



MINUTES

**SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD AT COBRAM
CIVIC CENTRE, PUNT ROAD COBRAM VIC 3644,
WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2024**

The meeting commenced at 4.30pm.

PRESENT Chair Administrator Graeme Emonson
Administrator Suzanna Sheed

IN ATTENDANCE: Matthew Morgan Chief Executive Officer
Rachael Gadd Director Infrastructure
Fiona Shanks Director Corporate Performance
Bryan Sword Director Sustainable Development
Scott Williams Director Community
Amanda Chadwick Manager Governance & Performance

RECORDING

Consistent with section 13.3 of our Governance Rules, Council officers have been authorised to record the public session of this meeting using an audio recording device.

LIVE STREAMING

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

1. WELCOME CALLING TO ORDER – CEO

2. PRAYER

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

Amen

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

We, the Moira Shire Council, acknowledges 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

Nil

5. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION:

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That the minutes of the Scheduled Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 September 2024 and the minutes of the Unscheduled Meeting of Council held on Thursday, 10 October 2024, as presented, be adopted.

(CARRIED)

7. ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSES

Chair Administrator Graeme Emonson

had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Numurkah Rotary Club on 30 September and held at the Numurkah Golf and Bowls Club. It was great to meet with Club members and to hear about some of the wonderful community activities the Rotary Club is involved in. This meeting was also an opportunity for the Club to donate \$5000 to the local Committee of volunteers who are making arrangements for Numurkah's 150th celebrations early next year. The Club's \$5000 is in addition to the \$5000 which Council has previously granted to the Committee to assist in meeting some of the celebration's costs.

Administrator Sheed, CEO Matthew Morgan and I met with Sam Birrell MP, Federal Member for Nicholls on 2 October to discuss a range of matters of keen interest to Council. We also met with Tim McCurdy, MP and Kim O'Keefe MP, local Members of State Parliament on 24 September. These regular meetings are an excellent opportunity to discuss and advocate for a range of Moira-specific matters.

On 15 October I had the opportunity to represent Council at the Annual General Meeting and Dinner of the Cobram and District Fruit Growers Association. Congratulations are extended to Adrian Conti and Matthew Cornish for their re-election as President and Vice-President respectively for the year ahead. The fruit growing industry is a very significant contributor to Moira's economy and employment base and Council looks forward to working closely with and supporting the Association in its endeavors over the next year.

The Cobram Rotary Club is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2024. For 70 years, the Club has been a major provider and supporter of a broad range of community projects and initiatives within the Cobram community. I was delighted to participate in the Club's 70th anniversary celebration dinner on 16 October when the Club also launched a book of the Club's history covering the period from 2004 to 2024. Compiled by Rotarian Neil Kerr, the publication is a wonderful account of the very significant contribution the Club has made to the community in this recent 20-year period. The celebration also included a fantastic presentation from former Cobram Rotarian and District Governor Malcolm Kerr who recounted many stories covering the Club's history.

I also had the privilege of representing Council at the Nathalia Secondary College's final assembly for their year 12 students on 22 October. This event included a celebration of the Year 12 students and the contribution they have made to the School over their journey. I also had the opportunity to present the annual Moira Shire award for community service to Josh Doghnt to recognise his all-round contribution to school and community life in Nathalia. Congratulations are again extended to Josh.

Lastly, this afternoon's agenda includes an opportunity for Council to present its Annual Report for 2023-24 to the community. The Annual Report provides a comprehensive report on the extensive operations of the Council over the past year, its performance statement, and its audited financial statements which have been independently certified by the Auditor General. I commend the Annual Report to the community as a public record of the Council's substantial

achievements, progress and challenges experienced over the past year. I also take this opportunity to publicly thank and congratulate the CEO and Council's staff for their considerable efforts in delivering for the community over the past year. I also congratulate the Corporate Services team for the enormous effort that is required to compile such a comprehensive record, including within very tight timeframes. Very well done to all involved.

