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# Minutes



Minutes of the open section of the eighth Campaspe Shire Council meeting held on Wednesday, 21 April 2021, commencing at 6:00pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

## Present

Councillors	Officers
Cr Christine Weller – Mayor Cr Robert Amos Cr Colleen Gates Cr Paul Jarman Cr Daniel Mackrell Cr Anthony Marwood Cr Leanne Pentreath Cr Adrian Weston Cr John Zobec	Declan Moore – Chief Executive Officer Fleur Cousins – General Manager Corporate Jason Deller – General Manager Infrastructure Keith Oberin – General Manager Community Andrew Cowin – Manager Governance and Strategy Deidre Madill – Governance Advisor Annette Waters – Governance Officer

## Business

### 1. Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absences

#### Apologies

Nil.

#### Requests for Leave of Absence

Nil.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

#### COUNCILLORS WESTON / ZOBEC

That the following minutes be confirmed:

- Campaspe Council Meeting held on 17 March 2021

#### CARRIED

### **3. Changes to the Order of Business**

Once an agenda has been prepared and sent to Councillors, the order of business for that meeting may only be altered by resolution of the Council. This includes the request for an item to be brought forward.

### **4. Declaration of Interests**

Cr Jarman declared a general conflict of interest due to private interests in item 9.4.

Cr Zobec declared a general conflict of interest due to private interests in item 16.2.

### **5. Responsible Authority Decisions**

Nil.

### **6. Planning Authority Decisions**

Nil.

### **7. Question Time**

Nil.

### **8. Acknowledgements**

Nil.

## 9. Council Decisions

### 9.1. Victoria Park Land Tenure Changes

Construction of the new Echuca Moama bridge required the removal of six lawn tennis courts and the construction of replacement courts, as part of the project, on the opposite side of the remaining courts.

Council had previously agreed that the replacement courts would be constructed on land that it currently manages and surrender that portion of the land from the area over which it has delegated management responsibility.

#### **COUNCILLORS JARMAN / MACKRELL**

**That Council:**

1. **Agree to surrender its Committee of Management Responsibilities for the land parcel (as shown on the attached map), on which it is proposed to construct tennis courts and an associated building, together with road access and parking provisions.**
2. **Authorise the CEO to write to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) requesting that the management responsibility for this area of land inclusive of road access and parking area be surrendered (subject to boundary survey) and removed from the Victoria Park management responsibilities that Council conducts on behalf of the Crown.**

**CARRIED**

### 9.2. Councillor Appointment To Echuca Moama & District Tourism Development Association

This report seeks to nominate a Campaspe Shire Councillor representative to the Echuca Moama and District Tourism Development Association Board of Management. The appointment to the board is exercising Council's right under the Visitor Servicing and Destination Marketing Service Level Agreements 2019-2022 between EMDTA and Council.

#### **COUNCILLORS GATES / JARMAN**

**That Council:**

**Appoint Councillor Robert Amos as the nominated representative on the Echuca Moama and District Tourism Development Association.**

**CARRIED**

### **9.3. Campaspe Arts and Culture Strategy**

The process of developing *Creative Campaspe* clearly demonstrated that artistic and cultural endeavour across the Shire serves multiple purposes, including participation and enjoyment, social inclusion, and economic and tourism development. It also demonstrated that a variety of formal and informal groups are progressing their passions without requiring/desiring much by way of direct Council support.

*Creative Campaspe* is the proposed Arts and Culture strategy for the Campaspe Shire Council (CSC), it recognises the extent of activity across the Shire and recommends means by which Council can support the community pursue artistic and cultural endeavours.

### **COUNCILLORS GATES / JARMAN**

**That Council:**

**Seek community feedback on the proposed arts and culture strategy titled “Creative Campaspe”, before considering the matter further.**

### **CARRIED**

**Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in item 9.4 and vacated the Chamber at 6.11 pm**

### **9.4. Port of Echuca Management Model Update**

In January 2021, Council considered an update on the progress to date, by Cloudstreet Economics, on a number of reports focused on the Port of Echuca, and determined to commission an additional report; a local and regional economic assessment of the Port of Echuca activities that are owned and/or managed by Council.

This update seeks approval to release the latest report to the community and to foreshadow next steps for Council’s consideration.

### **COUNCILLORS MARWOOD / AMOS**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt in principle the Port of Echuca Precinct Integrated Manager Model (Beneficial Enterprise) as the preferred future management model for the Precinct.**
- 2. Authorise the CEO to commence investigation of any outstanding matters supporting the implementation of the Integrated Manager Model.**
- 3. Authorise the CEO to make a copy of the February 2021 report by Cloudstreet Economics, subject to the removal of any commercial in confidence information, available on Council’s website for community information.**
- 4. Direct the CEO to develop a scope/request for tender to commission targeted market research to gain a better understanding of the Precinct’s tourism market; including consideration of visitor expectations and visitation drivers along with the identification of current and potential market segments and demand.**
- 5. Progress its further consideration of the Port of Echuca operations within a broader ‘Bridge to Bridge’ precinct as outlined in this update**

### **CARRIED**

**Cr Jarman re-entered the Chamber at 6.15pm.**

**9.5. Disposal of Council Property Policy**

This report seeks Council endorsement to adopt the Disposal of Council Property Policy which gives direction on the sale and transfer of land and associated infrastructure owned by Campaspe Shire Council (Council).

