

Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes



Mildura Rural City Council

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Committee & Council Room
76 Deakin Ave, Mildura

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1 PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the Council prayer and paid respects to the traditional land owners.

2 OPENING AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed the public to this meeting.

3 PRESENT

Councillors

Cr Glenn Milne	Mayor
Cr Jason Modica	Deputy Mayor
Cr Greg Brown	
Cr Anthony Cirillo (5.28pm)	
Cr Simon Clemence	
Cr Ali Cupper	
Cr Mark Eckel	
Cr Min Poole	
Cr Max Thorburn	

Officers

Gerard José	Chief Executive Officer
Andrew Millen	Acting General Manager Development
Donna Gardner	Acting General Manager Community
Richard Sexton	Acting General Manager Corporate Services

4 APOLOGIES

Nil

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

2017/0053

Moved: Cr Min Poole
Seconded: Cr Jason Modica

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

That the Minutes of the Confidential Council Meeting held on Thursday 23 February 2017 be confirmed as a correct record.

CARRIED

6 CONFIRMATION OF ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

In accordance with Section 80A of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act), records of Assemblies of Councillors must be reported at the next practicable Council meeting and recorded in the minutes.

An Assembly of Councillors is defined in Section 76AA of the Act as a meeting at which matters are considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision or the exercise of a delegated authority and which is either of the following:

- A meeting of an advisory committee where at least one Councillor is present; or
- A planned or scheduled meeting that includes at least half the Councillors and at least one Council officer.

The record is therefore presented for Council's noting.

2017/0054

Moved: Cr Simon Clemence

Seconded: Cr Min Poole

That Council notes the Assembly of Councillors records from the meetings held on 8 February 2017 and 9 March 2017.

CARRIED

RECORD OF ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

Assembly Details	Councillor Attendees	Officer Attendees	Matters Discussed	Conflict of Interest Disclosures
Mildura Recreation Reserve Advisory Board Meeting 8 February 2017	Cr Mark Eckel Cr Min Poole	Andrew Godfrey, Building Maintenance Team Leader Caitlin Simmons, Community Recreation Officer Scott Umback, Recreation Development Coordinator	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Signage Policy 2. Mildura Recreation Reserve redevelopment project 3. Oval 3 wicket table 4. Lighting at entrance gate off Eleventh St 5. Emergency signage for gate entrances at reserve 6. Storage facility 7. Mapping of underground services 8. Traffic barriers 9. Incident reporting 10. Storm activity – November 2016 11. Mildura Fire Brigade maintenance items 12. Reporting of maintenance items 13. Water tank relocation 14. Raw water conversion 15. Council grants 	
Council Forum 9 March 2017	Cr Anthony Cirillo Cr Simon Clemence Cr Mark Eckel Cr Glenn Milne Cr Jason Modica Cr Min Poole Cr Max Thorburn	Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer Mandy Whelan, General Manager Development Chris Parham, General Manager Corporate Services Martin Hawson, General Manager Community Richard Sexton, Manager Corporate Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GWM Water 2. Murray Regional Tourism Board 3. Monthly Management Report & December Quarter Budget Review 4. Commercial Waste Management Grants Policy 5. Road Management Plan – Exhibition 6. Deakin Avenue Redevelopment Ninth – Tenth Streets 7. Residual Effects of Spraying on Soil in Horticultural Areas Identified for Future Residential Use 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Riverfront Vendors update 9. Calder Highway Funding Project Recommendations to VicRoads 10. International Relations Policy (Sister Cities) 11. Councillors Issues 	
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7 NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

Nil

8 MAYORAL REPORT

8.1 MAYOR'S REPORT FEBURARY 2017

Summary

The following is a report on the functions and activities attended by the Mayor, Cr Glenn Milne during the month of February 2017.

2017/0055

Moved: Cr Min Poole
Seconded: Cr Simon Clemence

That Council note the contents of this report.

CARRIED

9 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

9.1 COUNCILLORS' REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

Summary

The following is a report on the activities and functions attended by Councillors during the month of February 2017.

2017/0056

Moved: Cr Greg Brown
Seconded: Cr Jason Modica

That Council note the contents of this report.

CARRIED

NB: In addition, Cr Brown advised that he attended a Portfolio meeting with Mandy Whelan, General Manager Development and a meeting with Dennis Jewel, Vic Roads.

NB: In addition, Cr Cupper advised that she met with the members of the Passenger Rail Advocacy Group and commended the grass roots initiative of the campaign.

NB: In addition, Cr Modica spoke regarding his attendance at the Community Energy Congress in Melbourne on 27 and 28 February 2017 and presented the following report:

Mildura's Place in the Sun

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th of February 2017 I attended Australia's second Community Energy Congress (C4CE) in Melbourne. The congress was instigated by Australians frustrated with the slow uptake of available renewable energy options and technologies in our sun and wind-rich country. C4CEs National Community Energy Strategy defines community energy as "the wide range of ways that communities can develop, deliver and benefit from sustainable energy. It can involve supply side projects such as renewable energy installations, and storage, and demand side projects such as community education, energy efficiency and demand management. Community energy can even include community based approaches to selling or distributing energy."

The overwhelming theme of the two-day congress was the opportunity for Australians to play a role in regulating their own energy, a role that has slowly diminished post-deregulation of parts of the Australian energy system. There was much discussion of the energy supply of sun, wind, wave and bio fuels, and how post-installation energy would be infinite, cheap and clean.

I have been clear on my personal views around renewable energies both pre- and post-council. What has become clearer to me is the divide within the Australian community over climate ideology, as evidenced by the T2 vote at our last council meeting. I acknowledge this divide, but choose to put it aside and focus on the actualities of the technological and price revolution taking place in the clean and continuous energy sector and the outcomes that we can champion in Sunraysia. We can choose to build a clean energy future placing us centre to our own energy needs, where we can unbind our municipality from the well-funded lobby groups in Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra.

We can aim to transition to 100% renewables, but we must have a feasible goal and a plan - education and incentives to meet world's best practice which can direct us in our ambitions to build smart cities, smart grids and smart homes. Individuals, communities and corporations can aspire to be net-producers of energy, not energy reliant homes and workplaces existing on out-dated technologies. 75% of the remaining coal powered plants in Australia are beyond their used by dates. If we were driving cars of the same age they may well be HQ's and XB's and our phones would still be hanging on the wall!

