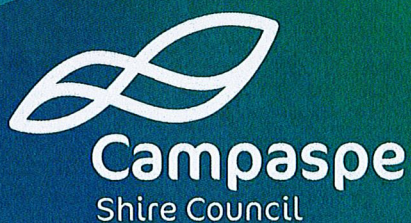


Council Minutes



Date: 16 May 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Venue: Echuca Civic Centre

Photo Left to Right: Cr Tony Marwood, Cr Colleen Gates (Deputy Mayor), Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Rob Amos (Mayor), Cr Leanne Pentreath, Cr Chrissy Weller, Cr Adrian Weston and Cr John Zobec.

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Minutes of the open section of the Campaspe Shire Council meeting held on Tuesday 16 May 2023, commencing at 6:00pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

Present

Councillors

Cr Robert Amos – Mayor
Cr Paul Jarman
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Anthony Marwood
Cr Leanne Pentreath
Cr Chrissy Weller
Cr Adrian Weston
Cr John Zobec

In Attendance

Officers

Pauline Gordon - Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McPherson- Acting Director Corporate
Andrew Fletcher - Acting Director Community
Kate Lemon - Acting Director Infrastructure
Shannon Maynard - Director Emergency Management
Emily Cordingley – Governance Advisor
Rebecca Jones - Governance Officer
Annette Waters - Governance Officer

1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

1.1 Apologies

Cr Gates

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That the apology be accepted.

CARRIED

1.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

2 Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That the Minutes of the Campaspe Shire Council Meetings held on 18 April 2023 and 8 May 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

3 Disclosure of Conflicts 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.

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.1.1 due to an interest in a planning matter.

4 Changes to the Order of Business

Nil.

5 Public Question Time

Nil.

6 Petitions / Joint Letters

Nil.

7 Acknowledgements / Councillor Reports

Cr Marwood acknowledged the late Cr Brian Wearne.

8 Council Decisions

8.1 Responsible Authority Decisions

A Responsible Authority is defined under Section 13 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and is responsible for administering and enforcing the planning scheme and its provisions in relation to use and development.

Nil received.

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in item 8.1.1 and left the chamber at 6:06pm.

8.1.1 Planning Decision monthly update

Directorate: Community

Responsible Officer: Acting Manager Planning and Building

Manager: Acting Director Community

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the determined planning applications including other planning decisions as of 30 April 2023.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council acknowledge:

1. The determined planning permit applications and other planning decisions, as of 30 April 2023

CARRIED

Cr Jarman returned to the chamber at 6:09pm.

8.2 Planning Authority Decisions

A Planning Authority is defined under Section 12 of the *Planning & Environment Act 1987* and is responsible for implementing the objectives of planning in Victoria and reviewing and preparing amendments to a planning scheme.

Nil received.

8.3 Office of the CEO

8.3.1 Campaspe Murray River Councils MOU

Directorate: Office of the CEO

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance & Strategy

Manager: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Memorandum of Understanding 2023 [8.3.1.1 - 2 pages]

To seek Council's endorsement of an updated Memorandum of Understanding between Campaspe Shire Council and Murray River Council for cross-border collaboration.

Moved by Cr Marwood

Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council:

1. affirms the need for a strong and collaborative working relationship with Murray River Council to support improved service delivery, strengthen the local community and develop the region's economy.
2. endorses the updated Memorandum of Understanding between Campaspe Shire Council and Murray River Council.
3. approves the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to formally ratify the Memorandum of Understanding through signature.

CARRIED

8.4 Corporate

8.4.1 Campaspe 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey

Directorate:	Office of the CEO
Responsible Officer:	Manager Corporate and Strategic Planning
Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil.

To inform Council of the outcomes of the 2023 Community Satisfaction Survey results.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That Council:

1. receives the results of the 2023 Campaspe Community Satisfaction Survey.
2. acknowledge areas such as Waste and Library services where scores meet or exceed industry average.
3. acknowledge areas of lower scoring in customer service, local roads, drains, footpaths and amenity areas.
4. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to develop an action plan to address the lower scoring results, to be developed by the end of June 2023.

CARRIED

8.4.2 Council Plan Year 2 Major Initiatives Quarter 3 Update

Directorate: Office of the CEO

Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate and Strategic Planning

Manager: Manager Corporate and Strategic Planning

To provide Council with the third quarter update on the progress and achievement of implementation of the 2022/23 Council Plan Initiatives.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Weller

That the progress and achievement of the 2022/23 Initiatives supporting implementation of the Council Plan 2021/25 be received and noted.

