



## MINUTES

SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM  
CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644,  
WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

**PRESENT** Chair Administrator Graeme Emonson PSM  
Administrator Suzanna Sheed AM

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Matthew Morgan Chief Executive Officer  
Eva Salib Acting Director Corporate Performance  
Justin Hanrahan Acting Director Infrastructure  
Bryan Sword Director Sustainable Development  
Scott Williams Director Community  
Nancy Mustica Governance and Risk Coordinator

### RECORDING

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### LIVE STREAMING

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### 1. WELCOME CALLING TO ORDER – CEO

### 2. PRAYER

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

### 4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

### 5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

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**6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**MOTION:**

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 26 June 2024, as presented, be adopted.

(CARRIED)

**7. ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSES**

**CHAIR ADMINISTRATOR GRAEME EMONSON**

Administrator Sheed, CEO Matthew Morgan and I had the pleasure of hosting a community catch up with a number of Cobram community leaders this morning . As Administrators, we are keen to conduct community catch-ups at various communities across the municipality. The catch-ups are a great opportunity for us to meet informally with community leaders to hear about their aspirations and concerns, and to focus on how council can work best with respective communities. To meet with Cobram leaders this morning was a wonderful opportunity to hear about their passion for the community and to discuss opportunities for Council to assist and contribute. We would like to thank the participants for joining us this morning.

On Thursday I will have the pleasure to represent Council at the Many Mobs Connections Bridge Walk in Yarrawonga. The Bridge Walk is a great opportunity to celebrate the importance of indigenous culture to our local area and to bring a focus to the need for reconciliation and First People's self-determination. I would like to thank Many Mobs for organising this important annual event and for enabling Council to be represented and participate.

CEO Matthew Morgan and I attended a meeting yesterday convened by the Minister for Water the Hon Harriet to further discuss the Commonwealth Government's approach to water buybacks and the Victorian Government's response. As mentioned at previous meetings, the State Government has released a draft Prospectus as its response to the Commonwealth's recent legislation that will see 450 megalitres of water returned to the environment. There is widespread recognition that water buybacks are likely to result in significant, negative social and economic impacts for communities in affected areas, and the meeting was a further opportunity to discuss mitigation strategies with the Minister.

I would also like to foreshadow that Council will be commencing the renew of the Moira Community Vision and its Council Plan in coming months. The Community Vision is likely to be a 20-year high-level strategy for the future development and wellbeing of the municipality. The Community Vision will be followed by the refresh and development of the Council Plan which is Council's four-year statement of priorities and strategic directions. We look forward to deep and widespread engagement with the community to ensure both strategies reflect the community's aspirations. Opportunities to be involved will be published in coming months.

**ADMINISTRATOR SUZANNA SHEED**

In early July CEO Mr Matthew Morgan and I attended the national conference of the Australian local government association in Canberra. This was a large gathering of local government representatives from across the whole of Australia which is held in the national capital and provides the opportunity for many of our political leaders to address the conference delegates. We heard from the prime minister, the minister for regional development and the Minister for infrastructure along with various shadow members of Parliament. Of particular interest to me was an address given by Simon Kuestemacher, a demographer who spoke about intergenerational equity and fairness.

While his address was often amusing as he compared the different attitudes of the generations since the Second World War he also pointed out some very significant issues around the fact that many local government jobs and indeed communities face a steep retirement cliff. Cities will continue to soak up most of the employees and many regional areas will struggle to find staff. In addition to this the wheel of time keeps turning and our populations are ageing rapidly. He predicts that loneliness will reach epidemic proportions in 2030 and that it is important to do what we can to encourage connectedness and community cohesion.

Local governments are expected to provide a range of services to meet these needs and state and federal governments ask this of local government with the resulting cost shifting and insufficient funding to meet the cost of providing such services. There are enquiries underway assessing local government's ability to deliver core services and the effects of cost shifting. There are real problems with the sustainability of current revenue streams and alternative funding models for all local governments must be considered.

While in Canberra Mr Morgan and I took the opportunity to meet with members of parliament and their advisers to again advocate on the negative aspects of water buybacks in our regions. Many of you will have now heard that the federal government has put out a tender seeking "willing sellers" in our communities so that it can achieve their numbers on water recovery.

