



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Scheduled Meeting of Council

Minutes

Wednesday 26 April 2023
Yea Shire Hall
High Street
6:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCILLORS' PLEDGE

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting was opened with the Chief Executive Officer declaring the following Pledge on behalf of the Murrindindi Shire Council:

“Murrindindi Shire Council is proud to acknowledge the Taungurung and Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we now call Murrindindi Shire, we are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, who conduct business here and those who visit.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, who are the keepers of history, traditions, knowledge and culture of this land.”

1.2 Councillors' Pledge

“The Councillors, democratically elected to represent our community as the Murrindindi Shire Council, are committed to working together in the best interests of the people who live in our municipality, those who conduct business here and those who visit.”

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Privacy Note

This public meeting is being streamed live via our Facebook page and website. A recording of the meeting along with the official Minutes of the meeting will also be published on our website.

2.2 Apologies and Request for Planned Leave

There were no apologies or requests for leave of absence tendered.

Present:

Councillors J Walsh (Chair), K Haslam, S McAulay, S Carpenter, I Gerencser, E Lording, D Gallagher

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer: Livia Bonazzi
Acting Director Corporate and Shared Services: Tara Carter
Acting Director Community Engagement: Stuart Coller
Manager Sustainability & Assets: Peter Bain
Manager Business Services: Cheryl Nickels Beattie
Acting Manager Governance & Risk: David Echeverry

2.3 Disclosure of Interest or Conflict of Interest

Cr K Haslam declared a general conflict of interest in Agenda item 5.1 being Grants and Contributions Program - April Allocations due to being a member of Eildon Action Inc.

2.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of Council held on 22 March 2023.

RESOLUTION

Cr I Gerencser / Cr E Lording

That Council confirm the minutes of the 22 March 2023 Scheduled Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on 5 April 2023.

RESOLUTION

Cr S Carpenter / Cr K Haslam

That Council confirm the minutes of the 5 April 2023 Special Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

2.5 Petitions

Nil.

2.6 Community Recognition

Nil.

2.7 Matters Deferred from Previous Meeting

Nil.

2.8 Urgent Business

Nil.

3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

3.1 Open Forum

Paul Wainscott spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

Nicole Street spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

Tayla Street spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

David Carabott spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr I Gerencser

That a five minute extension of time be allocated to David Carabott.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr S McAulay

That an extension of time be allocated to Open Forum to enable all community participants to have the opportunity to speak.

CARRIED

Don Street spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge – Alignment Decision.

Damon Kerr spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

Greg Wilsmore spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

Livia Bonazzi, CEO read a submission on behalf of Margaret Hahnenfeldt regarding the Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

Paul (surname unknown) spoke regarding Break O'Day Bridge - Alignment Decision.

3.2 Questions of Council

Nil.

4 REPORTS - ASSETS AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

4.1 Break O'Day Road Bridge - Alignment Decision

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Break O'Day Road Bridge - Community Meeting Presentation - April 2023 [4.1.1 - 16 pages] Attachment 2 - Break O'Day Road Bridge - Letter to The Hon. Melissa Horne MP - Extra Funding Sought [4.1.2 - 2 pages] Attachment 3 - Break O'Day Road Bridge - FAQs - April 2023 [4.1.3 - 7 pages]
Presenter	P Bain, Manager Sustainability & Assets
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report aims to provide an update on the delivery of the Break O'Day Road Bridge, Glenburn. Officers are seeking a decision on which alignment to proceed with, for the Break O'Day Road Bridge construction.

RESOLUTION

Cr K Haslam / Cr S McAulay

That Council:

- 1. note the advice from the bridge audit consultant's report and the engineering advice from Officers regarding the decision to replace the existing bridge at Break O'Day Road as soon as practicable in accordance with Council's role as the coordinating road authority**
- 2. approve the construction of the new Break O'Day Road Bridge on the existing alignment as outlined in Option 1 and start works on 15 May 2023, noting that this will require a closure of the bridge for six weeks.**

CARRIED

4.2 Capital Works Quarterly Report - March 2023

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Capital Works - Quarterly Report - March 2023 - Program Financials [4.2.1 - 4 pages] Copy of Capital Works Program Review - March 2023 - Program Comments [4.2.2 - 6 pages]
Presenter	P Bain, Manager Sustainability & Assets
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report is the third quarter progress report of the Capital Works Program (CWP) for the 2022/23 financial year. The period of reporting is from 1 July 2022 to the end of March 2023. The CWP is comprised of those projects endorsed by Council as part of the 2022/23 budget, projects identified for carry forward from the 2021/22 program and any approved projects that have received grant funding during the financial year.