To emphasise how deeply our energy future is being considered, Geoff Summerhayes from Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) warns that "banks and directors could be liable if they fail to consider increasing risk of carbon intensive assets and of power stations becoming stranded." He also states "climate risks are foreseeable material and actionable now."

In some ways 2016 was an inflection year, with advancements in technologies and start-ups set to move beyond carbon use to greater investment in renewables. A comparable crossroads we can reflect on is our consumption of communications/computers and phones when in the year 2000 older methods were surpassed by mobile technologies. From this point looking back it seemed to be a perfect storm for mobile technology, this seems to be the case for renewables. All this has already begun with 1.6 million Australian homes with rooftop solar.

C4CE identified 50 community renewable programs underway in Australia right now; Newstead in Victoria is 100% renewable, Hepburn Springs is in charge of its own energy needs, Denmark in Western Australia has chosen to insulate itself from the ageing West Australian energy grid, Swan Hill has shown great interest in a Community Solar Garden built and maintained to help lower socio economic families buy into regulated energy systems. Lismore City Council is the first regional council in Australia to commit to making its electricity supply 100% renewable. They state:

“This ‘model of sustainability’ is aligned with the aspirations of many more local councils right across Australia who are pursuing ground-breaking strategies in renewable energy, climate neutrality, sustainability and collaboration with their community.”

The quickly advancing solar transition is not only driven by community entities. Large scale industrial solar is beginning all over the country. Whitsunday in QLD is installing 58MW with 200 jobs. Cunderdin in WA is installing 100MW with 150 jobs and Parks in NSW is installing 50MW securing 120 jobs. And as an indication of more to come, Canberra is building a solar suburb - Denman Prospect will be **Australia’s first suburb to require solar panels on every home**, with each house to have a minimum 3kW system. Around 4,200 homes are expected to be constructed in the western Canberra suburb, with each solar system generating approximately **4,146kW of clean electricity annually**; avoiding emissions of approximately 3.7 tonnes.

Mildura Rural City Council has been very active in the pursuit of renewable infrastructure. In the last few years approximately 500kWh of solar panels have been installed on council buildings these installations have already begun to make a return for investment for the Community and MRCC. This is a very bright beginning for our municipality with many more possibilities on the horizon. To show just how much interest there is in our region and its sunshine, there have been six solar planning permits issued through the council over the last twelve months. These sit alongside developments in Ouyen, Balranald, Broken Hill and Renmark. All investment is great for our region but we must engage in some long term planning and I propose we endeavour to create a Murray Darling Solar Institute, which would seek to attract cutting-edge technologies and thinkers to embrace and guide our way through this ongoing energy transition and revolution. Maybe we could formally invite Elon Musk to see the ripe potential of our wide blue skies!

To aspire to something new is a particularly human trait and what was so prevalent at the C4CE was the hope and potential of all the volunteers suggesting that there are new ways to engage with old problems. This makes me look to our tristate region to become a leader in local, state and federal lobbying. I believe we have waited too long to be providers of our own energy needs and the possibilities at the moment suggest we could become an energy centre with a mix of both private capital and government funding, particularly on the back of the Andrews Government’s announcement of \$20 million funding for renewables in the state last week. If we could secure a large portion of land within the municipality with cross border funding to assure its financial capabilities and community pedigree we could strive for energy independence within two council cycles, expediting the potential to enhance our lives in our quickly changing Municipality.

Journalist and Fellow for the Centre for Policy Development Ian Dunlop sums it up in the Guardian:

“Finally, there is nothing “agnostic” about choosing energy sources when the fossil fuel industry continues to enjoy a massive subsidy, far greater than renewables, through the lack of carbon pricing – a subsidy the IMF estimates to be about 60% of coal’s market price. And this is the nub of the problem. Our climate and energy policies are a disconnected and dysfunctional shambles, brought about by years of denial and inaction from federal governments of both persuasions who do not accept that climate change is happening. Our antiquated electricity grids are undoubtedly in need of overhaul but 100% renewable energy grids are being constructed around the world in only a few years, providing genuine energy security and making traditional concepts of baseload power irrelevant. This is innovation at its best.”

We need a new narrative, built around our potential to prosper as a low-carbon society. We have the world’s best renewable resources, the science, technology and engineering expertise to seize what is the biggest investment and job-creation opportunity this country has ever seen.

Let me finish with an overview from the upcoming Municipal Association of Victoria’s ‘Future of Local Government National Summit’ “the differential impact of globalisation across the developed world, and a sense that many people have, both that they are missing out on the economic benefits of it and that they are excluded from decision-making by an unaccountable elite. Because power is too centralised, because money is spent in silos, because we start from services and the need for them, rather than from outcomes and the assets that can achieve them: governments have failed to deliver on these responsibilities by concentrating economic power, compounding inequality and ignoring the longer term structural challenges. In Australia, people feel ripped off by banks, supermarkets, communications, power companies and petrol cartels. Also by the failure of government policies in housing, planning, transport, health, insurance, childcare and superannuation. Home ownership is becoming increasingly unattainable for future generations. Also, there is mounting job insecurity and poor wages growth while the top end of town is obscenely compensated and major corporates treat tax as a matter of choice. The major parties are offering bandaid solutions. Political leaders are in a state of advanced denial about the decay of liberal democracy and their contribution to its decline. Their refusal to adopt realism in analysing the root causes of rising nationalism and popular democracy has led people to feel they have no control over things that matter to them.”

Our Energy matters and it is a human right in a civil society so I hope we as a council and a municipality can begin to build a secure energy future here in Sunraysia. This will begin to give the people of this region some form of control the last forty years of deregulation has seemingly removed.

10 RESPONSES TO COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS

Nil

11 QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

11.1 CR MARK ECKEL

MILDURA TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

File Number: 13/10/15

“Could management develop a process or procedure for Councillors suggestions re tourism and economic development that may be presented to the new entity for consideration?”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that Council officers are currently working with the new Board to develop a range of procedures and protocols.

11.2 CR MARK ECKEL

CITTASLOW

File Number: 16/05/02

“Cittaslow is an international network of slow cities. It began in 1999 and now includes over 100 cities in ten countries, including three in Australia. I will table the attached information if it could be considered as an item of interest to the aforementioned process.”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that the tabled information would be provided to Mildura Tourism and Economic Development for consideration.

What is Cittaslow?

