Cr Greg James Cr Fern Summer
Positive Ageing Advisory Committee	Cr Seema Abdullah
RiverConnect Community Advisory Committee	Cr Seema Abdullah Cr Sam Spinks
Shepparton Regional Saleyards Advisory Committee	Cr Geoff Dobson
Shepparton Showgrounds Advisory Committee	Cr Fern Summer
Sports Hall of Fame Advisory Committee	Cr Anthony Brophy Cr Geoff Dobson
Tatura Park Advisory Board	Cr Greg James Cr Shane Sali
Affordable Housing Reference Group	Mayor
LGBTIQA Advisory Committee	Cr Fern Summer

3. appoint the Councillors listed in the table below, as representatives on the following Committees and Organisations, that are independent of Council:

Committee / Organisation	Councillor Representative(s) 2023
Best Start Early Years Alliance	Cr Seema Abdullah
Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance	Cr Sam Spinks
Goulburn Valley Highway Bypass Action Group	Mayor
Goulburn Valley Regional Library Corporation Board	Cr Greg James

Committee / Organisation	Councillor Representative(s) 2023
Municipal Association of Victoria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Representative • Substitute Council Representative 	Cr Seema Abdullah Cr Sam Spinks
Murray Darling Association	Cr Geoff Dobson
Rail Freight Alliance Committee	Cr Shane Sali
Regional Cities Victoria (RCV)	Mayor
Shepparton Chamber of Commerce and Industry Parking Reference Group	Cr Anthony Brophy Cr Greg James

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Cr Spinks nominated Cr Brophy to the vacant position on CEO Remuneration Review.

Cr Brophy accepted the nomination.

The motion was put and carried.

12 Sustainable Development Directorate

12.1 Small Town Festive Event Grants 2022

Moved by Cr Adem
 Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for the Small-Town Festive Events Grants Program 2022 as outlined below:

Group	Event	Grants Awarded (GST Free)
Karramomus Hall and Recreation Reserve	Karramomus Christmas for the Community	\$500
Lions Club of Tatura	Tatura Carols by Candlelight	\$1,100
Byrneside Public Hall Committee of Management	Byrneside Community Christmas Celebration	\$750
Harston Hall Community Asset Committee	Harston Hall Community Get-Together	\$500
Kiwanis Club of Mooroopna	Mooroopna Carols in the Park	\$1,450
Toolamba Lions Club	Toolamba Lions Club Carols in the Park	\$600
Bunbartha Community Centre	Bunbartha Christmas Tree	\$500
Dookie and District Development Forum	Dookie Carols by Candlelight	\$500
Neighbourhood House Murchison	Murchison Christmas Carols	\$1,100
Total		\$7,000

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Cr Sali declared a conflict of interest in relation to item 12.2.

Cr Sali called for nominations for Acting Mayor.

Cr Adem nominated Cr James.

Cr James accepted the nomination.

The motion was put and carried.

Cr Sali appointed Cr James as the acting Mayor, for the period beginning when Cr Sali discloses his Conflict of Interest and vacates the chamber, and ending when Cr

Sali returns to the Chamber at the conclusion of consideration of item 12.2 Major and Minor Event Grants Round One 2022/2023.

Cr Sali left the meeting at 3:32pm.

Cr James assumes the position of Acting Mayor.

12.2 Major and Minor Event Grants Round One 2022/2023

Moved by Cr Adem
 Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round One of the 2022/2023 Major and Minor Event Grants Program as outlined below:

Organisation	Grant Awarded (GST Free)
Albanian Moslem Society Shepparton	\$3,000
Lions Club of Tatura	\$2,500
Shepparton Athletics Club	\$5,000
Goulburn Valley Pride	\$5,000
Shepparton District Kennel Club	\$2,000
Shepparton Cycling Club	\$2,000
Aviculture Society of Australia	\$2,000
South Shepparton Community Centre	\$1,450
SSAA Shepparton Shotgun Club	\$1,411
Devenish Dookie and District Good Friday Appeal	\$2,000
Dookie and District Development Forum	\$500
Total	\$26,861

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

Cr Sali returned to the meeting at 3:36pm.

Cr Sali assumes the position of Mayor.

12.3 Extension of time request - IGA Numurkah Road

Moved by Cr Abdullah
Seconded by Cr Brophy

That the Council adopt the position at VCAT that it would have refused to extend Permit No. 2017-177, having regard to the relevant legal tests relevant to the consideration of the extension of a planning permit.