CARRIED

8.5 Emergency Management

8.5.1 Flood Recovery Advocacy

Directorate:

Responsible Officer: Acting Communications Manager Flood Recovery

Manager: Director Emergency Management

Attachments: Nil

To inform Council of current concerns and challenges associated with government flood recovery funding administrative arrangements, and the need for certainty regarding funding and other commitments.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Marwood

That Council supports collaboration with Buloke Shire Council, Gannawarra Shire Council, Loddon Shire Council and Swan Hill Rural City Council to strongly advocate for:

- 1. the resolution of a range of complexities and constraints associated with state and federal flood recovery funding and administrative arrangements as outlined in this report.**
- 2. certainty that 100% of funding claims lodged to repair flood-damaged assets will be paid to councils.**
- 3. funding to be provided in a timely and consistent manner to councils.**
- 4. the need for 'betterment' to be included within Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to reduce potential risk liability to councils.**
- 5. clarity on the timing of the Victorian Government commitment to assess the operating and infrastructure arrangements at Lake Eppalock.**

CARRIED

8.6 Council Information

8.6.1 Notes of Appreciation

Directorate:	Community
Responsible Officer:	Executive Assistant
Manager:	Director Emergency Management

The following have been received:

- Kate O'Connor, Tongala RSL Sub Branch – some elements of positivity that the shire has direct input for:

"We are VERY appreciative of our gardener/maintenance man, Matt, who is a good bloke, & does a great job keeping our town looking tickety-boo!"

"We are extremely grateful for the favourable decision by Council to keep the Tonny pool (and others) open in the recent summer period. It is a terrific facility, the lifeguards were engaging attentive, & it is a great asset to enjoy."

- David Lee, Shrine of Remembrance Melbourne – sincere thank you for the support shown to the Shrine of Remembrance by hosting the Changed Forever – Conflicts of Interest exhibition at the Tongala Shire Hall.
- PetRescue Ltd – a personal thank you to Kate Kemp and the Campaspe Animal Shelter for joining the PetRescue member community.

"Campaspe Shire Council is part of a network of 49 councils across Australia who receive free support and other benefits through their PetRescue membership."

- Riverboats Music Festival

"I am writing to sincerely thank Campaspe Shire Council for their support of the 2023 Riverboats Music Festival."

There is no doubt that Riverboats 2023 will not be forgotten in a hurry! Having just emerged post-Covid, the festival faced the unprecedented challenge of having to relocate to Victoria Park due to the flooding of Aquatic Reserve just 48 hours prior to our scheduled launch.

Despite these challenges, the festival was hailed a resounding success by attendees, participating artists and the wider community. A total of 4475 people attended Riverboats 2023, and I am pleased to report that Visit Victoria concluded that the total audited economic contribution of the event was \$2,086,000. This is a phenomenal result for the local community following a particularly challenging summer tourist season, and further reinforces the importance of events such as Riverboats to Echuca-Moama's visitor economy.

Moving a festival of the scale and complexity of Riverboats is no small task, and its relocation to Victoria Park would not have been possible without the direct support and encouragement of yourself, Cr. Chrissy Weller and CEO Pauline Gordon.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Astrid O'Farrell, Keith Oberin and Belinda

Owen for their tireless work in ensuring Riverboats could proceed at Victoria Park. As organisers we were also incredibly grateful for the support received from the Echuca Cricket Club, Echuca Football Netball Club, Echuca Tennis Club, Echuca CFA and the residents of Crofton Street in the leadup to the event. Each of these groups recognised the importance of the festival to the wider community, providing feedback and encouragement that ultimately assisted in the successful delivery of the event with minimal impact to the venue and its users. Whilst the festival's temporary relocation to Victoria Park was hailed a great success, we believe it is vitally important that Riverboats is able to return to Aquatic Reserve in February 2024. With Stage 1 redevelopment works and an assessment of key infrastructure including the redgum stage yet to commence, we hope that progress can be made shortly to ensure the site has time to fully recover prior to next year.

We look forward to working with Campaspe Shire Council over the coming months to once again bring this award-winning event to Echuca-Moama in 2024."

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

That Council acknowledge the notes of appreciation as listed.

CARRIED

9 Notices of Motion

Nil.

10 Urgent Business

Nil.

11 Confidential Business

Closure of Public Meeting

The Council Meeting was closed to the public at 6:31pm.

Moved by Cr Zobec

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

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 consideration to be given to items that contain confidential information as defined in section 3(1) of the Act as follows:

11.1 Memorandum of Understanding

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

- 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;

11.2 Sale of Land

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

CARRIED

Resumption of Public Meeting

The Council Meeting reopened to the public at 6:43pm.

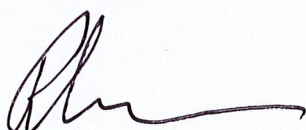
Council determined, in confidential session that the following decisions no longer be kept confidential.

11.2 Sale of Land

1. Commence the statutory procedures pursuant to section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 for the proposed sale of the land being Lot 4 on Plan of Subdivision 317477E comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 10114 Folio 213 and Lot 5 on Plan of Subdivision 317477E comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 10114 Folio 214 known as Fox Island Road, Gunbower.
2. If no submissions are received pursuant to Section 114 of the Local Government Act 2020 in respect of the proposal, sell the land being Lot 4 on Plan of Subdivision 317477E comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 10114 Folio 213 and Lot 5 on Plan of Subdivision 317477E comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 10114 Folio 214 known as Fox Island Road, Gunbower to Anna Lucas and Scott Lucas for the consideration of \$110,000 inclusive of GST.

12 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:44pm.



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Cr Rob Amos
Mayor