"We are looking for towns where people are still curious about times past, towns rich in theatres, squares, cafes, workshops, restaurants and spiritual places, towns with untouched landscapes and fascinating craftsmen, where people are still aware of the slow passing of the seasons, marked by genuine products, respecting tastes, health and spontaneous customs...."

Original Cittaslow Manifesto

In 1986, the concept of "slow food" was introduced in Italy. It was a reaction against the growing "fast foods" industry that was becoming widespread. [SLOW FOOD](#) encourages regions to identify and use local food and produce and allow time to enjoy eating with family and friends. Over 50 countries, including Australia now embrace this philosophy.

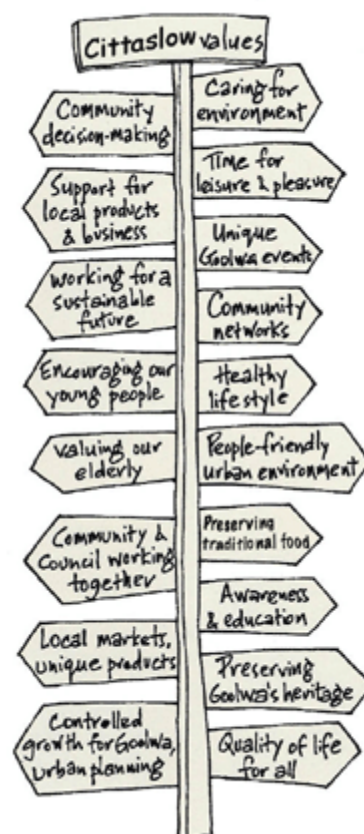
Four Italian mayors (Orvieto, Positano, Bra and Greve-in-Chianti) applied similar principles to their wider community and in 1999 "Cittaslow" began. They wanted to preserve the unique characteristics of each town and to provide a better quality of life for the residents. They wanted to share ideas that promoted an eco-friendly environment for all who visited, lived and worked in the district. They wanted all their citizens to have a chance to regain the basic relationships of "you and me, you and nature". It's about supporting local producers and celebrating regional history and traditions.

Cittaslow is available for small towns with a population of less than 50,000. Cittaslow is a community-managed system of continuous improvement with a sustainable outcome. It builds on the environment and local culture of a town. It focuses the decision-making process. The logo is an international sign for a town that strives for quality of life for its residents.

A Cittaslow is one that has developed a good working relationship between the Council, the businesses and the community – an essential combination. Organisations and other entities that do not qualify for Cittaslow accreditation can become Cittaslow Supporters

Cittaslow Principles

- Encourage diversity not standardisation
- Support and encourage local culture and traditions
- Work for a more sustainable environment
- Support and encourage local produce and products
- Encourage healthy living especially through children and young people
- Work with the local community to build these values
- Develop a gradual process to achieve all the aspirations



Cittaslow means taking time out to think about what we should be doing and how we

should be doing it. Towns that have become Cittaslows have become re-invigorated because they have used the consultation time to develop new ideas and projects for everyone in the community - including youth projects, employment and business opportunities as well as environmental and historical proposals.

Slow means considered, thought-through, leisurely - *Festina Lente* - *hasten slowly*.

Criteria for Cittaslow Accreditation

Working together with Council representatives, local businesses and members of the community, a candidate Cittaslow town should address each of the criteria and identify whether the issue is already well established, partly operational, in the planning stage or not yet considered. Scores are allocated 3, 2, 1 or 0.

See information in "[Cittaslow Australasia](#)" regarding the Australasian network.

1: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- 1.1 Air quality control and improvement programs
- 1.2 Water quality, conservation and usage programs
- 1.3 Waste collection and management programs
- 1.4 Industrial and domestic composting programs
- 1.5 Sewage purification, re-use and disposal programs
- 1.6 Programs for domestic and industrial energy consumption and production from renewal sources
- 1.7 Noise reduction programs
- 1.8 Programs to reduce light pollution in public and private locations
- 1.9 Programs to conserve biodiversity and management of indigenous ecosystems
- 1.10 Soil protection and management programs

2: INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT POLICIES

- 2.1 Integrated local public transport system
- 2.2 Planning and maintenance of Cycle paths and parking facilities
- 2.3 Walking paths and facilities to encourage regular family use
- 2.4 Encouragement of alternative mobility technology and reducing use of private cars
- 2.5 Pedestrian friendly infrastructure and design
- 2.6 Grounds and facilities for sporting, recreational and social activities for all sections of the community
- 2.7 Infrastructure to support and encourage access to and the use of new communication technologies
- 2.8 Assessment of the use of tourist signage and access for visitors to the region
- 2.9 Heavy goods precincts and distribution logistics

3: TOWN AND LANDSCAPE POLICIES

- 3.1 Management of urban and rural development
- 3.2 Management of heritage, natural and scenic landscape patterns
- 3.3 Active landscaping using local plants, planting productive plants and fruit trees in public spaces
- 3.4 Tree census and protection program for significant trees in the community

- 3.5 Renewal and redevelopment of marginal, abandoned or degraded areas
- 3.6 Conservation/renewal of spaces and buildings with local significance but not historic value
- 3.7 Improvement and maintenance of public footpaths, town squares, signage, street furniture and open social green areas
- 3.8 Planning for vital neighbourhoods and mixed use developments
- 3.9 Appropriate urban design guidelines for built environments especially in heritage or environmentally sensitive areas
- 3.10 Encouragement and information facilities for sustainable buildings and architecture

4: QUALITY OF EVERDAY LIFE POLICIES

- 4.1 Local specific programs for residents of different ages – children and mothers, youth, families, men, elderly
- 4.2 Community support services for disabled, disadvantaged or displaced people
- 4.3 Provision and access to medical and other emergency assistance
- 4.4 Universal access to all facilities and buildings
- 4.5 Access to government and residential services for farmers and those living outside the town's urban settlement
- 4.6 Promotion and development of school and community gardens
- 4.7 Promotion and support for volunteering opportunities
- 4.8 Promotion of Health Education with programs for healthy living, educating taste and nutrition in homes and schools and developing awareness of labelling
- 4.9 Programs to promote Cittaslow projects and activities and education about Cittaslow principles
- 4.10 Community consultation processes used by Council

