



MINUTES

**SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM
CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644,
WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022**

The meeting commenced at 5.03 PM.

PRESENT

- Councillor Libro Mustica (Mayor)
- Councillor Peter Lawless (Deputy Mayor)
- Councillor John Beitzel
- Councillor Julie Brooks
- Councillor Ed Cox
- Councillor Peter Elliot
- Councillor Judy Heather
- Councillor Wayne Limbrick
- Councillor Peter Mansfield

IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Clare Keenan | Chief Executive Officer |
| Josh Lewis | Director Infrastructure Services |
| Sally Rice | Director Sustainable Communities |
| Brant Doyle | Director Corporate Governance and Performance |
| Matt Jarvis | Chief Financial Officer |
| Marg Allan | Monitor (Virtual) |
| Bobby Brook | Executive Assistant Mayor and Councillors |

RECORDING

Consistent with section 12.3 of our Governance Rules, Council officers have been authorised to record the public session of this meeting using an audio recording device.

LIVE STREAMING

Council meetings will now be lived streamed to allow those interested in viewing proceedings greater access to Council decisions and debate, without attending the meeting in person.

1. WELCOME 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

Read by the Mayor.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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.

Read by the Mayor.

4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Ed Cox requested a leave of absence for the month of July.
- Councillor Julie Brooks requested a leave of absence for the next two weeks.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / JOHN BEITZEL

That Councillors Cox and Brooks requests for leave of absence be accepted.

(CARRIED)

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

NIL

6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Libro Mustica declared a direct conflict of interest in item 11.2.1.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

CRS ED COX / JULIE BROOKS

"That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 May 2022, as prepared, be confirmed."

(CARRIED)

8. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Councillor Peter Mansfield reported on his attendance at the National General Assembly in Canberra and requests from residents at Derry Drive Yarrowonga to have speed humps installed in the street.
- Councillor Judy Heather reported on her attendance at a homelessness workshop held at the Yarrowonga Mulwala Community and Learning Centre and the request to lobby for the use of the former primary school for those in need.
- Councillor Peter Elliot also reported on the meetings to discuss the homelessness problem in the region and study currently being undertaken to determine the different reasons for homelessness.
- Councillor Ed Cox reported on the recent repair works undertaken at Kokoda Road Yarroweyah and the appreciation of Council expressed by the residents of that road.
- Councillor Wayne Limbrick reported on his attendance and the Mid-Winter Exhibition Event held in Nathalia and congratulated the staff on this successful event.
- Councillor Peter Lawless reported on his attendance at the budget sessions held in the four major towns, the meeting with Wendy Lovell MP and the thank you dinner held at the Barooga Sports Club.
- Councillor Julie Brooks reported on her attendance at the thank you dinner held at the Barooga Sports Club and her interview with the Border Mail on the homelessness issue.
- The Mayor Councillor Libro Mustica reported on his attendance at the Mid-Winter Exhibition Event held in Nathalia and his attendance at Parliament House with the other Mayors from the Ovens Valley area.

9. OFFICERS REPORTS

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Shopfront Upgrade Grants

Applications for the Moira Shire Council Shopfront Upgrade Grant program closed last week after being open for a three week period. Over 60 applications were received, spread across locations such as Cobram, Yarrowonga, Numurkah and Nathalia. This demonstrates a high level of interest for the grant program by local businesses to improve their shopfronts.

The majority of these applications include quotes from other local trades and businesses highlighting the grant program's contribution to the local economy. Council Officers are currently assessing the applications will advise those successful in the near future.

Moira Business Achievement Awards

Nominations for the Moira Business Achievement Awards closed last Friday.

A total of 193 businesses were nominated across eight categories, which include Retail, Tourism, Agriculture and Manufacturing as well as a category recognising the Best Regional Business from the Memorandum of Understanding Group of Councils – Berrigan, Federation and Indigo.

Voting is now open on Council's website for the top three nominated finalists in each category and closes 5pm Friday 15 July. The winners will be announced at the Moira Business Achievement Awards event on 28 July 2022 at the Sebel Yarrowonga. Tickets can be purchased via the Council website.

Farmer Outreach Popup Event

Lastly, thanks to Moira Shire Council staff involved in the recent Farmer Outreach Popup Events in Cobram, Numurkah and Yarrowonga. Around 600 people attended obtaining valuable benefits such as federally funded vouchers to spend in the local economy and information on available mental health services and support.