Last week was NAIDOC Week and I was pleased to attend a celebration day at the Dharyna centre in the Barmah forest. Hundreds of people were present on what was a lovely sunny day. We had the opportunity to see plans for the new Dharyna centre which will include accommodation and conference areas and eventually provide a significant tourist attraction for the Barmah region. The day included music, dance, food and speeches and a great community spirit and hope for the future.

Moira Shire Council has hosted two family and gender violence forums with a 3rd to be held on Friday in Cobram. This initiative by the Shire followed Australia wide concern about the number of violent family violence deaths across the country with rallies conducted in many communities and much emphasis being placed on what can be done to eliminate such shocking instances of family violence.

The forums have brought together police and many other organisations that work in family violence across the region to discuss a broad range of advocacy proposals and to try and address the needs in our community. Some of the advocacy proposals call for Cobram to have a 24-hour police station and for there to be electronic tracing of perpetrators of family violence in certain circumstances.

There is always the need for further funding for additional support and counselling services and this Fridays forum will clarify the role each of the agencies will take going forward. Moira Shire has taken an initiative through a Gender-Based Violence Football and Netball Club Campaign and has committed to coordinating a pilot project that gives local football and netball clubs the opportunity to host an education session facilitated by Sports and Life Training a not-for profit health promotion organisation that works with sporting clubs, leagues and associations to create strong culture and leadership that leads to more connected communities of care and respect. It helps clubs build a positive structure with the skills and behaviours to lead a respectful, caring, resilient and courageous community.

It has been great to see several clubs have already been paving the way with initiatives of their own to support gender-based violence awareness, with Yarrawonga Football Netball Club already running sessions previously with great feedback from members. Clubs have also identified that the well-being of their members have been paramount for them this year and a number of clubs are offering other facilitated sessions on men's health, mental well-being and road safety for young players. They have all echoed their thanks for Council being active in this space and collectively agree that this is what we need to continue to support and educate the community on this important issue.

## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **MATTHEW MOGAN - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Over the month, I've continued to meet with community groups and community asset committees as we look to reconnect and rebuild relationships within the community and see the great work that is being done by volunteers on behalf of Council in maintaining and operating community facilities. This month this has included site visits to meet with the Yarroweyah Rec Reserve Committee, Yarrowonga Cricket Club, Yarrowonga Showgrounds Committee, Yarrowonga JC Lowe Reserve Committee, Picola Rec Reserve, Waaia Rec Reserve, Tungamah Rec Reserve, Wilby Rec Reserve and the Cobram Historical Society.

Additionally, I've had introductory meetings with the principals of Numurkah Primary School, Numurkah Secondary School, St Joseph's School Numurkah and Cobram Primary School.

A week in Canberra was well spent at the National General Assembly and involved many opportunities to discuss and network key matters with colleagues from around the state and the nation, and this included several trips to Parliament House with Administrator Sheed to meet with Local Member Sam Birrel, Senator Perin Davey and senior ministerial advisors to Minister Plibersek and Minister McBain on several matters, particular the issue of water buy backs.

We've had several meetings and discussions with the Murray River Group of Councils and will continue to directly work with various government representatives on this matter at both state and federal level.

As a Council we were involved in NAIDOC Week celebrations and activities with a strong presence at Dharnya Day on 10 July, a fantastic event celebrating First Nations heritage and culture.

We also facilitated a workshop for the CEOs and executives of Moira, Berrigan, Indigo and Federation Councils to revisit the Memorandum of Understanding that was established by the Councils in 2021 and to discuss the prospect of community planning without borders. In simple terms, how we can work together to plan services, infrastructure and growth for our border communities regardless of the state and local government boundaries that exist. This included a discussion and presentation from the Victorian Cross Border Commissioner. The executive teams from the Councils have committed to working together and noting that councils will be holding elections later this year, a goal will be to include a briefing for councils post-election on the MOU and the possibilities and plan for cross border planning.

Before closing I would also like to thank Justin Hanrahan to for his exceptional leadership and dedication during their tenure as interim Director Infrastructure. Justin's commitment and strategic guidance have significantly contributed to the team's success and stability during this transitional period. I appreciate Justin's efforts in fostering a collaborative and productive work environment and wish him all the best in this future endeavours.

### **JUSTIN HANRAHAN – ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE**

Officers were pleased to be able to meet with the Numurkah community to discuss the progress on the levee project at two community information sessions in July.