That council would have refused an extension of the permit had an appeal for failure not been lodged with VCAT before it was able to make a formal decision on the following grounds:

- The applicant for an extension has not advanced material reasons as to why an extension should be granted.
- There has been a change in policy (c192, C193pt1 & C196) since the grant of the permit.
- The permit holder appears to be warehousing the permit.
- The applicant for extension has indicated that the permit, if extended, would not be relied upon in its current form.
- The total time period allowed for commencement (including a previous extension) was arguably adequate.
- The permit has not imposed any unreasonable burden on the owner.
- Although a fresh permit for a similar development would likely be granted, the form of the development would likely be different.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

**12.4 Community Sustainability Grants Round 1
2022 2023**

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That Council note the successful applicants awarded funding under delegated authority for Round One of the 2022/2023 Community Sustainability Grants Program as follows:

Group	Project	Grant Amount Awarded (GST Free)
Greater Shepparton Lighthouse Project (GSLP)	Woodworking for Wildlife	\$2,920
Tatura Scouts	Energy efficient light upgrade	\$1,049
*Dookie Memorial Hall Community Asset Committee	Dookie Memorial Hall Heating Upgrade	\$3,000
	TOTAL	\$6,969 (GST Free)

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.5 Awarding of Grants under the Heritage Conservation Grants Program 2022/2023

Moved by Cr Brophy
 Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the Council note the successful applicants of the Greater Shepparton Heritage Conservation Grants Program 2022/2023 as outlined below (GST inclusive):

Group	Project	Grant Amount Awarded (GST Inclusive)
St Germain's Homestead, 820 Hutchison Rd, Undera	Structural repairs to brick walls and replace roof timbers	\$16,500.00
Alexander Miller Home, 47-53 Wyndham St, Shepparton	Repair and paint windows	\$8,800.00
Harston Church, 915 Springvale Rd, Harston	Renew damp proof course and repoint brickwork	\$5,285.00
St Andrews, 2 Alexandra St, Mooroopna	Repair fascia boards and paint exterior	\$13,004.20
Nimitybelle, 110 Craven Rd, Tatura	Repair roof, verandah and chimneys	\$3,903.90
St Augustine's Anglican Church, 95-97 Maude St, Shepparton	Repair leadlight windows and paint exterior	\$1,602.70
Original Post Office building, 33 McLennan St, Mooroopna	Restore and paint timber gable, and reconstruct front fence	\$16,500.00
715 Midland Hwy, Shepparton East	Repair roof and verandah, and restore original doorway	\$16,500.00
Aloi Thai, 339 Wyndham St, Shepparton	Repair roof and replace capping	\$7,977.20
Pine Lodge Uniting Church, Pine Lodge South Rd, Pine Lodge	Replace guttering and downpipes, and repair loose roof	\$1,633.50

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.6 Proposed Lease of Land to Kids Under Cover to realise a Village 21 Development

Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council, having undertaken a community engagement process in accordance with Section 115 of the *Local Government Act 2020*:

1. receive and note the contents of the submissions received or heard and Council officers' responses outlined in the *Conversation Report – Proposed lease of land at 20-22 Perrivale Drive, Shepparton December 2022*, as attached;
2. endorse the leasing of Council-owned land at 20-22 Perrivale Drive, Shepparton to Kids Under Cover for a term of 10 years at a peppercorn rental of \$1.00 per annum (excluding GST) with a single option to renew to realise a Village 21;
3. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into an Agreement for Lease and Lease with Kids Under Cover to realise a Village 21, provided further that Kids Under Cover provides evidence of funding for its proposal before 31 December 2023;
4. inform all submitters of Council's decision in relation to this matter; and
5. keep submitters informed in relation to the announcement of any future funding to realise this project.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.7 RiverConnect Strategic Plan 2023-2028 for Council Endorsement

**Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Brophy**

That the Council:

- 1. acknowledge the feedback from public consultation; and**
- 2. adopt the RiverConnect Strategic Plan 2023-2028, as attached.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

12.8 RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee - Community Representatives for Appointment

**Moved by Cr Spinks
Seconded by Cr Abdullah**

**That the Council appoint the following community representatives to the
RiverConnect Implementation Advisory Committee:**

- **Kimberley Chu**
- **Bruce Cumming**
- **Paul Hockett**
- **Rod McLennan**
- **Jay Whittaker**

**for a period of three years, commencing 21 December 2022 and concluding 20
December 2025.**

CARRIED UNOPPOSED



13 Infrastructure Directorate

Nil Received.

14 Documents for Signing and Sealing

Nil Received.

15 Councillor Reports

15.1 Councillor Activities

15.1.1 Councillor Activities - November 2022

Moved by Cr Brophy
Seconded by Cr Adem

That the Council receive and note the summary of the Councillor's Community Interactions and Informal Meetings of Councillors.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

15.2 Council Committee Reports

15.2.1 Murray Darling Association Region 2 Annual Report 2022

Moved by Cr Adem
Seconded by Cr Spinks

That the report from Cr Geoff Dobson be noted.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED

15.3 Notice of Motion, Amendment or Rescission

Nil Received.

16 Urgent Business not Included on the Agenda

Nil Received.

17 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 4:27pm.