CORPORATE, GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Recruitment and leadership development

During May we had eight positions advertised. Three manager positions were completed in May, which included our Manager Marketing, Communications and Advocacy, Manager Tourism and Events, and the Manager Construction and Assets with officers commencing these roles in June. We also commenced the recruitment process for various positions within the Operations, and Parks, Recreation and Facilities departments.

As reported last month, Council's Australasian Management Challenge team completed the program in May, and although the Council team did not take out first prize, they have built strong working relationships and have already commenced looking at opportunities to work on cross organisational projects.

Pandemic workforce implications

For the month of May we had ten staff access special COVID leave. For the financial year COVID leave has cost Council just over \$90,000.

Customer Experience

May has been our busiest month of the year for our customer experience function. Our calls were up 20% on the previous month, with 4,290 total calls. The customer experience team provided 4,640 customer requests via the call centre and online systems. This was a massive achievement, with only limited staff, due to COVID impacts.

Final quarterly rate notices were issued along with animal registration reminders, which prompted 715 payments across both Cobram and Yarrawonga centres. The team were able to resolve 82% of customer rates enquiries at first point contact.

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Drainage – Catona Crescent

I would like to acknowledge the recent localised flooding experienced in Catona Crescent and the impact this had on local residents.

Through Council's investigations, it was found that there was a blocked pipe which severely hampered the existing drainage system, however note the community's ongoing concern with drainage generally.

Council continues to explore options to improve drainage and amenity along Catona Crescent and plans to engage with residents in the near future in seeking a permanent solution to these issues.

Planning & Building

Council's Planning & Building Team are currently experiencing significant staff shortages which may mean that responses to applications, enquiries and approvals are delayed.

We are working hard to fill these gaps and through this process want to maximise development opportunity within Moira – doing what we can to encourage development throughout the shire whilst meeting associated statutory requirements.

It is important to note that both the Planning & Building Teams continue to receive sustained high numbers of applications as we observe what has been described as a 'tree change' after the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Project update

It is expected that Council will have delivered \$17M of capital works by the end of June – I consider this to be a solid effort given the continued challenges experienced with Covid-19, shortages of materials, contractor availability and comparatively wet conditions.

Council will look to accelerate project delivery in 2022/23 to reduce the carry-over of unspent capital funding, and therefore plan to deliver in excess of \$30m of works throughout this financial period – it will be an exciting time as we see a flurry of activity across the municipality in ensuring we meet this goal!

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Yarrowonga Library update

I am very pleased to report that the contracted builders will commence on the site in early August.

Issues behind the scenes continue to be encountered and addressed. These relate mainly to the interface of the site and new building with utilities and their connections.

We have heard that there are concerns that asbestos has been discovered. I can report that there is an old, unmapped communications box located on the site. As was common at the time when it was installed it was constructed with some asbestos.

Nowadays when they need to be relocated it can only be done by the relevant authority; in this case. Council is working with NBN to arrange these works and they will be done in line with current OH&S regulations. This presents no risk when carried out in accordance with these regulations.

Live4Life Launch

Council is the Lead Agency for the Live4Life program. This brings together rural and regional school communities to improve mental health and wellbeing for young people.

Live4Life crews from across the eight secondary schools in Moira Shire came together last week to host two launches - one in Nathalia and the other in Cobram.

“Visit the Murray” stars at the Good Food Show

After a two year hiatus the Good Food Show was back in Melbourne this June. Council staff manned the ‘Visit the Murray’ exhibition, along with local providers How Now Dairy, Rich Glen and Ulupna Winery who showcased some of our amazing Moira Shire produce. 30,000 patrons attended the show over the three days.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