5: ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM POLICIES

- 5.1 Encouragement and support for the regional economy, local working opportunities and facilities and promotion of “shop local” programs
- 5.2 Encouragement and preservation of artisan and traditional skills
- 5.3 Recognition and promotion of businesses using sustainable business practices
- 5.4 Recognition of the authenticity of local artisan produced products and objects and artistic crafts including local produce
- 5.5 Support for projects promoting telework/telecommuting, use and access to new technologies and information services for citizens and visitors
- 5.6 Promotion of sustainable agriculture, responsible animal husbandry and fishing practices within the region
- 5.7 Promotion of training courses for tourist information and quality hospitality
- 5.8 Plans to encourage eco-tourism, place-based tourism, slow tourism
- 5.9 Marketing opportunities for traditional and natural products with spaces for the promotion and selling of local products
- 5.10 Programs to support fair trade, friendly shops and businesses and honesty in advertising
- 5.11 Use of Cittaslow logo by Council, authorised businesses and organisations and training regarding Cittaslow education for Council staff and administrators
- 5.12 Use of local products in restaurants, schools, hospitals and other public and private institutions
- 5.13 Assessment of adequate and appropriate tourist accommodation and plans for future development
- 5.14 Plans to maintain integrity of agricultural land versus urban development

6: CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SOCIAL INCLUSION POLICIES

- 6.1 Recognition of traditions, art, language, roles and contributions of aboriginal or indigenous peoples
- 6.2 Promotion and preservation of events that promote local art, music, cultural traditions and heritage
- 6.3 Support for clubs and activities that encourage inclusive programs and cultural diversity and facilitate support for cultural and ethnic groups
- 6.4 Preservation of local history, places, photographs and records
- 6.5 Welcome programs, information and integration for new residents and businesses
- 6.6 Plans for programs to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the history and philosophy of Cittaslow and the town's involvement and recognition of businesses operating under Cittaslow principles
- 6.7 Use of new technologies to provide information and services for citizens and visitors
- 6.8 Assessment of the use of tourist signage and access for visitors to the region
- 2.9 Assessment of adequate public housing

7: PARTNERSHIP POLICIES

- 7.1 Support targets and programs associated with Slow Food
- 7.2 Collaboration with other organisations promoting healthy food programs, better living etc
- 7.3 Support for twinning projects and cooperation with developing countries encouraging Cittaslow and Slow Food philosophies

11.3 CR MARK ECKEL**CEO - MILDURA TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****File Number: 13/10/15**

"The Expression of Interest for the new entity's CEO closes Friday 24 March 2017. With Memorandums of Understanding for Mildura Tourism and Economic Development now superseded, can Councillors be provided with a delineation between Council's internal relevant operations and those of the new entity in the near future?"

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that new Board is working on a range of formal protocols that will be presented to Council to reflect the linkages between the future activities of the Board and its relationship with Council.

"To reflect on that, the other issue is there's two different Departments within Council; one that has handled economic development and one that handles the new entity, could this issue be addressed too?"

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that this will be addressed with the development of the formal protocols.

11.4 CR MARK ECKEL**BILL COTTINGER****File Number: 13/10/15**

This afternoon, five Councillors attended the AGM of Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network and there was a speaker, Bill Cottinger, Director Whalesong Services. It was an outstanding address and I would like to put it to the Councillors, in some sort of forum Mr Mayor, that it could be considered that prior to our first sitting of the strategic planning for our Council Plan, that we might have this gentleman come up and speak to the Council and at the same time, it would be a great initiative if we could possibly get the new entity at the same forum?"

Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer advised that coordinating Mr Cottinger as a guest speaker at the first Council Plan forum may not be achievable as this is scheduled for next week. However, he advised that attempts will be made to secure his involvement in future forums as part of our process.

11.5 CR MARK ECKEL**GAZETTING MILDURA DAY****File Number: 16/05/01**

"This question is relevant to a question I asked several years ago about gazetting the Mildura Day as a significant Local Government event in Australia. One of the criteria that came back from that question at that particular time was that the event needs to be held for five years. As this will now be the case, could I have that revisited?"

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that this matter can be revisited however, one the other limitations may potentially be whether or not, in a State context, it is considered a significant enough event. This will be further investigated and if the event meets with required criteria the original request will be pursued.

11.6 CR MAX THORBURN**DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH DOG PARK****File Number: 16/06/05**

"Where are we at with the report on the community need for a designated off-leash dog park?"

Andrew Millen, Acting General Manager Development advised that the Recreation Department through their own endeavours with respect to the Recreation Strategy have taken on the mantle and the preparation of those works and policies that need to be developed with respect to a facility or location. As the Recreation Department complete that process, an off-leash dog park will be part of that plan.

"Further to that Mr Mayor, can we do exactly what our neighbours, the Swan Hill Rural City Council are doing, and inviting the public to suggest likely areas?"

Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer advised that this suggestion could be incorporated once Council has had opportunity to discuss the draft Open Space Strategy at Forum.

11.7 CR MAX THORBURN**MILDURA PUBLIC BUS SYSTEM - MYKEY****File Number: 15/08/02**

"Is there any progress on the previous request to ask Mr Crisp to find some details about how we can expand the MyKey system into the Mildura public bus system, given that it's now regionally, I believe, extended to Bendigo and Ballarat, and aside from Geelong, leaving only Warrnambool, Shepparton and Mildura in the same public systems without the same charging systems as the people in Melbourne?"

Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer advised that a search would be undertaken of Council documents to ascertain whether such request was previously made and follow up discussions with Mr Crisp will be conducted.

11.8 CR MAX THORBURN**COMMUNITY HIRE RATE EXPANSION****File Number: 16/06/09**

"Can we have a report on the possible expansion of the community hire rate for some Council services similar to concessions granted to community users at the Mildura Arts Centre, to other not for profit or sporting organisations such as the hire of the water truck based at Ouyen to the Trotting Club?"

Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer advised that Council will be able to review fees and charges as part of the annual budget review process which is currently underway.

11.9 CR MAX THORBURN**DELIVERY OF TELSTRA SERVICES****File Number: 02/01/06**

"Can we have a report on the delivery of Telstra services to new subdivisions, not just in the outlying areas, but in the city of Mildura?"

Andrew Millen, Acting General Manager Development advised that a report can be provided regarding the delivery of Telstra services and that any issues identified by developers will be investigated. Further to that, the Planning Department is aware of some areas that will be getting the NBN and some are not. The issue between the NBN and Telstra is significant and Council is aware of some the issues within the community.

