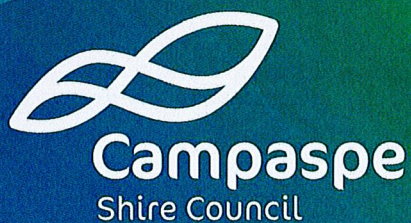


Council Minutes



Date: 15 August 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 15 August 2023, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

Present

Councillors

Cr Robert Amos – Mayor
Cr Colleen Gates
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Leanne Pentreath
Cr Chrissy Weller
Cr Adrian Weston

In Attendance

Officers

Pauline Gordon - Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McPherson - Director Corporate
Jo Bradshaw - Director Communities
Shannon Maynard - Director Emergency Management
Michael Sharp – Director Sustainability
Doreen Stringer – Administrative Support Officer
Annette Waters - Governance Officer

1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

1.1 Apologies

Cr Jarman, Cr Marwood and Cr Zobec

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Weller

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

1.2 Leave of Absence

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That a Leave of Absence be approved for Cr Zobec for two (2) months.

CARRIED

2 Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

Moved by Cr Weller

Seconded by Cr Gates

That the Minutes of the Campaspe Shire Council Meeting held on 18 July 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.

Pauline Gordon, CEO, declared a conflict of interest in Item 8.4.1.

4 Changes to the Order of Business

Moved by Cr Gates

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Item 8.4.1 be moved into the Confidential Business of the Agenda.

CARRIED

5 Public Question Time

Council heard the following Question Time items:

David Baker: Can the Campaspe Shire Council explain why the disabled toilets at the Kyabram Transit Centre have had an 'out of order' sign on for the last three (3) months?

Officer Response: Thank you for your question, David.

The male and disabled toilets have been closed for various internal repair works. We apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.

The female and disabled toilets are open and the Male toilets will be reopened as soon as repair works can be completed.

6 Petitions / Joint Letters

Nil.

7 Acknowledgements / Councillor Reports

Nil.

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.

8.1.1 Planning Decision monthly update

Directorate:	Sustainability
Responsible Officer:	Manager Planning and Building
Manager:	Manager Planning and Building
Attachments:	Nil.

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the determined planning applications including other planning decisions as of 31 July 2023.

Moved by Cr Gates

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

That Council acknowledge the determined planning permit applications and other planning decisions, to 31 July 2023.

CARRIED

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 Emergency Management

8.3.1 Flood Recovery Update

Directorate: Emergency Management

Responsible Officer: Manager Emergency Management

Manager: Director Emergency Management

Attachments: Nil

To update Council on the progress of Campaspe Shire's Flood Recovery efforts.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council note the Flood Recovery Update.

CARRIED

8.4 Office of the CEO

Item 8.4.1 moved into the Confidential Business of the 15 August 2023 Council Meeting Agenda.

8.4.2 MAV State Council Meeting Motion

Directorate:	Office of the CEO
Responsible Officer:	Director Infrastructure
Manager:	Director Infrastructure
Attachments:	Nil

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Gates

That Council endorse the following motion for inclusion at Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 October 2023.

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government and Australian Government to:

- 1. Commit to allowing the betterment of public assets damaged by natural disasters to seek full funding through the state and federal Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).**
- 2. Allow Councils to submit claims for betterment and fund improvements to assets where the asset is critical and can be better protected against damage from natural disasters into the future.**
- 3. Notes that the motion was submitted to the Municipal Association Victoria by the due date of Monday 14 August 2023.**
- 4. Notes that amendments to the motion can be submitted 5pm on Wednesday 30 August 2023**

CARRIED

8.5 Communities

8.5.1 Municipal Early Years Plan 2023-25

Directorate: Communities

Responsible Officer: Manager Community Health

Manager: Manager Community Health

Attachments: Nil.

To seek Council's endorsement of the draft Campaspe Shire Municipal Early Years Plan 2023 – 2025 and authorise its release for public comment.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council:

1. endorse the draft Campaspe Shire Municipal Early Years Plan 2023-25; and
2. authorise its release for public comment for a period of four weeks.

CARRIED

8.6 Corporate

8.6.1 Procurement Policy

Directorate: Corporate

Responsible Officer: Contracts & Procurement Manager

Manager: Director Corporate

Attachments: 1. Procurement Policy - Current [8.6.1.3 - 18 pages]

Section 108 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to adopt a Procurement Policy. Council adopted a policy in response to the updated requirements of the Act in November 2021 (Refer to attachments - Policy 126). Several operational and administrative concerns have been identified following its implementation and the proposed amendments to the attached Procurement Policy draft seek to address these.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council adopt the proposed amendments in the revised Procurement Policy.

CARRIED

8.6.2 Quarterly Council Action Plan update

Directorate:	Corporate
Responsible Officer:	Manager Corporate & Strategic Planning
Manager:	Director Corporate
Attachments:	Nil.

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

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Gates

That Council endorse the progress and achievement of quarter four, 2022/23 Initiatives, supporting implementation of the Council Plan 2021-2025.