| Name | Summarised Question | Response |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| Dawn Campbell | <p>I would like to congratulate the council outdoor staff on the pride they take in the parks and gardens across the shire and the cleanliness of the public toilets.</p> <p>Is there any way we can encourage the shopkeepers to show the same pride and take up the \$2000 grants to spruce up their shop fronts to make them more inviting and for their staff to be more welcoming to visitors?</p> | <p>Business owners were encouraged to apply for the Moira Shop front Upgrade grants program which was open for applications from Friday 20 May to Friday 10 June. The possibility of a financial contribution for successful applications is seen as strong encouragement.</p> |
| Geoff Campbell | <p>It is great to see the leadership team giving verbal reports at council meetings, a little more detail as to what is happening across the whole shire would be great.</p> <p>Can we please have an explanation of how the \$7.2 million is split between the New Library and the Town Hall revamp?</p> | <p>As the new build was treated as 1 entire project the pricing schedule for this contract did not request a breakdown in a way that can absolutely answer this question.</p> <p>However, as an indication the library is estimated to be 47% of the stage 1 costs and 44% of the complete project. On top of construction there are also additional costs relating to security, furniture and fit out, landscaping and for the first time ever air conditioning for the town hall.</p> |
| Paul Flavel | <p>Why can't those Q's and A's be recorded in the minutes of each Council meeting?</p> | <p>Questions and Answers have been recorded in the minutes from May 2022, please refer to Council's website for further information.</p> |
| Penny Gutteridge | <p>1. Former Yarrawonga Primary School site.</p> <p>When asked about this, the reply was that you were waiting on the Education Department to decide what to do with the site. Aren't they waiting on Moira Shire Council to decide on First Right of Refusal, which has been offered to the Council?</p> <p>2. Sports Precinct</p> <p>Why isn't the building of a quality indoor heated swimming pool the priority over another basketball facility?</p> | <p>Moira Shire Council has responded to the Department of Treasury and Finance and continue to consider the terms and conditions of the acquisition of the site under the First Right of Refusal process.</p> <p>The considerations also include the outcomes of the state heritage nomination of the site.</p> <p>Council resolved at 27 April 2022 Council Meeting:</p> <p>That Council adopt the Yarrawonga Showgrounds/ Victoria Park Master Plan with stage 2 and 3 swapped to the multisport stadium.</p> |

FILE NO: F21/395
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.1.1
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY
MUSTICA)
(CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER MATT JARVIS)

THE MAYOR'S BUDGET SPEECH, ADOPTION OF THE 2022/2023 BUDGET AND DECLARATION OF THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/2023

Mayors Budget Speech

It is a pleasure to introduce the Moira Shire Council 2022-2023 Budget for adoption.

This budget has been developed with the aims of safeguarding communities and staff, looking after our assets, consolidating the capital works program, maximising the opportunity of regional travel and migration through tourism and sustainable development, advocating for the Moira Shire community with other levels of government, and enhancing democracy and communication.

We are safeguarding our communities with the commencement of Stage 1 of the Numurkah Flood Levee and Cobram East Levee.

We are increasing our road upgrade and renewal expenditure budget by approximately 40 percent (more than \$5 million), in addition to \$7.25 million being spent on road and bridge maintenance.

Council staff safety and training are of key importance for this Council, and this is reflected in the budget with increased investment in Workplace Health and Safety training and technology solutions.

For the first time, Council will fund a 100% renewal on our assets, up from 80%. This will ensure the assets we have are well maintained to prevent costly remediation and repairs in the future.

We have seen a large increase in internal tourism in Australia as well as massive migration to the regions.

There is a great opportunity for businesses to capitalise on the visitor spend and this is supported through events funding and marketing support with a move to a new tourism model. We recognise that increases in tourist numbers can impact our amenity, and Council has committed increased funds to rubbish collection over peak periods as a mitigation.

A shortage of appropriately zoned land and outdated strategic plans for our towns given record migration, require strategic planning and consultation for sustainable growth and therefore an increase in budget for engineers and consideration of alternate ways of delivery for Council's planning department.

Council will invest in solutions to digital connectivity issues across the Shire to ensure the prosperity of our businesses and agricultural sectors, as well as to take advantage of the new world of 'working from home'. With insurance becoming increasingly costly and the potential difficulties in getting insurance, Moira Shire Council is the first Victorian Local Government to join Civic Risk Mutual, which allows us to have influence on our premiums.

We have \$35 million of capital projects carried forward. This year, we will catch up on projects that have not been able to proceed for reasons outside of Council's control such as contractor shortages and the timing of grants. While it is not anticipated that the entire \$35 million will be

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**THE MAYOR'S BUDGET SPEECH, ADOPTION OF THE 2022/2023 BUDGET AND
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expended in the 2022-2023 financial year, major capital projects such as Stage 1 of the Numurkah Flood Mitigation project, the Yarrawonga Multisport Stadium will be well progressed. Council has invested in the Surepact contract management system to manage risk and allow for greater transparency of grant and project management.

