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AGENDA

**SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL
FOR
WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022
TO BE HELD AT COBRAM CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644
COMMENCING AT 5.00PM**

RECORDING

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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

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.

4. APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Nil

6. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Recommendation: “That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 March 2022, as prepared, be confirmed.”

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FILE NO: 22/04
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 11.1.1
(GRANTS OFFICER, COURTNEY HAMILL)
(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CLARE
KEENAN)

GRANT APPLICATION STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the report.

1. Executive Summary

Council are currently in the process of fulfilling their obligations to \$27million in funds from grants and infrastructure specific low-interest loans. There are applications in requesting a further \$8 million, however it is expected that a number of these applications will not be successful.

After an extremely busy period in grants stemming from economic pump-priming, COVID-19 recovery stimulus packages there is now a noticeable lull. Pending elections are expected to have an impact on the grants climate.

2. Conflict of interest declaration

There is no conflict of interest declaration associated with this report.

3. Background & Context

Grants are provided by State and Federal governments, their departments and agencies to Local Government organizations in recognition that Local Government is the closest government tier to the community, and are in touch with local needs.

Many of the grants available are competitive ensuring that funding is allocated to localities and sectors most in need. Council must maximize its opportunities for funding by maintaining excellent relationships with funding partners, evidencing and articulating the need for funds, delivering high quality outcomes and outputs, and generally maximizing and highlighting the benefits of funds received.

Funded Projects in Progress

Note some projects are complete but have further reporting to be completed.

| Project Name | Funding Program | Funding amount allocated | Council cash contribution | Other contribution (inc. in-kind) | Project Cost |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Numurkah Flood Study | Natural Disaster Resilience Grant | 166,666 | 83,333 | 20,000 | 270,000 |
| Upper Broken & Boosey Creek Regional Flood Study | Natural Disaster Resilience Grant | 180,000 | 50,000 | 45,000 | 270,000 |
| Yarroweyah FNC accessible Toilet | Drought Communities | 75,000 | - | 10,000 | 85,000 |
| Picola Hall Toilet | | 80,000 | 60,000 | - | 140,000 |
| Yarrowonga Vic Park Irrigation | | 40,000 | 40,000 | - | 80,000 |
| Numurkah Skate Park | | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |
| Nathalia Outdoor Gym | | 40,000 | - | - | 40,000 |
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| Nathalia Irrigation | | 120,000 | - | - | 120,000 |
| Tungamah Football Netball Club Changing Rooms and Community Gym | | 250,000 | 900,000 | 50,000 | 1,200,000 |
| Cobram Federation Park and Playground | | 120,000 | - | - | 300,000 |
| Wunghnu Rec Res Toilets | | 125,000 | - | 100,000 | 225,000 |
| Visiting Friends and Relatives Campaign | BBRF Community Investments Stream | 20,000 | 5,000 | - | 25,000 |
| Yarrawonga to Burraminie Walking Cycling Path | MDBP Economic Development | 617,950 | - | - | 617,950 |
| Wrights Bridge | Bridges Renewal Program | 658,973 | 658,973 | - | 1,317,946 |
| More Room For Kinder | Building Blocks | 368,000 | 6,750 | 40,000 | 419,750 |
| Numurkah Road GMW Drain Crossing Upgrades | AgriLinks | 516,667 | 83,333 | - | 600,000 |
| Botts Road Drainage | LRCIP - Phase 2 | 933,229 | 30,000 | - | 763,229 |
| Yarrawonga Common Boat Ramp | | 750,000 | - | - | 750,000 |
| River Road, Yarrawonga drainage upgrade and road safety improvements, Stage 2 | | 300,000 | - | 525,000 | 825,000 |
| Barmah Boat Ramp Master Plan | | 200,000 | - | - | 200,000 |
| Murray Valley Highway Footpath - Botts Rd | | 150,000 | | - | 150,000 |
| Yarrawonga Foreshore Footpath | | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |
| Yarrawonga Splashpark | LRCIP - Phase 3 | 450,000 | 50,000 | - | 500,000 |
| Wilby Recreation Reserve | | 100,000 | - | - | 100,000 |
| Cobram Sports Stadium | | 200,000 | - | - | 200,000 |
| Botts Road, Yarrawonga | | 305,000 | - | - | 305,000 |
| Dust Suppression Program | | 220,000 | - | - | 220,000 |
| Nathalia West Drainage Upgrade | | 800,000 | - | - | 800,000 |
| Apex Park Cobram | | 720,000 | - | - | 720,000 |
| Woods Road Kerb and Channel | | 350,000 | - | - | 350,000 |
| Patterson Street – Russell Street Drainage Upgrades | | 400,000 | - | - | 400,000 |
| Williams Road, Strathmerton | | 200,000 | - | - | 200,000 |

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| Yarrawonga Swimming Pool Precinct Public Toilet | | 175,000 | - | - | 175,000 |
| Reilly's Road Drainage Upgrade | | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |
| Wilby Equestrian Project | | 250,000 | - | - | 250,000 |
| Cobram East Drainage Project | | 769,786 | - | - | 769,786 |
| Yarrawonga Common Boat Ramp | Fishing and Camping Facilities Program - VFA | 100,000 | 77,273 | 750,000 | 936,400 |
| Yarrawonga Common Boat Ramp | Boating Safety and Facilities Fund (Lachlan Jones) | 100,000 | 1,000 | 750 | 851,000 |
| COVID-19 Vaccination Program Community Engagement | COVID-19 Vaccination Program Community Engagement Grants | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 |
| Yarrawonga Library, Events and Performance Precinct | Living Libraries | 1,000,000 | 2,484,000 | 3,750,000 | 5,519,117 |
| Yarrawonga Library, Events and Performance Precinct | Community Infrastructure Loan Scheme | 3,750,000 | 2,484,000 | 1,000,000 | 5,519,117 |
| Active Parks Moira | Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus - Round 2 | 1,000,000 | | | 1,000,000 |
| Business Concierge and Hospitality Support | Business Concierge and Hospitality Support | 60,000 | - | - | |
| Yarrawonga Multisport Stadium | LSIF - Better Indoor Stadiums | 2,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 70,000 | 9,500,000 |
| Yarrawonga Multisport Stadium | Community Sport Infrastructure Loan Scheme | 7,000,000 | 2,500,000 | 70,000 | 9,500,000 |
| MY (Moira Youth) Freeza | Freeza 2022-2024 | 106,500 | | | 106,500 |
| Yarrawonga Aerodrome Taxiway | Regional Airports Program R2 | 300,000 | | 10,000 | 300,000 |
| Cat Care Moira | Animal Welfare Fund Grant Program – Pet Desexing Grants | 20,000 | - | - | 20,000 |
| Roadside Weeds and Pests Program 2020-2021 | Roadside Weeds and Pests Program 2020-2021 | 75,000 | | | 75,000 |
| Energy Assessment Nathalia and Numurkah Showgrounds | Community Climate Change and Energy Action (CCCEA) program. | 5,000 | 2,000 | - | 7,000 |
| Yarrawonga Men's Shed Solar Power | Community Climate Change and Energy Action - Stream 2 | 5,339 | 5,339 | 972 | 11,650 |
| Operation Luminous | Community Safety Infrastructure Fund | 76,600 | - | 3,800 | 80,400 |
| Cobram Pedestrian Crossings | TAC Local Government Grant Program | 70,000 | 70,000 | - | 140,000 |
| Part A - Immediate Outdoor Activation | Covid Safe Outdoor Activation | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |
| Part B - Semi-permanent and Permanent Outdoor Precinct Establishment | Covid Safe Outdoor Activation | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 |

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| Numurkah Drainage Strategy | Streamlining for Growth | 50,000 | - | - | 50,000 |
| Nathalia and Numurkah Showgrounds Energy Audit | Community Climate Change and Energy Action Program Stream 1 | 5,000 | 3,000 | - | 8,000 |
| Murray Valley Highway EV Point | Destination Charging Across Victoria | 49,500 | 49,500 | 8,000 In-kind | 107,000 |
| Total: | | \$27,194,210 | \$12,143,501 | \$6,445,522 | \$47,889,845 |

Applications Lodged

| | Funding Program | Expected Funding Announcement | Funding Amount Requested | Council Cash Contribution | Other Contribution (inc. in-kind) | Project Cost |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cobram Apex Reserve Soccer Pitch Upgrade | World Game Facilities Fund | From January-22 | 292,789 | 155,544 | | 466,632 |
| Kennedy Park, Thompsons Beach Upgrade | Cross-Border Commissioner's Infrastructure Fund - COVID Recovery Round | May-22 | 606,000 | 130,000 | 100,000 | 836,000 |
| Numurkah Football Oval Lighting | Country Football Netball Program | From February-22 | 215,148 | 41,717 | 30,000 | 286,865 |
| 5 Ways Roundabout Yarrowonga | Federal Blackspot Program 2022-23 | Not given | 1,636,000 | | | 1,636,000 |
| Pathfinder (JC Lowe Oval entrance lighting) | Creating Safer Places 2021-2022 | Not given | 87,995 | - | - | 87,995 |
| Small Town Sports Sustainability Strategy | LSIF - Planning Stream | Jun-22 | 30,000 | 25,000 | - | 55,000 |
| Yarroweyah Recreation Reserve Lighting | LSIF - Community Sports Lighting stream | Jun-22 | 244,341 | 58,777 | 63,394 | 366,512 |
| Yarrowonga Multisport Stadium | Building Better Regions Fund | May-22 | 4,745,000 | 2,675,000 | 2,070,000 | 9,490,000 |
| Kennedy Park Masterplan | Enabling Tourism Fund | Apr-22 | 37,522 | 9,381 | | 46,903 |
| Yarrowonga Showgrounds Victoria Park - Future Irrigation Supply Feasibility Study | Integrated Water Management Grants Program (Regional project funding 2021-22) | Mid-February 2022 | 55,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 75,000 |
| | Total | | 7,949,795 | 3,105,419 | 100,000 | 13,346,907 |

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Upcoming applications

| Funding round | State/Federal/ Other | Co-contribution required | Max \$ | Closing |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bridges Renewal Program - Round 6 | Federal | 20% | 5,000,000 | 30-Jun-22 |
| Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program | Federal | 20% | 5,000,000 | 30-Jun-22 |

Unsuccessful applications from July 2019

| Project Name | Funding Program | Funding amount requested | Council cash contribution | Other contribution (inc. in-kind) | Project Cost |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------|
| This Girl Can | This Girl Can Local Area Marketing Grants | \$13,360 | \$0 | | \$13,360 |
| Cobram Soccer Pitch | World Game | 234,337 | 117,168 | | 351,505 |
| Katunga Cricket Nets | Community Cricket Grants | 76,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 29,000.00 | 115,000 |
| Moira Shire Digital Tourism and Business Showcase | Let's Stay Connected | 156,853.00 | - | 22,400.00 | 179,253 |
| Numurkah Township Drainage | Streamlining for Growth | 50,000.00 | - | - | 50,000 |
| Naring Rd/Numurkah Rd Intersection | Blackspot | 719,000.00 | - | - | 719,000.00 |
| Numurkah Cricket Shade Structures | Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund | 10,000 | 10,000 | | 20,000 |
| Secure Truck Park | Building Safer Communities | 47,341 | | | 37,341 |
| Yarrowonga Common Boat Ramp | Large Grants Program - VFA | 100,000 | 77,273 | 750,000 | 936,400 |
| Kennedy Park Master Plan and Tree Top Walk Feasibility Study | Building Better Regions Fund | \$34,622 | \$34,623 | | \$69,245 |
| Forges Pump Road Upgrade | Murray-Darling Basin Economic Development Program (Round 3) | 397122 | 0 | 0 | 397122 |
| Yarrowonga Multisport Stadium | Building Better Regions Fund | 3,500,000 | 2,500,000 | 70000 | 9500000 |
| Moira Netball Court Renewal (Katamatite and Strathmerton) | Country Football Netball Program | 150000 | 595521 | | 745521 |

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| LED the Way | Safer Communities Fund Round 6 Infrastructure | 10679 | 0 | 0 | 10679 |
| Cobram East Flood Levee | Risk and Resilience Grants Program | 250,000 | 250,000 | | 500,000 |
| Former Yarrowonga Primary School Site Urban Development Strategy and Framework Plan | Investment Fast- Track Fund | 40,000 | 10,000 | | 50,000 |
| TAC Local Government Grants | | 102,000 | | 202,000 | 304,000 |

Attachments

Nil

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(SENIOR GOVERNANCE OFFICER,
MARGARET HINCK)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE
AND PERFORMANCE BRANT DOYLE)

ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR MARCH 2022

Recommendation

That Council receive and note the record of Assemblies of Councillors for March 2022:

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to detail the Assemblies of Councillors held in March 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

2. Conflict of interest declaration

There are no council officer conflicts of interest issues to consider within this report.

3. Background & Context

This report provides details of Councillor Assemblies that have been held for the month of March 2022 and whether a conflict of interest disclosure was made by a Councillor.

An Assembly of Councillors can be defined as:

- A meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Councillor is present; or
- A meeting (other than a Council or special committee meeting), briefing or other activity where at least half of the Council and a member of Council staff is present; and
- Where the matters considered may be subject to a decision of Council or exercise of a function, duty or power of the Council that has been delegated to a person or committee.

No formal decisions can be made at an Assembly but rather discussion and questions on the issues that allow Councillors to be fully informed for the Council meeting.

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ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

4. Issues

| Meeting | Present at meeting | Matters discussed | Declaration of Interest(s) |
|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| <p>Council Briefing 9 March 2022</p> | <p>Councillors: Libro Mustica John Beitzel Julie Brooks Ed Cox Peter Elliott Judy Heather Peter Lawless Wayne Limbrick Peter Mansfield</p> <p>Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Clare Keenan</p> <p>Director Infrastructure Services, Joshua Lewis</p> <p>Director Sustainable Communities, Sally Rice</p> <p>Director Corporate, Governance and Performance, Brant Doyle</p> <p>Executive Assistant Mayor and Councillors</p> <p>Manager Community Wellbeing Health and Culture</p> <p>Manager Governance and Performance</p> <p>Senior Governance Officer</p> <p>Governance Officer</p> <p>Senior Communications Advisor</p> | <p>Disability Advisory Committee</p> <p>Japanese Encephalitis update</p> <p>Budget process</p> <p>Budget discussion</p> <p>Management report review</p> <p>Draft Agenda review</p> <p>Councillor Requests</p> <p>Bridging the Gap</p> | <p>Nil</p> |

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ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

| Meeting | Present at meeting | Matters discussed | Declaration of Interest(s) |
|--|---|---|---|
| <p>Environment Sustainability Advisory Committee</p> <p>10 March 2022</p> | <p>Councillor: Wayne Limbrick</p> <p>Staff: Manager Sustainability, Scott Draper Environmental Sustainability Officers Environmental Services Technical Officer Recycling and Waste Project Officer</p> | <p>Teal Carbon Program</p> <p>Corporate emissions reduction plan review</p> <p>Community engagement events discussion</p> <p>Roundtable updates</p> | <p>Nil</p> |
| <p>Council Briefing</p> <p>23 March 2022</p> | <p>Councillors: Libro Mustica John Beitzel Julie Brooks Ed Cox Peter Elliott Judy Heather Peter Lawless Wayne Limbrick Peter Mansfield</p> <p>Staff: Chief Executive Officer, Clare Keenan Director Infrastructure Services, Joshua Lewis Director Sustainable Communities, Sally Rice Director Corporate, Governance and Performance, Brant Doyle Acting Manager Construction and Assets, Executive Assistant Mayor and Councillors Assets Technical Officer</p> | <p>Capital Works Budget Workshop</p> <p>Agenda review</p> | <p>Yes</p> <p>Peter Elliott</p> <p>Bundalong Projects</p> |

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ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS FOR MARCH 2022 (cont'd)

5. Strategic Alignment

Council Plan Objective 5. Transparent and Accountable Governance.

6. Internal & External Engagement

The Executive Assistant to Mayor and Councillors and the Environmental Sustainability Officer were consulted in preparation of this report.

7. Budget / Financial Considerations

There are no financial implications to consider with this report.

8. Risk & Mitigation

Preparing Assemblies of Councillors provides transparency in Council's decision-making process.

9. Conclusion

The details of the Assemblies of Councillors incorporated into this report are a true and accurate record of all Assemblies of Councillors reported during March 2022.

Attachments

Nil

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3. A CLEAN GREEN ENVIRONMENT

ITEM NO: 11.3.1
(ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
OFFICER, JANE WHITE)
(DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
SALLY RICE)

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2026

Recommendation

That Council endorse the Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022-2026 being made available for community consultation in accordance with the proposed consultation plan.

1. Executive Summary

Council has developed a draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) 2022-2026 (a copy is attached). This is the third ESS that Moira Shire Council (Council) has developed. The 2022 ESS builds on the achievements of the 2017 ESS. This is another great opportunity to highlight the achievements report that was presented at the 23rd February 2022 Council meeting.

The sustainability department have lead a consultation phase for the drafting of the 2022 ESS. Consultation has been completed with key stakeholders including Council staff, Councilors and key agency partner representatives. Learnings from the feedback received via a survey and presentations have been incorporated in the ESS.

The next phase of consultation is to occur with the community. Therefore, this report recommends that Council endorses the Draft ESS 2022-2026 and makes it available for community consultation in accordance with the proposed consultation plan.

2. Conflict of interest declaration

There are no conflicts of interest associated with this report.

3. Background & Context

The intent of the 2022 ESS is to provide direction and action for improved environmental outcomes for Council and the wider community. The strategy has been adapted from the previous 2017 version.

The ESS has a vision to support and encourage an environmentally sustainable community today and for future generations.

To achieve our vision, the ESS 2022-2026 has been structured around seven focus areas that will guide Council's actions over a four-year period.

Focus Area 1: Environmentally accountable Council

Council is committed to showing leadership in environmental sustainability.

Focus Area 2: Community engagement

Council will raise community awareness of environmental sustainability and support the community in building resilience and creating a sustainable future.

Focus Area 3: Partnerships

Council will work with our partners to achieve environmental sustainability.

Focus Area 4: Climate change – adaption and mitigation

Council will reduce greenhouse gas contributions and build resilience.

Focus Area 5: Conservation of biodiversity

Council is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Moira Shire.

Focus Area 6: Sustainable management of water

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2026 (cont'd)

Council will work towards a future that has ample clean water for our communities and the environment.

Focus Area 7: Sustainable management of waste

Council is committed to reducing the generation of waste to landfill.

Community Consultation Plan

As part of the development of the ESS 2022 the draft strategy will be released for public consultation. A community communication plan has been developed to undertake the next stage of consultation with the community. This is in line with Moira Shire Council's Community Engagement Policy 2021.

During the three-week community consultation period the opportunity to provide comment will be promoted through local media, social media, Councils web site, and community and stakeholder contacts. An online survey will be made available to the public via Councils web site. The online survey will be the main way that the community will be able to provide feedback. An inactive online survey and webpage has been developed for this purpose—

<https://www.moira.vic.gov.au/Residents/Environment/Our-strategy/Have-your-say-DRAFT-Environmental-Sustainability-Strategy-2022-26?transfer=f19ca781-0d82-405a-bce9-ea0e56a6a398>.

This will provide the community with an opportunity to provide feedback into the strategy's development. Any feedback received will be considered and used to inform the final version of the ESS.

4. Issues

Relevant Federal and State legislation and regional plans have been considered as part of the draft ESS development. The document complies with key legislation and regional plans.

Sustainability challenges are growing and there is mounting pressure from the community for organisations such as Council to be taking action. This strategy provides guidance over a four-year period as to how we will go about achieving and meeting community expectations, and State and Federal Government commitments and legislation.

The ESS is aspirational as well as having clear and attainable goals.

5. Strategic Alignment

The draft 2021 ESS aligns with the current Council Plan.

Council Plan

3. A clean green environment

The ESS has been designed and is fundamental to the delivery of goals under Pillar 3.

6. Budget / Financial Considerations

Funding for the implementation of the 2022 ESS will be (as per the previous 2017 and 2012 ESS) through Councils operational budget, project bids and external funding.

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2026 (cont'd)

7. Risk & Mitigation

The 2022 ESS will provide a strategic framework to assist Council with decision making and prioritisation around issues that affect environmental sustainability. It also highlights the need for Council to focus on identifying and mitigating environmental risks.

8. Conclusion

The intent of the ESS is to ensure that Moira Shire is a great place to live and to have healthy and happy communities now and into the future. The wellbeing of our communities and the health of our natural environment is intertwined.

The next stage of the strategies development is community consultation. This will increase community interest and awareness of environmentally sustainable work that Council does and it will also seek feedback that will inform the preparation of the final ESS.

