

# Minutes

**Council Meeting  
Wednesday 24 May 2023 at 7pm  
Gisborne Administration Centre  
40 Robertson Street, Gisborne**

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**1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Macedon Ranges Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waterways. Council recognises their living cultures and ongoing connection to Country and pays respect to their Elders past, and present.

Council also acknowledges local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander residents of Macedon Ranges for their ongoing contribution to the diverse culture of our community.

**2 RECORDING OF LIVE STREAMING OF THIS COUNCIL MEETING**

This meeting was recorded and streamed live on the internet in accordance with Council's 'Live Streaming and Publishing Recordings of Meetings Policy, which can be viewed on Council's website.

**3 PRESENT**

Cr Annette Death (Mayor), Cr Jennifer Anderson (Deputy Mayor), Cr Dominic Bonanno, Cr Rob Guthrie, Cr Geoff Neil, Cr Janet Pearce, Cr Mark Ridgeway, Cr Bill West

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Bernie O'Sullivan (Chief Executive Officer), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate), Shane Walden (Director Assets and Operations), Maria Weiss (Director Community), Patricia Clive (Coordinator Governance), Lucy Olson (Senior Governance Officer – Council Business)

**4 APOLOGIES**

Cr Anne Moore, Rebecca Stockfeld (Director Planning and Environment)

**5 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Anderson declared a material conflict in relation to item COM.1 due to a being an active member of the Woodend Landcare group.

**6 PETITIONS**

Nil

**7 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL****7.1 QUESTION PROVIDED BY HILARY ROBERTS****Question:**

Ten months ago in June 2022 the MRSC voted to "continue the process to sell the East Paddock at Hanging Rock to the Victorian Government"

Can you please tell me what progress has been made?

**Answer:**

The transfer of the East Paddock at Hanging Rock to the Victorian Government is underway and progressing to the final stages. Council appointed solicitors have continued to support Council with the transfer to ensure all requirements of the Council resolutions

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are met including any additional negotiations resulting from all agreements that currently exist, required as part of the resolution. Pending acceptance of the new agreement, settlement of the transfer of the land known as East Paddock, Hanging Rock to the Crown will occur, to be followed by Council being appointed as the Committee of Management for the Reserve.

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**8 ADOPTION OF MINUTES****Resolution 2023/56**

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway  
Seconded: Cr Bill West

That the minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council held on Wednesday 26 April 2023 as circulated be confirmed.

**CARRIED****9 MAYOR'S REPORT****9.1 MAYOR'S REPORT - APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023****Resolution 2023/57**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson  
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

**That Council receives and notes the Mayor's report.**

**CARRIED****10 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF**

<b>10.1 RECORD OF MEETINGS OF COUNCILLORS AND COUNCIL STAFF - APRIL 2023 TO MAY 2023</b>
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**Summary**

Rule 31(a) of Council's Governance Rules requires a written record of matters discussed at specified meetings of Councillors and Council staff to be reported to the next practicable scheduled Council Meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting. This report provides a summary of meetings of Councillors and Council staff held since the last Council Meeting.

**Recommendation**

**That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff, as outlined in this report.**

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Cr Jennifer Anderson moved an amended officer recommendation.

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**Resolution 2023/58**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson  
Seconded: Cr Geoff Neil

**That Council receives and notes the record of meetings of Councillors and Council staff as outlined in this report with the following amendments:**

- 1. Maria Weiss (Director Community), Adele Drago-Stevens (Director Corporate) and Isobel Maginn (Senior Strategic Planner) as apologies for the 2 May 2023 meeting; and**
- 2. Jack Wiltshire (Strategic Planner) as an attendee for the 2 May 2023 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**11 DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTS****PE.1 LETTER OF SUPPORT - 20 BOWEN STREET WOODEND****Summary**

20 Bowen St, Woodend is a property comprising of five existing titles covered by the following planning controls:

- Low Density Residential Zone
- Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 1 – Black Gum Areas
- Vegetation Protection Overlay Schedule 9 – Living Forests
- Restructure Overlay Schedule 13 - Ladye Place Restructure Plan
- Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 4 – Eppalock Proclaimed Catchment
- Heritage Overlay 338 – Interim controls for ‘Carramar’ which expired in December 2021
- Part Land Subject to Inundation Overlay

Access to the existing five titles may be granted under current provisions of the Planning Scheme however enacting development on the five titles will compromise the known historic and natural values of the site.