11.10 CR ALI CUPPER**VICTRACK LAND - SEVENTH STREET****File Number: 1415/15**

"This question relates to the VicTrack land and the land that was the train station, adjacent to Seventh Street and that riverfront redevelopment. Could we be provided with a cumulative summary of the changes that are being proposed by the State Government and/or endorsed by Council, so that the community can keep an eye on the potential impact of these sorts of developments and changes on future passenger rail restoration? And further to that, as part of that summary, could we get clarification on what decisions might be made under delegation which we wouldn't be able to see, necessarily?"

Gerard José, Chief Executive Officer advised that Stage Two of the development referred to, involves the State Government setting up a project group to look at that VicTrack land and it is likely that Council will be invited to provide a representative and that would be the mechanism to then inform Council. He advised that Council wouldn't be making decisions under delegation in isolation over their land.

11.11 CR SIMON CLEMENCE**SUBDIVISION OF LAND AND TELSTRA SERVICE DELIVERY****File Number: 02/01/06**

This is probably an extension of a question asked by my colleague Cr Thorburn and I cannot attest to the accuracy of this statement but I was approached by a developer who was complaining about the length of time that it takes to subdivide land here in Mildura and one his specific complaints was in relation to Telstra apparently taking some three months to actually deliver services into a subdivision. My understanding is that they initially examine a subdivision site and provide a letter to the developer saying that they are able and willing to provide the necessary services to that development, but then it takes something like three months for them to actually then deliver the services. The frustration for the developers appears to be not being able to do anything, not being able to get an approval from Council to subdivide and sell that land until those services are actually provided. I think the argument or the request or the thinking is that they should be able to get approval for the subdivision and sell the land subject to the letter from Telstra that tells them that the Telstra facilities will be provided for that site"

Andrew Millen, Acting General Manager Development advised that there is a two-step process that a developer is required to go through with respect to telecommunications. It is a mandatory condition of any subdivision permit. With respect to Telstra, the first process is an agreement with Telstra where a bond is paid to Telstra for services. Then Telstra itself or its consultant will put the services in the ground. It can take up to three months for those services to be provided and then inspected as being satisfactory to Telstra. Further to this, developers in more recent times, have had to adapt to changes in the requirements and some developers have not adapted quickly, so some of the work that could have been done earlier in the process has not been done satisfactorily so that the delays are not there at the end of the process.

Cr Glenn Milne also advised that the matter has been taken up with the Minister and there has been some discussions as recently as today. He advised that Council is now waiting for a response back from the Minister and that the law can make life difficult; it is very specific, so we are looking for a way through that and maybe a change to that law. Hopefully Council will receive the Minister's response in the next few days.

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 PETITIONS

13.1 PETITION - PASSENGER RAIL ADVOCACY

Summary

A petition has been received from petition coordinators, James Price and Julie Calaby seeking the issue of passenger rail service be a priority advocacy area within the 2017 Mildura Rural City Council Plan.

The petition has been presented in electronic format with approximately 8,529 signatures.

A copy of both correspondence and attached petitions has been distributed directly to Councillors because of privacy issues that prevent inclusion within the Agenda.

Council is currently undertaking the development of its Council Plan 2017-2021 through extensive community consultation and the petition proposal for consideration of passenger rail advocacy can be contained with the existing process.

2017/0057

Moved: Cr Ali Cupper
Seconded: Cr Mark Eckel

That Council:

- (i) notes the petition
- (ii) considers the request as part of its consultative process to establish the Mildura Rural City Council Plan 2017 -2021
- (iii) notifies the petition coordinators accordingly

CARRIED

14 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

14.1 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING 4/2016-2017 - MINUTES SUMMARY - 9 FEBRUARY 2017

Summary

The Audit Committee Charter requires a summary of the minutes of Audit Committee meetings to be presented to Council for noting. The confidential minutes of Audit Committee Meeting 4/2016-2017, which include key outcomes and recommendations of the meeting, have been distributed to councillors under separate cover.

2017/0058

Moved: Cr Jason Modica
Seconded: Cr Simon Clemence

That Council note the confidential minutes of Audit Committee Meeting 4/2016-2017 held on 9 February 2017.

CARRIED

14.2 COMMODITY EXPO AND INVESTMENT FAIR

Summary

This report follows an invitation received from Yang Jian, Governor of Dali Prefecture, Yunan Province, People's Republic of China, inviting Mildura Rural City Council representatives to attend the 2017 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair (SACEIF) to be held in Kunming from 12-18 June 2017.

Our Dali Sister City will be operating an International Sistership Pavilion at the SACEIF and believe this Council's participation will provide a new platform of pragmatic exchanges and cooperation for the already established friendship relations between both sister cities.

2017/0059

Moved: Cr Max Thorburn
Seconded: Cr Min Poole

That Council approves two Councillors and a representative of the newly formed Mildura Tourism and Economic Development Board or Senior Officer of Council to attend the Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair in Kunming in June 2017.

CARRIED

14.3 ADOPTION OF COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT GRANTS POLICY - CP060

Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Commercial Waste Management Grants Policy and seeks Council's resolution to adopt the updated policy.

2017/0060

Moved: Cr Anthony Cirillo

Seconded: Cr Min Poole

That Council adopt the Commercial Waste Grants Policy (CP060) as presented.

CARRIED



Mildura Rural City Council

Commercial Waste Management Grants

Policy – CP060

Prepared	Reviewed	Approved	Date	Council Minute No.
Waste Management Coordinator	Strategic Management Team	Council	23 March 2017	2017/0060
Trim File: 18/02/01			To be reviewed: March 2019	
Document Owner: Manager Parks and Waste Services			Review Frequency: Every 2 Years	

1. The purpose of this policy is

To provide policy to govern the community grants available to the community through the Commercial Waste Management Grants Program.

2. Policy Statement

Council provides assistance to the community through the Waste Management Grants Program. This program provides eligible local businesses or organisations access to funding for innovative waste management practices. This may be initiatives to implement or enhance better waste management practices within the organisation.

It is expected such projects or services will have measurable outcomes and align with the Municipal Waste Management Plan as identified in the Environmental Services section of the Council Plan 2013 to 2017 (KRA 2.2). Funding is up to a maximum of \$5,000 (inc GST) per successful application.

3. Principles

Council is aware of the importance of encouraging and implementing better waste management within the local community. By providing local businesses and organisations the opportunity to apply for a Commercial Waste Management Grant, it will allow them to access funding for implementation of improved waste management systems, or to create better waste management practices and hence a more sustainable future for our community.

The grants will be funded annually via Council's Municipal Waste Management Plan.