Attachments

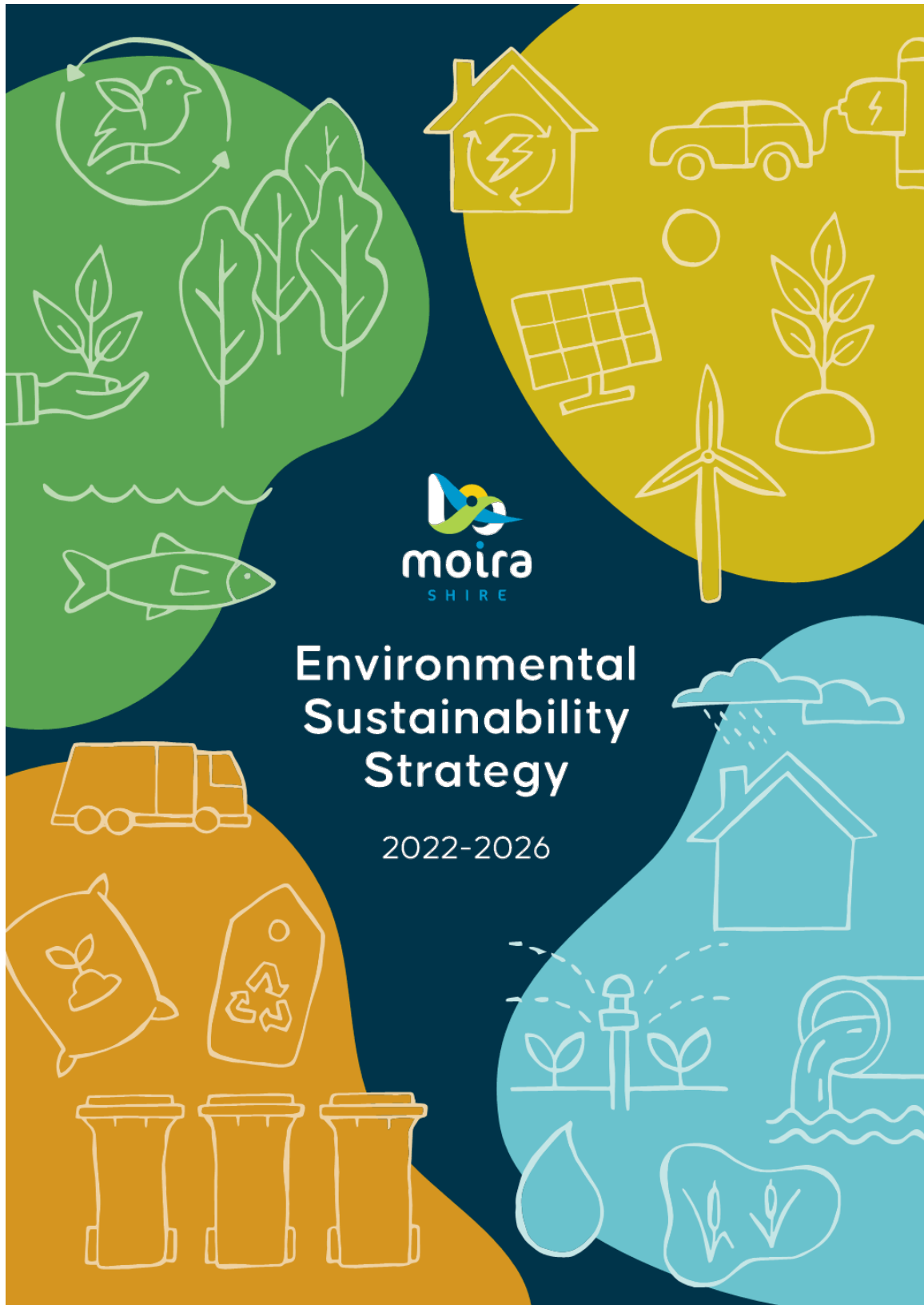
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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2026 (cont'd)

ATTACHMENT No [1] - Environmental Sustainability Strategy



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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2022-2026 (cont'd)

ATTACHMENT No [1] - Environmental Sustainability Strategy

VISION

To support and encourage an environmentally sustainable community today and for future generations.

Acknowledgement of Country

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


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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Moira Shire is a great place to live and visit, with our diverse natural landscapes and welcoming community. We have beautiful, forested rivers and waterways, lakes, productive agricultural plains and gentle sloping hills. Our landscape supports an array of plants and wildlife.

As a community we are dependent upon the environment in which we live. A healthy environment supports a healthy community.

There are many threats to the health and wellbeing of our natural environment and for our communities now and into the future. Some of these threats include:

- Water security and availability of clean water;
- A warming and drying climate with more extreme events;
- Loss of plant and animal species, with shifts in species range; and
- High consumption habits and generation of waste.

These threats also present opportunities for change, to better value our natural environment and work towards a sustainable future.

Sustainability is a global challenge. Many countries are tackling problems associated with increased resource use and greenhouse gas emissions, food and water security, threatened biodiversity and climate change. While we can think about these issues in the global sense, we must act locally. Now is the time for everyone to do their part.

Photo by Chris Tzaros

This strategy builds on the achievement of the two previous Environmental Sustainability Strategies, 2012 and 2017. We have already made considerable progress towards Moira Shire becoming more environmentally sustainable. However, we still have a way to go.

This strategy will guide Council's operations and investment and provides direction on how we will support our community and partners over the next four years.

Welcome to Moira Shire Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) for 2022-2026.



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Mayor, Moira Shire Council
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STRATEGIC CONTEXT - COUNCIL

Council formally started documenting its environmental sustainability journey with the development of a Natural Environment Strategy in 2006, followed by an Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS) in 2012 and 2017. There have been numerous sub-strategies and plans along the way. The annual review of the 2017-2021 ESS demonstrated a high level of achievement. This ESS builds on past achievements.

Vision for Moira Shire ESS

To support and encourage an environmentally sustainable community today and for future generations.

Role of Council in environmental sustainability

For Council to lead by example and support the community in transitioning to environmental sustainability.

Purpose of this Strategy

The wellbeing of our community is linked to that of our natural environment. A healthy environment supports a vibrant community.

The Strategy has been prepared to be an easily-shared guide for Council and our partners, including the community, to work towards its vision and long-term targets for environmental sustainability and subsequent community wellbeing.

Moira Shire Council works in partnership with a range of stakeholders to achieve environmental sustainability outcomes (Appendix 1).

The ESS aligns with key Regional, State and Federal Government documents. The Strategy focuses on Council's responsibilities and areas of influence as a local government authority. The ESS also feeds into the Council Plan, Municipal Strategic Statement, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and other Council Plans and Strategies. The strategic context of the ESS is further discussed in Appendix 2. Legislation and policy context.

Finally, the ESS makes clear that environmental sustainability is the responsibility of all areas of Council. Council, through its various departments delivers a wide range of services and infrastructure to the community. These services and infrastructure are, in one way or another, a part of the lives of the entire population, both those that live and visit the Moira Shire. Therefore, the ESS provides a coordinated approach that supports each department of Council to focus on and realise environmentally sustainable outcomes.

Figure 1: Relationship between the ESS and other key documents



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STRATEGIC CONTEXT - ENVIRONMENTAL

Moira's natural assets

Moira Shire is in the Hume region of Victoria and stretches across 4,045 square kilometres from Bundalong in the east to Barmah in the west. There are four major towns: Cobram, Yarrawonga, Numurkah and Nathalia, and numerous smaller communities scattered across the Shire. The estimated residential population is 29,925 people and approximately three quarters of residents live and work in Moira Shire^[1].

Moira Shire has many unique and special natural features, including river and creek systems, wetlands, plains woodlands and grasslands, some of which are among the most significant of their kind. These features provide habitat for a diversity of native flora and fauna, including many threatened species and migratory birds.

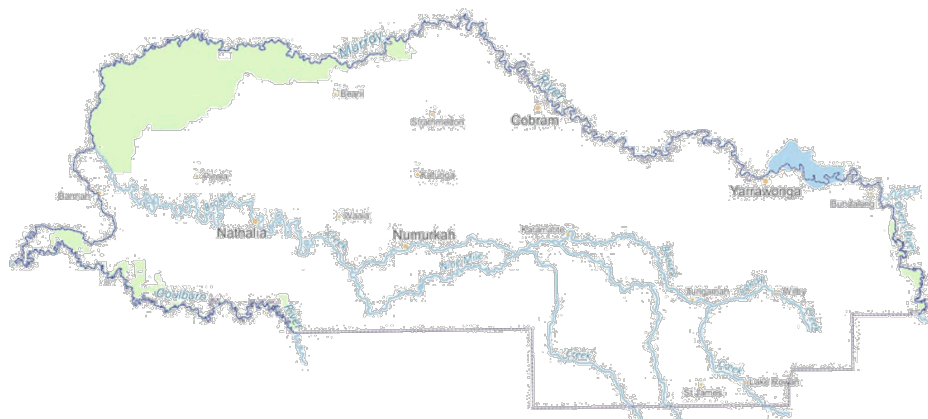
Geomorphology and climate

Geomorphology and climate determine the various ecological communities, waterways and our interaction with the land, including where we live and what we do such as agriculture and ecotourism.

Most of the shire is located on a plain largely used for agriculture^[2,3]. Granitic and sedimentary outcrops in the south-east of the Shire provide an important source of stone and granite, and to the north, east and west of our Shire there are low-lying meander belts along the floodplains of the Murray, Goulburn and Ovens Rivers.

Moira Shire has a temperate climate, with historic temperatures ranging from summer averages of 32°C maximum to 14°C minimum and winter averages of 16°C maximum to 3°C minimum. Temperatures can be as low as -4°C in winter and as high as 46°C in summer. Annual rainfall averages range from 400mm in the west to 600mm in the south-east^[4].

Figure 2. Moira Shire



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Waterways

The Moira Shire forms part of the floodplain and catchment of the Murray River. Four major waterway systems flow through the Shire: the northern border follows the iconic Murray River, the Goulburn River forms the western boundary, the Ovens River the eastern boundary, and the Broken Creek system flows through much of the Shire. There are four major tributaries and anabranches of the Broken Creek: Nine Mile Creek, Boosey Creek, Muckatah depression (a drainage course) and Sandy Creek. The significance of our waterways is recognised through the declaration of the Lower Goulburn and Ovens River as National Parks, and the Murray River and Broken-Boosey as a State Park.

These waterways have high environmental value and are significant contributors to the economic and social fabric of the Shire.

The waterways comprise wetlands, floodplains, tributaries and distributaries, anabranches and drainage courses that provide important ecological services by helping to:

- transport water;
- drain and absorb runoff,
- clean and filter nutrients, sediments, pollutants and microbes; and
- provide important habitat for wildlife.

The conservation significance of waterways has also been formally assessed and recognised, including the regionally significant Kinnairds Wetland, the nationally significant Muckatah Depression, and the internationally significant Barmah-Millewa Forest.

Vegetation Communities

River Red Gum forests are found along the length of the Murray and Goulburn Rivers with grasslands such as Moira Grass and herblands located in low lying areas ^[9].

The plains historically supported expansive open woodlands and grassland communities, 'grassy woodlands' ^[10]. River Red Gum and Black Box trees characterised areas with heavier soils and areas prone to flooding, Grey Box and Buloke trees in areas with heavier soils, and Yellow Box and White Cypress Pine trees in areas with lighter soils. Scattered trees and a few disturbed grasslands are what remain of these once diverse communities.

Barmah National Park

The Barmah National Park covers a vast area of the floodplain to the north-west of the Shire. When combined with the adjoining Millewa Forest in New South Wales, the Barmah-Millewa Forest forms the largest River Red Gum forest in the world (approximately 66,000 ha) and is a Living Murray Icon Site ^[11]. The complex ecology of the forest is closely linked to the Murray River and its flooding regime, creating a diverse natural habitat for a variety of wildlife and plants. The ecological significance of the Barmah-Millewa Forest is recognised through its listing as a wetland of international importance and is a RAMSAR-listed site.

The National Park is significant in that it supports many ecological, cultural and recreational values.

Agriculture

Agriculture is the primary land use and accounts for approximately 71% of the total land area, divided equally between irrigated and dryland production. This has led to a concentration of food processing industries, the Shire's largest economic sector based on output, with a large associated workforce.

Ecotourism

The natural environment is integral to tourism, which is the Shire's seventh largest contributor to employment. Many residents and visitors enjoy canoeing, swimming, fishing, camping, cycling and bush walking.

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Significant Plants and Animals

Many threatened plant and animal species have been recorded in the region, including species protected under State and Commonwealth legislation. Some of the significant species found in Moira and information about why they are significant is identified below.



Superb Parrot

Nationally listed, Moira Shire has the last known breeding population in Victoria and one of the few known breeding populations in Australia^[7].



Tree Goanna and Broad-shelled Turtle

Species that are in decline and found in Moira Shire.



Buloke

State listed and Nationally listed threatened ecological community (Buloke woodland), key sites in Moira Shire include the Wunghnu Bushland Reserve, Yielma Bushland Reserve, and the Broken-Boosey State Park^[3].



Grey-headed Flying Fox

Nationally listed, Moira Shire has one of the few near-permanent campsites in Victoria^[8].



Grey-crowned Babbler, Bush Stone-curlew and Squirrel Glider

State listed, Moira Shire contains key habitat and populations in Victoria^[10,11].



Red Capped Robin, Jacky Winter, Diamond Firetail, Brown Tree Creeper, Hooded Robins and Grey Fantail

Common woodland small insectivorous birds that are in decline^[14].



Rigid and Slender Water Milfoil

Nationally and State listed respectively, largest known populations in Victorian recorded at Kinnairds Wetland in Moira Shire^[9].



Moira Grass

The Barmah forest in Moira Shire contains the largest expanse in Southern Australia^[12].

Fauna photos by Chris Tzaros | Moira Grass photo by Tim Barlow | Water Milfoil photo by Damian Cook

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Key challenges

To ensure Moira Shire’s special and unique natural features continue to be enjoyed by future generations, and continue to provide valuable ecosystem services, we need to deal with a range of challenges. A few of the key challenges are described below.

Climate change

Australia is famous for its highly variable climate, particularly its rainfall. Most of the variability in the past has been driven by seasonally specific climate drivers. However, a statistically significant trend in climate over recent decades has been attributed to human-induced impacts. This is consistent across the world and is frequently referred to as ‘climate change’.

Victoria’s climate has already changed, the temperature has increased by 1.2°C since 1910 and we receive less annual rainfall^[5]. In the last few decades, the challenges of climate extremes have been evident in Moira Shire through drought (including times of

reduced availability of irrigation water), floods, fires and storms.

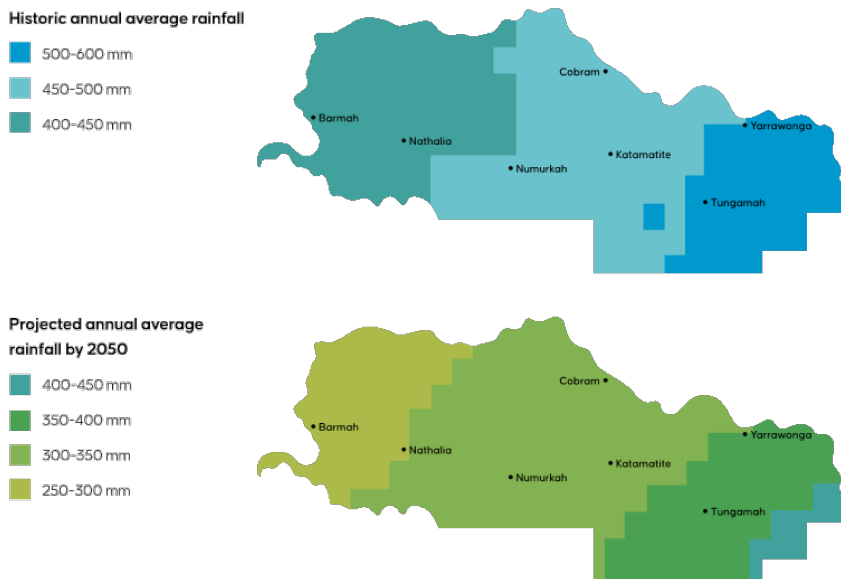
This will present several challenges for Council, businesses and the general community, so it is critical to take action now.

Based on current trends by 2050 Victoria’s climate may experience the following changes^[5]:

- Double the number of hot days;
- More intense rainfall events;
- Average annual temperature increase of 2.4°C; and
- Less cool season rainfall.

Council has made significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including entering into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to purchase all electricity from renewable energy sources. This reduces annual emissions by approximately 3,342 tonnes CO₂-e from 2009 levels, a 72% reduction.

Figure 3. Historic rainfall average (top) and projected annual averages by 2050 (bottom) based on CSIRO A1F1 scenarios and historic climate data^[5].



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Ongoing loss of habitat

A range of threatening processes are negatively impacting many species found in Moira Shire. Some of the threatening processes include land clearance, firewood collection, alteration of natural flow regimes of rivers and streams, grazing, pest plant and animal species, changed fire regimes, pollution and climate change.

Shortly following European settlement of the region, wide-scale clearance of vegetation for pastures and crops on our plains commenced, having a dramatic impact on the vegetation and wildlife found in the region⁽⁶⁾. Today, the entire landscape has fundamentally changed, having a significant impact on the environment. Robinson & Mann (1996) estimate that only 0.03% of the plains retain both tree cover and an abundant understorey.

Habitat loss not only includes large hollow-bearing trees, but also shrubs, herbs and grasses, woody debris, and waterbodies. Although large-scale clearing of native vegetation no longer occurs in Moira Shire, continued incremental losses still happen.

There are many factors contributing to habitat loss, including firewood collection, legal and illegal native vegetation removal (especially old hollow-bearing trees), poor regeneration, changes to waterbodies, fires, droughts, disease, pest plants and animals, and natural senescence.

State and National Parks protect significant stands of remnant vegetation along the Broken, Boosey and Nine Mile Creeks, and Murray and Goulburn Rivers, and smaller reserves throughout the Shire. Though often highly disturbed, important habitat is also found along roadsides, as scattered paddock trees, native plantings and smaller native patches on private land.

Photo by Chris Tzaros



Figure 4. Large old hollow bearing remnant tree destroyed. It can take 100-200 years for a tree to mature and develop hollows.



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Changes to the hydrological regime of the rivers (less frequent and shorter duration floods and unnatural high flows in summer and low flows in winter) is supporting the regeneration of the rivers River Red Gums within the grass and herb lands. Grazing and invasion of weeds is putting further pressure on these areas.

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Pest plants and animals

Pest plants and animals are a serious problem in the Shire as they can impact on biodiversity and agricultural production. Landowners have a legal responsibility under Section 20 of the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 (CaLP Act)* to take all reasonable steps to eradicate regionally prohibited weeds, prevent the growth and spread of regionally controlled weeds, and prevent the spread of, and, as far as possible, eradicate, established pest animals.

The Roadside Weed and Pest Animal Management Plan 2020-2027^[17] was endorsed by Council in 2020. Implementation of this plan aims to ensure weeds and pest animals are systematically managed on roadsides throughout the Shire to reduce threats to native vegetation quality, farmland productivity, landscape values, biodiversity, and waterway habitats.

Population growth and development

Population growth and development needs to be managed to ensure sustainability and avoid adverse environmental impacts where possible. As the population increases, there will be more pressure on existing assets and natural resources and more waste produced. The population of the Moira Shire is projected to grow to 34,101 by 2041, a 12% increase on 2021^[18]. This highlights the need for adequate strategic town planning and consideration of environmental impacts of new subdivisions, developments and infrastructure projects.

Tourism

Amenity, largely due to the natural environment, is a major factor attracting people to live in or visit Moira Shire. The adverse impacts of tourism on the natural environment needs to be managed with partners through appropriate:

- provision of services such as bins and bags;
- infrastructure such as designated walking paths and barriers;
- education such as signage and digital media; and
- awareness programs such as campers' waste.

Changing land use

The change in land use across Moira needs to be managed to avoid adverse environmental impacts where possible. There has been a decline in farmland used for dairy and dairy-related activities and an increase in land used for cropping purposes. Furthermore, irrigation practices have become more efficient and solar farms have emerged across our landscape. Changes in land use can affect the retention of planted shelter belts and remnant trees, generation of waste, availability of water and support further invasion by weeds and pest animals. Working with landholders is of growing importance as land use changes.

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Managing Waste

Moira Shire takes an active role in the management of waste in our municipality. Waste management services include kerbside waste collection, sorting, processing and disposal, strategic planning, community education and working with industries that repurpose waste streams such as organics and recyclables, including soft and hard plastics, paper and metals to increase diversion of waste from landfill.

Waste management has evolved from a singular focus on the protection of our health to a progressive industry committed to waste minimisation and resource management. Council is transitioning towards a circular economy, aiming to keep resources in the system for as long as possible and 100% diversion from landfill.

However, waste generated within the Shire is growing. More packaging, shorter product lifespan, marketing of consumerism and the increase of readily available appliances is promoting higher volumes of waste generated on a household basis. Added with a growing population, waste generation is increasing within the Shire, placing more pressure on our existing services and waste infrastructure.

Moira Shires Municipal Landfill has a finite capacity. The existing landfill is expected to service the Shire for at least the next 20 years. However, with no provision for a new landfill, waste will need to be disposed of outside of the Moira Shire once capacity is reached.

We need to reduce our consumption of goods and promote waste avoidance, whilst also supporting recycling streams and local circular-economy initiatives. This will relieve the pressure on waste management services, over extraction of raw materials and environmental impacts. By purchasing recycled products, we are encouraging manufacturing methods that limit resource use, energy and waste.

Managing water quality and quantity

Managing water quality and quantity is an ongoing challenge for many stakeholders in the Shire. Council has responsibilities for urban stormwater, Council's own water (potable and raw), and statutory planning processes for developments and waste water.



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Tackling the challenges

Council will build on its environmental sustainability achievements, working across all departments and in partnership with stakeholders.

The next section of the ESS has been structured around seven focus areas that will guide Council's actions in working towards the protection of our assets, overcoming our key challenges and achieving our long-term goals.

While it is useful to communicate and manage actions by categorising them into focus areas, the connections and overlaps between the categories are also acknowledged.


Implementation of the ESS needs to be managed as an integrated package of different parts.

The following has been identified for each focus area:


- Focus area statement;
- Policy position;
- Policy rationale;
- Performance indicators (by 2026); and
- Actions.

Where possible, long-term goals have been quantified as long-term targets, and indicators of success have been suggested (refer to Monitoring for accountability and improvement section). These are still under development and will be refined over the life of this Strategy.