The current planning controls and the subdivision required by the Restructure Overlay also compromises key values of the site. The landowner is open to working with Council to get a good planning outcome for the site.

A number of options have been provided to Council to resolve this long standing issue and ensure the heritage and biodiversity values of the site are appropriately protected. To enable a positive outcome for the sites values it is recommended that a letter from Council offering support for a request to the Minister for Planning to prepare, adopt and approve a planning scheme amendment be endorsed.

**Resolution 2023/59**

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce  
Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

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That Council writes to the Minister for Planning offering support for the Minister to prepare, adopt and approve a planning scheme amendment to change the Restructure Overlay applying to 20 Bowen Street, Woodend to enable the development of the site while protecting the heritage and biodiversity values of the site.

CARRIED

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## 12 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Nil

## 13 DIRECTOR CORPORATE REPORTS

### COR.1 QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

#### Summary

The Quarterly Report for the period ended 31 March 2023 is presented for Council's consideration and information. This report includes the following:

- Section 1 – Quarterly Financial Statements
- Section 2 – Capital Works Statement
- Section 3 – Council Plan Actions – progress report
- Section 4 – Customer Service
- Section 5 – People, Risk and Wellbeing Report
- Section 6 – Implementation of Council Resolutions
- Section 7 – Governance Schedule
- Section 8 – Councillor Expenditure
- Section 9 – Councillor Activities in the Community

The report also provides a high-level summary of the organisation's performance to 31 March 2023.

#### Resolution 2023/60

Moved: Cr Mark Ridgeway

Seconded: Cr Dominic Bonanno

That Council notes the Quarterly Report for the period ending 31 March 2023.

CARRIED

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**14 DIRECTOR COMMUNITY REPORTS****COM.1 SMALL PROJECT GRANTS**

Having previously declared a conflict of interest in relation to this item, Cr Anderson left the meeting at 7:19 pm, Cr Jennifer Anderson.

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**Summary**

The Small Project Grants program supports projects and initiatives that:

- support local needs;
- are unlikely to be funded by other Council funding programs; and
- align with Council Plan priorities.

Council's Small Project Grants budget for 2022/23 is \$30,000 and not-for-profit groups can apply for a maximum of \$1,500 per application.

Applications are assessed against set criteria outlined in the Small Project Grants guidelines. Funding recommendations are presented monthly at a Scheduled Council meeting for review and/or approval.

Two applications have been received, seeking a total of \$2,365.50 in funding. The applications have been evaluated against the eligibility criteria and are both deemed to be eligible.

**Resolution 2023/61**

Moved: Cr Janet Pearce  
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

**That Council:**

1. Approves the awarding of a \$1,500 Small Project Grant to Woodend Bee Friendly Society, for their Honeybee Swarm Monitoring project; and
2. Approves the awarding of an \$865.50 Small Project Grant to Woodend Landcare Inc. for their Safety Clothing project.

**CARRIED**

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At 7:20 pm, Cr Jennifer Anderson returned to the meeting.

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**COM.2 LIBRARY SERVICE AND FUNDING AGREEMENT****Summary**

The North Central Goldfields Regional Library Corporation (the Corporation) commenced in 1996, consisting of members from the City of Greater Bendigo and the shires of Loddon, Macedon Ranges and Mount Alexander, and provides library services to these municipalities. The current Service and Funding Agreement (SFA) 2019 to 2023 (**Attachment 1**) is due to expire on 30 June 2023. It is proposed that a new SFA (**Attachment 2**), which carries over the existing conditions of the current agreement, be entered into for a 12 month period, with an option to roll this over for a further 12 months.

**Resolution 2023/62**

Moved: Cr Bill West  
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

**That Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the North Central Goldfields Regional Library Corporation Service and Funding Agreement 2023 to 2025, (Attachment 2) for 12 months, with the option to extend for an additional 12 months, noting that this agreement carries over the existing conditions of the Service and Funding Agreement currently in place.**

**CARRIED**

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**COM.3 PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO VICTORIA'S MAJOR FLOOD EVENT OF OCTOBER 2022****Summary**

Council officers have collated information from across the organisation to inform a Council submission to the current parliamentary inquiry into the October 2022 flood event which impacted the Macedon Ranges Shire. A summary of the final submission is now presented for Council's noting.