3.1 Eligibility

Council will consider grant applications from registered businesses, incorporated community groups and eligible service organisations that are either profit or not for profit. Applicants are required to be based within the municipality, and provide services and activities within these boundaries.

All applicants must provide evidence of public current liability insurance.

If the organisation is not a legal entity, an eligible organisation can apply on their behalf, provided they have the necessary legal entity status to enter into a funding agreement with Council and administer funding on their behalf (eg if a small voluntary committee is auspiced by a larger parent organisation, the parent organisation may be able to apply for funding on behalf of the committee).

School projects are ineligible as there are grant programs already available specifically to provide assistance to schools and their waste management projects.

3.2 Advertisement of Grants

Council grants will be advertised at defined intervals throughout the year, in accordance with an agreed schedule. Council may use all media (including radio, television, print and internet) and its service networks to advertise grant funding opportunities, including important closing dates for applications.

Staff will be made available to assist with the application enquires.

3.3 Applications

- Applications must be submitted 'on line' at Council's website www.mildura.vic.gov.au
- Applicants unable to use or access the internet should contact the relevant Council staff for assistance
- Applicants are required to follow the grant guidelines and address all relevant criteria outlined in the grant application
- Applicants should also discuss projects with relevant Council staff prior to submitting a grant application
- Any individual items purchased over \$2,000 will need to be evidenced with at least two quotations prior to being submitted.
- Once grants have been allocated, the funds will be forwarded to the organisations concerned.
- Successful organisations will need to seek approval from Council before undertaking the projects if on Council owned or managed land. This includes any necessary permits such as land managers consent, planning or building permits.
- Upon the completion of a project, the organisation concerned will submit an acquittal report to Council with details of expenditure indicating how the funds were utilised for the intended project along with an evaluation report.

3.4 Assessment Process

Council will establish an appropriate Grants Assessment Team that will individually score applications received against the criteria outlined in the guidelines.

To ensure probity and fairness, each Assessment Team member will complete a Disclosure of Conflict of Interest prior to the grant assessment process. Advice or information given to one applicant will be made available to all of the applicants. To ensure impartiality, Council officers who have assisted with an application, should not be involved in the assessment process.

Applications will then be ranked against the criteria, before a report is forwarded to Council regarding the distribution of grants funding.

After consideration of applications and current program objectives, Council may propose an alternative form of assistance to meet the stated objectives of the application.

3.5 Assessment Criteria

The following Assessment Criteria will be used by the Assessment Team to evaluate applications. Applicants are strongly advised to detail how their project will address each of the selection criteria and how the outcomes of the project will be measured.

- Contribute to the achievement of the waste management objectives outlined in the Environmental Services section of the Council Plan 2013 - 2017 specifically relating to the implementation of the Municipal Waste Management Plan
- Demonstrates a focus on environmental sustainability, primarily waste minimisation and ongoing benefits to the community.
- Has a degree of innovation to provide an example for others in the community
- Ensure all other services have been explored and are confirmed insufficient.
- Demonstrate how the project will develop and benefit the business, organisation or the community.
- Ability to achieve and demonstrate outcomes
- Consider both social and environmental issues with any procurement of goods and services.
- Demonstrate how the project will have long term waste minimisation benefits and become an example to other community businesses or organisations.
- A detailed budget that articulates all monetary and in-kind support.
- A timeline that estimates when key objectives and tasks will be undertaken and completed by.

Once grants have been allocated, a funding agreement will be drawn up and signed by both Council and the successful organisation before payment of the total amount applied is made.

4. Who is responsible for implementing this policy?

Manager Parks and Waste Services
Waste Management Coordinator

5. Definitions

N/A.

6. Legislation and other references

6.1 Legislation

For further information related to this policy see:

- Disclosure of Interest Section 79 – *Local Government Act 1989*

Conflict of Interest provisions

To ensure compliance with Conflict of Interest rules outlined in the *Local Government Act 1989*, staff will ensure they are aware of and abide by the Conflict of Interest rules. If a staff member establishes they hold a Conflict of Interest they will complete the Disclosure of Conflict of Interest form and remove themselves from the process. The disclosure form will be forwarded to the Governance Unit for processing.

6.2 Documents

This Policy is implemented in conjunction with the following documents:

- Grants Policy (CP021)

6.3 Risk Assessment Reference

Please tick the corporate risk(s) that this policy is addressing.

Risk Category	✓	Risk Category	✓
Asset Management		Financial Sustainability	✓
Committees		Human Resource Management	
Compliance – Legal & Regulatory		Leadership & Organisational Culture	
Contract Management		Occupational Health & Safety	
Contract Tendering & Procurement		Organisational Risk Management	
Corporate Governance	✓	Project Management	
Environmental Sustainability	✓	Public Image and Reputation	

14.4 ENDORSEMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL ROAD MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a review of Mildura Rural City Council's Municipal Road Management Plan (RMP) for initial endorsement to initiate a public exhibition period calling for submissions.

2017/0061

Moved: Cr Greg Brown
Seconded: Cr Mark Eckel

That Council endorse the draft Municipal Road Management Plan for public exhibition.

CARRIED

14.5 ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS LOCATED AT 723-733 FIFTEENTH STREET MILDURA**Summary**

Council has received correspondence from Ace Body Corporate Management (Mildura) requesting Council enforcement of their private car parks located at 723-733 Fifteenth Street Mildura. Advice received from Ace Body Corporate Management is that the provision of the car parks for customers is being compromised by adjoining businesses using the car parks.

2017/0062

Moved: Cr Ali Cupper
Seconded: Cr Jason Modica

That Council prepare and enter into an agreement under seal with Ace Body Corporate Management to provide car park enforcement services at 723 – 733 Fifteenth Street Mildura in accordance with Section 90D of the Road Safety Act 1986.