The afternoon and evening sessions were well attended and gave Council a chance to share updates with those present, but also to hear from them about what is important about this project. I'd also like to thank the staff that worked hard to ensure the events were a success.

On a similar basis we are looking forward to hearing from the Numurkah community about Council's draft storm water management system for the township that is being considered as part of this month's agenda. While the draft strategy is based in good science and analysis of

data, we are always mindful that everything we do is to benefit the community, so we welcome feedback on this topic.

We are also about to understand how our communities see road safety in Moira Shire through a questionnaire that will go live later this month. Feedback received will complement data and analysis that has already been undertaken as a basis for Moira's Draft Road Safety Strategy. Once complete, the Road Safety Strategy will inform policy and advocacy when responding to road safety issues and will provide direction to Council as it continues to improve road safety in the area.

Finally, the July Meeting of Council will be my last meeting in the capacity of Interim Director Infrastructure. I've been grateful for the opportunity to assist the organisation and serve the Moira community and I look forward to hearing of many more success stories within Moira Shire over coming months.

### **EVA SALIB – ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE**

During financial year 2023 – 2024, property valuations for council rates were conducted by the Valuer-General in accordance with the Valuation of Land Act 1960. As of the 1st July 2018, the Valuer-General became the valuation authority for annual valuations of all land in Victoria for council rates.

Council rates have been capped since 2016:

Financial Year	Rate Cap	Inflation Rate
2023 - 2024	2.75%	3.6%
2022 – 2023	1.75%	6.0%
2021 – 2022	1.5%	6.1%
2020 – 2021	2.0%	3.8%
2019 – 2020	2.5%	(0.3%)
2018 – 2019	2.25%	1.6%
2017 - 2018	2.0%	2.1%
2016 – 2017	2.5%	1.9%

Fluctuations in council rates are attributable to property revaluations across Moira Shire. Moira Shire Council recently provided a submission to the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Sustainability and supports the call for a review of the funding model for local government. The submission identified an increasing gap between rate revenue and the cost-of-service delivery amid growing expectations from the community to provide and maintain services and infrastructure.

Council's Rating and Revenue Plan will undergo a comprehensive review this year, including modelling of changes to equity and wealth across the district to determine if any changes need to be made as to how rates are distributed, taking in to account current cost of living pressures. There will be extensive community consultation on any proposed changes to rates distribution.

An objection can be lodged if individual property owners disagree with their property valuation, once they receive their council rates notice. Information about lodging an objection is available on the Victorian Valuer-General's website or through Moira Shire Council.

## **BRYAN SWORD – DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Council is set to open two Resale Shops at the Cobram and Numurkah Resource Recovery Centres, Cobram planned to open in September 2024, and Numurkah in October 2024.

We received funding through Sustainability Victoria for this project and they will contribute to our target of 80% diversion from landfill.

Resale Sheds give the community the opportunity to purchase good quality items at an affordable price, such as bikes, household items, furniture and building materials.

Currently undertaking our end of year corporate emissions calculations, including for landfill and landfill legacy emissions.

The annual animal registration period commences on 10 April each year, there are currently 508 overdue registrations. We have commenced follow up phone calls and encourage owners to register their animals asap to avoid a potential fine (\$395).

Council is looking for community minded people to apply for casual School Crossing Supervisor positions in Cobram. If you are interested in providing safe passage for school children across the crossing, please contact Council.

## **SCOTT WILLIAMS – DIRECTOR COMMUNITY**

We had a total of 30 birth across the Shire last month. For the month of June, the Immunisation Team vaccinated a total of 171 clients, administering a total 317 vaccines.

A Glow-Roller disco event was held in Nathalia on Saturday 6 July. Approximately 95 young people and families attended and really enjoyed the event.

Submissions closed today (24/07) for the draft Community Strengthening Grants Policy and Guidelines. The documents will be sent to the August Council meeting for endorsement and the Major Grant round (applications up to \$10,000) will be opening soon after.

A second Family and Gender Based Violence forum will be held on Friday 26 July. This is a follow on from the first forum in May and an opportunity to progress future actions and next steps.

Council has appointed Shane Garner Consulting to develop and deliver the Council's Community Leadership Program. The program is designed to help new, emerging and existing community leaders who are 18 years and over to develop their personal leadership skills, create new personal and professional networks and learn about local government. Applications for this program will be open on 29 July – please visit Council's website for further information or to apply.