Administrator Suzanna Sheed

Last night Chief Administrator Emonson and I attended the Goulburn Murray Water stakeholder event in Shepparton. There were many attendees from a range of stakeholders including government agencies, local government and GMW water customers.

The chair of the board of Goulburn Murray Water addressed us about the extraordinary rate of change that is occurring and highlighted the adaptability that will be required of all of us as the climate continues to change. She spoke of the flexibility required by GMW to service its customers, when last year at the commencement of the irrigation season there was very little demand for water but this year the demand has been very high.

While updating us on the developments in the organization over the past year she also emphasized the extent to which the organization is using technology to achieve savings and better outcomes for customers across the irrigation districts. She reiterated the concern of all our region Regarding the untargeted water buybacks that are currently being undertaken by the federal government, highlighting the risks associated with the further fragmentation of our irrigation foot print through what we call the Swiss cheese effect.

On Thursday 10 October we visited Flavorite at Tatura where we walked through the huge glass houses producing tomatoes, capsicum and cucumbers. Flavorite has a site at Katunga also and its business continues to develop with massive production providing food primarily to supermarkets throughout Australia.

Food production within our region is expanding with new methods continually being adopted. With companies like Katauga Fresh, Flavorite, GrainCorp, GoFarm, Bega and Saputo, supported by trucking companies such as Booths our primary industries have a very significant footprint in the Moira Shire.

On Sunday 20th October, I attended the launch by the Barmah Community Group of their 5 year Community Plan. The Plan was created through community consultation, surveys, feedback, and with the full support of Moira Shire to help that community identify its priorities and achieve its goals over the next five years.

It was a beautiful and the shady location of Barmah's Jack Edwards park gave the event a festive air. The formalities were short comprising speeches from Sandra Pennington and myself. These were followed by live music and a BBQ provided by the local CFA as up to 50 people gathered to enjoy the community event. The day was a great example showing the importance of community and the community plan is now a focal point around which the community can rally to activate change.

I am proud to be the current chair of the board of GV Libraries which comprises all the local libraries within the Moira, Greater Shepparton and Strathbogie Shires. We have seen a significant activation of our library spaces over the course of the last two years with membership growing, introduction of Open Libraries and the Library of Things to name just a few. Libraries now offer so much more- with meeting spaces, book clubs, craft groups and author's talks which are very popular and attracting more and more people into our libraries. I would urge you all to take the opportunity to get to know your local library and take advantage of the many services it offers.

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Mr Matthew Morgan – Chief Executive Officer

This month we welcome Fiona Shanks who has joined us as Director Corporate Performance with a wealth of Local Government and executive experience, I look forward to working with Fiona in coming years as part of our executive and for her leadership of our Corporate portfolio.

I'd also like to acknowledge the contributions of Eva Salib who was acting Director Corporate Performance while we recruited for the role.

Further to this I would also like to acknowledge the considerable work and effort from our Manager Finance, Beau Mittner and Manager Governance, Risk & Performance, Amanda Chadwick and their teams, as this has been an extraordinarily busy period finalising the annual accounts, the annual report, external audits and other bodies of work such as the Service Planning Framework and Business Continuity Plans which we see before us here in the agenda.

Over the course of the month, I've represented Council at both the Murray River Group of Councils meeting and the Hume Regional Local Government Meetings held on 3 October with some of the key matters discussed being flood recovery funding and the state government growth plans. I've had various meetings with developers, largely related to drainage plans and matters and had the opportunity to sit down with the new CEO of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation to discuss the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan, the Goulburn Murray Prosperity Plan and current projects such as the Dharnya Centre development. I've also been busy meeting with teams attending team and toolbox meetings across our depots and indoor teams.

On Thursday 17 October, Council was represented by five of our female team members at the annual Local Government Professionals Women's forum held in Melbourne which is an event to support the professional development of women in local government as well as discussing the opportunities and challenges faced in our sector.