Focus areas




FOCUS AREA 1
Environmentally accountable Council




FOCUS AREA 2
Community engagement




FOCUS AREA 3
Partnerships




FOCUS AREA 4
Climate change adaption and mitigation



FOCUS AREA 5
Conservation of biodiversity



FOCUS AREA 6
Sustainable management of water



FOCUS AREA 7
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FOCUS AREA 1

Environmentally accountable Council

Council is committed to showing leadership in
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Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- Environmental sustainability is a key determinant for a healthy and liveable community;
- The best way to preserve Moira Shire's natural environment is for the community to value and take ownership; and
- The binding connections between people, biodiversity, ecological function, and community wellbeing is vital.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Strive to be an innovative leader in environmental sustainability;
- Integrate environmental sustainability across all areas of Council, in all decision making, project implementation and activities;
- Comply with legislative requirements relevant to environmental sustainability; and
- Increase resilience to environmental risks.

Policy Rationale

Council recognises:

- the need to establish realistic goals and ensure transparency in operations and actions as we transition to environmental sustainability;
- The need to act responsibly and meet legislative responsibilities in regard to environmental sustainability; and
- There are many synergies where corporate actions that are good for the environment also have economic benefits.

Long-term target

Environmental sustainability is considered and integrated across all aspects of Council.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Environmental sustainability is considered and integrated across all areas of Council, in all decisions and in project implementation.
2. Ecologically Sustainable Design Principles are implemented in the planning stage of all Council projects (capital works, subdivisions, new buildings and building renovations).
3. Reported annually on the implementation of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy.
4. Environmental sustainability features included in the Council Plan and other Council Strategies as they are reviewed and updated.

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Consider environmental risks and benefits early in the development of Council plans, projects and programs.
- Consider environmental sustainability (e.g. weighting and criteria) in procurement processes.
- Hold regular internal training for Council staff on environmental sustainability (e.g. waste bins and reusable products).
- Utilise the Green Team to increase understanding, awareness, and action regarding environmental sustainability in the workplace and at home.
- Foster cross-departmental discussions about environmental sustainability and report on ESS implementation through the Environment Working Group (EWG).
- Apply Landscape Guide (2017) for Council projects.
- Seek internal and external funding to implement environmental sustainability projects.
- Advocate internally and externally on behalf of the environment.
- Consider immediate and ongoing (operational) implications by applying environmental cost analysis on all projects and programs.
- Review Council activities for continuous improvement and apply learnings.
- Improve consultation across departments.

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FOCUS AREA 2

Community engagement

Council will raise community awareness of environmental sustainability and support the community in building resilience and creating a sustainable future.



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Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Environmental sustainability needs to be embraced by the community to transition to a sustainable future.

Long-term target

Community transitions towards a sustainable future.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicator will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Environment and environmentally sustainable living are embraced by the community.



Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Support and promote sustainability initiatives (such as community gardens, citizen science projects and environmental events).
- Support partners in the delivery of education programs (such as Broken Boosey Conservation Management Advisory Group, Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, Goulburn Valley Water and Goulburn Murray Landcare Network).
- Work with schools, businesses and community groups (such as Friends of Chinamans Island Nature Reserve, Yarrawonga Urban Landcare and Nathalia Wildflower Group) to implement environmental sustainability projects.
- Encourage community connection with nature and our natural features through RiverConnect and various activities.
- Promote Environmental Upgrade Agreements to businesses in Moira Shire.
- Support the development of ecotourism opportunities such as bike trails, walking paths and other recreational pursuits highlighting significant environmental features and sustainable businesses (e.g. Farm gate trail).
- Identify and minimise gaps in the walking and cycling network (such as absence of shady trees or gaps in the footpath/cycling network).
- Promote environmental sustainability achievements in schools, businesses and other parts of the community.
- Source and promote grants and bulk buys for environmental upgrades (e.g. solar rebates).
- Install and maintain public hydration stations in towns across the Shire.
- Develop and deliver educational materials and programs for schools and wider community using various educational platforms.
- Celebrate achievements through sustainability competitions and positive stories.

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Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- Partnerships are critical in achieving great environmental sustainability outcomes; and
- A broad range of stakeholders need to work together to build an environmentally sustainable future.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Continue to foster and build strong partnerships with local, regional, state and federal authorities and the wider community (refer to Appendix 1);
- Align with the strategic directions of key partners where appropriate;
- Continue to collaborate with key partners to share knowledge and explore funding opportunities; and
- Actively participate in partnership groups and projects (refer to Appendix 2) and take a lead role where appropriate.

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Partnerships are critical in accessing resources, investing wisely and achieving great outcomes;
- Environmental sustainability requires a landscape or catchment-scale approach, and therefore partnerships across institutional boundaries are especially important; and
- Environmental assets are used and appreciated by residents and visitors.

Long-term target

Council and partners work together to enhance environmental outcomes in Moira Shire.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Key stakeholders continue to endorse partnerships for implementing the ESS (e.g. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee).
2. Council supports and actively participates in partnership projects and programs.
3. Cooperation agreements for delivery of environmental activities are developed and signed by key partners (e.g. MOUs).
4. Council shares and celebrates successes with partners and the community.

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

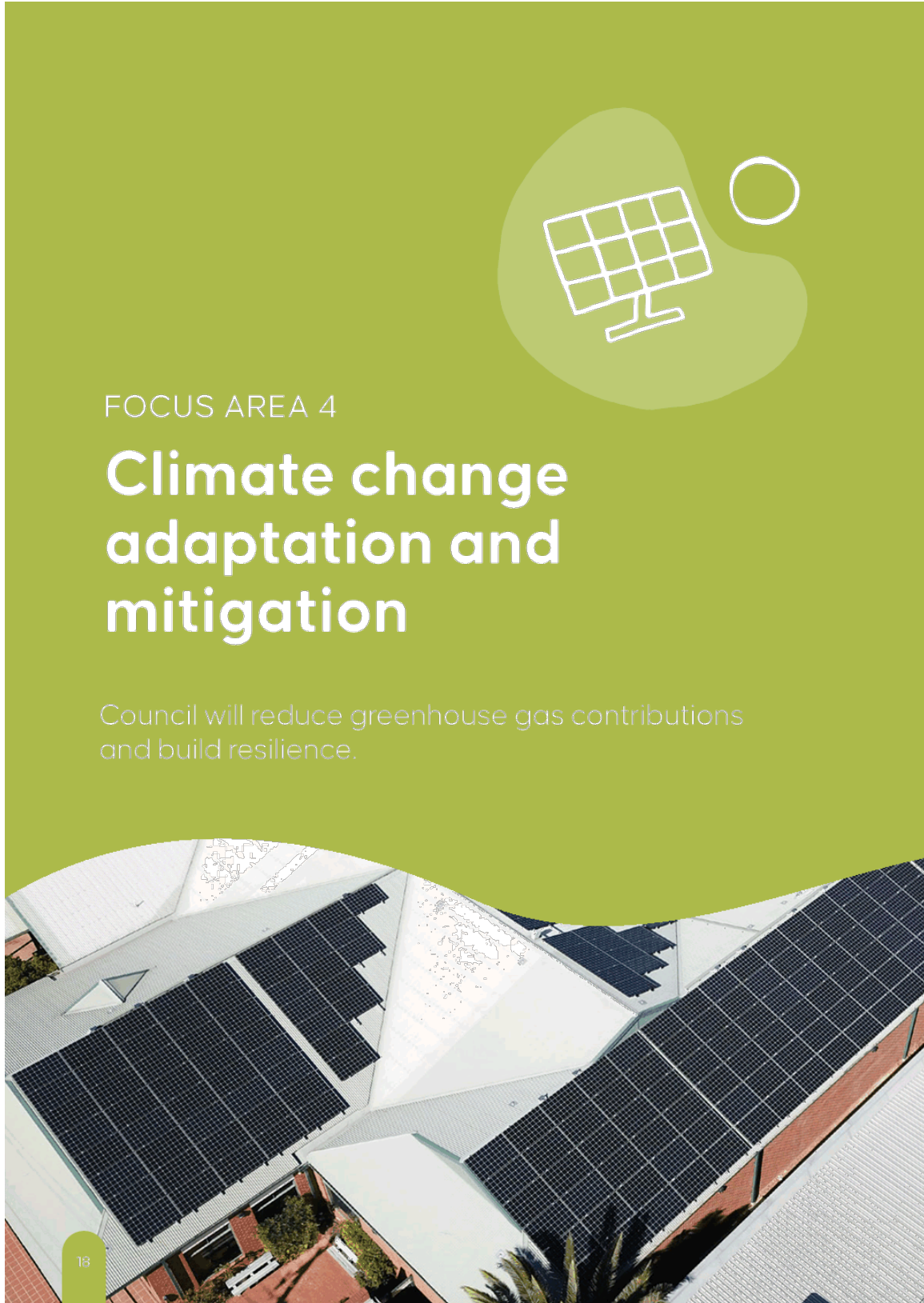
- Foster discussions with partner agencies and community through the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC).
- Support Partnership Groups listed in Appendix 1.
- Encourage partnership groups to be highly effective with clear intent and objectives.
- Provide advocacy on environmental sustainability issues.
- Provide input into the review of legislation, regulations, strategies, and guidelines to achieve environmental sustainability.
- Continue to form new partnerships with land managers and relevant stakeholders to improve the management of our natural assets (such as manage the impacts of tourism, fire risks and water related issues).
- Partner with Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) to deliver environmental projects on country.
- Support community groups (e.g. Superb Parrot Group) and business partnerships (e.g. tourism).
- Freely share resources between partners.

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Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- Climate change is a critically important long term global issue;
- Climate change is impacting on the resilience of our environment, the community, and the economy; and
- The time for action is NOW!

Moira Shire Council will:

- Lead by example in responding to climate change through mitigation and adaptation;
- Use science-driven targets (e.g. carbon budget);
- Support the community, businesses and industries to build resilience and adapt to climate change;
- Develop a clear plan and timeline for how emission reduction targets will be achieved; and
- Review and implement Councils Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan.

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Decreasing greenhouse gas emissions benefits our natural environment as well as having financial benefits;
- Australian Government signed the Paris Agreement at United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which aims to limit an increase in global temperatures to "well below" 2°C (aspirational goal of 1.5°C);
- Interim Emissions Reduction Targets for Victoria (2021-2030)
 - 40% of electricity from renewables by 2025 and 60% by 2030.
- Victorian Government targets: Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2050
 - 2030 Interim target of 50% cut in emissions, 50% share of new car sales for electric or hydrogen vehicles, and 50% of electricity from renewables.
- The need to adapt and advocate for climate change and identify and respond to environmental challenges.

Long-term target

- Net zero greenhouse gas emissions for Council by 2050.
- Community to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate.

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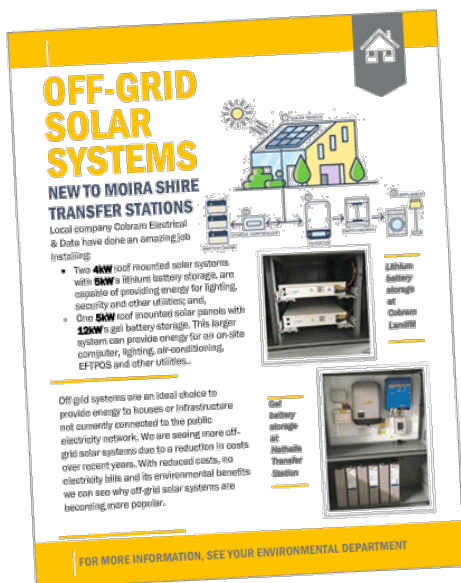
The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Council's Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan are reviewed and implemented.
2. Greenhouse gas emissions from Council are reduced to 50% of 2009 levels.
3. All reasonable actions are taken to reduce greenhouse emissions from landfill.
4. All new and existing Council buildings and works include energy efficient and sustainable design.
5. Community, businesses and industries are supported to reduce greenhouse emissions.
6. Community resilience to extreme events and a warmer climate is built at home and in our shared spaces (e.g. urban greening programs).

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Investigate opportunities to influence climate change adaptation and mitigation through regulatory processes (e.g. Statutory Planning and Contract Advisory Service for the Built Environment (CASBE)).
- Audit greenhouse gas emissions from landfill to establish a base line for actions moving forward.
- Investigate and implement projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfill.
- Promote tools developed through the Climate Smart Agricultural Development project.
- Investigate the feasibility of a display house to promote energy efficient design and upgrades.
- Undertake urban greening projects such as reducing sealed surfaces, planting of street trees, and creating more public green spaces.
- Develop and implement a street tree policy.
- Install electric vehicle charging stations.
- Educate the community on actions they can take to mitigate and adapt to a warmer climate (e.g. micro climates and energy efficient housing).
- Support the Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance and partnership projects (e.g. naturally cooler towns).
- Educate the community on how to respond to extreme events thereby increasing community resilience.
- Support uptake of electric and hydrogen vehicles in Council fleet and for the wider community.
- Further solar panel installations and conversion of gas to solar electric on existing and future Council buildings.
- Investigate the feasibility and benefits of a carbon offset site for Council and/or Community.
- Promote activities within Council that minimise our carbon footprint (e.g. online meetings).



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Conservation of biodiversity

Council is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity in Moira Shire.

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Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- The need to work with our partners to prioritise biodiversity actions;
- Our few remaining trees are vitally important in the landscape and must be protected, they provide disproportionate value to wildlife considering their limited number;
- Biodiversity is vital to ensuring long-term social wellbeing and economic sustainability; and
- A legitimate and urgent need for greater action to mitigate degradation of biodiversity.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Implement Council's legislative and policy responsibilities to protect the health of ecological systems;
- Account for and offset all of Council's native vegetation losses;
- Ensure that Council's actions and land management practices incorporate appropriate biodiversity conservation measures and are an example to others;
- Seek and support investment in biodiversity priority areas in Moira Shire; and
- Encourage and support private and public land stewardship and management practices that benefit biodiversity.

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Increasing the extent, diversity and quality of native vegetation and habitat will address adverse consequences (e.g. declining species diversity and loss of soil productivity);
- Changing land use can exacerbate risks or create opportunities e.g. intensive agriculture, bio-diverse carbon sequestration; and
- Policy and regulatory change can exacerbate risks and/or create opportunities (e.g. native vegetation regulation, planned burning, environmental water delivery and investment priorities).

Long-term target

To protect and enhance biodiversity in Moira Shire to achieve net gain.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Achieved a 'net gain' in native vegetation for Council activities*.
2. Reviewed and implemented the roadside conservation management plan.
3. Increased the extent, diversity and quality of native vegetation through annual rehabilitation project.
4. Improved community awareness and connection with nature.

* Where actions to compensate unavoidable losses contribute to longer term gains in quality and quantity.

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Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Support and plant indigenous species in urban open spaces and on public reserves (e.g. road reserves).
- Undertake grant audit permits for native vegetation removal.
- Enforce the native vegetation regulations and advocate for improvements.
- Enforce compliance within the native vegetation regulations.
- Improve community awareness of the native vegetation regulations.
- Promote community education on native plants, animals, and communities.
- Ensure Council meets its legal obligations for weed and pest animal control.
- Advocate for improvements to the native vegetation regulations.
- Improve the management of Council's nature reserves and assets (e.g. controlled burns).
- Manage and establish new offset sites for council activities that result in a loss of biodiversity.
- Support the Broken-Boosey Conservation Management Network Advisory Group and Goulburn Murray Landcare Network.
- Participate as an active member of the Goulburn Broken Local Government Biodiversity Reference Group, Municipal Catchment Coordinator Reference Group; and the Goulburn Broken Catchment Wetland Management Group.
- Support rural properties to plant native vegetation (e.g. rural tree program) and encourage regeneration (e.g. on your guard program).
- Implement the Roadside Weed and Pest Animal Control Management Plan 2020-2027.
- Protect high conservation value vegetation regardless of tenure including paddock trees and reserves.
- Investigate cat control programs.
- Increase the area under conservation covenants and biodiversity management agreements.

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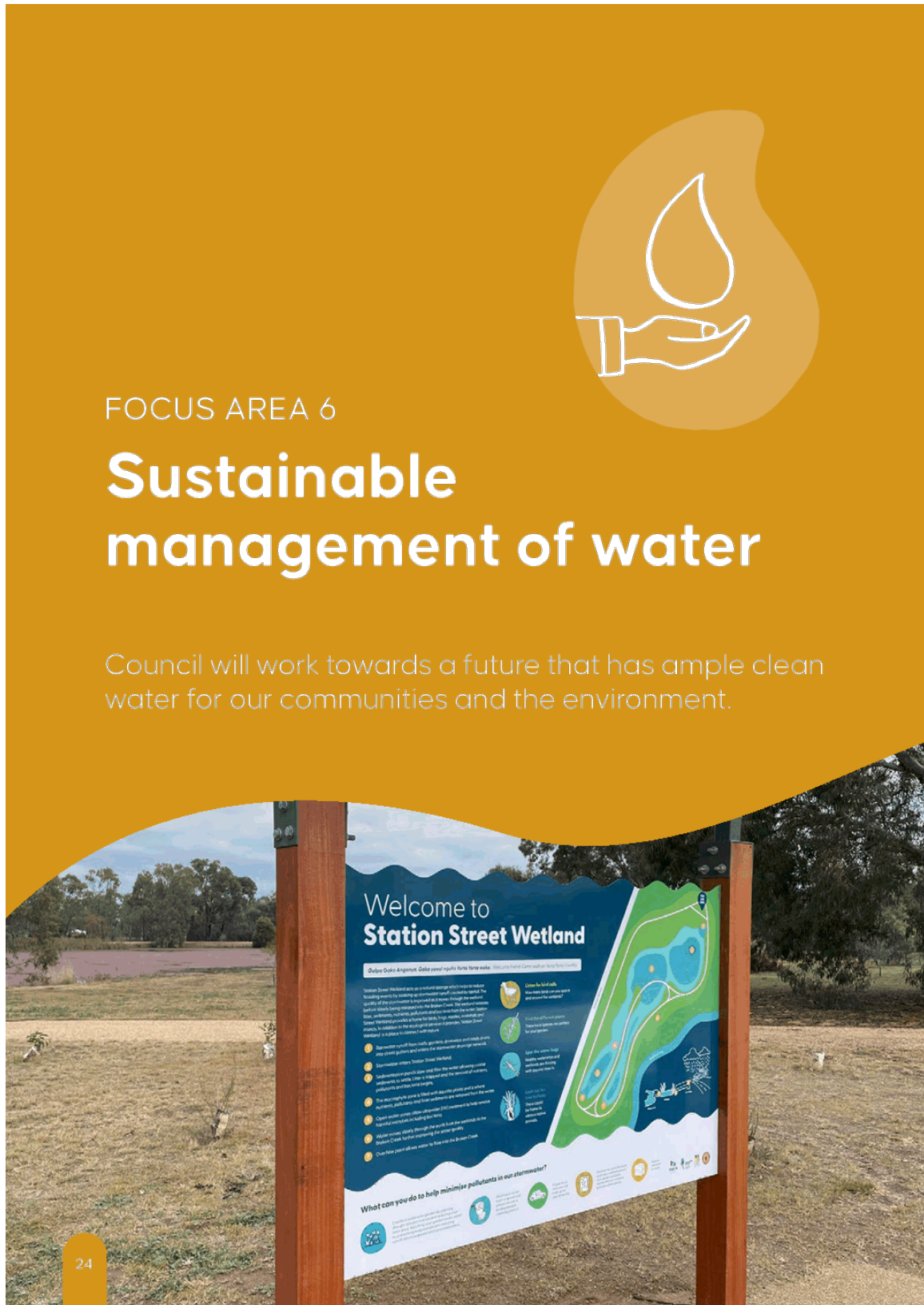
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This section discusses Council's use of water, stormwater, domestic wastewater management, the broader management of surface and groundwater, and the value of water both to the community and environment.

Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- Water is the lifeblood of the region and has economic, environmental and social (recreational and cultural) values, and these values may compete against one another;
- Open water and green spaces improve the liveability of our communities;
- Urban stormwater outfalls into high value rivers and streams throughout the Shire and may then be re-used for a variety of purposes and therefore needs to be of high quality;
- Efficient use of water should occur despite climatic conditions; and
- The prosperity of irrigated land and environmental features should be protected through effective salinity management and natural drainage courses.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Endeavour to manage urban stormwater to meet the required standard;
- Require all new developments to meet current water sensitive urban design standards;
- Manage our own urban water responsibly and in times of drought in a way that delivers greatest economic and social benefit;
- Manage our own rural water responsibly and in times of drought with respect to other rural water users;

- Manage our waste water responsibly;
- Play an important role in educating, advocating and responding to statutory requirements regarding sustainable water use and safe disposal of waste water;
- Support the community to adapt to land use change and water availability and security issues;
- Support partners in their various roles in water management (see Appendix 2); and
- Work with floodplain management partners to improve the flood resilience of the catchment's people, infrastructure, land, water and biodiversity.

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- The environmental, economic and social (recreational and cultural) value of water;
- The impact that low water availability has on our agricultural industries,
- Climate change will mean Moira Shire will become hotter and drier over the long term, with more extreme events like droughts, fires and floods; and
- The need to minimise environmental impacts of land use, developments and urban population growth.

Long-term target

Improved management of water to support the community and environment.

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Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Improved Council contributions to instream and wetland water quality;
2. Stormwater management meets State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) minimum requirement;
3. Implemented the Rural Water Review 2019;
4. Implemented the 2020 Review of the 2002 Urban Stormwater Management Plan; and
5. Reviewed and implemented the 2006 sustainable water use plan.

