



Council Minutes



Date: 18 June 2024

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Echuca Civic Centre

Photo Left to Right: Cr Tony Marwood (Deputy Mayor), Cr Colleen Gates, 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 18 June 2024, commencing at 6:00 pm at the Council Chambers, Echuca Civic Centre.

Present

Councillors

Cr Robert Amos – Mayor
Cr Paul Jarman
Cr Daniel Mackrell
Cr Leanne Pentreath
Cr Adrian Weston
Cr John Zobec

In Attendance

Officers

Pauline Gordon - Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McPherson- Director Corporate
Jo Bradshaw - Director Communities
Kate Lemon - Director Infrastructure
Shannon Maynard - Director Community Safety & Recovery
Michael Sharp – Director Sustainability
Jane Still – Manager Governance & Risk
Annette Waters – Business Support Officer – OCEO

Please be advised that the following minutes contain the name of an Aboriginal person who has died.

1 Apologies and Requests for Leave of Absence

1.1 Apologies

Cr Gates, Cr Weller and Cr Marwood.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Jarman

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

1.2 Leave of Absence

Nil.

2 Confirmation of Minutes and Attachments

Moved by Cr Zobec

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That the Minutes of the Campaspe Shire Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024 and 4 June 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.

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in item 8.6.1.1 and 8.6.1.2 due to owning and operating businesses in the Port of Echuca.

4 Changes to the Order of Business

Once an Agenda has been published on the Council website, the Order of Business for that Council Meeting may only be altered as follows: -

- by the CEO prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting following consultation with the Mayor. Where the alteration occurs after the Agenda has been distributed to the public the alteration must be communicated to the Chair to explain the alteration at the Council Meeting under “changes to Order of Business”; or
- by the Chair during the Council Meeting; or
- by Resolution of the Council during the Council Meeting.

A change to the Order of Business after distribution of the Agenda to the public will be recorded in the Minutes of that Council Meeting.

5 Public Question Time

Nil received.

6 Petitions / Joint Letters

Nil received.

7 Acknowledgements / Councillor Reports

Cr Pentreath acknowledged Phil Collins.

The Council would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Phil Collins on his receipt of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). This prestigious honour recognises Phil's exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to our community. Phil's remarkable service spans several decades, beginning with his tenure as a Councillor for the former Rochester Shire Council. His leadership and commitment have left an indelible mark on the community. Since the inception of the Rochester Lions Club in 1973, Phil has been a cornerstone of this vital organisation, tirelessly working to enhance the well-being of our citizens.

Phil's dedication extends beyond the Lions Club. He has played a pivotal role in supporting the Lockington Community through various initiatives, including the founding of the Lockington Community Care Committee. His involvement with the Australia Royal Agriculture Society, the Country Fire Authority, and the Lockington Football Club underscores his deep-seated passion for service and his desire to make a positive impact on regional Victoria, Lockington, and the surrounding areas. Phil's efforts have not only provided immediate benefits but have also fostered a spirit of community and resilience that will endure for generations. His commitment to service, leadership, and community-building serves as an inspiration to all. We are profoundly grateful for the contributions of Phil and congratulate him on this well-deserved recognition. His dedication and hard work have truly made a difference, and we wish him continued success in all his future endeavors.

Cr Jarman spoke for Aunty Fay Carter

Vale Aunty Fay Carter OAM

Aunty Fay was a tireless advocate who dedicated herself to Victoria's Aboriginal communities. She played an outstanding leadership role in a range of aged care, childcare and health agencies, including founding several key services. Her legacy lives on through her work for the Aboriginal Community Elders Service (ACES) – the first of its kind in our nation.

Because of Aunty Fay, Aboriginal Elders are receiving the compassionate, culturally appropriate care they deserve. Later in life, Aunty Fay was involved in negotiations that achieved a landmark native title settlement recognising the Dja Dja Wurrung People as Traditional Owners of her home Country stretching across Victoria's central plains. Whether through her work for government, or the community-run organisations she served, Aunty Fay always strived for the best outcomes for Aboriginal people. Many have lived healthier and more prosperous lives because of her efforts.

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.

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.

8.2.1 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 May 2024.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That Council note the determined planning permit applications and other planning decisions, to 31 May 2024.

CARRIED

8.3 Office of the CEO

8.3.1 Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

Directorate: Communities

Responsible Officer: Office of the CEO Support Officer

Manager: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

The purpose of this report is to provide Council's submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability (the 'Inquiry') as submitted to the Committee.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council note the submission made in response to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability on behalf of Campaspe Shire Council.