Ms Rachael Gadd – Director Infrastructure

Members of the team have also recently undertaken training in Emergency Management response and Occupational Health and Safety to ensure all works are undertaken with a primary focus on the safety of staff and the public .

The Parks and Open Spaces teams are getting busy with the mowing program to manage spring growth and tree planting has been completed in Vine Street, Yarrawonga
The Thompsons Beach playground and Art display sculptures will be complete by the end of October.

Works on the Yarrawonga Splashpark to address safety concerns are nearing completion with all paint now removed from the splash park pad to address slip risks and some equipment has been upgraded to remove fall risks. The park is expected to open in November once these works are complete.

Stabilising works have now been completed for roads to be resealed.

Bridge maintenance and line marking in Gilmour Steet, Yarrawonga has been completed.

The team is also working on several drainage strategies. As an update stormwater management modelling for the Cobram South drainage strategy is complete and a final report is expected in November.

Investigations and background data have been determined for the Cobram East drainage strategy and stormwater modelling will be undertaken once information from the Cobram South drainage strategy is available.

Responses to community feedback are currently being prepared for the Numurkah Northeast Strategy.

Ms Fiona Shanks – Director Corporate Performance

If has been a productive month within the Corporate Performance directorate finalising and preparing the financial year-end results and financial statements and the 2023/24 Annual Report, the quarterly review of the 2024/25 operating and capital budgets, the draft Business Continuity Plan, and the draft Service Planning Framework. These documents have been considered and were endorsed by the Audit & Risk Committee and are now presented to Council at this meeting for consideration.

In addition to the above items, the Audit & Risk Committee also included a presentation on IT security matters, considered the draft Strategic and Operational Risk Registers that have an extensive list of risk controls and treatment plans, a draft Fraud and Corruption Policy and Plan that details Councils commitment to protecting public funds, property and information from fraud and corruption, and the endorsement of a three year Strategic Internal Audit Plan that provides an effective audit mechanisms. Council also welcomed two new external independent members to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Council continues to make significant improvements to a range of policies, systems and practices to ensure system security and integrity, make improvements to operational practices and to ensure a high level of service to the community.

Lastly, I would like to advise that Acting Director Corporate Performance Eva Salib concluding her tenure with Council. We pass on our thanks to Eva for her contribution and coverage in the portfolio over the last few months until I commenced in the role.

Mr Bryan Sword – Director Sustainable Development

Just a reminder that the public consultation is open for the growth corridor plan for the Numurkah, Katunga and Strathmerton growth corridor. Which will guide and support the long term development of the corridor. We want to hear from you and your ideas so we can help the corridor grow sustainably. Public consultation is open till the 11 November and there is drop in sessions scheduled for 28 October in each of those towns. Visit the moira website for more information.

The Numurkah resale shop has officially opened on 15 October and its open on a Tuesday and a Saturday 10am-2pm. Its pleasing to announce between the Cobram and the Numurkah resale shed, we have diverted over 25 tons of material from landfill.

The glass bin is currently being delivered to 14000 households. Collection will commence in December. We will be at the Numurkah show, Cobram lions market and Yarrawonga foreshore through October and remind everybody to download our waste app for further information about your collection dates.

Lastly, reminder that the 3G network is going to shut down and It will be shut down 28 October Telstra and Optus is shutting down that network. There are approximately 500 devices registered in the Moira Shire and well put some more information on our website about that.

Mr Scott Williams – Director Community

Youth Council applications closed on Tuesday 22 October 2024. Council Officers will now work to assess the applications.

On Thursday 3 October, the Flood Recovery Team partnered with Swaps, Rivers and Ranges to host a Carp Muster at the Yarrawonga Foreshore with approximately 150 people in attendance. A second Carp Muster is scheduled for Thursday 5 December from 4pm at Thompsons Beach Cobram.