CARRIED

14.6 USE OF THE LAND FOR ACCOMMODATION (STUDENT ACCOMMODATION) - 4 NEWMAN CLOSE, MILDURA

Summary

Date Received:	23 November 2016
Subject Property:	4 Newman Close, Mildura
Proposed Use/Development:	Use of the land for accommodation (boarding house)
Zone:	General Residential Zone
Overlays:	Development Contributions Plan Overlay – Schedule 1 Development Contributions Plan Overlay – Schedule 2 Design and Development Overlay – Schedule 8
Applicant:	Stephen Milverton
Application Triggers:	Clause 32.08-1: Section 2 use within the General Residential Zone
Relevant Provisions:	Clause 16.01-1 Integrated Housing Clause 16.01-4 Housing Diversity Clause 16.01-5 Housing Affordability Clause 22.01 Budget Accommodation Policy Clause 32.08 General Residential Zone Clause 43.02 Design and Development Overlay Clause 45.06 Development Contributions Plan Overlay Clause 65 Decision Guidelines Clause 66 Referral and Notice Provisions
Objections received:	18
Date Received:	
Subject Property:	
Proposed Use/Development:	
Zone:	
Overlays:	
Applicant:	
Application Triggers:	
Relevant Provisions:	
Objections Received	

The application seeks the approval to use the existing two storey dwelling at 4 Newman Close, Mildura for student accommodation. The dwelling has 11 habitable rooms, with the applicant stating their intention is to accommodate two single beds in each bedroom (six bedrooms as defined on the plan). The student accommodation is proposed to be available for mature aged international students to the area.

The proposal is to accommodate international students on the site, as part of Caring Hands Australia, which facilitates professionals from the Philippines to apply for student VISA's in Australia. Those assisted will be coming with existing Bachelor and Master's degrees from their home country.

The proposal will be to accommodate 12 persons at any one time, for a minimum of six month stays.

The application was subject to public notification during which 18 objections to the proposal were received. The issues raised in the objections largely related to perceived issues concerning amenity impacts, noise, traffic, parking, safety and garbage collection issues relating to the proposal.

2017/0063

Moved: Cr Anthony Cirillo

Seconded: Cr Min Poole

That Council having caused notice of Planning Application No. 005.2016.00000371.001 to be given under Section 52 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and having considered all the matter required under Section 60 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 decides to refuse to grant a permit under the provisions of Clause 22.01 and Clause 32.08-1 of the Mildura Planning Scheme in respect of the land known and described as 4 Newman Close, Mildura, for the Use of the land for accommodation (boarding house), in accordance with the application dated 23 November 2016, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The application is contrary to the purpose of Clause 16.01-4 Housing Diversity, to provide for a mix of housing opportunities close to existing activity centres, by being located approximately two kilometres from the Mildura Central shopping complex.**
- (ii) The proposal does not meet the purpose of Clause 16.01-5 Housing Affordability, to provide for affordable housing closer to jobs, transport and services, by being located approximately two kilometres from the Mildura Central shopping complex, and over five kilometres from the SuniTafe Campus.**
- (iii) The application has failed to meet the requirements of Clause 22.01 Budget Accommodation Policy by:**
 - Not being located within the commercial areas of the Mildura central business district, Merbein town centre, Red Cliffs town centre, Irymple town centre or Ouyen town centre.**
 - Encouraging budget accommodation to be located within the Commercial 1 Zone;**
 - Strongly discourage budget accommodation in the General Residential Zone;**
 - That no on-site manager is proposed; and**
 - That management of the site to ensure that noise does not cause nuisance or annoyance to adjacent residents has not been established.**
- (iv) The proposal does not meet the requirements of Clause 32.08 General Residential Zone, by its suitability of non-residential uses not adversely affecting the amenity of the existing residential area.**

CARRIED

15 URGENT BUSINESS

15.1 CR GLENN MILNE

MAV MOTIONS

File Number: 02/01/06

Summary

Councillor Glenn Milne raised the matter of submitting motions for consideration by State Council at the next meeting on 12 May 2017. Submissions close 14 April 2017.

2017/0064

Moved: Cr Mark Eckel
Seconded: Cr Greg Brown

That Council admit the matter to Urgent Business.

CARRIED

2017/0065

Moved: Cr Simon Clemence
Seconded: Cr Mark Eckel

That Council accept the four motions as presented for submission to the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council on the 12 May 2017.

CARRIED



FORM

MAV State Council Meeting – 12 May 2017

To submit a motion for consideration by State Council on 12 May 2017, please complete this form and email to [State Council](#), **no later than 14 April 2017**. Please note, motions received by **6 April** (early motions) will be distributed to all MAV representatives on **7 April**. Submitters may amend their own motions up to 5pm on **21 April 2017**.

MOTION**VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL IN REGIONAL CITIES**

Submitted by: Mildura Rural City Council

MOTION: VICTORIAN CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL IN REGIONAL CITIES

That the MAV make a submission to the Department of Justice and Regulation seeking that the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal hold more regular sessions in regional cities to allow more ready access to the Tribunal by local people and reduce the cost of such access.

RATIONALE:

Regional Cities have secure Court buildings that are suitable for holding hearings by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal of matters applicable to those regions. This would increase access to VCAT by local people who otherwise are required to travel for a day or two to attend VCAT in Melbourne.

This requirement is costly in terms of time and money.

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MOTION**ROAD FUNDING**

Submitted by: Mildura Rural City Council

MOTION: ROAD FUNDING

That the MAV State Council, in regard to ensuring the long term financial sustainability of Local Government, convey to State and National Governments that there is a need for the National and State Governments to provide a realistic level of untied income to assist Local Government maintain the 85% of the road network across Australia.

RATIONALE:

The largest problem facing councils is vertical fiscal imbalance (i.e. the sector requires additional funding from other levels of government to fund its services).

Local Government is responsible for 85% of the 900,000 kms of roads across Australia and requires a fairer share of Road related income and levies to maintain this network.

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MOTION**LANDFILL LEVY DISTRIBUTION**

Submitted by: Mildura Rural City Council

MOTION: LANDFILL LEVY DISTRIBUTION

- a. That the MAV advocate to the State Government for a minimum of 50% of the accrued landfill levy funds to local government to support long term provision of landfill remediation; and for projects that will provide significant sustainability benefits to both the community and the environment.
- b. That projects deemed as suitable NOT require any matched funding from local government.
- c. Income and expenditure data related to the landfill levy to be openly and transparently reported to the public, with data from 2008/09 onwards to be made available

RATIONALE:

The State Government has accrued significant monies collected from Local Government through the Victorian Landfill Levy. These funds are collected by the EPA, on behalf of the State Government, on every tonne of waste that is disposed of at landfills in Victoria. The fund currently supports the activities of Sustainability Victoria and some limited Community and Local Government funding programs. The balance of this fund is currently close to \$500m, with no significant spending planned or agreed with local government. Many Councils are faced with increasing Landfill Remediation works in the future which require financial provision. The State Government could provide up to 50% of the accrued levy to Councils and 'tie' it to specifically Landfill Remediation provision; and/or to agreed sustainability projects that provide benefits to both the community and the environment.