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Develop and implement a rural water use policy.
- Implement the Recreation Reserves Water Use Review.
- Proactively manage Councils rural water to ensure sufficient water across all our sites and to opportunistically trade water or secure future years' allocations.
- Continue to manage Broken Creek user accounts.
- Support the Municipal Catchment Coordinator Reference Group and Regional Water Monitoring Partnership.
- Actively participate in the Wetland Management Group, Goulburn Broken Regional Water Quality Monitoring Working Group and Integrated Water Management North East and Goulburn Broken Forums.
- Support the Goulburn Broken Drainage Management Strategy implementation, including the Salinity Public Asset Control works for surface and subsurface management.
- Increase the number of stormwater wetlands in our urban areas for water quality, fire, biodiversity, recreation and cooling purposes.
- Incorporate water sensitive urban design principles into all works.
- Support environmental watering, salinity and drainage, and water management programs.
- Work with partners to advocate for Sustainable Irrigation Policy to support our agricultural industries and the environment.



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Sustainable management of waste

Council is committed to reducing the generation of waste to landfill.



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This section outlines how Council will extend the life span of the landfill, increase resources diverted by better valuing waste resources, reduce consumption and provide high value waste management services for the community.

Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- The production of waste is directly proportional to the consumption of goods;
- Most material currently considered as waste has resource potential;
- Extending a products life will reduce waste generated;
- Waste varies in its recycling potential, both in its cost to recycle and value of the end product;
- Diversion from landfill is essential; and
- Landfills have a limited life span.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Deliver efficient and effective services to the community;
- Use the waste hierarchy (EPA Victoria) to guide consideration and management of waste;
- Reduce consumption and production of waste;
- Continue to increase recycling and reduce Council waste to landfill;
- Participate and enable positive actions to enable a circular economy where opportunities arise;
- Continue to operate the Cobram landfill for Moira Shire's municipal waste; and
- Align the Waste Management and Services Strategy with relevant state and regional plans and strategies and statutory compliance (EPA Amendment Act).

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Waste management costs continue to increase;
- The benefits associated with diverting resources from landfill;
- There is no provision for a new landfill in Moira Shire in the medium to long term in the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan; and
- Waste has a negative impact on our natural environment.

Long-term target

Reduce consumption of products and waste to landfill.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Implement the Waste Management and Services Strategy 2018-2027.
2. Increased diversion from landfill across our three main waste streams:
 - a. Municipal solid waste;
 - b. Commercial and industrial; and
 - c. Construction and demolition.
3. Existing waste diversion services expanded to new sections of the community and increased diversion services available.
4. Reduced generation of waste within Council.
5. Improved recycling rates of Councils operations including capital works projects.

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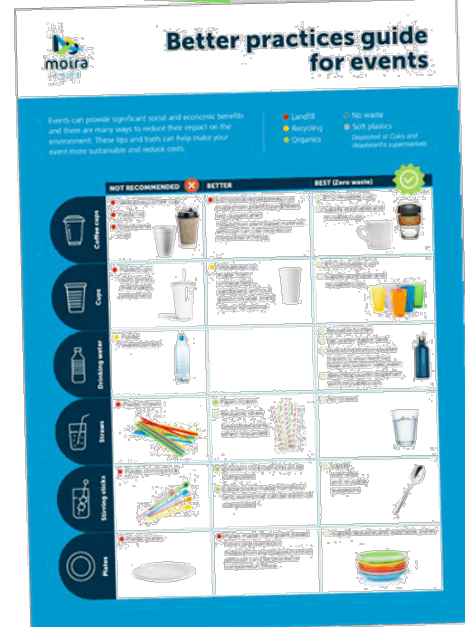
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Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Incorporate management of waste (such as reduced consumption of materials, use of recycling streams and purchase of recycled products) into the procurement policy.
- Support uptake of diversion (e.g. soft plastics and printer cartridges) and consumption initiatives (e.g. Responsible cafes).
- Maintain and promote the Moira Shire Waste Info app.
- Audit kerbside recycling and organics for contamination.
- Improve availability of public recycling streams (including bin labels and skip bins).
- Collaborate with Parks Victoria to improve the management of waste generated by campers.
- Support projects and programs to create a more circular economy (e.g. reuse centres).
- Support Keep Australia Beautiful and Clean Up Australia Day campaigns and events.
- Be active members of the Murray River Litter Taskforce.
- Audit Council waste generation and investigate recycling stream options (e.g. glass crusher)
- Support recycling initiatives (such as container deposit scheme and four-bin kerbside collection).
- Support education programs to reduce material consumption and increase waste diversion.
- Support recycling projects (such as silage wrap and private recycling streams e.g. sharps, batteries and metals).
- Preference the purchase of products that are made from recycled materials.



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MONITORING FOR ACCOUNTABILITY AND IMPROVEMENT

Council recognises the importance of monitoring, evaluating and reporting for accountability and also for continuous improvement.

The Environment Working Group will continue to be used as a vehicle for internal reporting (across all Departments) on implementation progress and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee will continue to be an important vehicle for key stakeholder engagement.



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APPENDIX 1 KEY PARTNERS AND PARTNERSHIP GROUPS

Key Partners

- Goulburn-Murray Water (GMW)
- Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (GB CMA)
- North East Catchment Management Authority (NE CMA)
- Goulburn Valley Water (GVW)
- North East Water (NEW)
- Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
- Sustainability Victoria (SV)
- Parks Victoria (PV)
- Regional Roads Victoria (RRV)
- Recycling Victoria
- Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC)
- Trust for Nature (TFN)
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
- Department of Precincts and Regions (DJPR)
- Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (Australian Government)
- Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG)
- Landcare Groups and umbrella organisations
Goulburn Murray Landcare Group and Gecko Clan
- Rotary Groups
- Local businesses, industry and community
- Other local governments

Key Community Group Partners

- Broken Creek Field Naturalists
- Friends of Chinamans Island Nature Reserve
- Goulburn Valley Environment Group
- Koonoomoo Improvement Group and Committee
- Luton Drive Community
- Nathalia Wildflower Group
- Superb Parrot Project
- Yarrawonga Mulwala Cricket Club
- Yarrawonga Urban Landcare Group

Key Environmental Sustainability Partnership Groups

Goulburn Murray Climate Alliance (GMCA)

Established in 2007 to promote and support regional action on climate change. Members are drawn from the GB CMA, DELWP, NE CMA, Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group and 13 regional councils. The group now extends beyond its original Goulburn Broken Catchment area, to include the North East Catchment area and has therefore extended its membership base.

Goulburn Broken Local Government Biodiversity Reference Group (GBLRG)

Established in 2006 to foster greater collaboration between Local Government and other agencies to better deal with biodiversity conservation challenges such as native vegetation and roadside management. Membership includes ten LGAs, GB CMA, DELWP, RRV, YYNAC, Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and North East Country Fire Authority.

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Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC)

Established to provide Moira Shire Council with informed and constructive advice, input and support from expert stakeholders, industry and community towards the development of strategy relating to our environment and sustainability issues and the implementation and monitoring of those strategies.

Environment Working Group (EWG)

Established to engage Council's departments and Council towards the development, implementation and monitoring of strategy related to environmental sustainability and Council operations.

Broken Boosey Conservation Management Network Advisory Group

Established to provide advice and support actions aimed at improving nature conservation in the BBCMN area on both private and public land. Membership includes Moira Shire, Parks Victoria, TFN, volunteer community members and a broader group of interested people (currently around 350) who are involved through regular communications.

Municipal Catchment Coordinator Reference Group (MCC)

Joint program with Greater Shepparton, Campaspe and GB CMA to support the planning and implementation of measures to address key natural resource management issues across the region. This group plays a critical role in identifying key opportunities for collaboration.

Murray River Litter Taskforce

A forum of councils that adjoin the Murray River to work with Parks Victoria on waste management issues along the river.

Regional Water Monitoring Partnership (RWMP)

Around 40 organisations including Catchment Management Authorities, the Bureau of Meteorology, Local Government and Water Corporations. DELWP acts as both a partner and program manager. The partnership approach allows coordinated collection and use of surface water quality and quantity data across multiple organisations. It enables the cost of data collection and operation and maintenance to be shared.

Goulburn Broken Regional Water Quality Monitoring Working Group

This group shares information on water quality issues, coordinates implementation of strategic water quality documents and establishes subgroups to work on issues such as Domestic Waste Water Management Planning and preparing and responding to water quality issues (floods, fires, blue green algae outbreaks, fish deaths etc.).

Goulburn Broken Senior Combined Partners Forum

A long-standing network established by the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority that brings together leaders from agencies within the Shepparton Irrigation Region. This group provides leadership and responds to drivers of change to water policy, land use, climate and farm productivity.

Goulburn Murray Landcare Network (GMLN)

A voluntary, community run forum, established to support Landcare Groups in the Shepparton Irrigation Region Victoria. The Goulburn Murray Landcare Network area covers approximately 3000 square kilometres and networks of 39 Landcare groups.

Gecko CLaN

A community Landcare Network which supports 19 Landcare groups stretching from Yarrawonga to the Strathbogie Ranges to Nagambie. The Gecko CLaN implements network scale projects around the themes of sustainable agriculture and biodiversity. The Gecko CLaN supports local Landcare groups to carry out projects including sourcing funding, project management and administrative assistance. The Gecko CLaN is proudly independent but enjoys strong working relationships with government agencies and other community organisations.

Wetland Management Group

An advisory body to the GB CMA for the delivery of environmental watering and monitoring programs across the Goulburn Broken Catchment, and to foster greater collaboration to better deal with biodiversity conservation challenges related to the management of our waterways. Membership includes two LGAs, DELWP, GVEG, YYNAC, Taungurung Clans Aboriginal, Parks Victoria and volunteer community members.

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APPENDIX 2 LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONTEXT

There is an intricate web of policies, strategies and legislation that control and direct activities and programs in regard to environmental sustainability. These range from international strategies to national, state, regional and local policies. In many cases, councils are governed by policy directions established by others. Key legislation, strategies, policies and initiatives relevant to environmental sustainability in Moira Shire are listed below.

The Local Government Act 2020

The local government sector in Victoria is administered under the *Local Government Act 2020*. This provides a framework for the establishment and operation of councils. The Act sets out the overarching governance principles and supporting principles for Council which include:

- Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- The economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- The municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
- Innovation and continuous improvement is to be pursued;
- Collaboration with other councils and governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- The ongoing financial viability of the council is to be ensured;
- Regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making; and
- The transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Moira Shire Council Plan 2021-25

The Moira Shire Council Plan 2021-25 guides and provides direction for the Shire during the Council's term of office. There are five strategic objective pillars identified in the Plan. The ESS contributes to delivering on goals within each of the pillars and it is fundamental to the delivery of goals under Pillar 3: A clean green environment.

Pillar 3: A clean green environment

Goals 2025:

- We protect and advocate for our environment to sustain biodiversity and enhance riverine landscapes
- We will be an environmentally sustainable organisation
- We will achieve excellence and best practice in waste management
- We reduce waste to landfill with effective recycling and organic waste diversion systems
- We will adapt and advocate for climate change and identify and respond to environmental challenges
- Our natural and outdoor spaces will provide quality habitat for plants and animals as well as be places for people to enjoy
- We will work with floodplain management partners to improve the flood resilience of the catchment's people, infrastructure, land, water and biodiversity

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

Council is required to prepare a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan to promote, improve and protect the health and wellbeing of their residents. The potential impacts of climate change are to be considered in its development.

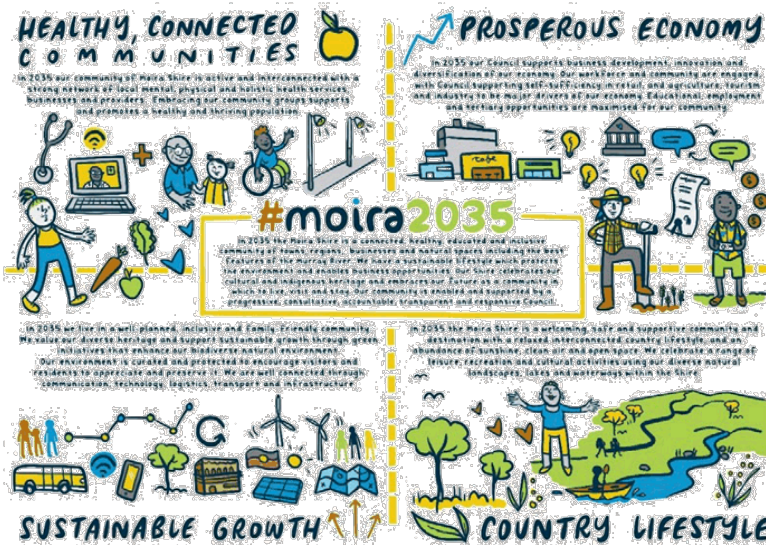
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Figure 5. Moira 2035 – A Community Vision



Moira 2035 - A Community Vision

In 2021 a panel of community members met to discuss and plan a long-term vision for Moira Shire. This ESS supports and incorporates learnings from the Moira 2035 – A Community Vision (Figure 5).

Key Australian Government Legislation

Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 – to establish a national climate change adaptation and mitigation framework and Climate Change Commission.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 – protection of the environment and conservation of biodiversity.

Recycling and Waste Reduction Act 2020 – reduce the impacts of products and waste material.

Water Act 2007 and Water Amendment Act 2008 – management of the Murray-Darling Basin water resources, and water and water information of national interest.

Key Victorian Government Legislation

Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994 – The CaLP Act provides a legislative framework for land management including management of noxious weeds and pest animals.

Climate Change Act 2017 – manage climate change risks and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

Environment Protection Act 1970 and Environmental Protection Amendment Act 2019 – Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and for the Protection of the Environment.

Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988 and Flora and Fauna Guarantee Amendment Act 2019 – conservation of Victoria’s native flora and fauna and management of potentially threatening processes.

Local Government Act 2020 – local government of each municipal district.

Planning and Environment Act 1987 – planning the use, development and protection of land in Victoria in the present and long-term.

Water Act 1989 and Water (Resources Management) Act 2005 – management of water resources.

Wildlife Act 1975 (currently under review)

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Other Relevant Victorian Legislation

- *Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Act 2003*
- *Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987*
- *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*
- *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*
- *Energy Efficiency Target Act 2007*
- *Fisheries Act 1995*
- *Forest Act 1958*
- *Heritage Rivers Act 1992*
- *National Parks Act 1975*
- *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*

Moira Shire Council Legislation

Community Safety and Environment Local Law 2013

Key strategic and policy support

Victorian Government

- Victoria's North and Murray Water Resource Plan (MDBA)
- Guidelines for the removal, destruction or lopping of native vegetation 2017
- Our Catchments our Communities Strategy 2016-2019
- Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2036
- Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan 2018
- Victoria's Climate Change Strategy 2021

Regional

- Goulburn Broken Catchment Regional Catchment Strategy 2013-19 (currently under review)
- GB CMA's sub strategies:
 - Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Natural Resource Management in the Goulburn Broken Catchment 2016
 - Climate Change Integration Strategy 2012-2015
 - Community Natural Resource Management Action Plan 2013-2018

- Goulburn Broken Biodiversity Strategy 2016-2021
- Goulburn Broken Indigenous Participation Plan 2017
- Goulburn Broken Invasive Plants and Animals Strategy 2019-2025
- Goulburn Broken Land Health Strategy 2017-2020
- Goulburn Broken Regional Floodplain Management Strategy 2018-2028
- Goulburn Broken Waterway Strategy 2014-2022
- Shepparton Irrigation Region Land and Water Management Plan 2016-2020
- Shepparton Land and Water Salinity Management Plan August 1989
- Goulburn Broken Greenhouse Alliance Strategic Plan 2018-2022
- Goulburn Murray Resilience Strategy 2020
- Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan 2017
- Hume Regional Plan – The Hume Strategy for sustainable communities 2010-2020
- North East Regional Catchment Strategy 2013 (currently under review)
- Yorta Yorta Whole-Of-Country Plan 2021-2030

Moira Shire Council

- Landscape Plan Guide for developments in Shire of Campaspe, Greater Shepparton City Council and Moira Shire Council 2017
- Moira Shire Council Plan 2017-2021
- Moira Shire Council Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021
- Moira Shire Council Waste Management and Services Strategy 2018-2027
- Moira Shire Council 2020 review of the 2002 Urban Stormwater Management Plan
- Moira Shire Council Sustainable Water Use Plan 2006
- Moira Shire Council's Corporate Emissions Reduction Plan 2018-2021
- Moira Shire Council's Draft Roadside Conservation Management Plan

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PROPOSED TOURISM PLAN

Recommendation

That Council adopt the proposed Tourism Plan 2022-26 and approve its implementation.

1. Executive Summary

The proposed Tourism Plan 2022-26 (the Plan), in Attachment 1, sets out a clear and accountable framework to guide Council's future tourism activities and investments.

Council has been reviewing its role in and approach to Tourism. This has been informed by internal knowledge and reflection, ongoing feedback from the tourism industry, analyzing tourism trends and the impacts of Covid and reviews of the State and regional level directions. This feedback and information informed the development of the Draft Tourism Plan. A critical element of the Draft Tourism Plan was that it needed to be an industry agreed plan for the future of tourism in Moira Shire.

This draft Tourism plan has since been used to consult widely with key stakeholders including the local and regional Tourism Sector. Following this consultation, minor changes were made to the draft which is now presented as the proposed Tourism Plan 2022-26.

The proposed Tourism Plan is high level document. The implementation of the Plan will occur through the development of a detailed action plan. The purpose of the Plan is to set out a clear and accountable framework for Tourism in the Moira Shire including clarifying Council's role in the Tourism industry.

The Plan has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders including the local and regional tourism industry. This report recommends that Council adopt the proposed Tourism Plan.

2. Key Elements of the proposed Tourism Plan

Council's role in Tourism is to be a professional organisation:

- providing expertise to our industry and enabling stakeholder collaboration
- ensuring all areas in our Shire are covered and all opportunities are considered to the benefit of the whole region
- increasing visitors from existing and future markets by marketing and developing new products and offerings.

The Plan identifies nine "Visitor Pillars", features and activities that draw people to our area. They are:

1. Visiting Friends & Relatives (VFR), this is our largest market
2. Boating Camping Fishing
3. Events
4. Food and Wine
5. Silo Art and "The Arts"
6. Clubs, including golf
7. Tourism Products
8. Nature, Eco and Cultural Tourism, first Nations, Barmah National/State parks
9. Other Aviation and Drive Market.

Future Council actions, projects and resource allocations dedicated to tourism will align with one or more visitor pillars.

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The Plan identifies priorities for the allocation of Council's resources and efforts. The priorities, in order from highest to lowest are:

1. Tourism Marketing
2. Commercial events
3. Product Development
4. Industry Development
5. Visitor Services
6. Destination Management
7. Council Strategy/Support

3. Background & Context

Council's Economic Development Strategy's (EDS) fourth priority, to "foster the visitor economy" set the priorities for tourism over the 2019-2023 period. The focus is on:

- implementing a change-process for the delivery of Visitor Services
- providing limited support to businesses to deliver events
- promoting the region as a tourism destination via marketing plans and campaigns
- delivering the above by working and partnering with stakeholders, including a Tourism Advisory Committee, Local Tourism Associations and Murray Regional Tourism.

The majority of the above initiatives have been implemented. In addition to implementing the above actions over the past 18 months Council has been reviewing its role in and approach to Tourism. This review has been informed by internal knowledge and reflection, ongoing feedback from industry stakeholders on the implementation of the Visitor services strategy, feedback from the former Tourism Advisory committee and various industry forums. In addition, tourism trends have been analysed, together with the impacts of Covid and reviews of the State and regional level directions. This feedback and information informed the development of the Draft Tourism Plan. A critical element of the draft tourism plan was that it needed to be an industry agreed plan for the future of tourism in Moira Shire.

This draft was consulted on, as detailed in the Internal and External Engagement section of this report. Following this consultation, minor changes were made to the draft which is now presented as the proposed Tourism Plan 2022-26.

4. Internal & External Engagement

The draft Tourism Plan has been discussed internally including with the executive and Councillors.

Feedback from 54 key tourism industry stakeholders was obtained from targeted consultation conducted over a four week period, from 17/02/22 to 12/03/22.

This consultation included one on one interviews and an online survey.

Feedback was sought from businesses and organisations shown in Attachment 2, including:

- Local Tourism Associations of Yarrawonga, Numurkah, Nathalia/Barmah and Cobram
- the memberships of each of the four Local Tourism Associations
- each of the twenty businesses that participate in the Visitor Information Point program
- Murray Farm Gate operators
- Councillors
- Council's Visitor Services Officers.

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The response rate was very high and the respondents indicated they host over 900,000 visitors to their businesses each year which highlights the strength of the insight they provided.

5. Key Findings from the Tourism Industry Consultation

The majority, 81%, of the industry stakeholders consulted agreed or strongly agreed with the Visitor Pillars in the draft plan and suggested that a "Food and Wine" pillar be added. This has been included in the proposed Plan.

Industry stakeholders considered that Council should prioritise its resources to:

- Tourism Marketing, Commercial Events and Product Development, and less to
- Visitor Services, Destination Management and Council Plan/Investment Support.

This recent industry consultation identified clear opportunities for improvement in both collaboration across our region's Tourism industry and Council's support for the Tourism industry.

6. Strategic Alignment

The proposed Tourism Plan aligns to Council Plan Pillar 1: A welcoming and inclusive place, and Pillar 2: A diverse and dynamic Economy and Council's Economic Development Strategy's fourth priority: To foster the visitor economy.

7. Budget / Financial Considerations

Any budget/resourcing changes arising as a result of Council adopting the proposed Tourism Plan, will be determined as part of the implementation process.

