



Council Minutes



Date: 10 December 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Echuca Civic Centre

Photo Left to Right: Photo Left to Right: Cr Tony Marwood, Cr Adrian Weston, Cr Zoe Cook, Cr Rob Amos, Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell (Mayor), Cr Jessica Mitchell (Deputy Mayor), Cr John Zobec, Cr Luke Sharrock.

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Minutes of the open section of the Campaspe Shire Council meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2024, commencing at 9:00 am at the Echuca Function Room, Echuca Civic Centre.

Present

Councillors

Cr Robert Amos
Cr Jessica Mitchell
Cr Paul Jarman
Cr Luke Sharrock
Cr Tony Marwood
Cr Adrian Weston
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Zoe Cook

In Attendance

Officers

Pauline Gordon – Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McPherson – Director Corporate
Jo Bradshaw – Director Communities
Kate Lemon – Director Infrastructure
Michael Sharp – Director Sustainability
Shane Looney – Governance Officer
Annette Waters – Governance Officer
Louise Langhorn – Executive Support Officer

1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

1.1 Apologies

Cr Zobec

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Weston

That the apology be accepted.

CARRIED

1.2 Leave of Absence

Moved by Cr Amos

Seconded by Cr Marwood

That a Leave of Absence be approved for Cr Jarman from 28 January 2025 to 17 February 2025.

CARRIED

2 Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

Moved by Cr Cook

Seconded by Cr Weston

That the Minutes of the Campaspe Shire Council Meeting held on 26 November 2024 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.

Nil.

4 Changes to the Order of Business

Nil.

5 Notes of Appreciation

Directorate: Office of the CEO

Responsible Officer: Business Support Officer

Manager: Executive Officer

To present the notes of appreciation that Council has received since its last meeting.

Moved by Cr Cook

Seconded by Cr Marwood

That Council acknowledge the notes of appreciation as listed and convey this appreciation to the relevant parties.

CARRIED

1. Wayne & Julie, Echuca

“Thank you to the Parks and Gardens Team for mowing our reserve in Wisteria St again, as always your efforts are very much appreciated.”

2. HeartKids Foundation

The Council received a thank you letter from HeartKids Foundation. This letter acknowledges the council's support and explains that these funds will help provide care, education, and family assistance to individuals living with Childhood-onset Heart Disease (CoHD).

3. EARS (Echuca Animal Rescue Service)

The Council received a letter from the Echuca Animal Rescue Service (EARS). It includes a note expressing gratitude and a farewell from the EARS team. They mention their appreciation for working with various organisations and individuals, highlighting the positive experiences they've had despite the challenges in their field.

4. Carole & Lew, Echuca

The Council received a letter expressing their gratitude to the Parks & Gardens workers.
“Many thanks for the wonderful work you do.”

5. Echuca Neighbourhood House

The Council received a letter from ENH addressed to Mayor, Councillors and Co Workers...

“At this time of year, we are grateful to our supporters, donors and suppliers, who make our success possible. We thank you for everything you do and your continued support.”

6 Acknowledgements / Councillor Reports

Nil.

7 Public Question Time

Nil.

8 Petitions / Joint Letters

Petition to stop the demolition of Strathallan Hall

The petition requests:

1. to immediately stop plans for the demolition of the Strathallan Hall.
2. consultation with the community to explore avenues for renovation of the hall and surrounding infrastructure.

Petitioner: Paul Monigatti

Support: 60 signatures

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That Council receive and refer the petition to the Director Communities for a response.

CARRIED

PETITION TO THE CAMPASPE SHIRE COUNCIL

Chief Executive Officer
Campaspe Shire Council
PO Box 35
ECHUCA VIC 3564

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

We the undersigned, hereby respectfully request the Campaspe Shire Council (Council) to consider this petition at the next Scheduled Council Meeting.

Title of Petition

Stop the demolition of the Strathallan Hall

Chief Petitioner

All correspondence regarding this request will be directed to the Chief Petitioner identified.

Name:

Paul Monigatti

Group (if applicable):

Postal address:

Email address (if applicable):

Residential address:

Contact phone number:

Total number of signatures:

60

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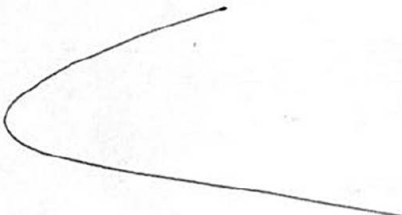
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9 Council Decisions

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

9.2.1 Planning Decision Monthly Update

Directorate: Sustainability

Responsible Officer: Manager Planning and Building

Manager: Manager Planning and Building

Attachments: 1. Copy of Monthly Planning Data November [9.2.1.1 - 4 pages]

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the determined planning applications including other planning decisions for November 2024.