RESOLUTION

Cr I Gerencser / Cr E Lording

That Council:

- 1. receive the quarterly report for the quarter ending 31 March 2023 on the status of the delivery of the Capital Works Program**
- 2. approve the deferral of the Kinglake Village Streetscape project from LRCI (Local Roads Community Infrastructure) Round 3 program and the relocation of the funds for this project to other LRCI Round 3 projects as detailed by table 1 of this report**
- 3. allocate funds for the Kinglake Village Streetscape project from the LRCI Round 4 funding allocation that will be delivered during the 2023/24 financial year.**

CARRIED

Cr K Haslam left the meeting at 7.47 pm.

5 REPORTS - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

5.1 Grants and Contributions Program - April Allocations

Attachment(s)	Nil
Presenter	S Collier, Acting Director Community Engagement
Approved by	Interim Director Community Engagement
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides Council with the March Grants and Contribution Program applications, variation requests and the Panel Assessment Report.

RESOLUTION

Cr S McAulay / Cr D Gallagher

That Council:

1. **endorse the following variations recommended by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel:**
 - a. **Eildon Action Inc - Eildon Community Stage – Time variation**

CARRIED

Cr K Haslam returned to the meeting at 7.49 pm.

RESOLUTION

Cr I Gerencser / Cr D Gallagher

That Council:

1. **endorse the following variations recommended by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel:**
 - b. **Alexandra District Health – Healthy at Alex Hub – Time and scope variation**
2. **note the following allocations made by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel under delegation:**
 - a. **Whittlesea/Kinglake Anglican Parish - Anzac Day Dawn Service 2023 – equipment hire - \$800**
 - b. **Yea Golf Club Inc – Centenary Dinner Dance Celebration – Fee Reduction \$405**
3. **endorse the following allocations recommended by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel:**
 - a. **Yea Wetlands Discovery Centre - NAIDOC Week 2023 - Celebration and Events @YWDC - \$4,850**
 - b. **Murrindindi Woodbourne Community Hub - Sound Proofing for the Community Hub - \$5,000**

- c. Flowerdale Community House - Community Lunch Group for Flowerdale and Surrounding towns - \$2,000
- d. Mother's Day Classic Foundation - Alexandra Yea and Districts Mother's Day Classic - \$1,000
- e. Alexandra District Health Primary Health - Aquatic Physiotherapy Pilot Program at Alexandra Indoor Heated Pool Inc - \$5,000.

CARRIED

5.2 Childcare service and infrastructure review

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Murrindindi Early Years Infrastructure and Service Review 2023 [5.2.1 - 25 pages]
Presenter	S Coller, Acting Director Community Engagement
Approved by	Interim Director Community Engagement
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report presents the final consultant report including updated information regarding the State Government's Best Start Best Life Strategy roll out.

RESOLUTION

Cr S Carpenter / Cr D Gallagher

That Council:

1. note the early education service and infrastructure review report and its seven recommendations
2. support officers to work in partnership State Government and service providers to develop an action plan to address current and future service needs.

CARRIED

6 REPORTS - CORPORATE & SHARED SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1 Council Plan 2021-2025 Quarterly Performance Report - 1 January to 31 March 2023

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Council Plan Quarterly Report - January - March 2023 [6.1.1 - 41 pages]
Presenter	D Echeverry, Acting Manager Governance & Risk
Approved by	Acting Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For noting

Executive Summary

This report provides a summary of the progress to date and the action taken in the 1 January to 31 March 2023 period in delivering Council's Priority Action Plan 2022/23 and Council Plan 2021-2025.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr S McAulay
That Council note the Council Plan 2021-2025 Progress Report – 1 January to 31 March 2023 period as contained in Attachment 6.1.1.