**Resolution 2023/63**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie  
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

**That Council notes officers will make a submission, as summarised below, to the parliamentary inquiry into the October 2022 flood event by 5 June 2023.**

**CARRIED**

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**15 DIRECTOR ASSETS AND OPERATIONS REPORTS****AO.1 CAPITAL WORKS MONITORING****Summary**

This report provides transparency on cost escalations on infrastructure projects and seeks further funding, cancellation or the scope reduction of the projects to manage the projects within the allocated annual capital works program budget.

**Recommendation****That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the following changes to the Financial Year 2022/23 budget relating to the following infrastructure projects:**
  - (a) Woodend Transfer Station Bin Shelter – Return \$40,260.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (b) Romsey Golf / Bowls change rooms – Return \$39,553.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (c) Riddells Creek Community Centre toilets – Return \$26,502.04 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (d) Romsey Kindergarten Playground Equipment – Return \$22,824.80 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (e) Macedon Community Centre design project – Return \$5,701.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (f) Romsey Recreation Reserve BBQ Rotunda – Return \$14,234.50 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (g) Hanging Rock Discovery Centre roof-internal – Return the surplus of \$11,230 to the appropriate Reserve as the project is now complete;**
  - (h) Gisborne Gardiner Reserve Hamilton Street Toilet – Return 9,861.10 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (i) Barkly Square Kiosk – Return \$5,580.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**
  - (j) Building Renewal, Woodend Museum – Return \$5,271.50 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;**

- (k) Macedon Bowling Club Clubhouse – Return \$4,520.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (l) Gisborne Community Centre services Design – Return \$4,223.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (m) Kyneton Sports and Aquatic Centre pool door – Return \$3,704.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (n) Macedon Kinder children’s toilet design – Return \$3,200.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (o) Kyneton Botanical Gardens Yellow Brick Toilet Demolition – Return \$1,405.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (p) Kyneton Mineral Springs Public toilet – Return \$1,205.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (q) Bullengarook Old School design – Return \$760.00 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
- (r) Botanic Gardens – x3 Irrigation projects – Decrease the project budget by \$49,000 returning these funds to the appropriate Open Space Reserve as the design completed for the Kyneton location no longer meets requirements and needs to be redesigned with a new scope of works to be created to determine costs of the project;
- (s) Drainage, Mt Macedon Road, Woodend – Cancel the project and return the remaining budget of \$3,500.00 to the consolidated capital works program;
- (t) Gisborne Tennis Courts Lighting Replacement – Increase the project budget by \$5,950 to cover the cost incurred to the repair the nearby assets damaged during the project construction;
- (u) Minor Capital Works at Recreation Facilities – Increase the budget by \$18,464.75 to cover the unforeseen variation and cost escalation;
- (v) Calthorpe Street, Gisborne drainage project – Increase the budget by \$9,700 to cover the cost escalation;
- (w) Sutherlands Road, Riddells Creek drainage project – Increase the budget by \$45,100 to cover the cost escalation;
- (x) Dundas Street, Lancefield drainage project – Return \$14,929 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the tender price has come below the estimated project cost;
- (y) Doolans Road, Darraweit Guim, drainage project – Increase the budget by \$16,901 to cover the cost escalation;

- (z) Collier Close, Romsey, drainage project – Increase the budget by \$59,027.48 to cover the cost escalation resulting from the increased scope of work following further site investigation;
  - (aa) Gwendoline Drive, Woodend, drainage project – Increase the budget by \$15,000 to cover the cost escalation resulting from the increased scope of work following further site investigation;
  - (bb) Farrell Street Footpath – Return \$57,440 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving surplus;
  - (cc) Create a new project to undertake work to reopen the Romsey-Lancefield Federation Trail closed following the October 2022 flood event noting a project budget of \$10,000 to install signage, fill the depressions and scoured areas;
  - (dd) Three Chain Road, Carlsruhe – Return \$86,000 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving surplus; and
2. Notes that recommendation 1 (above) currently provides a deficit of \$174,339.89 to the financial year 2022-2023 Capital Works budget. Officers will continue to manage the overall infrastructure project program within the initial overall infrastructure project program 2022-2023 budget.

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Cr Geoff Neil moved an amended officer recommendation.