CARRIED

8.6.3 Economic Development & Tourism Strategy

Directorate: Corporate

Responsible Officer: Manager Corporate & Strategic Planning

Manager: Director Corporate

Attachments: Nil

To inform Council of the delays in relation to the delivery of the draft Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

Moved by Cr Weller

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council:

1. note the delivery of the draft Campaspe Economic and Tourism Development Strategy 2023-2028 will not be presented to Council for endorsement at the September 2023 Council Meeting as previously resolved at its 21 March Ordinary Meeting 2023.
2. endorse an extended engagement period with the Campaspe business and industry sector to enable input into the draft Campaspe Economic and Tourism Development Strategy 2023-2028 until end September 2023.
3. note that Officers will continue to brief Council on progress of the engagement and the development of the draft strategy ahead of its presentation to Council for endorsement with a view to present an options paper by the end of the 2023 calendar year and a draft strategy during the first quarter of 2024.

CARRIED

8.7 Sustainability

8.7.1 Submission to the Australia Government Productivity Commission Inquiry - Murray Darling Basin Plan: Implementation Review 2023

Directorate:	Sustainability
Responsible Officer:	Economic Development Manager
Manager:	Director Sustainability
Attachments:	Nil.

To inform Council of the Campaspe Shire Submission to the Productivity Commission on the *Murray Darling Basin Plan: Implementation Review 2023* which includes a REMPLAN Research report commissioned by Campaspe Shire. The submission was prepared and lodged by officers to comply with the 31 July closing date for submissions. The report has been prepared to complement the submission made by Murray River Group of Councils and should be read in conjunction with that submission. This report recommends that Council endorses the officer submission.

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Weller

That Council endorse the Officer submission to the Productivity Commission on the Murray Darling Basin Plan: Implementation Review 2023.

CARRIED

Cr Mackrell left the Council Chamber at 6:48pm.

8.8 Council Information

8.8.1 Notes of Appreciation

Directorate:	Communities
Responsible Officer:	Executive Assistant Communities
Manager:	Director Communities
Attachments	Nil

The purpose of this report is to present the notes of appreciation that Council has received since its last meeting.

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council acknowledge the notes of appreciation as listed.

CARRIED

Council has received the following Notes of Appreciation:

1. St Joseph's College Year 10 Applied Learning class.

Thank you to Ben Hearn for his time and advice during their visit on 9 June 2023, explaining ways that Council help the community and get input into projects.

"These opportunities are invaluable to our experience as students looking to enter the workforce in the near future. Thank you again for giving up your time to educate us."

2. Gwen Campbell, Tongala

"I would like to compliment Lucas who attended my property when I reported a broken storm water pipe under the nature strip. Lucas attended within 24 hours of my report, he was polite and arranged for another shire employee to look at the pipe. He then rang me when he returned to the office."

3. Rochester Historical and Pioneer Society Inc.

"Thank you for the Responsive Grant that has greatly helped the Rochester Historical & Pioneer Society Inc. This grant is gratefully received and will help the Society to replace stationary we lost after the devastation of the October 2022 flood."

"This donation will greatly assist us to maintain and run this very important part of the history of Rochester and district at the Common School complex in High Street Rochester. The Society members and volunteers greatly appreciate the support they receive from the Shire of Campaspe."

4. Stanhope & District Development Committee Inc.

"We would like to thank the Campaspe Shire and the Shire Councillors for the support and initiative shown in regard to the 2022 – 2023 Stanhope pool season."

"The free entry into the swimming pool was very well received and appreciated very much and there were very good numbers for the season who used the facility at Stanhope."

"We are hoping that the 2023 – 2024 season will also see free entry for everyone so that the great work put in by the Stanhope Pool Committee can be continued for everyone to enjoy as well as being able to keep local and visitor swimmers safe in the shire."

5. Wayne & Julie McInnes

"Once again a very big thank you to the wonderful team for mowing our reserve in Wisteria St Echuca, your efforts are very much appreciated."

6. Moora Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management

The Moora Racecourse & Recreation Reserve Committee of Management expresses their great appreciation to Council for their annual maintenance contribution.

"The Committee works hard managing the Reserve and spends its funds on many needed improvements, maintenance items and services to ensure that the public facilities remain available, in good condition, fit for purpose and safe for our growing list of user groups and visitors. Most of the actual physical work done is by our own volunteer members and so we greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Council."

7. Rural Councils Victoria

Thank you to Pauline Gordon and Cr Rob Amos for assisting with the Rural Councils Victoria Forum held in Echuca on 14 July.

"The Forum provided a great opportunity for councillors, CEOs and staff to get together and discuss issues that are so important to them and their communities. It also provided a much-needed economic boost to Echuca Moama with many of the 150 delegates staying one (69%) or more (19%) nights in the area."

"The walk and talk event on the Thursday was a highlight for many."

"Once again, on behalf of the Committee, I thank you for Campaspe Shire's significant contribution to the RCV Forum 2023."

Cr Mackrell returned to the Council Chamber at 7:01pm.

9 Notices of Motion

Nil.

10 Urgent Business

Nil.

11 Confidential Business

Closure of Public Meeting

Moved by Cr Weston

Seconded by Cr Weller

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 CEO Performance Plan

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

CARRIED

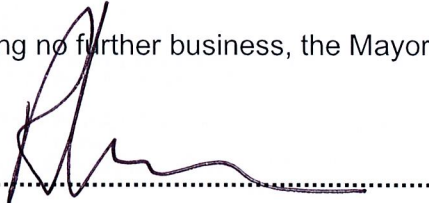
The Council Meeting closed at 6:59pm.

Resumption of Public Meeting

The Council Meeting reopened to the public at 7:16pm.

12 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 7:17pm.


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CR ROBERT AMOS
MAYOR