Voting for the Moira Business Achievement Awards is now open, with 39 finalists across 11 categories, including best new business, best cross-border business, Moira Shire Business of the year, and Outstanding Business Champion.

The community can vote for their favorite business by visiting Moira Matters.

Our community are invited to explore the region this August with Dollar Discovery week returning. Featuring \$1, \$5, and \$10 deals on both sides of the river, over 40 participating businesses are offering locals and visitors the opportunity to indulge in a value-packed weekend of fresh produce and one-of-a-kind local experiences, every weekend in August. For more information, visit the Moira Shire Council website.

FILE NO:  
1. A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE

ITEM NO: 9.1.1  
(TALENT ACQUISITION OFFICER, BONNIE SYKES)  
(EXECUTIVE MANAGER PEOPLE & CULTURE, ANDREA NOONAN)

## DRAFT VOLUNTEERING POLICY

### Executive Summary

The practice of volunteering provides an immeasurable amount of support to local charities, organisations and public facilities within our Shire. The compassionate residents of Moira who contribute their time and energy to the benefit of another cause, for no financial advantage of their own, allow for our region to continue to offer a diverse, inclusive, and supportive environment to our residents, visitors, and passers-by. Volunteering also offers individuals the opportunity to socialise and become an active member of our community, to explore areas which they may not otherwise experience, to gain useful knowledge around an area of interest, and to meet likeminded individuals whose paths they may otherwise never cross.

Volunteering is a tool utilised by many Victorian Local Governments to engage their communities in a social outlet whilst leveraging their invaluable local knowledge and diverse skillsets. Further, the act of volunteering has been noted in numerous research papers advising on the advantages of volunteering at both an individual and community level, for health and wellness.

Currently, Moira Shire Council itself does not have volunteering programs or utilize volunteers directly, other than Community Asset Committees and their affiliations, legislated for under the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) section 65. These committees are delegated power through a C7 – Community Asset Committee Instrument of Delegation and have their own governance structure as set out in these C7s.

Due to the internal governance of these committees, that have been explicitly left out of the scope of the Volunteering Policy. Members of these committees, however, contribute to the betterment of our Shire, and we acknowledge that and thank them.

A Policy document is required to ensure a consistent, transparent and approved method is being followed by all staff, and all necessary documentation is recorded and accessible, before volunteering programs are developed and volunteers sought and engaged.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council endorse the Draft Volunteering Policy, as shown in Attachment 1 to progress to community consultation for a minimum period of 21 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.1  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE, EVA SALIB)

## 2024/2025 CIVICRISK MUTUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council has been invited to renew the membership with CivicRisk Mutual, providing insurance products and protections and risk management services for the 2024/2025 period.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council:

1. Authorise payment of the Membership Fee and Contributions for the renewal of the membership with CivicRisk Mutual Limited for the 2024/2025 financial year for a total of \$1,169,010 exc GST; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute any agreements and other documents as are necessary to give effect to Council's membership and insurance renewal for 2024/2025.
3. Request a report by December 2024 after consideration by the Audit & Risk Committee as to the future options and a review of insurance coverage.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.2  
(PROCUREMENT OFFICER, LISA KNIGHT)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE EVA SALIB)

## C017/24 - PUSHING UP AND CRUSHING OF HILL GRAVEL

### Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council invited submissions for the pushing up and crushing of hill gravel from Fords Pit located on School Road, Tungamah.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. Award the schedule of rates contract C017/24 – Pushing Up and Crushing of Hill Gravel to Mibus Bros (Aust) Pty Ltd for an initial term of 1 year, commencing 1 September 2024, with an option to extend in single periods of 2 years for a maximum contract period of 5 years (1+2+2).
2. Note that the anticipated expenditure against this Contract in the first year is approximately \$342,000 (exc GST) in accordance with the rates contained in Appendix B and that final expenditure would be defined by operational needs and available budget.
3. Note that Contract rates shall remain fixed for the first twelve months and will be subject to rise and fall based on the CPI calculations contained in the Conditions of Contract.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contract documents and approve contract extensions within the provisions of the Contract.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.3  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE, EVA SALIB)

## SERVICE PLANNING FRAMEWORK POLICY

### Executive Summary

The purpose of the Service Planning Framework Policy (Policy) is to establish the principles of effective service planning to ensure that Council services meet the needs of the community and align with the Service performance Principles in the *Local Government Act 2020*.