The policy is to ensure that surplus property which is not required by Council is identified and disposed of in compliance with relevant legislations in the most appropriate manner to benefit rate payers.

**COUNCILLORS AMOS / GATES**

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopt the Disposal of Council Property Policy xxx as at attachment 9.5.1.**
- 2. Note that this Policy is to commence from 1 July 2021 to align with the relevant sections of the Local Government Act 2020.**

**CARRIED**

**9.6. Health, Wellbeing and Safety Policy**

This report presents the Health, Wellbeing and Safety Policy for adoption following a review.

**COUNCILLORS JARMAN / WESTON**

**That Council:**

**Adopt Council Policy 124 Health, Wellbeing and Safety at Attachment 1.**

**CARRIED**

**9.7. Designated Area Migration Agreement Application**

Campaspe Shire Council (CSC) has been working in partnership with the City of Greater Shepparton (project lead) and the Moira Shire Council to develop a business case to underpin an application to the Federal Government to establish a Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA).

The business case (summary attached) and subsequent application for a DAMA are aimed at providing local employers with a mechanism to fill labour shortages in the medium term and to supplement established skills development and workforce attraction programs.

If approved, Council will be required to make a financial commitment of up to \$10,000 per annum for four years and provide a letter of support for the application process.

**COUNCILLORS MARWOOD / WESTON**

**That Council:**

- 1. Agree to participate in an application to the Federal Government to establish a Designated Area Migration Agreement in partnership with the Greater Shepparton City Council and the Moira Shire Council.**
- 2. Authorise the CEO to commit up to \$10,000 per year, for four years, as part of Council's financial contribution to the project.**
- 3. Authorise the CEO to provide a letter of support as part of the application process.**

**CARRIED**

## 10. Council Information

### 10.1 Letters of Appreciation

#### **COUNCILLORS AMOS / ZOBEC**

That Council:

Note the letters of thanks and appreciation as listed.

**CARRIED**

### 10.2 Creative Active Recovery Grants

That Council note two successful applications to the Creative Active Recovery Grants Program. As part of COVID-19 recovery, Council launched the one-off grant program and is calling for innovative ideas from creative businesses and artists to activate public spaces.

#### **COUNCILLOR JARMAN / MACKRELL**

That Council:

Note the following grants have been approved in accordance with the Creative Active Recovery Grants Program guidelines and the applicants advised in writing:

1. Kinetic Theatre. – to support three outdoor theatrical events in Echuca on 16 & 17 April 2021, \$5,000
2. Echuca Moama Rotary Club Inc – to host a free Family Fun Day at Rotary Park, Echuca on Saturday, 12 June 2021, \$3,000

**CARRIED**

## 11. Councillor Reports

Cr Christine Weller	
16 March 2021	Billabong Ranch
16 March 2021	EMDTA Chair
17 March 2021	MDBA Dinner- Sir Angus Houston
18 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Lockington
19 March 2021	Echuca Harness Racing Club
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Optus Store opening
22 March 2021	Bridge Art Project Update
23 March 2021	Workshop - NBN launch event for Business Fibre in Echuca
23 March 2021	Launch - Business Case for a Volunteer Resource Service
25 March 2021	ALWGA Mayors forum Online
26 March 2021	Implementation Matters Webinar for CEO's, Mayors and Councillors
27 March 2021	Rotary Club of Kyabram 60th Anniversary
29 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Rushworth
30 March 2021	Mayoral COVID Briefing (Regional)
30 March 2021	Healthy Minds Community Event
31 March 2021	Fonterra Stanhope – Site Tour
6 April 2021	Meeting – The Hon. Damian Drum MP
6 April 2021	Citizenship Ceremony
8 April 2021	Loddon Campaspe Councils Group Meeting
9 April 2021	Your Council & Climate Change: Understanding the risks & learning to adapt
10 April 2021	Echuca Moama Arts Group – Alton Gallery fundraiser
12 April 2021	C4EM
12 April 2021	CETAF AGM – Campaspe East Timor Friendship Association
14 April 2021	Site Tour - Animal Shelter, Livestock Exchange, Environment Centre & Aerodrome
16 April 2021	RCV Social Media Knowledge training
18 April 2021	Women's Country Bowls Carnival
18 April 2021	Unveiling - Bamawm Recreation Reserve War Memorial Park
19 April 2021	ERH – Pride flag raising event

Cr Robert Amos	
16 March 2021	Billabong Ranch
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Bridge Art Project
31 March 2021	Fonterra Stanhope – Site Tour