8. Conclusion

The proposed Tourism Plan has been prepared in consultation with key stakeholders including the local and regional tourism industry. This report recommends that Council adopt the proposed Tourism Plan and approve its implementation.

Attachments

- 1 Proposed Tourism Plan 2022-26
- 2 Attachment 2 - Draft Tourism Plan Stakeholder Consultation

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Purpose

Our tourism plan, sets out a clear and accountable framework to our industry. It summarises visitor pillars, tourism pillars and sets out a plan to raise our profile (digitally and industry facing) to future proof our region.

This high level document is not a detailed action plan. The purpose of this high level document is to enable Council to agree on a guide to Council's future tourism activities and investments.

The feedback received from key stakeholders has informed the final Tourism Plan and how it can be implemented.

This Tourism plan has been informed from 54 key tourism industry stakeholders, businesses and organisations that host over 900,000 visitors to their businesses each year in Moira Shire. This feedback will also inform how the plan will be implemented.

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1. Visitor Pillars

Visitor Pillars are groups of features and activities that draw people to our area.

The Tourism plan ensures each action, project or spend aligns with a visitor pillar.

Visiting Friends & Relatives (VFR) is our largest market, however there is the future potential for large increases to Barmah, Events, Silo Art and the Arts.

Food & Wine has been added, as per the Destination Management plan of Murray Regional Tourism.



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2. Our role in the Tourism Industry

To be a professional organisation providing expertise to our industry and enable stakeholder collaboration

To cover all areas in our shire and ensure all opportunities are considered to the benefit of the whole region

To increase visitors from existing and future markets by marketing and developing new products and offerings (e.g. Barmah, Silo Art & the Arts, Events and Murray River Adventure trails)

Commercial events are defined as non-community events (like Council Australia Day events)



Below are the results of our consultation with industry, displaying our Tourism Pillars in order of the priorities where council should allocate their resources and efforts.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. Tourism Marketing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Campaigns, Management of Online Profile • Communications, Internal & External Stakeholders • Seasonal Campaigns, Events Promotion, Industry Marketing Support Officer |
| 2. Commercial Events | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial perspective on all events, ensuring alignment to brand and industry capability • Management of agreed budget to operate events • Single point of contact for events across MSC |
| 3. Product Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silo Art Product • RV Product • MFGT, Eco Trail, First Nations, BCF |
| 4. Industry Development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bookability Project, Get more operators Bookable ONLINE. • Digital Platform for Industry • Inbound/Outbound Tour Operator Opportunity • Connect & Align Large Clubs • Collaborate, Educate and Assist Operators on Opportunities that exist in market |
| 5. Visitor Services Operations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate 1 Visitor Information Centre & Mobile Visitor Information Van • Volunteer Management • Support VIP network • Operations of team and equipment |
| 6. Destination Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Advisory Panel- 3 Meetings Per Year, Aligned Regional/ Local Market information, Operators Input, Destination Issues, Event Consultation • LTA Management, External Stakeholders- MRT, BEV, VV, GOTM, NE Silo Art, GMW, Parks Vic |
| 7. Council Strategy/ ED Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake actions to Support Council Plan • Support Economic Development Unit Projects |

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3. Maintaining & raising our profile

Digital Future - raise our digital profile

We need to raise our digital profile to our visitors, industry and stakeholders, using a professional, innovative and connected approach that takes the opportunity to market ourselves, not only to our visitors "our consumers", but also our industry and stakeholders.

To do this we need:

- Centralised CRM, to build an "audience" we can communicate with so they can advocate for us
- Digitalisation of our Visitor Services Offering that enables personalisation
- Platform for in-store and on-line selling local produce, booking tours and accommodation
- Focus on serving the industry
- Central digital hub for all things tourism
- Live Stream Camera Network, business network and public infrastructure

Industry has agreed that we continue to support the following organisations.

Sydney Melbourne Touring Inc.

- Medium Term value
- Aligns with visitor profile in drive market
- Focused on inland Syd/Mel drive market
- Strategic support with Visit Victoria and Visit Canberra
- High penetration of international wholesalers
- Focus on high value European and UK market
- Strong alignment with our Tourism offering: MFGT, Premium Golf, Food & Wine

Murray Regional Tourism

- Aligns 13 Councils bordering the Murray
- Stronger together than individual Councils
- Provides central digital platform
- Connects with opportunities through Visit Victoria, Destination Riverina Murray, Destination NSW
- Provides strategic planning and marketing for region
- Advocates LGA's to DJPR & Regional Development
- Destination Management Plan
- Strategic Growth/Develop Murray Region Visits
- Policy Advocacy
- Large Regional Events Development
- Investment Attraction
- State Government Representation
- 13 Council Partners Cross Border Collaboration

Business Events Victoria

- Supports our Clubs, Accommodation and conference hosting businesses
- Funded by Visit Victoria
- Highly regarded profile
- Dedicated team
- Reaches event organisers we would not have access to
- Benefits whole region of Moira
- In market visits to assist industry
- Supported by VTIC

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4. The next steps

The next step will involve creating actions and starting to develop an implementation plan as outlined under the Tourism Pillars. This will involve targeted consultation with relevant stakeholders to develop ideas and collaborative implementation methods. Existing actions are currently funded within the 2021/22 budget. Some new actions will require business cases to be presented to Council for approval and others will fall into the 2022/23 and subsequent budget periods for approval.

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| Category | Organisation/Business |
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| Local Tourism Associations (LTAs) and their members via the LTAs. | Numurkah Love Our Lifestyle Nathalia Barmah Business and Tourism Yarrowonga Mulwala Business and Tourism Cobram Barooga Business and Tourism |
| Councils | Federation Council Berrigan Shire |
| Corporations | Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Parks Victoria Goulburn Murray Water (GMW) |
| Major Operators | Cactus Country Rich Glen Sebel Resort Black Bull Golf Course Kingfisher Tours Cumberoona Paradise Queen Sporties / Beach Café |
| Visitor Information Point Businesses | Numurkah Community Learning Centre Cobram Outdoors Barmah Bridge Caravan Park Tungamah Visitor Information Point (Tungamah Kickstart) RACV Cobram Resort Watts In Bundalong Café Murray River Hideaway Holiday Park Picola Hotel & Café Numurkah Lakeside Country Club Wunghnu Tavern St James Hotel Boosey Creek Café Yarrowonga Holiday Park Numurkah Bakery Café Thompson Beach Café Airtree Resort |

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| MFGT Operators | Aintree Farm Organics Bryamine Homestead and Brewery Cheeky Grog Co Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Eden Farm Produce Eden Farm Tours Manto Produce Monichino Wines The Big Strawberry Warrabilla Wines Zankers Farm Morris Brewing/Telegraph Hotel Yarrowonga Apairies Broken Creek Organics Squires Winery How Now Dairy Kewstoke Olive Estate The Corner Shop Cobram Tungamah Pub |
| Silo Art | North East Art Trail Group |
| Accomodation Providers | Central Yarrowonga Motor Inn Motel Yarrowonga Burkes Hotel Yarrowonga Yarrowonga Hotel Numurkah Caravan Park Murray Valley Resort |
| Other | GRAIN Store McDonalds Franchise, Cobram and Yarrowonga Breretons Bakery Noonans Jewellers |
| MSC | Councillors, invited to share and input Visitor Services Staff Recreation Team |

FILE NO: D21/191135
1. A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE

ITEM NO: 11.4.1
(INFRASTRUCTURE LIAISON OFFICER, LYN
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(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES
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DOG OFF-LEASH AREA POLICY

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Dog Off-Leash Area Policy.

1. Executive Summary

In recent years there has been growing interest in fenced dog parks and other off-leash areas as they provide a great way for both owners and their dogs to exercise and socialize. This reduces both social isolation for our people and nuisance behaviours such as barking and wandering in our pets.

In 2021 we conducted a survey of our residents, ratepayers and visitors and found that 94% of a total of 329 responses supported the provision of fully-fenced off-leash dog parks in Moira Shire.

That survey also asked a number of questions about what should be taken into consideration when looking at the location and design of off-leash areas. This information was used to draft the Dog Off-leash Area Policy that will guide the provision and development of Dog Off-Leash Areas in Moira Shire.

The draft policy was placed on public exhibition from 25 February 2022 until midnight on 27 March 2022. A total of 20 submissions was received. Of the submissions, 18 supported off-leash areas and contained suggestions around possible locations as well as asking Council to avoid placing them in existing parks that are used by people for general recreation. Two comments were not supportive of the provision of dog off-leash areas (OLA's).

The submissions did not require an amendment to the policy so it is presented to Council unchanged for their consideration.

This report seeks Council's support for the principles; site selection criteria; development standards; and rules for use of OLA's as set out in the policy.

It is recommended that the Dog Off-leash Area Policy be adopted by Council.

2. Conflict of interest declaration

There are no council officer conflicts of interest in the preparation of this report.

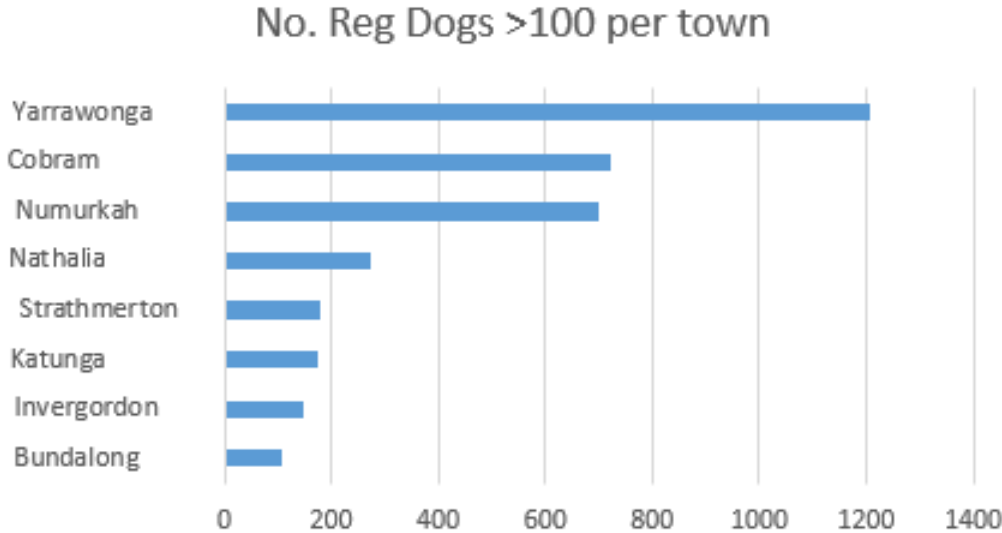
3. Background & Context

As at 1 July 2021, there were 4542 registered dogs in Moira Shire Council.

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DOG OFF-LEASH AREA POLICY (cont'd)



Members of our community have requested Council provides fully fenced off-leash dog parks in Moira Shire through independent submissions to Council and as part of submissions in recent consultations about playground renewals and Council’s Domestic Animal Management Plan.

A community consultation was held to determine community sentiment on OLA’s with a full summary of results provided to Councillors in December 2021 and placed on council’s website for the general community to view.

The information gained from the survey and from internal stakeholders was used to develop the attached Dog Off-Leash Area Policy.

This Policy was then placed on public exhibition and 20 submissions on the policy were received (submissions attached). 18 submissions were positive and contained site suggestions and ideas from other dog parks. Two submissions did not support the provision of off-leash areas. The submissions did not require any change to the draft policy.

4. Issues

Council currently has a number of Open OLA’s in the Shire but does not have any Confined OLA’s (known as Dog Parks). While the community consultation highlighted strong community support for the provision of Confined OLA’s, the location and use of them does have the potential to attract negative sentiment.

The attached policy uses the information gained from the community consultation and internal stakeholders, to outline the criteria used in relation to the provision of, location selection and design of off-leash areas. This will provide guidance in the planning and development of OLA’s that may mitigate any negative consequences of their provision.

5. Strategic Alignment

Council Plan

1. A welcoming and inclusive place

1.06 Recreation, sports facilities, programs and services respond to our diverse and emerging

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community needs
1.07 We promote the health and wellbeing of our communities

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994 Part 5A Section 68A, Councils must prepare a Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan at four year intervals to promote responsible pet ownership; the welfare of dogs and cats in the community; and protect the community and environment from nuisance dogs and cats.

Council's DAM Plan 2021-2025, supports the provision of Dog Off-Leash Areas and the creation of confined off-leash areas as they assist in the reduction of nuisance dog behaviours such as wandering dogs and barking.

The following chart illustrates the relationship between Council Plans and Strategies and this policy:



6. Internal & External Engagement

| Engagement (who did you engage with?) | | Feedback |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Internal | Officers were consulted from Amenity & Safety, Parks & Gardens, Operations, Community, Economic Development, Waste and Governance. | Officers provided specialist feedback to the consultation and the draft policy. |
| External | An online dog off-leash areas consultation was conducted to test the broad community attitude to the creation and management of dog off-leash areas (open and fully fenced) | What did they say? 60% currently exercise their dog off-leash at one of our showgrounds and/or a recreation reserve or other area and 38% do not use either. |

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across the shire.

The survey was promoted multiple times in Council's corporate newspaper advertisement and on social media. There was also a webpage and web banner on our home page directing people to the survey.

Number of survey responses: 329

Responses came from all areas of the Shire and from all age groups.

Do you support the provision of fully fenced off-leash dog parks in Moira Shire?

Yes – 94 %

No – 4 %

I don't know – 2 %

Public Exhibition of the draft Dog Off-leash area Policy This was promoted through a web banner and page, social media and print media advertisements.
20 Submissions

The most likely time to use a dog off leash area is in the morning and afternoon on the weekends.

58% of respondents had visited fully fenced off leash dog parks outside the Shire.

The primary motivators for using on off leash area is exercise and socialization for their dog followed by social interaction and then exercise for themselves.

Fencing needs to be high enough to keep large dogs in and low enough (or with a concrete plinth) to keep small dogs in. A double entry gate and water are essential. The next most important components are waste bags and bins, shade, seating, shelter and then agility equipment.

When looking at location it should be large enough that dogs can run and play, not too close to residential homes, schools or playgrounds but walkable. The highest priority for nearby amenities are toilets, then parking, then other open space.

Separate areas in an off leash dog park are ideal but not essential (54 %) or essential (33 %) and should not be labelled for small and big dogs rather sedate and active dogs.

One comment:

This is a fantastic thing for Moira. Socialising for dogs and people. Therapy for everyone involved. Friendships made and help with loneliness, connects all ages with a common thing to talk about. Really really great moving forward for the region. Very excited about this.

18 were positive suggestions around possible locations and content of dog parks.

2 were not in favour of off-leash areas.

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7. Budget / Financial Considerations

A budget submission for the provision of off-leash dog parks in Moira Shire has been prepared for Council's consideration in the 2022/23 budget cycle.

8. Risk & Mitigation

The policy sets out guidelines for the planning and development of OLA's in Moira Shire to support the proposed location and design of OLA's. It also includes a set of rules for the users of OLA's to help reduce the risk of negative incidents while using them.

The introduction of dog parks will also create an opportunity to provide education programs around owner etiquette and dog training to create safe places for dogs to play without creating too much noise or pollution for others.

9. Conclusion

There is strong general community support for the provision of off-leash areas in Moira Shire. However the location, design and use of OLA's has the potential to create negative sentiment.

The attached policy has been drafted from internal and external consultation and provides criteria to support decisions made in the planning and provision of OLA's in the Shire to help prevent or minimise this happening.

It is recommended that Council adopt the Dog Off-leash Area Policy.

Attachments

- 1 Dog Off-leash Policy - Public Exhibition Feedback
- 2 Dog Off-leash Area Policy

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Dog Off-leash Area Consultation

Opened: 25 February 2022

Closed: 27 March 2022

Advertised: website page and banner, social media, newspaper in corporate ad.

Purpose: Community to provide feedback on draft Dog Off-leash Area Policy that was created from the information gathered from the general consultation conducted in December 2021 (329 Submissions)

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| Number of submissions: 20 |
| Number of changes required to policy: 0 |
| Number of positive comments/suggestions: 18 |
| Number of negative comments: 2 |

Submissions:

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | <p>Option: Site Numurkah Youth club reserve . Pros : Large unused area with many design options Cons : No Access pathways and not Central .</p> <p>Option :Lions Community Park (Unused Netball court area). Pros : Nearby Rec facilities . : Nearby Public Toilets & Playground equipment : Parking & Footpath access Via "Train Park "</p> <p>Option : Tunnock Rd & Eastside access rd to Showgrounds Pros : Unused area with development Options . : Central with access walking Tracks & Parking : Public toilets close by at showgrounds entrance And nearby Skate Park .</p> <p>Option : Northern Area of Showgrounds . Pros : Area already OL . : Public toilets at REC building . Cons : Access on Sport Game Days would be an Issue (Every second Saturday Football ETC & other events at the Showgrounds) . : May be partly Nature reserve .</p> <p>All Options above for Confined OL Areas as I believe thats what is need in the Town of Numurkah</p> |
| 2 | Great idea!!!! I'd love a dog park |
| 3 | I think Kennedy park would be a perfect place for an enclosed dog off leash area. There is toilet facilities, bbq facilities and well as a playground already there so make perfect sense to have the dog park next door. There is lots of ample parking around the park and plenty of space to build the off leash area. |

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| 4 | I believe a fully fenced dog area with water, bin, poo bags, shade and seating is not only social for dogs but humans too. A great way to meet people and there dogs. |
| 5 | Hi Guys, definitely think we need a fully fenced dog park in Yarrawonga or bundalong. 1. Excellent for humans and dogs to socialise. 2. Great exercise for dogs and owners. |
| 6 | Great this is clear and easy to understand. The only thing I would add is the installation at the site of a camera. A camera had to be installed at a later date at the Moama Off Leash park due owner disputes over whose dog bit who first. A camera solves these problems with peoples versions of accounts. |
| 7 | I would not like to see any green space turned into a dog off leash area. Am happy with current dogs on leash in public spaces as I think this is fair. Build a purpose built off lease area don't take from us the small amount of safe for kids and elderly green space we have. |
| 8 | Happy for new open space areas to be created for OLA use. Please do not uses current parks as not everywhere is a safe place when you think of older people and small kids plus people who do not like dogs having to put up with dogs when they do not choose to own a dog. |
| 9 | No OLA in existing parklands please. Build a new one! |
| 10 | As a dog owner who works full time accessing the designated off leash area is hard to achieve with the space used for sporting events all year round. I would prefer a track around the area which could be off the leash, living in Numurkah there is no real space a park may be made but by having a area where a track can be walked on this can help my animals |
| 11 | Hi guys, i would like to see a off lead dog park at the unused park at numurkah,s, youth club reserve. It has good parking, close to a vet, and easily visable. |
| 12 | I support dog park 100 percent Every town around us needs one |
| 13 | A fully fenced area is a great idea for dog to socialise and run with other dogs. Great for dogs and there owners. |
| 14 | A dog park is urgently needed as there is nowhere 100% safe and secure for dogs to roam free. I do also feel that a large dog area and small dog area are essential as not all breeds get along. I have a gap approved greyhound, and while he cannot be off leash even in a dog park, small dogs always attack him when off leash and I want him to feel safe, especially when we do the right thing and keep him on a lead. |
| 15 | Please make a new area for off leash. Not a current park area. New green space please. Not at Lake where families go. |
| 16 | Disagree with the idea of an off the leash area. Shire has had them for years and people do not use them. If you must have new ones designate new space for one don't take from the available parkland. There is not enough already |

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| 17 | We definitely need a better off leash dog park that has a completely fenced in so dogs can't go under the fence or jump over |
| 18 | <p>Good morning, I am responding to the public feedback for responses to this plan. I have almost had my small pup, on her lead, attacked at a schoolground by a big dog off-leash. The fallout from this has made her extremely anxious and now she will not go near the schoolground at all, has become very stressed, timid and scared.</p> <p>When we lived in Melbourne many yrs ago, I had an elderly friend who also had 2 big dogs rush at her, bowled her over and mauled her dog! She spent 2 mths in hospital & rehab with many operations to her leg and the vet bills were huge but sadly the dog could not be saved. Her mental health declined badly.</p> <p>Who would pay for anything like this happening here please? (hosp/rehab/vet etc.)</p> <p>I and my family are totally opposed to it – please consider the not- so agile senior cits but if it must happen then it should be in an enclosed area specifically fenced with big signage to indicate that.</p> |
| 19 | <p>I went to a terrific dog park when in Geelong called ÷ BELMONT DOG PARK Maybe use some of their ideas It is in an area that was not used for anything. Under a bridge. There is a separate area for small dogs. They had seating but no tables as the dogs jump on them. They had some grass which got quite muddy The best cover was playground mulch. Toilets were nearby. Shade was from the bridge and trees (newly planted) There is a good agility area. It is well used. Everyone loves it Thank you for letting me have a say.</p> |
| 20 | <p>A few years back we were able to walk along Chinamans tracked and it was an interesting walk for the dogs and for the owners. It's a shame that it was taken away from the residents. We used to have it under the umbrella of Paws in the Park which the community centre started up in the early 2000 and there was a number of us attended every second Sunday and the dogs could mingle off lead. We were all responsible owners and picked up our doggy poos, but the only thing was there was not many bins around. And now the only facility for Yarrowonga residence is the Showgrounds which the fencing and gates are terrible. No trees for shade and it's pretty boring for dogs and owners. It would be lovely if we could have something Similar to Chinamans Island again, which was interesting for the owners and dogs. I would hope you could consider some ideas out of this. Also must have seating for the owners to have a rest ,many do have disabilities to. On your off leash area policy you have mentioned putting agility equipment in the area which would be nice but the only thing would be that may attract vandalism , I guess. I hope this doesn't take five years to occur.</p> |

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| Policy type | Council |
| Adopted by | Council |
| Responsible General Manager | Director, Infrastructure Services |
| Responsible officer | |
| Date adopted | |
| Scheduled for review | This policy will be reviewed four years from the date of adoption, or sooner if required. |

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to detail Council's commitment to providing Dog Off-Leash Areas, which encourage people and dogs to socialise and exercise within an open space setting as well as providing guidance on the future planning and development of Dog Off-Leash Areas within the Moira Shire.

