



44 Station Street  
Cobram Vic 3644  
[www.moirashire.vic.gov.au](http://www.moirashire.vic.gov.au)  
[webmaster@moirashire.vic.gov.au](mailto:webmaster@moirashire.vic.gov.au)

## **AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**FOR**  
**MONDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2010**  
**TO BE HELD AT COUNCIL MEETING ROOM COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD,**  
**COBRAM**  
**COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM**

**1. CALLING TO ORDER - CEO**

**2. PRAYER**

Almighty God we humbly ask you to guide our deliberations for the welfare and benefit of the Moira Shire and its people whom we serve.

Amen

**3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We, the Moira Shire Council, would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet and pay our respects to their Elders both past and present.

**4. APOLOGIES AND REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**5. DECLARATION UNDER ACTS, REGULATIONS, CODES OR LOCAL LAWS**

**6. DECLARATION OF ANY INTEREST OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**7. OFFICERS REPORTS FOR DETERMINATION**

7.1 CONSIDERATION OF 2009/10 ANNUAL REPORT

3

**8. CLOSE OF MEETING**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Arnold', written in a cursive style.

**GARY ARNOLD  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

FILE NO: 180.02.0015  
3. OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PROCESSES  
COUNCIL PLAN ACTION NO. 5.2.2

ITEM NO: 7.1  
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
GOVERNANCE, CHRIS COWLEY)

## CONSIDERATION OF 2009/10 ANNUAL REPORT

### 1. Executive Summary

The Annual Report, incorporating the performance, standard and financial statements, is presented for Council's consideration.

In accordance with section 134(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) the Annual Report must be considered at a meeting of Council, as soon as practicable, but within one month, after providing the annual report to the Minister pursuant to section 131(6) of the Act. The Minister received a copy of the Annual Report within the 30 September statutory timeframe.

Council's Annual Report meets statutory obligations and presents key highlights and challenges for the organisation and the community for 2009/10. It is recommended that Council, in accordance with section 134 of the Act, considers and receives the 2009/10 Annual Report, inclusive of audited financial and performance statements as at 30 June 2010.

### 2. Discussion

Preparation of the Annual Report meets Council's communications and processes strategic goal and contributes towards the outcome of responsible management and leadership. The Annual Report is also an important part of complying with Council's statutory requirements.

Council's Annual Report is prepared in accordance with section 131 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and is presented as part of Council's commitment to open, transparent and accountable governance.

The 2009/10 Annual Report is attached:

- Presents information for stakeholders with an interest in the organisation;
- Reflects on the achievements and challenges experienced in the financial year;
- Provides information about council operations in the 2009/10 financial year;
- Establishes an outline of council services;
- Details the Council's commitment to corporate governance;
- Measures performance against the goals set in the Council Plan;
- Shows the standard and financial statements for the 2009/10 financial year;
- Explains differences between the adopted budget and actual financial performance; and
- Contains other information required by the Local Government Act.

All statements are independently audited by Council's Auditors, the Victorian Auditor-General's service provider (Richmond, Sinnott and Delahunty - Bendigo) and reviewed by Council's Internal Audit Committee.

Council received Auditor-General approval and unqualified audit opinions for its standard, financial and performance statements on 28 September 2010. Details of Council's financial statement and performance statement were tabled at the 20 September 2010 Special Meeting of Council.

FILE NO: 180.02.0015  
3. OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PROCESSES  
COUNCIL PLAN ACTION NO. 5.2.2

ITEM NO: 7.1  
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE  
GOVERNANCE, CHRIS COWLEY)

## CONSIDERATION OF 2009/10 ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### 3. Financial Implications

The costs associated with the preparation and distribution of the Annual Report is included within the Council's annual budget.

### 4. Community Consultation

A statutory public notice was included in the following newspapers (Cobram Courier, Numurkah Leader, Yarrawonga Chronicle, Shepparton News, Border Mail and Redgum Courier) stating that the Annual Report is available for inspection at Council's service centres, agencies and on Council's website from Wednesday 6 October 2010. The notice also stated that Council would consider the Annual Report at its 18 October ordinary meeting.

A further public notice will be advertised, in accordance with section 131(12)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1989*, advising that Council has received a copy of the report of the Auditor under section 9 of the *Audit Act 1994*. The Auditor's report is included within the Annual Report, which is available for inspection during office hours.

### 5. Legislative / Policy Implications

The Local Government Act requires councils to prepare an Annual Report each year that meets the requirements of various sections of the Act and relevant financial reporting requirements. The Annual Report also includes Council's Best Value Report for 2009/10 and certification of compliance with National Competition Policy requirements.

### 6. Environmental Implications

There is a requirement to produce hard copies of the report in some cases such as for display at Council's service centre, agencies and the State Library. The number of printed copies will be kept to a minimum, with CDs being distributed in the majority of instances.

### 7. Conclusion

Council's Annual Report meets statutory obligations and presents key highlights and challenges for the organisation and the community for 2009/10.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Council, in accordance with section 134 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, considers and receives the 2009/10 Annual Report, inclusive of audited financial and performance statements as at 30 June 2010.