Please visit Council's website events page to view all the wonderful variety of activities taking place for the rest of October to celebrate Seniors Month.

Australia Day nominations currently open – nominate an outstanding community member for recognition at Australia Day events throughout the shire. Applications close Friday 15 November (Council website).

Festive Funding applications – supporting 12 community groups with festive celebrations or decorations in their towns.

There are a number of opportunities for our community to have their say at the moment, including on the Numurkah, Katunga and Strathmerton Corridor Plan and the Environmental Sustainability Strategy. We encourage you to visit Moira Matters to provide your feedback

FILE NO:
1. A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE

ITEM NO: 9.1.1
(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MATTHEW MORGAN)

DRAFT VOLUNTEERING POLICY

Executive Summary

The Draft Volunteering Policy was endorsed by Council for community consultation on 24 July 2024. As per Council's Community Engagement Policy, this consultation period ran for 21 days from 5 August – 26 August 2024 (inclusive).

During this period, notification of the policy and opportunities to provide feedback (via the internet, telephone, or email) was posted in four newspapers – Cobram Courier, Yarrawonga Chronicle, Numurkah Leader, Red Gum Courier Nathalia (advert below).

Volunteering Policy

Council is committed to running safe, supported, and sustainable volunteering programs for the community and organisation.

To ensure we provide a fair working environment for volunteers, Council has developed the Volunteering Policy. Read the draft policy on the Moira Matters website and share your feedback by **Monday 26 August 2024**.

For assistance, contact the Moira Careers Team at careers@moira.vic.gov.au or call our Customer Service Centres on (03) 5871 9222.



A review and feedback page were also created on Council's Moira Matters webpage. This webpage recorded 65 views and received two feedback comments from the public:

Share your thoughts on the Draft Volunteering Policy

CLOSED: This discussion has concluded.

Opportunity to provide feedback has now closed. Council is committed to running safe, supported and sustainable volunteering programs that meets the needs of the community and organisation.

3 COMMENTS 3 PARTICIPANTS 65 VIEWS

Read and Contribute

An email was also sent to all four community houses within our shire (Cobram, Numurkah, Nathalia, Yarrawonga) to help encourage their networks to provide feedback. Further, the Talent Acquisition Officer attended the All Abilities Committee meeting in August to discuss the policy with the committee and how they could foresee it affecting the all abilities community. The only feedback provided during this meeting was to share the consultation details with the Community Houses, which was then done.

The Moira Matters feedback page was promoted on Social Media (Facebook and LinkedIn).

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council adopt the draft Volunteering Policy as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.1
(PROCUREMENT OFFICER, LISA KNIGHT)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE
FIONA SHANKS)

CONTRACTS AWARDED UNDER CEO DELEGATION

Executive Summary

Council's *Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer* was adopted on 27 March 2024 which provides a delegation to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to award contracts up to the value of \$500,000.

This report lists all contracts awarded under the CEO delegation for the period 1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council note the quarterly report for contracts awarded under CEO delegation for the period 1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.2
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE
FIONA SHANKS)

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 19 SEPTEMBER 2024 AND 9 OCTOBER 2024

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee (Committee) meetings held in September and October 2024.

Moirā Shire Council established the Audit & Risk Committee in accordance with s53 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). The Committee supports Council by providing oversight on responsibilities related to:

- financial and performance reporting;
- risk management;
- fraud prevention systems and control;
- maintenance of a sound internal control environment;
- assurance activities including internal and external audit and
- Council's performance with regard to compliance with its policies and legislative and regulatory requirements.

The Committee met for the scheduled meeting on 19 September 2024 to consider reports as outlined in the [Audit & Risk Committee Charter's Annual Work Program](#). An unscheduled meeting was also held on 9 October to consider the Draft Financial and Performance Statements 2023/24.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council note the minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee meetings held on 19 September 2024 and 9 October 2024 as shown in Attachment 1 & 2.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.3
(SENIOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT,
NATASHA CARSTENS)
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE
FIONA SHANKS)

QUARTERLY BUDGET REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2024

Executive Summary

The proposed September 2024 budget reforecast has been developed within the context of Council refining organisational resourcing as well as Council's ongoing commitment to delivering the back log of capital projects.