In developing a budget, local government in Victoria operates and works within the financial constraints of rate capping and external state authority increases in fees and compliance costs.

For example, the increase of 19% in the Environment Protection Agency's waste levy will directly result in a commensurate increase in fees at landfills.

Rates, which comprise approximately 50% of Council's income, are subject to rate capping and that increase has been set at 1.75% this year when the increase in the cost of goods and services is approximately 5%.

This is a concern for our local government's sustainability and ability to continue to provide services in the long term.

As many of the issues that concern our community rely on State and Federal government services, policy and funding, such as increases in homelessness, the Green Route bridge between Yarrawonga and Mulwala, the state of the Murray Valley Highway to mention just a few, we now have a budget for advocacy to ensure Moira Shire's voice and concerns are heard by those who have the power to make the decisions that can improve life for the people of Moira Shire.

Moira Shire Council is determined to enhance democracy through finding ways for hard-to-reach groups to engage with Council and make their views known.

By increasing the budget for communications and engagement, employing experts and using readily available, free technology we hope to engage positively with the various groups in our community to ensure that Moira Shire is an inclusive, vibrant shire, where all can voice their views and aspirations.

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**THE MAYOR'S BUDGET SPEECH, ADOPTION OF THE 2022/2023 BUDGET AND
DECLARATION OF THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2022/2023 (cont'd)**

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's adoption of the Moira Shire Council Budget 2022/23.

The Budget was developed with the aim of safeguarding communities and staff, looking after our assets, consolidating the capital works program, maximising the opportunity of regional travel and migration through tourism and sustainable development, advocating for the Moira Shire community with other levels of government, and enhancing democracy and communication.

The 2022/23 Budget has been developed following a two-step community engagement process.

MOTION

CRS PETER ELLIOTT / ED COX

That Council:

1. Adopt the 2022/2023 Budget as the final Adopted Budget of Moira Shire Council for the 2022/2023 financial year, prepared in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2020;
2. Declare the Rates and Charges detailed in Section 4 of the final 2022/2023 Budget Report including a General Rate, Municipal Charge, Environmental Levy and Waste Collection Service Charges; and
3. Declare the Fees and Charges detailed in Section 6 of the final 2022/2023 Budget Report to be charged in respect to various goods and services during the 2022/2023 financial year;

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F13/858/005
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.2.1
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY
MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE A SECTION OF ROAD RESERVE ALONGSIDE HAY AVENUE COBRAM

Councillor Libro Mustica left the chair and the meeting at 5:54PM due to his previously declared conflict of Interest. Councillor Peter Lawless took the chair at 5:54PM.

Executive Summary

This report requests Council's authorisation to seek community feedback on the proposal to discontinue a parcel of road reserve on Hay Avenue Cobram. Council received a request from the adjoining landowner in 2019 to purchase a portion of the unused road reserve to realign their property title to match existing fence lines and allow vehicle access to their property via Hay Avenue Cobram. Council resolved to discontinue and sell this unused road reserve in April 2019, however there is another small parcel of road reserve within this land that requires to be discontinued to complete the proposal.

The legislated processes for council to discontinue a road requires council to seek community feedback on the proposal before making a decision to proceed or otherwise. This report seeks council's approval to complete this consultation process. If Council decides to discontinue the road reserve, boundary realignments will be required to create the triangle shaped portion of land. The triangle portion will then be offered for sale by private treaty to the neighboring property owner of 11-13 William Street, thereby consolidating the parcels.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / WAYNE LIMBRICK

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:
 - a) give public notice of Council's intention to discontinue a parcel of road reserve on Hay Avenue Cobram;
 - b) make the proposal available for public inspection;
 - c) invite submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989; and
 - d) receive submissions until 5pm Friday 22 July 2022.
2. If required:
 - a) convene a Committee of Council comprising Cr Lawless, Cr Cox and Director Infrastructure and/or delegate to meet at 3pm Wednesday 27 July 2022 at the Councillor Briefing Room, 44 Station Street, Cobram to hear any person wishing to be heard in support of their written submission; and
 - b) consider a recommendation to proceed with the road discontinuance with or without amendment at the August 2022 Scheduled Council meeting.