The draft Policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 18 July 2024 and is now tabled for consideration by Council.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council adopt the Service Planning Framework Policy, as presented.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.4  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE, RISK AND  
PERFORMANCE, AMANDA CHADWICK)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE, EVA SALIB)

## BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT POLICY

### Executive Summary

The purpose of the Business Continuity Management Policy (Policy) is to establish the principles and framework of Business Continuity Management and outlines the responsibilities for effectively responding to business disruptions to ensure critical functions and services are maintained or restored in a timely fashion.

The draft Policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Audit and Risk Committee on 18 July 2024 and is now tabled for consideration by Council.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council adopt the Business Continuity Management Policy, as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.5  
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE & RISK,  
AMANDA CHADWICK)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE, EVA SALIB)

## AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER AND WORK PLAN

### Executive Summary

The Audit and Risk Committee Charter has been reviewed in line with the recommended review period of two years and provides the Audit and Risk Committee with a Terms of Reference to deliver their objectives in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act).

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council adopt the revised Audit and Risk Committee Charter, as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

**FILE NO:**  
**5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE**

**ITEM NO: 9.2.6**  
**(GOVERNANCE AND RISK ADVISOR,  
NATALIE EVANS)**  
**(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE EVA SALIB)**

## **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of the Risk Management Policy is to provide an overarching commitment on how Council will manage risks as well as defining the key roles and responsibilities of Risk Management within Council.

A review of Council's existing Risk Management Policy has determined the need for a rewrite to ensure that the policy is in line with the intended direction of Council in regard to risk management practices.

This report seeks Council adoption of the revised Risk Management Policy.

### **MOTION**

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council adopt the revised Risk Management Policy, as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
1. A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE

ITEM NO: 9.3.1  
(TEAM LEADER COMMUNITY AND  
RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, CORRENE  
COOPER)  
(DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SCOTT WILLIAMS)

## FAIR ACCESS FOR COMMUNITY SPORT POLICY

### Executive Summary

The Moira Shire Fair Access for Community Sport Policy aims to build capacity and capabilities of Moira Shire Council to improve the access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure for women and girls.

At present, many Victorian women and girls don't have access to the best courts or grounds, have facilities of lesser standard, or are relegated to less convenient competition and training times. These barriers make it difficult for many to participate or reach their best.

The Moira Shire Fair Access for Community Sport Policy and associated Action Plan has been developed and exhibited for public comment from the 22 May 2024 to the 23 June 2024. The community consultation period has now closed.

This Fair Access for Community Sport Policy will help to ensure women can fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of community sport, with fair opportunity and access to their local facilities.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council adopt the Moira Shire Fair Access for Community Sport Policy, as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: P37  
2. A DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY

ITEM NO: 9.4.1  
(PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION  
AND ASSETS, PAUL DIFFEY)  
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE JUSTIN  
HANRAHAN)

## YARRAWONGA WEST CATCHMENT DRAINAGE MASTERPLAN

### Executive Summary

This report is seeking Council adoption of the Yarrowonga West Catchment Drainage Masterplan.

This Masterplan will provide clear guidance in delivering necessary flood mitigation, storm water treatment and drainage infrastructure to be constructed in Yarrowonga West to alleviate current storm water management issues within the catchment and provide necessary infrastructure for future growth within the catchment.

The Masterplan will impact future planning decisions made by Council in development and growth in the subject area.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council:

1. Thank the community members who provided feedback on the Draft Yarrowonga West Catchment Drainage Masterplan in writing and advise the outcome;
2. Note the feedback received from the public consultation on the Yarrowonga West Catchment Drainage Masterplan and refers this feedback to officers to inform the next stage of project planning for the delivery of infrastructure included in the Masterplan;
3. Adopt the Yarrowonga West Catchment Drainage Masterplan, as presented; and
4. Note that Officers will continue to seek external funding contributions for delivery of the Masterplan.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: P44  
2. A DIVERSE AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY

ITEM NO: 9.4.2  
(PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION  
AND ASSETS, PAUL DIFFEY)  
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE, JUSTIN  
HANRAHAN)