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#### **Resolution 2023/64**

Moved: Cr Geoff Neil  
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

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  - (j) Building Renewal, Woodend Museum (also known as Woodend Court House) – Return \$5,271.50 to the consolidated capital works program budget as the project has been completed leaving unspent contingency as surplus;
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2. **Notes that recommendation 1 (above) currently provides a deficit of \$174,339.89 to the financial year 2022-2023 Capital Works budget. Officers will continue to manage the overall infrastructure project program within the initial overall infrastructure project program 2022-2023 budget.**

**CARRIED**

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## **AO.2 SINGLE-USE PLASTICS POLICY (2023)**

### **Summary**

Officers developed the Single-use Plastics Policy (2023) [Policy] that aligns with the Towards Zero Single-use Plastics Action Plan and the Victorian Government's state-wide ban on using single-use plastics that came into effect on 1 February 2023.

The Policy builds on the Waste and Resource Recovery Management Strategy 2021-2026 objectives to reduce waste to landfill and support the community to do so.

### **Resolution 2023/65**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

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Seconded: Cr Rob Guthrie

**That Council adopts the Single-use Plastic Policy (2023), as attached.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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### **AO.3 DRAFT ROSS WATT RESERVE MASTER PLAN**

#### **Summary**

This report seeks Council endorsement to release the draft Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan (Attachment 1) for four weeks of community consultation. This will inform the direction and development of the final Master Plan for Council's consideration.

#### **Resolution 2023/66**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie

Seconded: Cr Dominic Bonanno

**That Council endorses the release of the draft Ross Watt Reserve Master Plan for four weeks of community consultation.**

**CARRIED**

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### **AO.4 CAPITAL WORKS CARRY FORWARDS**

#### **Summary**

This report seeks Council approval for carrying forward 47 out of the 216 2022/23 capital projects as listed in the attachment into the 2023/2024 financial year for completion. Various factors have contributed to the need to carry forward these projects, including; the market conditions leading to a shortage of contractors, significant price escalation and unavailability of materials and labour force, staff turnover (making it difficult to fill some positions), additional projects following the rain event in October 2022 and delay in receiving external funding.

#### **Resolution 2023/67**

Moved: Cr Jennifer Anderson

Seconded: Cr Dominic Bonanno

**That Council approves the carry forward of 47 Capital projects as listed in Attachment 1 for delivery in the Financial Year 2023-2024.**

**CARRIED**

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### **16 NOTICES OF MOTION AND RESCISSION**

Nil

**17 URGENT BUSINESS****MOTION****Resolution 2023/68**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie  
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

**That I seek leave that Council agrees to admit a matter as item 17.1 – Time of the Planning Delegated Committee Meeting 14 June 2023 on the agenda, to change the time of the meeting to enable Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer to attend.**

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**CARRIED****17.1 TIMING OF THE PLANNING DELEGATED COMMITTEE MEETING 14 JUNE 2023****Summary**

A change of time for this meeting will allow Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer who are representing Council interstate to attend the meeting.

**Resolution 2023/69**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie  
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Anderson

**That Council resolves to reschedule the Planning Delegated Committee Meeting on 14 June 2023 from 7pm to 6pm.**

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**CARRIED****18 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS****Resolution 2023/70**

Moved: Cr Rob Guthrie  
Seconded: Cr Mark Ridgeway

**That pursuant to section 66(1) and (2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council closes the meeting to the public to consider the confidential report(s) listed below, which are confidential on grounds provided in Section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020*:**

**18.1 Repurpose It - Procurement**

**18.2 Kettlewells Processing Site - Weighbridge**

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**CARRIED****Confidential reasons****18.1 Repurpose It - Procurement**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - a and g(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open



meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released and private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

This report includes information relating to contract arrangements for the provision of waste management services including commercially sensitive details that if released would prejudice future contract negotiations for both Council and the contractor.

### **18.2 Kettlewells Processing Site - Weighbridge**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 3(1) - g(ii) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage.

The details of this report refer to commercial-in-confidence negotiations between the vendor and Council. This non-standard purchase results from negotiations for the 'purchase-in-situation' (currently at the Kettlewell's quarry) as a result of the preceding two year lease. The purchase price is competitive, noting that if the current weighbridge is not retained there would be significant float costs to remove it and additional costs to bring in another weighbridge.

**The meeting closed at 7:59pm.**

**The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 28 June 2023.**