(CARRIED)

Councillor Libro Mustica returned to the chair at 5:57 PM.

FILE NO: F13/493
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.2.2
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY
MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 12 MAY 2022

Executive Summary

The Audit & Risk Committee (the Committee) is an independent advisory Committee to Council. The primary objective of the committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities for financial reporting, management of risks and maintaining a reliable system of internal controls.

In accordance with the Audit & Risk Committee Charter, the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee held on 12 May 2022 are attached.

The following reports were considered by the committee:

- Claims Management and Insurance Renewal Report for March Quarter 2022
- Quarterly Budget Review – March 2022
- Quarterly WHS Status Report – March 2022
- Business Continuity Plan and IT Disaster Recovery Plan
- Policy Register Update
- Fraud Risk Register Report
- Risk Register Report
- Major Projects/incidents and Legal Proceedings
- Review of Audit & Risk Committee Charter
- Internal Audit Report – Past Issues Review

MOTION

CRS WAYNE LIMBRICK / ED COX

That Council:

1. Accepts the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 12 May 2022.
2. Endorse the recommendations contained within the reports.

(CARRIED)

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ITEM NO: 11.2.3
(MANAGER GOVERNANCE & RISK,
AMANDA CHADWICK)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE, BRANT DOYLE)

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF CHARTER

Executive Summary

Council's Audit and Risk Committee was re-established under section 53 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act). Section 54 of the Act requires Council to develop and adopt an Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

The Charter was first adopted by Council on 27 May 2020 and has now been reviewed to enable an increase to the committee composition as well as providing greater depth to the duties and responsibilities of the committee.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / PETER LAWLESS

That Council adopt the revised Audit and Risk Committee Charter.

(CARRIED)

**FILE NO: F13/503
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE**

**ITEM NO: 11.2.4
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER,
MARGARET HINCK)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)**

ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR MAY 2022

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to detail the Assemblies of Councillors held in May 2022. These records provide transparency in councils decision making process, in line with Council's commitment to the principles for public transparency and Council's Public Transparency Policy.

MOTION

CRS JULIE BROOKS / PETER LAWLESS

That Council receive and note the record of Assemblies of Councillors for May 2022 with the amendment to remove Cr Limbrick from the 25 May 2022 Council Briefing.

(CARRIED)

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ITEM NO: 11.4.1
(INFRASTRUCTURE LIAISON OFFICER, LYN
COOPER)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
JOSHUA LEWIS)

MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL'S ASSET PLAN AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

Executive Summary

Council, in partnership with the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG) commissioned Talis Consultants to undertake a project to inform future planning of Councils waste facilities.

This project included two discrete elements. The first was an assessment of Councils resource recovery center network including siting, optimization and concept designs. In particular, this involved reviewing Councils current network of nine Resource Recovery Centers (RRC) and assessing alternative RRC network options.

Council has been briefed on the working undertaken by Talia and this report now recommends that Council proceed with implementing Scenario. Scenario 4 includes retaining the following transfer stations and operating hours: Cobram, Yarrawonga, St James, Barmah, Nathalia and Numurkah. Moving to this operating configuration will result in the closure of the Strathmerton, Yabba and Tungamah sites.

Prior to moving to closing any sites this report recommends that Council undertakes a period of consultation with residents who may be impacted with a view to understanding and minimizing this impact.

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / JOHN BEITZEL

That Council:

1. Review and adopt the Asset Plan 2021-2031; and
2. Review and adopt the Asset Management Plan 2021-2031

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: C014/22
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.4.2
(PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR, JOVIAL
MATHEWS)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
JOSHUA LEWIS)

C014/22 - RECONSTRUCTION OF SANDMOUNT ROAD KATUNGA

Executive Summary

The Moira Shire Council invites submissions from suitably qualified Contractors for the reconstruction of approximately 1400m of rural roadway in Sandmount Road, Katunga. The works are located between Hendys and Lorenzs Roads.