CARRIED

8.3.2 MAV State Council Motion Submission

Directorate:	Office of the CEO
Responsible Officer:	Executive Officer
Manager:	Chief Executive Officer
Attachments:	Nil

The purpose of this report is to bring forward a motion for consideration by Council, to be submitted to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 September 2024.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Weston

That Council approve the following motion for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council Meeting to be held Friday 13 September 2024:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to review the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline to provide better mapping of areas of high agriculture and landscape value within renewable energy zones and introduce criteria to require proposed facilities to consider the agrotourism and agriculture productivity of the site and wider area in assessing the suitability of sites for renewable energy facilities.

CARRIED

8.4 Communities

8.4.1 Community Grants

Directorate:	Communities
Responsible Officer:	Community Development Officer
Manager:	Manager Community Partnerships
Attachments:	Nil

The Community Grants Program offers financial support to not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations for projects, events, and exhibitions.

It is open twice per financial year, during specified months, for community groups to seek financial support for programs, events, and/or infrastructure projects they may have. In the second round of funding Council has received 32 applications.

This report recommends that Council approve 15 successful and 6 unsuccessful applications to 2023 / 2024 Community Grants Program. Eleven applications were referred to other Council grant programs.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Zobec

That Council:

1. approve the following community grant applications;

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| 1.1 | \$4,000 | <u>Gunbower Tennis Club</u>
To assist with installation of 4 light poles to light up two tennis courts. |
| 1.2 | \$4,000 | <u>Echuca Neighbourhood House</u>
To assist with emergency food relief service for Echuca region. |
| 1.3 | \$4,000 | <u>Northern Standardbred Rising Group</u>
To assist with purchase of showjumping equipment to be used by members for practice at rallies. |
| 1.4 | \$4,000 | <u>Boys to the Bush</u>
To assist with the installation of 5 raised garden beds to engage local youth who are Boys to Bush participants to encourage healthy eating and learn new skills including irrigation and carpentry. |
| 1.5 | \$4,000 | <u>Rushworth & District Historical and Preservation Society</u>
To assist with the preservation of the Rushworth Court House as a community hub. It will involve a heritage specialist visiting the site, undertaking a visual inspection of the building, and preparing reference sketch plans and an existing condition report of all defects. |

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| 1.6 | \$4,000 | <p><u>Rochester & District Pony Club</u></p> <p>To purchase ground spirals to help support cross country jumps to enhance rider and horse safety.</p> |
| 1.7 | \$1,984 | <p><u>Leitchville – Gunbower Cricket Club</u></p> <p>To assist with replacement of artificial turf on the community cricket nets at Gunbower Recreation Reserve.</p> |
| 1.8 | \$2,000 | <p><u>Echuca Moama Squash Club</u></p> <p>To assist with the purchase of a defibrillator for emergency use by members of the Echuca Moama Squash Club and other school and community users of the indoor stadium located at Echuca Secondary College.</p> |
| 1.9 | \$400 | <p><u>Echuca Moama Australia Plant Society</u></p> <p>To assist with an exhibit of native plants, wildflowers, and grassland plants with information on propagation and growing native plants to interested persons.</p> |
| 1.10 | \$4,000 | <p><u>Vic SES Kyabram</u></p> <p>To assist with recruitment campaign to bolster the number of operation and non-operational volunteers across the Campaspe Shire, including units in Echuca, Rochester, Rushworth, and Kyabram</p> |
| 1.11 | \$3,820 | <p><u>Girgarre Development Group</u></p> <p>To create seven discrete audio recordings to inform and enhance the visitor experience to the Girgarre Soundwalk.</p> |
| 1.12 | \$4,000 | <p><u>Rushworth Machinery Preservation Club</u></p> <p>To preserve the Flower Engine that was used in Rushworth at the turn of the century and is used during events within Rushworth.</p> |
| 1.13 | \$4,000 | <p><u>Rich River Calisthenics</u></p> <p>To install heating units in newly acquired clubrooms at the Echuca Harness Racing Club.</p> |
| 1.14 | \$4,000 | <p><u>St Augustine's Junior Football Club</u></p> <p>To Install an electronic scoreboard at Kyabram Northern Oval for use by users of the oval including football and cricket.</p> |
| 1.15 | \$4,000 | <p><u>Echuca Moama Aero Club</u></p> <p>To assist with an upgrade of the heating and cooling in clubrooms.</p> |
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2. advise 10 Community groups in writing of grant applications being referred to alternate Grant Programs for review.
 3. advise 6 Community groups in writing of their unsuccessful application.