Cr Colleen Gates	
17 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Session - Kyabram
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
26 March 2021	Implementation Matters Webinar for CEOs, Mayors and Councillors
30 March 2021	Ministerial Boating Strategy Round Table
31 March 2021	Fonterra Stanhope – Site Tour
6 April 2021	Citizenship Ceremony
14 April 2021	Site Tour - Animal Shelter, Livestock Exchange, Environment Centre & Aerodrome

Cr Paul Jarman	
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Colbinabbin
24 March 2021	Rochester Play Space Discussions
31 March 2021	Toolleen AGM

Cr Daniel Mackrell	
18 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Lockington
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Colbinabbin
24 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Gunbower
25 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation – Kyvalley Hall
29 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Rushworth
14 April 2021	Site Tour - Animal Shelter, Livestock Exchange, Environment Centre & Aerodrome

Cr Tony Marwood	
16 March 2021	Billabong Ranch
18 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Lockington
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Bridge Art Project Update
26 March 2021	Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study (EMTFS)
31 March 2021	Fonterra Stanhope – Site Tour
6 April 2021	Citizenship Ceremony

Cr Leanne Pentreath	
18 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Lockington
19 March 2021	Bamawm Extension Fire Brigade Annual Dinner
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Colbinabbin
26 March 2021	Implementation Matters Webinar for CEOs, Mayors and Councillors
26 March 2021	Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study (EMTFS)
18 April 2021	Unveiling - Bamawm Recreation Reserve War Memorial Park

Cr Adrian Weston	
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
22 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Colbinabbin
29 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation - Rushworth
14 April 2021	Stanhope Development Committee Meeting
18 April 2021	Stanhope – Anzac Day Service

Cr John Zobec	
21 March 2021	Council Plan Workshop
25 March 2021	Campaspe Thriving Together Community Consultation – Kyvalley Hall
6 April 2021	Citizenship Ceremony

## **COUNCILLOR GATES / ZOBEC**

That the Councillor Reports be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **12. Chief Executive Officer's Report**

### **COUNCILLOR MACKRELL / WESTON**

That the Chief Executive Officer's report be noted.

**CARRIED**

## **13. Petitions and Letters**

Nil.

## **14. Notices of Motion**

Nil.

## **15. Urgent Business**

Nil.

## 16. Confidential Business

### COUNCILLOR MACKRELL / WESTON

#### Confidential Business – Close 6.34pm

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), the meeting will now be closed to members of the public in accordance with section 66(2)(a) of the Act to enable the meeting to consider five reports that contain confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act as follows:

#### 16.1 Land Sale – Graham Road, Kyabram

a) *Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;*

This report discloses information on confidential negotiations to occur with potential purchasers for the sale of the land.

c) *land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values;*

This report may cause speculation on the nature of future use and purchase price affecting the land value and adjoining properties within the same or similar zoning.

### COUNCILLOR ZOBEC / JARMAN

That Council:

1. **Commence the statutory procedures pursuant to sections 189 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the proposed sale of land being part of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2 TP 82962N, comprised in certificate of title Volume 9538, Folio 215 known as Graham Road Kyabram to The Holstein Milk Company (Australia) Pty Ltd. For \$100,000 plus GST.**
2. **In the event that no submissions are received under Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* in respect of the proposal, sell the land being part of Lot 1 and part of Lot 2 TP 82962N, comprised in certificate of title Volume 9538, Folio 215 known as Graham Road Kyabram to The Holstein Milk Company (Australia) Pty Ltd. For \$100,000 plus GST.**

### CARRIED

#### 16.2 Sale of Properties for Unpaid Rates

f) *personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;* - This report provides personal and sensitive information about the debts of individual ratepayers.

#### 16.3 Land Sale – Part Paramount Theatre Echuca

a) *Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released;*

Disclosure of the information would disadvantage Council and rate payers in obtaining the best commercial outcome.

c) *land use planning information, being information that if prematurely released is likely to encourage speculation in land values.*

- g) *private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that—*
- (i) *relates to trade secrets; or*
  - (ii) *if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage;*

Disclosure of the information would negatively impact the Business involved in current and subsequent activities relating to this process.

## **COUNCILLOR JARMAN / WESTON**

**That Council:**

- 1. Note that Council received and considered a submission by Southern Star Enterprises Pty Ltd at a submission hearing held 10 March 2021 in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.**
- 2. Agree to dispose of Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 430703Q, comprised in certificate of title Volume 10599, Folio 238, known as Part of Echuca Paramount Theatre Complex, 392-394 High Street, Echuca by way of Public Auction.**

**CARRIED**

### **16.4 Power Supply Tender – Victorian Energy Collaboration – VECO**

- g) *private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that –*
- (iii) *if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.*

### **16.5 Chief Executive Officer Employment & Remuneration Advisory Committee – Update**

- f) *personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs;*

**7.15 pm The Council meeting resumed in Open session**

## **17. Close Meeting**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7.15pm.

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**CR CHRISTINE WELLER**

**MAYOR**