SCOPE

The Dog Off-Leash Area Policy covers the provision and development of Dog Off-Leash Areas in Moira Shire.

DEFINITIONS

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| Council | means Moira Shire Council, being a body corporate constituted as a municipal Council under the Local Government Act 2020 |
| Council officer | means the Chief Executive Officer and staff of Council appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. |
| Confined Off-Leash Area (Confined OLA) | A designated fully fenced area where dogs are allowed off-leash under effective control of the owner. These are referred to as 'dog parks'. |
| Open Off-Leash Area (Open OLA) | A designated area where dogs are allowed off-leash under effective control of the owner. The area is typically unfenced or only partially fenced such as a showground or recreation reserve. |
| Registered Dog | All dogs must be microchipped and registered with the council responsible for the area in which they normally reside to use Dog Off-Leash Areas. |
| Owner | The person responsible for bringing the dog(s) into the public domain. This does not need to be the registered owner. |

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POLICY

Access to open space is an important part of people's lives and being outdoors encourages us to be active, escape from the everyday, relax and form social relationships. The Dog Off-Leash Area Policy supports this by encouraging people and their dogs to exercise, socialise and enjoy all our parks have to offer.

Under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994* Part 5A Section 68A, Councils must prepare a Domestic Animal Management (DAM) Plan at four year intervals to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership; the welfare of dogs and cats in the community; and to minimize the potential for dogs and cats to create a nuisance.

Council's DAM Plan 2021-2025, supports the provision of Dog Off-Leash Areas and the creation of confined off-leash areas as they assist in the reduction of nuisance dog behaviour such as wandering and barking.

Principles

Council aims to:

- Encourage residents to be active and feel engaged with their local community by providing parks that foster social interaction through the inclusion of Dog Off-Leash Areas (OLA's).
- Over time, provide Dog OLA's in towns across Moira Shire based on the number of dog registrations, demand and suitable sites.
- Continue to allow dogs off-leash at Dog OLA's as per Council's current Domestic Animals Act Section 26 Order.
- For Confined OLA's, where space allows, provide separate areas for sedate and active dogs.
- Dog Off-Leash Areas may be used by any registered dog with their owner.

Types of Off-Leash Areas

This policy covers two types of Dog Off-Leash Areas.

- **Open OLA**

No constructed barrier to provide separation from other open space or reserve users. Caters for dogs off-leash and play; facilitated by existing landscapes.

Open OLA's will be considered where the host site has sufficient space to accommodate the minimum size requirement and where there are existing features which enable clear delineation of the Dog Off-Leash Area.

- **Confined OLA**

Constructed barrier (fence) provides separation from other open space or reserve users. Caters for dogs off-leash and play facilitated by existing landscapes and/or agility equipment.

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Site Attributes

When determining the location of a new Dog Off-Leash Area, the following should be taken into consideration:

- The space should be large enough to allow dogs sufficient space to exercise. Where practicable the minimum size for a Dog Off-Leash Area should be 0.2 hectares (2000m²) with separate areas for sedate and active dogs in Confined OLA's.
- There should be appropriate buffers between the Dog Off-Leash Area and other activities within the open space and nearby houses.
- Priority given to areas close to concentrations of registered dog ownership.
- Minimise proximity to residential homes and schools.
- Where appropriate utilise linear-shaped open space to promote physical exercise by encouraging people to walk around the space.
- In general, Dog Off-Leash Areas will be excluded from
 - Designated Conservation Reserves.
 - Areas of significant environmental value.
- Dog Off-Leash Areas will not be located within:
 - 20 metres of a playground or barbeque area.
 - 50 metres of any main or collector road (Open OLA only).

Site Assets

Existing assets can reduce the total cost of implementation and influence patronage of a Dog Off-Leash Area, and they will be taken into account when determining a suitable site.

Assets that influence the location of a Dog Off-Leash Area include, in order of importance:

- Available space
- Supply of drinking water and related fixtures.
- Natural and constructed shade areas.
- Seating.
- Landscape features that facilitate play/agility.
- Proximity to public toilets.
- Car parking.
- Path network to park.
- Path network within off-leash area.

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Securing Sites

Dog Off-Leash Area sites can be secured via the:

- Subdivision process.
- Allocation of existing Council owned or managed open space.

Specific circumstances and available funds will determine which of these options is applicable on a case by case basis.

Development Standards

| Attribute | OPEN Off-Leash Area | CONFINED Off-Leash Area |
|--|---|---|
| Delineation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing constructed assets. • Existing landscape features. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose built fence min 1200mm high • Concrete plinth under fence • Double gated entry/exit. • Fence materials to be compatible with surrounds |
| Surfaces | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. | From: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. • Grass. • Granitic sand. |
| Agility / play | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing landscape features only. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing / modified landscape features. • Equipment may be provided. |
| Drinking water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 fountain with attached dog bowl. • Adjacent to the area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 fountain with attached dog bowl. • Within each enclosure. |
| Seating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard bench seats. • Quantity determined by size of enclosure. |
| Tables | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not provided within the enclosed area. • May be provided in adjoining open space. |
| Shade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural or artificial as required. |
| Waste Bin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 bin adjacent to area. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 1 bin adjacent to each entry/exit. (externally located, internally accessible) |
| Bag Dispenser | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided. |
| Car Parking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing. |
| The design process must consider all mitigation actions required to maintain the enjoyment and safe use of the Dog Off-Leash Area and adjacent open space areas. | | |
| The information above must be considered in conjunction with any site specific regulatory requirements, such as those applicable to transmission easements. | | |
| Whilst the above considerations will guide the design of Dog Off-Leash Areas, the final design will be dependent on planned reach [e.g. local or regional] and available funding. | | |

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General Rules for use of Dog Off-Leash Areas

The following rules for users of a Dog Off-Leash Area will apply.

The owner (person in apparent control of the dog) must:

- Keep their dog under effective control via voice and/or hand control and remain within constant sight of the dog so as to be able to promptly bring the dog under control by placing the dog on a chain, cord or leash;
- Ensure that the dog:
 - is not allowed to worry, rush at, bite, attack or otherwise threaten any person or animal;
 - is prevented from breeding or attempting to breed with any other dog; and
 - is prevented from damaging property or Council assets.
- Not attend the Designated Area if their dog is on heat;
- Ensure that their dog is wearing its current registration tag;
- Supervise children carefully around the dogs;
- Ensure that children under 16 are supervised by an adult;
- Ensure that one adult is only permitted to supervise up to 2 dogs;
- Remove their dog immediately if it becomes aggressive;
- Clean up after their dogs;
- Not smoke or drink alcohol in the area;
- Not behave in an offensive, violent, threatening or intimidating manner; and
- Comply with all requirements for use of the Designated Area, as signposted by Council.

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1989

Local Government Act 2020

Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities Act 2006

Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals Act 1994

REFERENCES

Moira Shire Council Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025

Moira Shire Council – Council Plan 2021 - 2025

Wellbeing for All Ages Strategy 2021 – 2025

Recreation Strategy 2016 – 2026

Economic Development Strategy 2019 - 2023

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YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS/ VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN- FOR ADOPTION

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Yarrowonga Showgrounds/ Victoria Park Master Plan

1. Executive Summary

The final draft Yarrowonga Showgrounds/ Victoria Park Master Plan has been developed by @Leisure Planners in consultation with Moira Shire Council staff and stakeholders including the user groups of the Yarrowonga Showgrounds/ Victoria Park Reserve and wider community.

The draft plan was brought to ELT and Council briefing in January 2022, and subsequently released for public exhibition for a six week period from the 28th January to the 4th March 2022. As part of this, the public were invited to make submissions providing feedback on the draft plan, and one-on-one meetings were held with user groups as requested.

Taking into account all feedback received during the public exhibition period, the final draft document is now complete for Council adoption.

2. Conflict of interest declaration

None

3. Background & Context

Yarrowonga is growing and alongside this is the demand for quality, fit for purpose facilities that meet recreational and sporting needs moving forward.

This has been recognised in Council's investment in a multi-sport stadium at the Yarrowonga Showgrounds alongside a host of infrastructure works to improve the basic amenity of the area.

The site is comprised of the Yarrowonga Showgrounds, home to 15 user groups and the Victoria Park Reserve home to the Yarrowonga Cricket Club. In addition open space on the P12 site has been allocated for sports fields.

The Master Plan will support Council in considering allocation of capital funds and provide a foundation for future funding bids for the sites development. It will also provide a footprint for the development plans for users of the site and maximise public benefit for passive recreation.

The Master Plan details the history of the site (s) and current use to provide context for recent capital development and plans in train, and to support planning for appropriate future development.

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4. Issues

The objective of the *Yarrowonga Showgrounds Victoria Park Master Plan* is to document a plan that:

- Improves accessibility of the precinct facilities for a wider range of residents
- Increases opportunities for the Yarrowonga community to be socially and physically active
- Improves the opportunity for tenant groups/clubs to continue to grow their membership base and become more financially sustainable at the same time as providing a destination for social/family recreation in Yarrowonga
- Consider the growing population of Yarrowonga and provide new opportunities for both active and passive recreational activities
- Provides guidance for future strategic financial planning by Council and fundraising initiatives by the precinct user groups
- Enhances environmentally sustainable practices in the precinct
- Improves the aesthetic appeal of the precinct and make it more functional, enjoyable and attractive place to visit
- Continues to build on the recent and planned developments at the reserve to make it a regionally significant sports precinct.

5. Strategic Alignment

Recommendation 1.1 of the Moira Shire Council Recreation Strategy 2016 is to “Strategically implement master plans for the following Sports Precincts:

- Cobram Showgrounds/Apex Reserve
- Scott Oval
- Yarrowonga Showgrounds/ Victoria Park”

Council Plan

4. Customer focused and responsive

We support, appreciate and acknowledge the contribution made by volunteers.

We provide, renew and maintain a diverse network of assets that are safe, efficient and accessible

Council Plan

4. Customer focused and responsive

<Expand on strategy>

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6. Internal & External Engagement

Extensive consultation was undertaken in development of the draft master plan.

Following ELT and Council approval, the draft plan was released for public exhibition for a six week period from the 28th January to the 4th March 2022. As part of this, the user groups, Council staff and the general public were invited to make submissions providing feedback on the draft plan, and one-on-one meetings were held with user groups as requested. There were 21 submissions received in the public exhibition period.

7. Budget / Financial Considerations

The development of the Master Plan was awarded to @Leisure Planners for the sum of \$33,869.

While the development of the Master Plan itself has no further cost implications, it contains recommendations for the development of the site, which, if and as, they are implemented, will be funded through federal, state and benevolent grants, Council's capital budget, user group contributions and community fundraising. The financial implications for each project will differ in accordance with the project's scope.

8. Risk & Mitigation

Risk

Financial

Mitigation

There is a risk that the development of the plan could result in expectation that all recommendations be delivered. Disclaimers have been made in the document to explain that the document is aspirational and the feasibility of each project will need to be further explored.

Economic (regional context or broader economic impact)

Environmental

The plan has identified the regional significance of the site and the opportunities to develop the site.

Recommendations in the plan relating to drainage, water provision and tree planting seek to improve the environmental footprint.

Reputational

The development of a plan that has involved extensive community contribution will enhance Councils reputation

9. Conclusion

The draft Master Plan has considered a wide array of issues and opportunities associated with an extremely vast and complex site. It responds to community aspirations whilst maintaining a realistic approach to development opportunities over a ten-year horizon.

Following adoption, the document will be used to guide decision making and planning for the site, and support funding applications going forward. **Attachments**

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1. Introduction

1.1 The objectives of Yarrawonga Showgrounds Victoria Park Master Plan

- To improve accessibility of the precinct facilities for a wider range of residents
- To increase opportunities for the Yarrawonga community to be socially and physically active
- To improve the opportunity for tenant groups/clubs to continue to grow their membership base and become more financially sustainable at the same time as providing a destination for social/family recreation in Yarrawonga
- To consider the growing population of Yarrawonga and provide new opportunities for both active and passive recreational activities
- To provide guidance for future strategic financial planning by Council and fundraising initiatives by the precinct user groups
- To enhance environmentally sustainable practices in the precinct
- To improve the aesthetic appeal of the precinct and make it more functional, enjoyable and attractive place to visit
- To continue to build on the recent and planned developments at the reserve to make it a regionally significant sports and events precinct.

1.2 What is a Master Plan?

A master plan is a blueprint for the future development.

A master plan is an agreed direction by the landowner/manager and users about the best way to develop a site or a facility, based on the current demand and condition of facilities. It is not intended to be a commitment to fund development projects in the short term.

The intent is to be able to direct a complete package of improvements over time and develop components of that plan as and when funds become available, therefore a master plan shows the broad concept and areas for development and where and how future developments might coexist for the benefit of all user groups, rather than specific design details.

These packages of improvements are often expressed as recommendations or potential future projects that are perceived will improve the community access and use of a venue or facility over a period of 10 to 20 years. As recommendations they may not necessarily be delivered in the immediate or long term due to other factors and influences.

Each master plan will typically include several recommendations. Recommendations are an action that could be undertaken in the future. Each of the recommendations are prioritised according to current needs, use and demand and a forecast estimated probable cost.

The recommendations/ projects can be undertaken individually or grouped to form a larger project. Each is subject to a variety of ongoing criteria including financial consideration including Council budgeting processes, available grant opportunities and community or private sector funding opportunities plus generally additional phases include community consultation, detailed design and implementation/ delivery phase.

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1.3 The site

The Yarrowonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park precinct is bordered by Dunlop St to the north, Woods Road to the east, Yarrowonga P-12 College to the south and Pinniger St to the west. See the following image.



Map 1. Aerial view of Yarrowonga Showground/Victoria Park and Yarrowonga P-12 College. Image Google Earth

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1.4 Site history

Yarrowonga is located in Victoria on the Murray River, 262 kilometres north of Melbourne. Its twin town Mulwala lies on the northern side of the river in New South Wales.

Yarrowonga was founded in 1868 and made a shire in 1891. Its name derives from an Aboriginal term meaning "cormorant's nesting place" or from a combination of yarra and wonga, meaning "flowing water" and "pigeon," respectively.¹

The Yarrowonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park site is Crown Land managed on behalf of Council by a Community Asset Committee which includes representatives of all existing user groups.

The Showgrounds were established in 1883, with the annual Yarrowonga Show now held on the first Saturday in October each year. Victoria Park was gazetted in the late 1890s and was the town's racecourse. It was also used as an airstrip prior to the aerodrome being established.

Yarrowonga was described in the Australian handbook, 1903: 'There is a flourishing Agricultural Society here, with one of the best show grounds in the north-east, also vine and fruit growing association. Three parks-the Alexander, Victoria, and Athletic, and a splendid, well-appointed racecourse.'



Photo 1, 1983. Courtesy Peter Brear. Yarrowonga Cricket Club

The above photo, circa 1983, looking south from opposite the current CFA building. The picture shows the Cricket oval in the middle of wheat crop. The pavilion is under construction. The photo was taken from the top of a wheat silo on Gormans farm.

¹ britannica.com

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Photo 2, 1996. Courtesy Peter Brear. Yarrowongga Cricket Club

The aerial photograph (above) of the Stan Hargreaves Oval around 1996. It incorporates Victoria Park, the Showgrounds and the original high school and its oval; the old pony club and trotting track (Now the Yarrowongga P-12 College); the original netball courts and the Gun Club shed.

Land for the Stan Hargreaves Oval was provided by the former Yarrowongga Shire and Victoria Park trustees and was established as a cricket oval in 1981 by the then members of the Yarrowongga and District Cricket Association.

A land swap allowed the redevelopment of the trotting track to form part of an expanded education precinct south of the Showgrounds. The Yarrowongga Primary School moved from Tom St to Gilmore St, Yarrowongga in 2018 to merge with the Yarrowongga Secondary College to form the Yarrowongga P-12 College. Yarrowongga High had occupied the site since 1954.

The stage 2 development of Yarrowongga P-12 College will allow for the development of sports fields on the northern portion of the Gilmore St Campus. See following image. The school is eager to develop the space with a view to greater community use.

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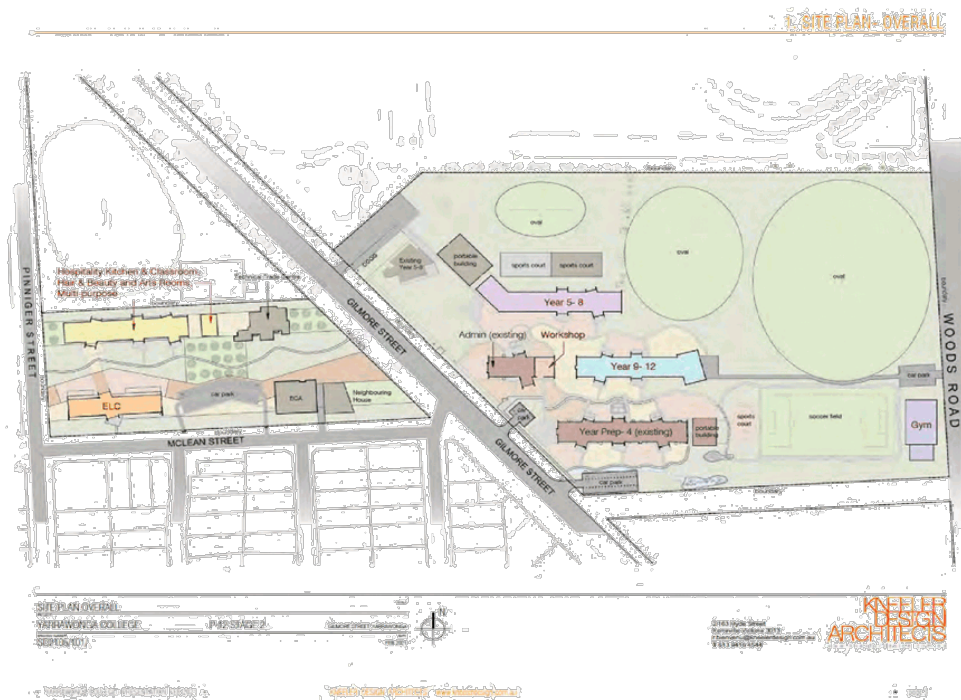


Figure 1. Yarrowonga P-12 College Stage 2. Kneeler Design Architects

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1.5 Facilities

The precinct includes the following facilities and user groups:

Table 1. Facilities and user groups in the precinct

| Facility | User groups |
|---|---|
| Cricket oval – including turf wicket, inground sprinkler system | Yarrowonga Mulwala Cricket Club Cobram Junior Soccer Association Yarrowonga P-12 College |
| Cricket nets – (3) | Yarrowonga Mulwala Cricket Club |
| Junior cricket fields with 2 hard wickets | Yarrowonga Mulwala Cricket Club Cobram Junior Soccer Association |
| Cricket pavilion/player change rooms | Yarrowonga Mulwala Cricket Club Cobram Junior Soccer Association Yarrowonga and District Netball Association |
| Outdoor netball courts with lighting – (6) | Yarrowonga and District Netball Association |
| Yarrowonga and District Netball Association pavilion | Yarrowonga and District Netball Association |
| Public toilet block (2) | Various |
| Showground arena | Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association The Katamatite Vintage Tractor Pull and Machinery Club |
| Grandstand | Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Yarrowonga Table Tennis Association building | Yarrowonga Table Tennis Association and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Yarrowonga Lions Club Building (Wool Pavilion) | Yarrowonga Lions Club Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Rotunda | Various |
| Yarrowonga Mulwala Darts Association building (Tony Mulquiney Pavilion) | Yarrowonga Mulwala Darts Association Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Rotary Club of Yarrowonga Mulwala building | Yarrowonga Mulwala Rotary Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| JR Hammond Pavilion | Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Yarrowonga Mulwala Mens Shed | Yarrowonga Mulwala Mens Shed |
| Old Gun Club building (shared by Mens Shed) | Yarrowonga Mulwala Mens Shed |
| Thom Pavilion (Sheep Pavilion) | Yarrowonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |

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| Facility | User groups |
|---|--|
| Dowling Pavilion (Poultry Pavilion) | Yarrawonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Yarrawonga and District Garden Club | Yarrawonga and District Garden Club and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Yarrawonga Mulwala Little Athletics Club storage shed | Yarrawonga Mulwala Little Athletics Club |
| Grass athletics track | Yarrawonga Mulwala Little Athletics Club |
| Loading ramp | Yarrawonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Horse stalls | Yarrawonga and Border Agricultural and Pastoral Association |
| Water tanks 100,000 litre – (2) | All users |
| Storage sheds and containers | Various |
| The construction of a sealed car park to service a new 2 court stadium is underway. | Yarrawonga Mulwala Basketball Association |
| Yarrawonga P-12 College | Yarrawonga Mulwala Little Athletics Club |

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2. Population and demographic profile

The total number of people living in Yarrawonga at the 2016 census was 7,929. Mulwala had a population of 2,130 at the same time for a combined total of 10,059. The estimated population for Yarrawonga by 2020 was 8,453² and Mulwala 2,245³ for a combined total of 10,698⁴. The Yarrawonga/Mulwala population is projected to reach 16,244 people by 2031.