Income Statement

There has been a decrease in the forecast budget surplus from \$17.93 million in the Adopted 2024/25 Budget to a surplus of \$14.62 million in the Proposed September 2024 Quarterly Forecast. The main cause of the decrease in expected surplus has been the reforecasting of the externally funded flood restorations works, which are expected to be delayed until 2025/26, due to project commencement being subject to funding body approval (\$9.66 million). This is partially offset by additional funding approved for projects under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (\$4.01 million) and additional funding expected to be recognised for the progression of the Numurkah - Flood Levee - Stage 1.

The reforecasting of Council's labour budget is also expected to derive budget savings of \$1.88 million.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet of Council is forecast to remain in a strong position by 30 June 2025, with current assets expected to be 3.14 times current liabilities. Strong reserves are set aside to fund the revised forecast capital works program of \$37.7 million.

Cash Flow

The cash position of Council continues to remain strong. As of 30 September, Council held \$65.88 million in cash and investments.

Capital Expenditure

The proposed capital works forecast for September 2024 is \$37.7 million compared to the Adopted 2024/25 Budget of \$41.84 million. Year to date spend at the end of September 2024 is \$2.50 million with a further \$10.13 million in outstanding commitments.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council endorse the September 2024 Quarterly Budget Review and forecast as provided in this report in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2020.

(CARRIED)

**FILE NO:
4. CUSTOMER FOCUSED AND RESPONSIVE**

**ITEM NO: 9.2.4
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
FIONA SHANKS)**

DRAFT BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN

Executive Summary

The Business Continuity Plan (BCP) will ensure that appropriate structures and protocols are in place to enable an effective response to a business disruptive incident that has the potential to impact on Moira Shire Council's (Council) objectives.

The draft BCP has been updated to contemporary practices and addresses the findings of the VAGO review of local government business continuity plans, in particular, the emphasis on risk assessments and associated business impact analyses, the need for regular reviews and updates and training for all staff with business continuity responsibilities.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council adopt the draft Business Continuity Plan as shown in Attachment 1.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.2.5
(DIRECTOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE,
FIONA SHANKS)

MOIRA SHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

Executive Summary

Moira Shire Council's 2023/24 Annual Report including the audited Financial Statements and Performance Statement is provided for presentation by Council.

This Annual Report provides an overview of the functions, achievements and performance of the Moira Shire Council.

The Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2024 and the Performance Statements for 2023/24 have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the *Local Government Act 2020* and the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020*.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council receives and notes the 2023/24 Annual Report, including the audited Financial Statements and Performance Statement in accordance with Section 100 of the Local Government Act 2020.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F20/500
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 9.3.1
(DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SCOTT WILLIAMS)

COMMUNITY ASSET COMMITTEES ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Summary

The Local Government Act 2020 (the Act) provides the structure for formal committees of Council including Community Asset Committees.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held in August 2020, Council resolved to create the Community Asset Committees, replacing the former Section 86 Committees of Management for the purpose of managing a range of community assets within the Moira Shire.

These committees have delegated authority in relation to specified financial delegation, compliance with specified governance requirements, monitoring and reporting of activities and performance.