Moved by Cr Marwood

Seconded by Cr Cook

That Council note the determined planning permit applications and other planning decisions for November 2024.

CARRIED

9.3 Corporate

9.3.1 2025 Council Meeting Dates

Directorate:	Corporate
Responsible Officer:	Business Support Officer - Governance
Manager:	Manager Governance and Risk
Attachments:	Nil

Council must set the date and times for all scheduled Council meetings for the following calendar year at or before the last meeting of the current calendar year. The proposed dates, times and locations for scheduled Council meetings in 2025 are set out for Council consideration.

Moved by Cr Cook

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council adopt the following dates for the 2025 Scheduled Council Meetings to be held at the Echuca Civic Centre, 2 Heygarth Street Echuca, commencing at 6:00pm:

- 1. Tuesday 18 February 2025**
- 2. Tuesday 18 March 2025**
- 3. Tuesday 15 April 2025**
- 4. Tuesday 20 May 2025**
- 5. Tuesday 17 June 2025**
- 6. Tuesday 15 July 2025**
- 7. Tuesday 19 August 2025**
- 8. Tuesday 23 September 2025**
- 9. Tuesday 21 October 2025**
- 10. Tuesday 18 November 2025**
- 11. Tuesday 9 December 2025**

CARRIED

9.4 Communities

9.4.1 Community Grants

Directorate:	Communities
Responsible Officer:	Grants Officer
Manager:	Manager Community Partnerships
Attachments:	Community Grants Program Successful Applicants
Conflict of Interest:	In accordance with section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020, the officer preparing this report declares no conflict of interest regarding this matter.
Council Plan Reference:	Growing quality of life Communities have a say on local infrastructure and attractions that stimulate engagement and activity. Children, young people and families healthy and well Inclusive, connected, culturally diverse and safe.
Other Strategic Context:	Policy 176 Grants, Sponsorships and Donations Programs

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the outcome of all applications received in the 2024/25 Community Grants Program August 2024 round and recommend that fourteen applications be approved to receive funding from the Community Grants Program.

Moved by Cr Amos

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That Council:

- 1. approve the attached Community Grants Program Successful Applicants report totalling \$44,433.37.**
- 2. advise 14 applicants of successful grant applications.**
- 3. advise 5 applicants that their applications were ineligible and/or unsuccessful.**

CARRIED

9.5 Sustainability

Claire Touhey spoke to Item 9.5.1

John Davies spoke to Item 9.5.1

9.5.1 Cooba Solar Farm

Directorate: Sustainability

Responsible Officer: Manager Planning and Building

Manager: Manager Planning and Building

Attachments: 1. DRAFT Council s submission PA2403122 3 12 2024
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The purpose of this report is to:

1. Provide an overview of the Cooba Solar Farm Planning Application PA2403122.
2. Seek Council endorsement for the lodgement of a formal submission in relation to Planning Application PA2403122.

RECOMMENDATION

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council:

1. Endorse the lodgement of a formal submission to the Minister for Planning opposing the Cooba Solar Farm Planning Application PA2403122 as outlined in Attachment 1 to this report.
2. Request officers to write to the proponent requesting they refer the project under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 to the Commonwealth Government Environment Minister to determine if the project is a controlled action under the Act.
3. Request officers include an additional 'without prejudice condition(s)' in the submission for a Section 173 Agreement that will acknowledge off-site impacts of nearby agricultural activities and ensure the remediation requirements of the site.

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Marwood

That standing orders be suspended.

CARRIED

Standing orders were suspended at 6:53pm.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Sharrock

That standing orders be suspended.

CARRIED

Standing orders resumed at 7:00pm

Cr Weston proposed an amendment to the motion:

- 4. Request officers to seek confirmation from Goulburn Murray Water that the subject site is part of the GMW irrigation district, and this advice be included in the submission as appropriate.**

The proposed amendment was agreed to by Mover Cr Jarman.

The amendment was Moved by Cr Jarman and Seconded by Cr Weston.

AMENDED MOTION

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Marwood

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CARRIED

10 Notices of Motion

Nil.

11 Urgent Business

Nil.

12 Confidential Business

Nil.

13 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:26pm.

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CR DANIEL MACKRELL
MAYOR