Yarrawonga is forecast to grow to 11,619 by 2041 or an additional 47%⁵. (See Chart 1 below.) The Glanmire Park estate development on the eastern side of Victoria Park is planned to have some 2,000 lots once fully developed. Further east along the Murray Valley Highway, the Silverwood development will comprise of between 1,000 and 1,200 housing lots⁶.

More accurate forecasts will be available after the 2021 census data is released.

Recent impacts on population forecasts include:

- A net migration loss in Australia for 2020-21 and 2022
- Lower Australian birth rates
- Housing affordability
- Covid 19 impacts and population movement from metropolitan to regional areas

In addition to the growing population, tourism is an increasing part of the local economy. It is estimated that 95,000 visitors a year come through the Yarrawonga Mulwala Visitor Centre.⁷

Yarrawonga's population represents 27% of the total number of people in Moira. The most common age cohort in Yarrawonga is 60-69 years, followed by those aged 70-79 years. The median age is 47 compared to 44 years in 2011, and 42 for regional Victoria.

Residents of Moira mainly work in agriculture, forestry and fishing with tourism a growing sector of employment.

The Yarrawonga Framework Plan (2020) noted that an implication of Yarrawonga's growing population was the need to ensure sufficient community and recreation infrastructure to support young families moving to Yarrawonga⁸. The development of the Yarrawonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park precinct will be a key part of the required infrastructure.

² remplan.com.au

³ profile.id.com.au

⁴ remplan.com.au

⁵ remplan.com.au

⁶ Yarrawonga East Development Plan Background Report

⁷ Yarrawonga Mulwala Tourism Inc

⁸ Yarrawonga Framework Plan. January 2020.

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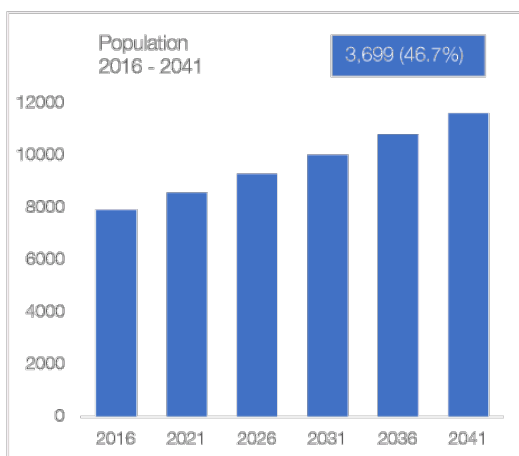


Chart 1. Forecast population growth for Yarrowonga from 2016 to 2041

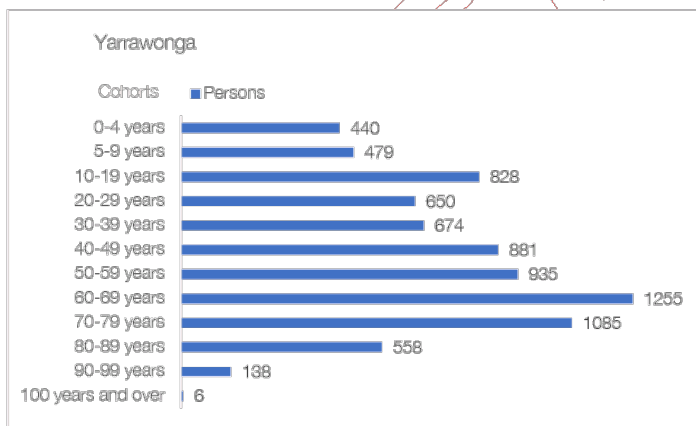


Chart 2. Yarrowonga population in 9-year cohorts for 2016

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3. Consultation

Feedback from stakeholders and the broader community on issues and opportunities at the site was collected through telephone interviews, a community survey and online submissions.

Telephone interviews of user groups and clubs were conducted to ascertain the nature of their facilities and services

Moira Shire's "Have Your Say" page provided an invitation to complete an online survey

A communications strategy to promote visitations to the "Have Your Say" page was implemented with social media advertising used to promote the engagement and the survey. The survey was available from 1 November 2021 to the 17 November 2021

Site visits were conducted by @leisure Planners and 106 Architects

Individual submissions were also accepted.

Following the initial consultation, a Draft Master Plan was prepared and placed on public exhibition from January 28 to March 4, 2022.

The table below shows the range of engagement methods and the number of people contacted as part of the study.

Table 2. Engagement methods and the number of people contacted as part of the study

| Engagement Method | Contacts | Completed/ Submitted |
|--|----------|----------------------|
| Inception meeting | 1 | 1 |
| Telephone interviews | 39 | 20 |
| Community surveys | 211 | 211 |
| Emails sent to user groups | 18 | 15 |
| Submissions received | 3 | 3 |
| On site visits/meetings | NA | 2 |
| Submissions received following exhibition of Draft | 3 | 21 |

3.1 User groups

Some 20 individuals representing a range of clubs, user groups and organisations were interviewed.

The consultation was designed to gain insight into how the clubs and user groups use the precinct, what they like about it, what they would like improved and to understand their future needs and aspirations for the site.

Common issues raised by existing user groups included:

- Shade/trees, particularly in areas that service the market area, junior cricket, and netball
- Dust suppression
- Drainage – mud/dust an issue around some pavilions, market area and junior cricket fields
- The need for storage (Including Little Athletics, Mens Shed, Rotary Club)
- Traffic management including Woods Road entrance with a single lane
- Lack of suitable public toilets.

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Other suggested improvements included:

- Sealed roads
- Better pedestrian access
- Formalise car parking
- Improve arena surface
- Secure water for irrigation
- External lighting
- Building drainage
- Move cricket nets
- Seal apron of netball courts
- Fix the cracking of netball courts
- Formalise soccer-football pitches within the junior cricket area
- Electric BBQs
- Move athletics to the school create a 400m track and a sealed long jump run ups

3.2 Community survey

A survey was hosted on Council's "Have Your Say" web page between November 1 and November 17, 2021. A sample of 211 people were surveyed. They were asked about their current visitation, what activities they do and asked what they liked about the precinct. The participants were then asked to comment on improvements and new developments in the precinct and how they feel funding could be best used.

Respondents to the survey ranged from regular users to those that 'rarely visit' the precinct.

The majority of those that responded to the survey were visitors to the community markets, Yarrawonga Show attendees or were involved in cricket. The results highlight the diversity of Yarrawonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park and its ability to provide a range of services and opportunities for the community.

Cricket, netball and open space were the key things that people liked the most about the precinct.

Priorities for funding, if available, were upgrading the Showgrounds arena (32%), the junior cricket fields (31%), the cricket club pavilion (31%) and little athletics facilities (30%).

Features required in the precinct were highlighted as shade (64%), the highest priority. The respondents also identified that they would like to see more trees and vegetation (52%), security lighting (46%) and a path to go through and around the precinct (41%).

Respondents were asked what activities they would like to be able to do at Yarrawonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park that they currently cannot do. The results identified that 36% of the respondents wanted to swim in an indoor heated pool that was operational all year round.

3.3 Submissions

Three submissions were received in the initial round of consultation. Items raised included water access for tractor pull events to assist with dust suppression, showers to be included with toilet facilities, sealing roads, better drainage, shade and improvements to the arena surface.

Yarrawonga Lions Club provided further detail regarding Club activities and the regular use of their pavilion for community benefit.

Following the exhibition of the Draft Report a further 21 comments were received, and the Plan was subsequently updated. The majority of comments referred to the need for an indoor aquatic centre (9) and preference for Table Tennis to remain in their current location (3). Further online meetings were held with 2 user groups to clarify comments from submissions regarding the Draft Report.

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4. Vision Yarrowonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park – Now and the next 10 years

- a. To reflect its history as an important event precinct and build opportunities to attract large scale events in the future.
- b. To function as a central hub for community sport, recreation in Yarrowonga.
- c. To maintain in balance: facilities that serve people from a broad range of age groups and abilities, for unorganised and club competition sport, events, recreation, and natural elements that provide shelter and shade, restorative values and habitat, and high-quality landscape amenity.
- d. To consider environmental sustainability in relation to buildings and ground management, playing and traffic surfaces and asset development.
- e. To consolidate opportunities arising from the development of the stadium to attract funding.

5. Precinct zones

For this Master Plan, the precinct has been divided into four zones defined by activities or the facilities that are provided. These zones are:

- Zone 1 - High School oval
- Zone 2 - Showgrounds arena and pavilions
- Zone 3 - Hardcourts and future stadium
- Zone 4 - Cricket/soccer-football fields



Map 3. Yarrowonga Showgrounds/Victoria Park divided into key activity zones

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6. Key action areas

The key actions for the precinct are as follows:

1. Enhance visitor appeal (aesthetics and functionality of precinct)
2. Integrate the recreational assets proposed for the Yarrawonga P-12 College site and wider community use
3. Provide a continuous walking /running trail around the perimeter of the reserve, separated from other paths and roads
4. Enhance the landscape character and amenity of surfaces and vegetation across the precinct with additional tree planting for shade and shelter
5. Provide clear separated areas for vehicles and pedestrians around showground arena and Stan Hargreaves Oval amenities
6. Consolidate support facilities and the number of separate infrastructure elements to enhance functionality, sightlines, and aesthetics. Allow for the future expansion of existing uses and activities
7. Plan for additional irrigation within the precinct and potential future restrictions on water availability
8. Improve drainage across the precinct and potentially capture run-off for irrigation purposes
9. Provide for potential use for commercial opportunities such as festivals and events
10. Refine siting and design of fields of play to enhance code compliance, sharing and sustainability of clubs and develop as regional sport and events precinct.



Photo 5 and 6. The old entry to the Yarrawonga Showground (5) and new works currently in progress (6)

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7. Concepts by zone

The following concepts are to be considered for the long-term development of the precinct.

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- 1. Restrict vehicle movement around northwest corner with the installation of reversible bollards.
- 2. Develop a pedestrian path network throughout precinct that links key internal areas and allows for safe access to the College and the rest of residential estate.
- 3. Construct a perimeter walking/jogging track around the precinct.
- 4. Remove the 'white' toilet block, once the stadium is constructed with accessible toilets.
- 5. Increase security lighting throughout including entrances.
- 6. Upgrade the existing toilet block, west of arena.
- 7. Consider a picnic and play space area linked to nearby soccer/football fields.
- 8. Assess as part of the future Shire playground strategy.
- 9. Plan for the development of a larger sports pavilion with change rooms for crickets and male/female teams.
- 10. Plan for the development of sports lighting for Hargreaves Oval pitch.
- 11. Plan the development and integration of College sports fields with future requirements for community sport facilities e.g. athletics, cricket, and soccer/football.
- 12. Relocate cricket, net and develop a fully enclosed facility to reduce risk to other precinct users.
- 13. Provide shade on the area currently utilised by community market from the existing pavilion. Areas around Dunlop St and other areas to remain clear for external tables for shops.
- 14. Relocate tennis athletics to Yarrawonga P-12 College. Consider a community and dining building with covered parking, storage and bike access.
 - o Develop a 400m athletics track.
 - o Provide a high jump and long jump pit.
 - o Provide safety cages for throwing events.
 - o Allow for the development of a senior athletics club.
- 15. Implement recommendations from Moira Shire dog off-leash policy that is currently in development, to provide guidance for precinct development.
- 16. Consider cricket/tennis storage into new building to be used for northwest of Dunlop St.
- 17. Assess retail court condition. May need to consider replacement in long term.
- 18. Purchase a portable stage to assist organizers holding community events in lieu of a fixed structure to facilitate usage.
- 19. Redevelop Mulquhney Pavilion to large multi-purpose show pavilion with seating (allowing to the arena). Include storage for existing user groups.
- 20. Tables 'benches' to remain in current location or Association can explore options at stadium or other location to suit their specific requirements.
- 21. Relocate tennis association to new stadium in fit for purpose building that meets current user requirements.
- 22. Redevelop Mulquhney Pavilion to large multi-purpose show pavilion with seating (allowing to the arena). Include storage for existing user groups.
- 23. Replaster grandstand with some form of accessible and covered seating.
- 24. Provide storage for little athletics if they remain in current location for long term.
- 25. Relocate dump point off-site in area accessible for RV users.
- 26. Consider existing athletics area as a potential site for new or developing sports/athletics e.g. tennis, netball, basketball, etc. Consider athletics area as parking venue for large events at Showground.

- 27. Double detailed tree planting plan, including the position of each tree near the courts, the market precinct and cricket oval.
- 28. Expand the water storage for the precinct by installing 'undergraze'.
- 29. Consider developing additional water storage at north end of College site.
- 30. Consider capturing and storing wastewater run-off from Clonmire including streets along with future works on Woods Road.
- 31. Conduct a water audit with North East Water regarding supply and quality of backwash water from treatment plant.
- 32. Educate athletes users to become more 'water wise' and limit irrigation usage.
- 33. Capture water run-off from existing buildings for reuse initiatives and store in tanks and dams if feasible.
- 34. Implement solar panel initiative with available roof space across precinct on buildings that are likely to remain for long term and that can accommodate panels.
- 35. Seal the apron around the retail courts on the east and north sides and remove the loose stone hazards.
- 36. Install low fence on east and north side of courts to prevent balls bouncing into car park.
- 37. Seal the internal roads from Woods Rd, Dunlop St and Clonmire St, including traffic calming measures.
- 38. Formalize parking between the retail courts and cricket/tennis/football fields. Caravan and Wool Pavilion and Rotary Club, to cater for increased usage.
- 39. Retain informal parking south of arena.
- 40. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to an area in front of table tennis pavilion (3,520 sq m).
- 41. New five lighting devices (hydrant) to be provided as part of the new building works.
- 42. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides retail users with access to change and toilet facilities.
- 43. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena.

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YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS / VICTORIA PARK
MASTERPLAN | PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PC01

Location: YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS, YARRAWONGA, VICTORIA 3730

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| DESCRIPTION | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1. Restrict vehicle movement around northwest side of oval with the installation of reversible bollards. | 1. New five lighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 2. Develop a pedestrian path network throughout precinct that links key internal areas and allows for the use of the College and the new residential estate. | 2. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |
| 3. Construct a perimeter walking/jogging track around the precinct. | 3. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena. |
| 4. Remove the 'White' toilet block, once the stadium is constructed with accessible toilets. | 4. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to a paved area in front of the netball courts. |
| 5. Increase security lighting throughout including entrances. | 5. New fire fighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 6. Upgrade the existing toilet block, west of arena netball/cricket/football fields. | 6. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |
| 7. Assess as part of the future Shire playground strategy. | 7. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena. |
| 8. Relocate cricket nets and develop a fully enclosed facility to reduce risk to other precinct users. | 8. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to a paved area in front of the netball courts. |
| 9. Provide shade on the area currently utilised by community market from the existing grassland to the front of Rotary Pavilion. Area to be paved and include seating to remain clear for carnival ticket for show. | 9. New fire fighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 10. Implement recommendations from More Shire Big Pavilion study to create a precinct development to provide guidelines for precinct development in long term. | 10. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |
| 11. Assess netball court condition. May need to consider replacement in long term. | 11. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena. |
| 12. Purchase a portable stage to assist organizers holding community events in lieu of a fixed structure that limits usage. | 12. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to a paved area in front of the netball courts. |
| 13. Redevelop Muijoney Pavilion to large multi purpose show pavilion with seating/awning to the arena. Include storage for existing user groups. | 13. New fire fighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 14. Table tennis to remain in current location or other location that suits their specific requirements. | 14. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |
| 15. Relocate dirt association to new cadmium in fit for purpose building that meets current user requirements. | 15. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena. |
| 16. Redevelop Muijoney Pavilion to large multi purpose show pavilion with seating/awning to the arena. Include storage for existing user groups. | 16. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to a paved area in front of the netball courts. |
| 17. Replace grandstand with some form of accessible and covered seating. | 17. New fire fighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 18. Provide storage for bike vehicles if they remain in current location for long term. | 18. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |
| 19. Relocate dump point off site in area accessible for RV vans. | 19. Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena. |
| 20. Consider existing athletics area as a potential site for new or developing sports facilities e.g. touch rugby, BIK, outdoor group fitness, if possible. Consider alternative areas for use of athletics area as parking venue for large events at Showgrounds. | 20. Upgrade surfaces on the area currently utilised by community market from the grassland to a paved area in front of the netball courts. |

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- | DESCRIPTION | DESCRIPTION |
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| 1. Develop a pedestrian path network throughout the precinct, including a loop around the stadium and accessible routes to the College and the new residential estate. | 1. Develop a pedestrian path network throughout the precinct, including a loop around the stadium and accessible routes to the College and the new residential estate. |
| 2. Construct a perimeter walking/jumping track around the precinct. | 2. Construct a perimeter walking/jumping track around the precinct. |
| 3. Remove the 'white' zebra block, once the stadium is constructed with accessible toilets. | 3. Remove the 'white' zebra block, once the stadium is constructed with accessible toilets. |
| 4. Improve security lighting throughout including entrances. | 4. Improve security lighting throughout including entrances. |
| 5. Consider a picnic and play area area linked to new residential roads. | 5. Consider a picnic and play area area linked to new residential roads. |
| 6. Plan for the development of a larger sports pavilion with change rooms for cricket and soccer/football that caters for junior/senior and male/female teams. | 6. Plan for the development of a larger sports pavilion with change rooms for cricket and soccer/football that caters for junior/senior and male/female teams. |
| 7. Plan for the development of sports lighting for Hargreaves Oval pitch. | 7. Plan for the development of sports lighting for Hargreaves Oval pitch. |
| 8. Plan the development and integration of College sports fields with future requirements for community sport facilities e.g. athletics, cricket, and soccer/football. | 8. Plan the development and integration of College sports fields with future requirements for community sport facilities e.g. athletics, cricket, and soccer/football. |
| 9. Relocate cricket area and develop a fully enclosed facility to reduce risk to other precinct users. | 9. Relocate cricket area and develop a fully enclosed facility to reduce risk to other precinct users. |
| 10. Implement measures to reduce noise from Moira Shire dog off-leash policy that is currently in development, to provide guidance for precinct development. | 10. Implement measures to reduce noise from Moira Shire dog off-leash policy that is currently in development, to provide guidance for precinct development. |
| 11. Consolidate cricket storage into new Hargreaves Oval. | 11. Consolidate cricket storage into new Hargreaves Oval. |
| 12. Access netball court condition. May need to consider replacement in long term. | 12. Access netball court condition. May need to consider replacement in long term. |
| 13. Table tennis to remain in current location or Association can explore options at stadium or other location that suits their specific requirements. | 13. Table tennis to remain in current location or Association can explore options at stadium or other location that suits their specific requirements. |
| 14. Relocate dirt association to new stadium in fit for purpose building that meets current user requirements. | 14. Relocate dirt association to new stadium in fit for purpose building that meets current user requirements. |
| 15. Redesign Mulgany Pavilion to large multi purpose show pavilion with seating (serving to the arena). Include storage for existing user groups. | 15. Redesign Mulgany Pavilion to large multi purpose show pavilion with seating (serving to the arena). Include storage for existing user groups. |
| 16. Relocate dump point off-site in area accessible for RV vans. | 16. Relocate dump point off-site in area accessible for RV vans. |
| 17. Double detailed tree planting plan, including the position of shade near the netball courts, the market precinct and cricket oval. | 17. Double detailed tree planting plan, including the position of shade near the netball courts, the market precinct and cricket oval. |
| 18. Expand the water storage for the precinct by installing 'under raze'. | 18. Expand the water storage for the precinct by installing 'under raze'. |
| 19. Consider developing additional water storage at north end of College site. | 19. Consider developing additional water storage at north end of College site. |
| 20. Consider capturing and storing wastewater run-off from Glimmie housing estate, along with future works on Woods Road. | 20. Consider capturing and storing wastewater run-off from Glimmie housing estate, along with future works on Woods Road. |
| 21. Conduct a water audit, North East Water regarding supply and quality of backwash water from treatment plant. | 21. Conduct a water audit, North East Water regarding supply and quality of backwash water from treatment plant. |
| 22. Educate visitors to use to become more 'water wise' and limit reduce usage. | 22. Educate visitors to use to become more 'water wise' and limit reduce usage. |
| 23. Capture water run-off from existing buildings for reuse initiatives and store in tanks and dams if feasible. | 23. Capture water run-off from existing buildings for reuse initiatives and store in tanks and dams if feasible. |
| 24. Implement solar panel initiative with available roof space across precinct on buildings that are likely to remain in long term and that can accommodate panels. | 24. Implement solar panel initiative with available roof space across precinct on buildings that are likely to remain in long term and that can accommodate panels. |
| 25. Install low fence on east and north side of courts to prevent balls bouncing into car parks. | 25. Install low fence on east and north side of courts to prevent balls bouncing into car parks. |
| 26. Seal the internal roads from Woods Rd, Dunlop St and C' more St, including traffic calming measure. | 26. Seal the internal roads from Woods Rd, Dunlop St and C' more St, including traffic calming measure. |
| 27. Formalize parking between the netball courts and cricket/football fields. Garden and Wool Pavilion and Botany Club, to cater for increased usage. | 27. Formalize parking between the netball courts and cricket/football fields. Garden and Wool Pavilion and Botany Club, to cater for increased usage. |
| 28. Retain informal parking south of arena. | 28. Retain informal parking south of arena. |
| 29. New fire fighting device (hydrant) to be provided as part of the new building works. | 29. New fire fighting device (hydrant) to be provided as part of the new building works. |
| 30. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. | 30. Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities. |

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8. Implementation plan

The following table shows the priority for each recommendation in the plan and estimated costs where applicable.