## DRAFT NUMURKAH NORTH EAST STORM WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - COMMENCE CONSULTATION

### Executive Summary

This report considers the Draft Storm Water Management Strategy (SWMS) for Numurkah North East – defined as the area between Wattle Drive, Kinnairds Road, 6/6 irrigation channel and Maple Crescent, as shown in Attachment 2

Council officers have been developing an integrated drainage strategy to guide development in the Numurkah Northeast sub catchment area over the past 18 months with Spiire Property & Infrastructure Consultants

A final draft of the Numurkah North East Storm Water Management Strategy has now been developed, as shown in Attachment 1. This strategy has been endorsed by internal Council stakeholders and existing developers in the subject stormwater catchment. Prior to adoption further stakeholder engagement will be required.

Subject to Council endorsing the Strategy, the subject area would then be unlocked for urban development which is expected to increase housing supply in Numurkah Township by more than 300 lots.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council:

1. Note the recommendations in the draft Numurkah North East Storm Water Management Strategy, as shown in Attachment 1.
2. Authorise officers to commence community engagement on the draft Numurkah North East Storm Water Management Strategy, as show in Attachment 1, for a minimum of 28 days in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.
3. Note that a report summarising community feedback along with a final Draft Numurkah North East Storm Water Management Strategy will be presented to Council for consideration prior to adopting the final Plan.
4. Note that the Strategy, once adopted will inform both the Lake Numurkah Strategy and the Lake Numurkah Master Plan.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 10.1.1  
(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MATTHEW  
MORGAN)  
(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MATTHEW  
MORGAN)

## YARRAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

### Executive Summary

Since 2019, Council has on several occasions considered the prospect of acquiring the former Yarrowonga Primary School Site located at 2 Tom Street Yarrowonga. The most recent resolution of Council on the matter (which was made publicly available) was from 25 March 2020 in which the Council determined to respond to a first right or refusal process with the state government to acquire the site.

In recent months, Council has progressed constructive talks with the state government about the prospect of Council acquiring the site under this process, including a meeting between Council Administrators Graeme Emonson and Suzanna Sheed and the Assistant Treasurer Danny Pearson on 20 June 2024.

Given the conservative estimates of approximately \$5M of investment required to make good the site and buildings for occupancy, it is critical that Council does two things through this process:

- That it secures the site on the most advantageous terms possible, noting that the intention of securing the site is for community purposes, and
- That it identifies potential future users and their capacity to invest/co-invest in the renewal and ongoing upkeep of the site.

Once Council has an acceptable agreement with the state government regarding the acquisition of the site, it is recommended that Council undertake a master plan for the site considering the heritage elements and the need for a conservation management plan, along with an expression of interest process to identify potential future users of the site.

Council will also need to undertake public consultation on the proposed acquisition prior the finalisation of the acquisition, in accordance with section 112 of the Local Government Act 2020.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council note the update on progress with regards to the negotiations for acquisition of the former Yarrowonga Primary School site.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:  
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE  
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 10.2.1  
(PROCUREMENT OFFICER, LISA KNIGHT)  
(ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
PERFORMANCE EVA SALIB)

## CONTRACTS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATION REPORT

### Executive Summary

Council's *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* was adopted on 27 October 2021 which provides a delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award contracts up to the value of \$350,000. This delegation was updated to \$500,000 (exc. GST) during the Council meeting held on 27 March 2024.

This report lists all contracts awarded under the CEO delegation for the period 1 April 2024 – 30 June 2024.

### MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council note the quarterly report for contracts awarded under CEO delegation for the period 1 April 2024 – 30 June 2024.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: VARIOUS

ITEM NO: 11

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Name	Summarised Question	Response
Rosemary Kennett	Q1. Would the shire Administrators be willing to provide financial assistance/grants to the committee planning celebrations of 150 years of Numurkah.	<p>These are very significant milestones and provide a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our community.</p> <p>We can advise that Numurkah and Wunghu combined event was successful in receiving grant funding their event.</p> <p>Council will consider supporting other 100 year and 150 year events throughout our community from our grants program.</p> <p>Please visit our website or call our Customer Experience team for more information or support applying.</p>

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

NIL

**13. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS**

NIL

**14. COUNCIL SEAL**

NIL

**FILE NO: VARIOUS**

**ITEM NO: 15**

**URGENT BUSINESS**

NIL

**16. MEETING CLOSE: 5.36pm**