The need for co-contribution from councils (matching funds dollar for dollar) for many grant projects should be reviewed, as councils have already contributed significantly through the landfill levy.

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MOTION

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Submitted by: Mildura Rural City Council

MOTION: REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

That the MAV advocate to the Minister for Regional Development that:

1. Membership by Local Government to the Regional Partnerships should be by 'invitation' to elected representatives, and not be reliant on officer (CEO) appointments
2. Council Planning for the foundation of community engagement and that Regional Partnerships liaise with Councils prior to undertaking widespread consultation in the future.

RATIONALE:

Nine new Regional Partnerships were established in July 2016 by the Victorian Government across the State to give regional communities greater say about what matters to them and ensure their voices reach the heart of government. The State Government claims these partnerships will significantly increase collaboration between communities, industry, businesses and three-tiers of government to address the most important challenges and opportunities in each region.

It is claimed that membership is drawn from local communities, businesses and the three-tiers of government. If the Regional Statement is to deliver a louder voice for regional communities in government decision-making across all areas of policy and service delivery, then Councils should be involved as they determine local policy, service delivery and advocacy priorities.

Of concern to MRCC is that Local Government membership was directed by the State Government to be the CEO of each Council, and not a democratically elected Councillor.

Each of the Partnerships have undertaken extensive engagement with their communities on priorities for their region, building on existing strategies and plans, and that priorities will be presented directly to the Victorian Government's Rural and Regional Ministerial Committee.

Of concern is that it is a requirement of Local Government to develop new Four-Year Council and community plans by June 30 this year. Councils like ours have undertaken extensive community consultation to develop priorities, but it appears that following a one evening workshop, that the State Government is receiving priorities from unelected members of a Partnership which had its boundaries determined by the State Government.

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16 OTHER MATTERS

Nil

17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

17.1 PASSENGER TRAIN AND THE VOICE OF YOUR COMMUNITY

File Number: 15/08/02

“Upon receiving the 8,500 signature petition will the Mayor and Councillors; at last; demand the return of our 24 year missing passenger train asap, as promised to us by this Labor Government for 10 years?”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that Council remains active in its working with the State Government and lobbying for a number of elements to the rail issue. Those elements include in particular, a priority for freight upgrade but also include passenger services.

17.2 PASSENGER TRAIN - MP LOBBYING

File Number: 15/08/02

Are Council aware that the Greens leader Greg Barber and Mr Crisp are also actively asking for our passenger train return?”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate Services advised that to the best of his knowledge, the answer to that question is yes.

17.3 IRYMPLE LIBRARY - MRCC 2006 DCP NO 2

File Number: 12/14/26

“Since the refurbishment of the Irymple library, multi-purpose hub and internet café was scheduled to be done by 2017, in accordance with MRCC 2006 DCP No 2, and the community is expecting this; when will council progress this work for Irymple- as promised?”

Donna Gardner, Acting General Manager Community advised that Council is currently reviewing the Irymple DCP and Irymple Library and further reports on each will be provided to Council prior to any decisions being made.

17.4 IRYMPLE MULTIPURPOSE HUB**File Number: 15/08/02**

“Can the hub, which includes the Irymple library, be like the one that Merbein has been lucky enough to get please?”

Donna Gardner, Acting General Manager Community advised that the Irymple DCP and Irymple Library reports are being considered and will be provided to Council prior to any decisions being made.

17.5 PLANNING ZONES**File Number: 13/01/01**

“Can Council direct their planning department and consultants to zone for the long term: varying sizes of regular density residential close to educational facilities to enable kids to walk and ride safely from their homes to school; instead of large LDRZ of 1 acre lots, (specifically around the Irymple Primary and Secondary schools and Henderson College)?”

Andrew Millen, Acting General Manager Development advised that current and future zoning is the result of comprehensive strategic planning framework. Future zoning changes are required to be approved firstly by Council as the Planning Authority and approved by the Minister for Planning.

17.6 NOWINGI STATE FOREST RESERVE & ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION**File Number: 15/03/01**

“ Can MRCC please ask that the Nowingi State Forest be protected by inclusion in the National Parks because of National and State requirements to protect/recover endangered species such as the Mallee emu-wren, Mallee fowl, the greater long-eared bat and others, as these species exist and are recorded and monitored at the Nowingi Site?”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate advised that Council make submit such request to the relevant authority.

17.7 BASE HOSPITAL PARKING**File Number: 02/01/01**

“Has Council had a reply to their letter to Ramsay Health with regards to the 2 hour parking at the Hospital? If not, could they please do a follow up letter to obtain a response?”

Andrew Millen, Acting General Manager Development advised that Council has not received a response to date and confirmed that the matter will be followed up with the CEO of Ramsay Health.

17.8 COUNCIL MEETINGS - EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS**File Number: 02/01/01**

“How can Council run a meeting which allows the population to come without actually documenting who is here, and how many in case of fire or other emergencies?”

Richard Sexton, Acting General Manager Corporate Services advised that all Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Local Law and whilst it doesn't specify evacuation processes, all adjoining doors to the facility are locked and there are three available exits in the event of an emergency. There is also a Fire Warden system in place and if the gallery was to be evacuated, Wardens would be the last out ensuring all members of the public are steered to the nearest exit.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

6.14pm

2017/0066

Moved: Cr Simon Clemence

Seconded: Cr Jason Modica

The meeting move into Confidential to deal with:

- **Contractual matters;**
- **Any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;**

CARRIED

18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

18.1 SECTION 89(2)(H) - (ANY OTHER MATTER WHICH THE COUNCIL OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONSIDERS WOULD PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL OR ANY PERSON)

- **APPOINTMENTS TO MILDURA ARTS AND CULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

18.2 SECTION 89(2)(D) - (CONTRACTUAL MATTERS)

- **THE GREAT VANILLA SLICE TRIUMPH**

18.3 SECTION 89(2)(D) - (CONTRACTUAL MATTERS)

- **TENDER AWARD - MILDURA ARTS CENTRE PASSENGER LIFT - CONTRACT 1617/36**

18.4 SECTION 89(2)(D) - (CONTRACTUAL MATTERS)

- **TENDER AWARD - PROVISION OF TREE SERVICES PANEL - CONTRACT 1617/34**

19 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.48pm.

Date of Confirmation: 27 April 2017

Signed:



Chairperson