8.1 To improve accessibility of the precinct facilities for a wider range of residents

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|---|-------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | No sealed surfaces allowing dust and mud to impact events | Restrict vehicle movement around northwest side of the arena, with the installation of removable bollards | 2 | High | \$7,000 | 6 bollards and installation |
| 2 | Lack of clear pedestrian areas and safe walking/running track/s through precinct | Develop a pedestrian path network throughout precinct that links key internal areas and allows easy access from the College, and the new residential estate | 2,3,4 | High | \$66,500 | 700 m x 1.5 wide, Granitic sand surface |
| 3 | Lack of clear pedestrian areas and safe walking/running track/s through precinct | Construct a perimeter walking/running track around the precinct | 2,3,4 | High | \$250,000 | 1800 metres x 2m wide. Granitic sand surface |
| 4 | Public toilets don't meet current standards | Remove the 'white' toilet block, once the stadium is constructed with accessible public toilets | 2 | Medium | \$10,000 | Demolition of brick structure approx. 30 square metres |
| 5 | Inadequate night-time security and lighting | Improve security lighting throughout including entrances | 2,3,4 | Medium | Provisional sum: 3 x \$50,000 + 2 x \$24,000 + path lights at 50m ctrs \$180,000 = \$378,000 + prellims = \$435,000 | 3 car entrances, 2 pedestrian entrances plus lighting along 1800m perimeter path |



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| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|--|------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 6 | Public toilets don't meet current standards | Upgrade the existing toilet block, west of arena | 2 | Medium | Range from \$150,000 - \$450,000 depending on design and size | Rebuild public male/female accessible |
| 7 | Lack of attractions for a wider range of residents | Consider a picnic and play space area linked to netball/cricket/soccer fields (Assess as part of the future Moira Shire Playground Strategy) | 3 | Low | TBC | TBC |
| 8 | The venue does not attract many large public events | Plan for the development of a larger sports pavilion with change rooms for cricket and soccer-football that caters for junior/senior and male/female teams | 4 | Low | \$6m - \$7m depending on site conditions and design | 1,515 sq metres |
| 9 | Lack of power infrastructure for events The venue does not attract many large public events | Plan for the development of sports lighting for soccer-football pitch either at Heigraeves Oval, junior fields or College | 4 | Low | \$100,000 - \$200,000 plus builders work and prelims | 4 towers - practice and club standard |



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**8.2 To increase opportunities for the Yarrawonga community to be socially and physically active, and
To consider the growing population of Yarrawonga and provide new opportunities for both active and passive
recreational activities**

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|---|------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 10 | Arena surface is uneven and in poor condition (Recent irrigation installation will help improve) | Plan the development and integration of College sports fields with future requirements for community sport facilities e.g., athletics, cricket, and soccer-football | 4 | High | TBC | To be developed with further consultation with school |
| 11 | Cricket nets in very poor condition. Location restricts development of soccer/cricket fields | Relocate cricket nets and develop a fully enclosed facility to reduce risk to other precinct users | 2,3 | High | \$120,000 - \$200,000 plus prelims | 3 fully enclosed hard wicket cricket practice nets, 36m x 11m. Inlc synthetic grass cover |
| 12 | Lack of shade impacts events | Provide shade on the area currently utilised by community market from the existing grandstand to the front of Rotary Pavilion. Area between Dunlop St entry and arena to remain clear for carnival rides for Show | 2 | High | \$40,000 each = \$80,000 for 2 plus prelims | 10m x 10m each Including installation |
| 13 | The little athletics site is not large enough for a 400m athletics track Can get too wet to mow grass for athletics There are no toilets for competitors Lacks adequate storage | Relocate little athletics to Yarrawonga P-12 College Gilmore St Campus and develop joint facility with shared parking, storage and toilet access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a 400m athletics track Provide sealed run ups for long jump and high jump Provide safety cage/s for throwing events Provide storage Allow for the development of a senior athletics club | 1 | Medium | More information required | Grass track to be part of developed school oval |
| 14 | Dog litter and damage to playing surfaces | Implement recommendations from Moira Shire dog off-leash policy that is currently in development, to provide guidance for precinct | All | Medium | TBC | Dog Off-Leash Policy currently in development |



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8.3 To improve the opportunity for tenant groups/clubs to continue to grow their membership base and become more financially sustainable, at the same time as providing a destination for social/family recreation in Yarrawonga

| Number | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|------|------------------------------|---|--|
| 15 | Additional storage is required by several groups | 4 | High | Building = 30 x 15 = 450m ² \$1.8M - \$2M if done as designed structure. \$500,000 - \$1M if done as D&C shed | 30m x 15m x 5m |
| 16 | Netball courts have surface cracking | 3 | High | \$500,000 - \$1m depending on surface, scoreboards, fencing, no lights | Replacement of 6 outdoor acrylic resin netball courts |
| 17 | The venue does not attract many large public events | All | High | \$200,000+ depending on design, construction, extent of services | Approx. 4m x 8m |
| 18 | Large number of pavilions in varying condition requiring ongoing maintenance and may not meet current building code requirements Additional storage is required by several groups | 2,3 | Low | \$24,000 \$30,000 \$135,000 New show pavilion 350m ² \$1.5M - \$2M \$0 | Demolition of existing pavilion – 200 sq m approx. Demolition of grandstand – 120 sq m galvanised iron sheeting and concrete Construction of Show pavilion, undercover seating facing arena and community space x 350 sq m |
| 19 | Large number of pavilions in varying condition requiring ongoing | 2,3 | Low | | |



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| Number | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|------|------------------------------|---|---|
| | maintenance and may not meet current building code requirements | | | | |
| 20 | Large number of pavilions in varying condition requiring ongoing maintenance and may not meet current building code requirements | 2,3 | Low | TBC | May require reconsideration of staging and design of Multisport Stadium |
| 21 | Additional storage is required by several groups | 2 | Low | \$1.5M - \$2M | Construction of Show pavilion, undercover seating facing arena and community space x 350 sq m |
| 22 | Large number of buildings in varying condition requiring ongoing maintenance and may not meet current building code requirements | 2 | Low | \$30,000 | Demolition of grandstand – 120 sq m galvanised iron sheeting and concrete |
| 23 | Additional storage is required by several groups | 1 | High | \$360,000 - \$450,000 depending on designed structure or shed | Storage shed 300 sqm. Defer if athletics is developed at College |



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8.4 To provide guidance for future strategic financial planning by Council and fundraising initiatives by the precinct user groups

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|---|------|------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 24 | Dump point location is not preferred, the with development of the stadium nearby | Relocate dump point off site in area accessible for RV vans | 2 | High | More info required | Removal of in ground RV dump point and rebuild in new location |
| 25 | The venue does not attract many large public events | Consider existing athletics area as a potential site for new or developing sports/activities e.g., Touch Rugby, BMX, outdoor group fitness, if athletics facilities are redeveloped at College. Consider athletics area as parking venue for large events at Showground. | 1 | Medium | TBC | |

8.5 To enhance environmentally sustainable practices in the precinct

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|---|---|------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 26 | Management of trees and noxious weeds No spectator shade or shelter near netball courts | Develop detailed tree planting plan, including the provision of shade near the netball courts, the market precinct and cricket oval | All | High | TBC | Council officers |
| 27 | Potential lack of water for irrigation of sports fields as demand grows and Yarrawonga College site develop | Expand the water storage for the precinct by excavating 'turkeys nest' | 4 | High | \$500,000 - \$1.5m depending on soil conditions and | Existing approx. 1600 sq metres. Excavate |

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| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|---|-------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 28 | Cost and availability of water for irrigation | Consider developing additional water storage at north end of College site | 4 | High | TBC | To be negotiated with College/ Education Department |
| 29 | Cost and availability of water for irrigation | Consider capturing and storing wastewater run-off from Glanmire housing estate, along with future works on Woods Road | 4 | High | Replace 90m guttering = \$15,000 | Replace/add guttering, down pipes. Connect to internal drainage for 3 pavilions. Approx.90 metres guttering |
| 30 | Cost and availability of water for irrigation | Continue working with North East Water regarding supply and quality of backwash water from treatment plant | All | High | NA | Council officers |
| 31 | Cost and availability of water for irrigation | Educate existing users to become more 'water wise' and limit/reduce usage | All | High | NA | Council officers |
| 32 | Poor drainage on arena, junior cricket fields and around some pavilions has been a concern in the past. (Recent works on Dunlop St and the spoon drain through Zone 3 may have partially addressed matter) | Capture water run-off from existing buildings for reuse initiatives and store in tanks and dams if feasible | All | Medium | TBC | Building and drainage plan to be developed |
| 33 | The need to improve environmental initiatives within the precinct | Implement solar panel initiative with available roof space across precinct on buildings that are likely to remain for long term and that can accommodate panels | 2,3,4 | Medium | Need engineer advice of size of PV panel system | 470 sq m of roof space |



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RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
CORRENE COOPER)
(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE
SERVICES JOSHUA LEWIS)

YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS/ VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN- FOR ADOPTION (cont'd)

YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN



8.6 To improve the aesthetic appeal of the precinct and make it more functional, enjoyable and attractive place to visit

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|---|-------|------------------------------|---|---|
| 34 | Stones around court apron causing slip hazard | Seal the apron around the netball courts on the east and north sides, and remove the loose stone hazards | 3 | High | \$20,000 - \$50,000 depending on type of seal | 340 sq m |
| 35 | No fencing or barrier to prevent netballs rolling off courts and to parking or traffic zones | Install low fence on east and north side of courts to prevent balls bouncing into car parks | 3 | High | \$50,000 - \$70,000 | 150 metres x 1.05m high black chain mesh sports ground fencing |
| 36 | No sealed surfaces allowing dust and mud to impact events Vehicle traffic requires formalisation Access from Woods Rd to be widened to allow two-way traffic around oval | Seal the internal roads from Woods Rd, Dunlop St and Gilmore St including traffic calming measures | 2,3,4 | High/ Medium | \$315,000 - \$400,000 | 585 m. Assume replace asphalt top coat |
| 37 | No formal parking which exacerbates dust/mud Parking and road network between netball and cricket fields is ad hoc | Formalise parking between the netball courts and cricket/football fields, Garden and Wool Pavilion and Rotary Club, to cater for increased usage | 3,4 | Medium | \$800,000 - \$1M | Bitumen surface 5,472 sq metres |
| 38 | Vehicle traffic requires formalisation | Retain informal parking south of arena | 2 | Low | \$180,000 - \$225,000 | 3020 sq m – low-cost unsealed surface |
| 39 | No sealed surfaces allowing dust and mud to impact events Arena surface is uneven and in poor condition (Recent irrigation installation will help improve) | Upgraded surface on the area currently utilised by community market from the grandstand to the front of Thom Pavilion (7000 sq m.) market area in front of table tennis pavilion (3,620 sq m) | 2 | Medium | \$1.2M - \$1.5M | Total area = 7,000 + 3,620 = 10,620m2 Grass (50%), Granitic sand (25%), Grass block pavers (25%) (To be confirmed following detailed landscape plan) |



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**YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS/ VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN- FOR
ADOPTION (cont'd)**

YARRAWONGA SHOWGROUNDS VICTORIA PARK MASTER PLAN



8.7 To continue to build on the recent and planned developments at the reserve, to make it a regionally significant sports and events precinct

| Number | Issue | Recommendation | Zone | Priority (Low, Medium, High) | Price range | Details |
|--------|--|--|------|------------------------------|-------------|---|
| 40 | There are no fire hydrants within the precinct | New firefighting devices (hydrants) to be provided as part of the new building works | | | | |
| 41 | Public toilets don't meet current standards | Ensure that the planned indoor stadium provides netballers with access to change and toilet facilities | 3 | High | NA | To be confirmed following detailed design of multipurpose stadium, operational hours and management arrangement |
| 42 | Venue does not attract many large public events Lack of power infrastructure for events (3-phase) Lack of shade impacts events | Improve attractiveness to event promoters by increasing power capacity to arena | 2 | Medium | TBC | Internal fencing to be confirmed following completion of stadium works Existing capacity to be confirmed |

Notes:

1. Estimates include builder's preliminaries and are in today's prices (December 2021)
2. Estimates exclude: GST, contingency, design fees, authority fees & charges, cost escalation beyond December 2021, FF&E, latent conditions, adverse soil conditions, removal of hazardous materials, inground services
3. Estimates are specifically for the scope described and no allowance for any extra scope that may be required if not described.
4. Turner & Townsend estimates are based on best information at the time of preparation and make no allowance for the impact of Covid19 on the project.



FILE NO: C004/22
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

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

C004/22 - BOAT RAMP UPGRADE - CULLENS ROAD YARRAWONGA

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Award the contract for C004/22 – Boat Ramp Upgrade – Cullens Road Yarrawonga to Waratah Bridge Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign and seal the contract documents; and
3. Assign Waratah Bridge Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd as the Principal Contractor for undertaking the project.

1. Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council invited submissions from suitably qualified contractors for upgrade works to the Cullens Road boat ramp in Yarrawonga. The boat ramp is located on the Murray River approximately 2.2km downstream from the Lake Mulwala Weir structure.

After consideration of the submissions, the evaluation panel recommends that contract C004/22 be awarded to Waratah Bridge Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd.

2. Background and Options

The project comprises widening and lengthening the existing concrete boat ramp. The works will consist of:

- Construction of a temporary sheet pile Cofferdam to enable works to be performed below normal water level.
- Preparation of subgrade below the proposed works including excavation, compaction and rock fill over geotextile.
- Reinforced concrete slab on ground to maneuvering/approach area for vehicles and trailers.
- Supply and installation of pre-cast reinforced concrete beams and panels making up the proposed boat ramp.
- Supply and installation of large sand bags around the proposed works.
- Associated works including traffic and environmental management and landscaping.

The contractor is required to supply all plant, labour and materials necessary to complete the work.

Tenderers were also encouraged to submit alternative designs complying with the following criteria. The design must:

- Be in general accordance with NSW Transport – Roads and Marine Services Publication – NSW Boat Facility Guidelines
- Have similar plan dimensions to the Council design
- Have cast surface grooves as recommended
- Have integrated kerb at the lower end
- Be designed by a Structural Engineer and comply with relevant Australian Codes
- Have 1.4 tonne sandbags positioned around the perimeter

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The Council expects that site works will occur during May/June when Murray River flows tend to be at their lowest. All works are to be completed by 31 August 2022 and will be paid as lump sum.

Date of Public Notice

| Paper | Date |
|----------------------|--------------|
| TenderSearch | 5 March 2022 |
| Border Mail | 5 March 2022 |
| Shepparton News | 8 March 2022 |
| Cobram Courier | 9 March 2022 |
| Numurkah Leader | 9 March 2022 |
| Yarrawonga Chronicle | 9 March 2022 |

Submissions closed 30 March 2022.

Receipt of Tenders

3 submissions were received.

Supervision

Superintendent: Manager Construction and Assets

Superintendent Representative: Coordinator Design and Construction

Panel Membership

Staff in the following positions independently evaluated the submissions:

- Manager Construction and Assets
- Coordinator Design and Construction, Construction and Assets
- Infrastructure Liaison Officer, Construction and Assets

The Procurement Coordinator moderated the tender evaluation.

Non-conforming tenders

No submission was considered to be non-conforming.

Tender Evaluation

The following evaluation criteria and weightings were used:

| Evaluation Criteria | Evaluation Weighting |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Price | 40% |
| Track Record | 20% |
| Staff and Resources | 10% |
| Management of Schedules | 10% |
| Compliance with Specification | 10% |
| Contribution to Local Economy | 10% |

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A summary of the evaluation is provided in the confidential attachment.

3. Financial Implications

The recommendation is within the approved budget.

For more information, please refer to Appendix A – Evaluation Summary (Confidential).

4. Risk Management

To minimise the risks associated with the works under contract, the following conditions must be met:

- The successful contractor is to be the holder of Public Liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$20 million.
- The successful contractor is required to submit a COVID 19 Management Plan including how they intend to implement the Government Guidelines.
- The successful contractor will be appointed as the Principal Contractor and is authorised to have management or control of the workplace and discharge of duties in relation to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.
- Prior to the commencement of works, the successful contractor must supply the Superintendent with an Environmental Management Plan and a Health and Safety Coordination Plan inclusive of:
 - Contractor Verification Checklist
 - Coordination Plan
 - Safe Work Method Statements
- Various hold points will be applicable where the work may not proceed without review and approval by the Superintendent.
- All on-site personnel are required to undertake a Moira Shire Council Site Induction.
- A Plant Risk Assessment is required for each item of heavy plant to be supplied, hired or expected to enter the work site.

5. Internal and External Consultation

The tender was advertised on Council's TenderSearch website, Border Mail, Shepparton News and the local newspapers.

The Coordinator Design & Construction, Manager Construction & Assets and General Manager Infrastructure approved the tender documentation.

6. Regional Context

This project contributes to the strategic objective of continuing to maintain and provide facilities and services that our community value and need.

7. Council Plan Strategy

The Council Plan addresses the need for a well-run Council by implementing a transparent, engaging and accountable governance structure for current and future generations. The processes undertaken to award the contract meet the legislative and policy requirements relating to procurement and tendering.

8. Legislative / Policy Implications

The tender process was undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the section 108 of the *Local Government Act* and Council's adopted Procurement Policy.

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9. Environmental Impact

Clause 55 of the Formal instrument of Agreement stipulates the contractor's environmental responsibilities and will form part of the contract.

In addition, the contractor is required to provide an Environmental Management Plan prior to the works commencing.

10. Collaborative Procurement

As the project is unique to the Moira Shire Council a collaborative procurement opportunity was not possible.

11. Conflict of Interest Considerations

There are no conflicts of interest declared for this tender evaluation process.

12. Conclusion

Following the tender process and evaluation, the recommendation is to award contract C004/22 to Waratah Bridge Constructions (Vic) Pty Ltd.

Attachments

- 1 C004/22 – Boat Ramp Upgrade - Cullens Road Yarrowonga - APPENDIX A (CONFIDENTIAL) - *printed in separate document*

FILE NO:
**5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
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ITEM NO: 15.1
**(MANAGER GOVERNANCE & RISK,
AMANDA CHADWICK)**
**(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES,
JOSHUA LEWIS)**

PETITION RESPONSE ROAD MAINTENANCE WUNGHNU

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the concerns raised by the petitions tabled at the March Council Meeting; and
2. Note that the actions taken by Council in relation to the first petition regarding the condition of the Carlisle Street Wunghnu; and
3. Continue to investigate the costs associated with sealing an unsealed section of Wunghnu Road for dust suppression.

1. Executive Summary

Council tabled 2 petitions at the scheduled Council Meeting on 23 March 2022 regarding concerns raised of the condition of the off-road parking and kerbing adjacent to the Wunghnu Post Office and Café and the ongoing dust issues from an unsealed section of Wunghnu Road between Katamatite Road and Labuan Road.

This report provides an update on the actions taken by Council in relation to the concerns.

2. Conflict of interest declaration

There are no conflict of interest considerations in relation to this report.

3. Background & Context

Council has previously conducted dust suppression works on the unsealed section of Wunghnu Road using granitic sand on sections in front of the residential properties. This has proven unsuccessful and only partially mitigated the dust. Council will continue to investigate options for the sealing of 4kms of Wunghnu Road for consideration in future budgets.

The works required to maintain the main street of Wunghnu, as detailed in the first petition, are the responsibility of Regional Road Victoria (RRV). Council will forward these concerns on to this relevant authority on behalf of the petitioners and also write to the petitioners informing them the land between the RRV road and the Post Office is private land and the responsibility of the land owner to repair and maintain. Therefore it is recommended they make direct contact with the property owner.

4. Issues

Upon inspection of the area mentioned in the first petition, Council has identified footpath maintenance works and will schedule the required works.

5. Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with the Council Plan Objective 5. Transparent and Accountable Governance.

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**(MANAGER GOVERNANCE & RISK,
AMANDA CHADWICK)**
**(DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES,
JOSHUA LEWIS)**

PETITION RESPONSE ROAD MAINTENANCE WUNGHNU (cont'd)

6. Internal & External Engagement

Investigations are continuing with the relevant departments and authorities. Officers will communicate with the first named complainants and provided a status report.

7. Budget / Financial Considerations

There are no financial implication with the referral of the concerns to RRV.

The cost of sealing 4kms of unsealed road will continue to be investigated as is estimated to cost approximately \$375,000.

8. Risk & Mitigation

There are no risk management considerations.

9. Conclusion

Council acknowledges the petitions received and will notify the first nominated authors of the outcomes of the investigation into the concerns raised.

Attachments

Nil

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ITEM NO: 17

GENERAL BUSINESS**6.4. General business**

(1) If the Agenda for a Meeting makes provision for urgent business, business cannot be admitted as Urgent Business other than by resolution of Council and only then if:

- (a) It relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the Agenda; and
- (b) deferring the item until the next Meeting will mean a decision on the item will not have any effect on the matter; or
- (c) the item involves a matter of urgency as determined by the Chief Executive Officer; and
- (d) it cannot be addressed through an operational service request process.
- (e) the matter does not:
 - substantially affect the levels of Council service;
 - commit Council to significant expenditure not included in the adopted budget;
 - establish or amend Council Policy; or
 - commit Council to any contractual arrangement.

(2) A Councillor proposing a matter be admitted as urgent business must lodge it in writing to the Chief Executive Officer four (4) hours prior to the Meeting.

(3) The Chief Executive Officer will advise the Mayor of any matter he or she determines appropriate for Council to consider admitting as urgent business.