After consideration of the submissions, the evaluation panel recommends that contract C014/22 be awarded to Mawson Constructions Pty Ltd.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / JULIE BROOKS

That Council:

1. Award the contract for C014/22 – Reconstruction of Sandmount Road, Katunga to Mawson Constructions Pty Ltd; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents; and
3. Assign Mawson Constructions Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor for undertaking the project.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: C008/22
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.4.3
(PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR, JOVIAL
MATHEWS)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
JOSHUA LEWIS)

C008/22 - NUMURKAH OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT WORKS

Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council invited tenders for the provision of design, supply, installation and commissioning of refurbishment works to the 50m outdoor swimming pool at Madeline Street, Numurkah.

After consideration of the submissions, the evaluation panel recommends that contract C008/22 be awarded to Farley Pools Australia Pty Ltd.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / PETER LAWLESS

That Council:

1. Award the contract for C008/22 – Numurkah Outdoor Swimming Pool Refurbishment works to Farley Pools Australia Pty Ltd; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents.
3. Assign Farley Pools Australia Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor for undertaking the project.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: C017/22
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.4.4
(PROCUREMENT COORDINATOR, JOVIAL
MATHEWS)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
JOSHUA LEWIS)

C017/22 - SPLASH PARK YARRAWONGA - DESIGN & CONSTRUCT

Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council invited tenders for submissions for the design and construction of a splash park facility on Lake Mulwala foreshore, Yarrawonga.

After consideration of the submissions, the evaluation panel recommends that Farley Pools Australia Pty Ltd be appointed as the preferred tenderer for contract C017/22.

MOTION

CRS JOHN BEITZEL / PETER LAWLESS

That Council:

1. Appoint Farley Pools Australia Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer for contract C017/22 – Splash Park Yarrawonga – Design & Construct;
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to undertake negotiations with the preferred tenderer to achieve a best value outcome; and
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents.

(CARRIED)

11. OFFICER REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

NIL

12. ACTION OFFICERS LIST

NIL

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

NIL

FILE NO: F13/860
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 15.1
(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER, NANCY
MUSTICA)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

PETITION - ACCESS TO THE MURRAY RIVER

Executive Summary

Council tabled a petition at the scheduled Council Meeting on 25 May 2022 regarding concerns about access to the Murray River, downstream of the Lake Mulwala Weir, for recreational fishing.

This report provides an update on the findings in relation to the concerns.

MOTION

CRS PETER ELLIOTT / JULIE BROOKS

That Council:

1. Note the concerns raised by the petitions tabled at the May Council Meeting; and
2. Thank the signatories of the petition and advise the first mentioned author of the petition of Council's findings.

(CARRIED)

14. COUNCIL SEAL

NIL

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GENERAL BUSINESS**MOTION**

CRS PETER LAWLESS / ED COX

That urgent general business in relation to introduction of the proposed legislation and the resulting unfair implied approach taken by councils towards financial hardship be considered.

(CARRIED)

MOTION

CRS PETER LAWLESS / ED COX

That Council record:

1. support of a consistent and fair approach towards financial hardship amongst Victorian councils;
2. disappointment in the communication of the introduction of the legislation and the resulting unfair implied approach taken by councils towards financial hardship; and
3. objection to further constraints on Victorian council's ability to collect rates revenue to ensure fairness in all ratepayers contributing their share.

(CARRIED)

The Mayor stated at 6:41PM: this now concludes our open Council Meeting, for those watching via live stream. On behalf of Council I would like to thank our community for participating in our meeting. Please stay safe and good night.

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Councillor Peter Lawless left the meeting at 6:41 PM.

MOTION

CRS ED COX / JOHN BEITZEL

That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2020 (the Act), the meeting will now be closed to members of the public to enable the meeting to discuss matters in items 19.1 and which the Council may, pursuant to the provisions of Section 66 (2) of the Act resolve to be considered in closed session.

(CARRIED)

MOTION

CRS ED COX / PETER ELLIOTT

That the recommendations of the "Closed" Meeting of Council be adopted and recorded in the open meeting minutes.

(CARRIED)

MOTION

CRS WAYNE LIMBRICK / ED COX

That Council appoint Anthea Sloan as an External Independent Member to the Audit and Risk Committee.

(CARRIED)

MOTION

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That Council:

1. enters into the mutual insurance program with Civic Risk Mutual; and
2. approves the Chief Executive Officer's execution of such agreements and other documents as are necessary to give effect to Council's entry into the mutual insurance program.

(CARRIED)

15. CLOSE OF MEETING: 6:57 PM