This report provides details of the activities and performance of the Community Asset Committees in accordance with the requirement under their delegations and Section 47 (6) of the Act.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council note the Annual Report in relation to activities and performance of the Community Asset Committees, in accordance with the Local Government Act, 2020.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO:
3. A CLEAN GREEN ENVIRONMENT

ITEM NO: 9.4.1
(DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
BRYAN SWORD)

COBRAM LANDFILL FEES AND CHARGES - INTRODUCING A CHARGE FOR CLEANFILL

Executive Summary

The Cobram Landfill currently accepts clean fill free of charge from commercial customers that have an account at the landfill to use as daily cover within the landfill cell. Council is required to pay a landfill levy on this material (currently \$116.76 per tonne) to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

It is recommended that Council commence charging \$50 per tonne (inc GST) for clean fill to allow for the partial cost recovery of the material. Based on previous volumes, it is anticipated that there will be a positive variance of \$75,000 to landfill income per annum.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS GRAEME EMONSON / SUZANNA SHEED

That Council:

1. Set a fee for accepting clean fill at the Cobram Landfill, at a rate of \$50 per tonne (inc GST) effective from 1 January 2025 as a partial cost recovery mechanism of the EPA landfill levy.
2. Inform landfill account holders of the introduction of the fee.

(CARRIED)

FILE NO: F13/840
5. TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE
GOVERNANCE

ITEM NO: 10.1.1
(EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ROBYN BONADDIO)
(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MATTHEW
MORGAN)

ACHIEVERS AWARD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Executive Summary

Council's Achievers Award Assistance Program provides the ability for residents who are selected to participate in a state, national or international sporting, cultural or leadership events to seek financial assistance from Council to assist in meeting the costs of their participation.

The purpose of this report is to comply with the Achievers Award Assistance Program Policy by providing Council with an update on applications and funding provided under the policy for the 2023/2024 financial year.

MOTION

ADMINISTRATORS SUZANNA SHEED / GRAEME EMONSON

That Council note the Achievers Award Assistance Program update for the financial year 2023/2024.

(CARRIED)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

11. COUNCIL SEAL

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URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

12. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Name	Question	Response
Sally Hutchinson	Q1. How much of our shire is owned by renewable energy companies, and how many of those are offshore companies. How environmentally sustainable are these renewable energy plans.	Q1. The Shire's area is 4,045 km ² and renewable energy facilities account for a very small amount of this area. With respect to land ownership, a search of every title within the Shire would be required to answer this question, and even then, it is not always apparent what a company does by its registered name. The development of renewable energy facilities requires planning permission and if the facility is 1 megawatt or greater, planning permission is determined by the Victorian Minister for Planning. Questions about foreign investment are best directed to the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the Foreign Investment Review Board. Questions about how environmentally sustainable renewable energy facilities are best directed to Sustainability Victoria or the Clean Energy Regulator.
	Q2. Have anyone in the council looked into fluoride as a poison and the side effects of it.	Q2. The determination and regulation of medicines and poisons is the role of the Department of Health.
Kelly Cooper	Q1. Did the Moira Shire inform the rate payers they were going to register for an ABN and informing the rate payers the type of entity? If so, how did the Moira Shire Council inform the rate payers? Q2. If your registered as an ABN why are the rates sent out on a valuation and rate notice and not an invoice?	As a body corporate established under the Local Government Act 2020, Council was required to register an ABN prior to the introduction of GST, Council's ABN was registered in November 1999. As this was a requirement, this was not subject to community consultation. Section 14 of the Local Government Act details more about Council's legal structure as a body

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GENERAL BUSINESS

	<p>Q3. Is this valuation and rates notice a legal document?</p> <p>Q4. If Moira Shire is body corporate who owns the body corporate?</p> <p>Q5. When I rang and spoke to Land Data I was told the land titles had gone digital in 2016 is this true?</p> <p>Q6. When the land titles changed to Blue A4 what does the symbol on the top left of the page represent?</p>	<p>corporate. Council does not have owners, it is constituted by the state government under state government legislation. Likewise, Council rate notices are legal documents under Section 158(3) of the Local Government Act 1989, this is not an invoice, it is a statutory notice. Council worked with the former Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in 2016 to transfer their land titles to digital. The question regarding the symbol on the top left of the page would need to be referred back to the Department of Transport and Planning.</p>
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13. CLOSE OF MEETING: 5.29pm