CARRIED

8.4.2 Strathallan Hall

Directorate:	Communities
Responsible Officer:	Manager Active Communities
Manager:	Director Communities
Attachments:	Nil

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Seek Council approval for the demolition of the Strathallan Hall and associated infrastructure.
2. Commit to establishing a nature reserve, including seating, a shelter and signage in collaboration with the Strathallan community.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council:

1. **Approve the demolition of the Strathallan Hall and associated infrastructure located at 940 Rochester-Strathallan Road, Strathallan during the 2024/2025 financial year.**
2. **Retain 940 Rochester – Strathallan Road, Strathallan for the purpose of a nature reserve including funding the provision of seating, signage, and a shelter from the 2024/2025 budget.**
3. **Thank the Strathallan Hall Committee for their commitment in maintaining an open space for the benefit of the community.**

CARRIED

8.5 Sustainability

8.5.1 Campaspe Growth & Change report

Directorate:	Sustainability
Responsible Officer:	Manager Integrated Planning
Manager:	Manager Integrated Planning
Attachments:	Nil

To outline a proposed integrated planning approach that incorporates township facility planning into a framework that includes an overall municipal vision and development of township strategy and structure plans.

Moved by Cr Jarman

Seconded by Cr Mackrell

That Council:

- 1. Note that roll out of the Place Based Plans is well advanced while the development of Township Facility Plans has not commenced.**
- 2. Reassess the approach to the development of Township Facility Plans and undertake a more integrated planning approach to facility planning through the development of a municipal wide settlement strategy supported by a range of strategy and structure plans for specific areas and townships.**

CARRIED

Cr Jarman declared a conflict of interest in item 8.6.1.1 and 8.6.1.2 and left the Council Chambers at 6:31pm.

8.6 Corporate

8.6.1 Adopt Fees & Charges

Directorate:	Corporate
Responsible Officer:	Manager Finance and Investment
Manager:	Manager Finance and Investment
Attachments:	1. Fees And Charges 2024-2025 [8.6.1.3 - 21 pages]

The purpose of this report is to present for adoption the Council 2024/25 fees and charges.

In accordance with Governance Rule 2.5.17(a), the Motion is separated into parts where each part is spoken to/debated then voted on separately.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge an administrative error has resulted in the 2024/25 fees and charges, other than for the Aerodrome and statutory fees and charges, not yet being appropriately adopted and accordingly:**
- 2. Adopt the 2024/25 fees and charges relating to:**
 - 2.1. A Boards (per board)**
 - 2.2. Street Furniture – per setting (table and 4 chairs)****listed in the attached Fees and Charges 2024-2025 document.**

CARRIED

Cr Jarman returned to the Council Chambers at 6:33pm.

Moved by Cr Mackrell

Seconded by Cr Pentreath

That Council:

- 3. Adopt the balance of 2024/25 fees and charges as listed in the attached Fees and Charges 2024-2025 document and authorise the update to the Council Budget 2024-25 document as necessary.**

CARRIED

8.7 Council Information

8.7.1 Notes of Appreciation

Directorate: Office of the CEO

Responsible Officer: Office of the CEO Support Officer

Manager: Executive Officer

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

Moved by Cr Pentreath

Seconded by Cr Jarman

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

CARRIED

1. **Kyabram Urban Landcare Group**

"On behalf of the Kyabram Urban Landcare Group I want to pass on our thanks for mowing sections of the Ern Miles Reserve earlier in the year, as well as spraying the drain in South Boundary Road of weeds."

2. **Anonymous, Kyabram**

"Thanks to your Arborist Brendan for his excellent customer service in dealing with a street tree problem adjacent to our property. His common sense approach and ability to make a decision to resolve the issue was most refreshing to experience."

I also acknowledge your excellent follow up correspondence and the efficiency of response to my request."

3. **Merle Stirling, Rochester**

Appreciation for the *"great workmanship of the shire slasher driver"*, Trevor Linke

"He did an awesome job getting into areas that were flood affected and had not been mowed for a long time. Wherever there were gate entrances to our property he really opened them up to improve visibility getting onto our busy road."

"Please congratulate Trevor on a job well done"

4. **Anonymous, Echuca**

Congratulations to Council on the planting of so many trees around the town and streets.

5. **Kay McGrath, Echuca**

"I would like to pass on our thanks to the expertise and professionalism of your Arboriculture Officer "Dean". Dean was very prompt contacting me, and kept the

communication happening and was very punctual when we met up. He was also very polite and explained the situation, with such patience it is commendable. Thank you Dean."

6. Marg Burgess, Tongala

"Thank you very much for trimming the tree on the nature strip in Tongala."

7. Echuca Cricket Club

Certificate of Appreciation received for the support of the Echuca Cricket Club 2023/24 junior season through Council's Community Equipment Grants Program.

9 Notices of Motion

Nil.

10 Urgent Business

Nil.

11 Confidential Business

Nil.

12 Close Meeting

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6:39pm.

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CR ROBERT AMOS
MAYOR