CARRIED

6.2 Quarterly Finance Report - March 2023

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Management Statements - March 2023 [6.2.1 - 4 pages]
Presenter	C Nickels Beattie, Manager Business Services
Approved by	Acting Director Corporate and Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides the quarterly financial report for the period ending 31 March 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr I Gerencser
That Council receive the Quarterly Financial Report to 31 March 2023 and note the adjustment to the Councillor expenses.

CARRIED

7 COUNCILLOR AND CEO REPORTS

7.1 Notices of Motions

Nil.

7.2 Cr Sue Carpenter

Nil to report.

7.3 Cr Damien Gallagher

On 23 March, people, businesses, and not-for-profit groups of Alexandra turned out in force at the Alexandra Town Hall to support those in the community who rely on face-to-face service to perform fundamental banking transactions. The Alexandra Traders' Association initiative has led to fruitful discussions with Yea and District Community Bank directors about an enhanced agency experience for Alexandra. I'd like to acknowledge the Mayor, Cr. Walsh for immediately lending Council's support to such an association and for addressing a comprehensive submission to the Australian Senate's enquiry into bank closures in Regional Australia. Thanks too, to the many well-engaged Alexandra and Murrindindi Shire citizens whose familiar names are listed beside their personal submissions to the Senate Committee's enquiry. I look forward to a banking venue being established and a continuity of local financial services being realised.

Supported by Murrindindi Shire Council, Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc. hosted a Jobs Expo in late March. The valuable forum enabled participants to share their challenges and solutions to recruitment and retention. Young people from Alexandra were able to consider the many local and flexible employment options on offer.

The Easter weekend saw so many welcome visitors take in our many natural attractions and perhaps just as many took in the Alexandra Easter Fair, the Rotary Easter Art Show in Alexandra, or the Within the Land sculpture exhibition in Acheron. Visitors to Alexandra and surrounds are always most welcome to make Murrindindi Shire their home for a few days, overnight, or just an afternoon.

To portfolio and representative matters

I had the opportunity to attend the "Inspire Me" meet-up at GoTAFE Shepparton in late March. The event was hosted by Startup Shakeup, an ecosystem conceived to support the innovation community to survive and to thrive. Several participants spoke of their experience in the network, and the value of the ecosystem in supporting them to establish their enterprise and to grow, employ people, and to contribute to their local economy. As Council leads development of a local strategy to shape the economic future of Murrindindi Shire, I welcome provision for supporting knowledge economy employers and workers.

The draft budget for 2023-24 was endorsed for publishing and community comment on 5 April at a special meeting of Council. Council continues to welcome submissions and suggestions via its website (<https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/budget>) or in writing, or in person at one of Council's offices.

Over the coming weeks, Council will work to develop its Year 3 Priority Action Plan. Given the impact of recent emergencies leading to deferral of some Year 2 initiatives, and given the budgeted revenue constraints, the discussions will be focused on the key priorities described in Council's 2021-25 Council Plan.

Given the number of land use planning applications, the budget submission process, and the anticipated level of community participation, the April Council meeting agenda will necessarily be covered across the course of this evening and next Wednesday 3 April at 6PM at the Yea Council Chambers.

Finally

Thank you to those in Alexandra and across the shire who took time on ANZAC Day to pause and reflect on sacrifice in service of Australia.

Lest we forget.

7.4 Cr Ilona Gerencser

Nil to report.

7.5 Cr Eric Lording

Anzac Day was again upon us.

I attended the Kellock Lodge ceremony with Cr Gallagher but was a bit late due to two sets of roadworks, but the residents were again all smiles having a uniformed person attend complete with Ceremonial Sword. Photos are sure to appear in their weekly newsletter.

Then next day was at Glenburn at 6.00 am. I was pleased to see almost 100 people attend the service and then adjourn to the Glenburn Hall where there were robust discussions. The Vietnam era people were very interested in the equipment that I used for the flag salute. Many thanks to Victoria Police for granting a permit for this.

Then at 11.00 am at the Flowerdale Community Hall. Once again, a great turnout of 87 persons was wonderful to see. A continuing increase after the disruptions due to Covid. Similarly, the older people appreciated the Vietnam relic and the detailed Vietnam War presentation by the MC.

Both ceremonies were well worthwhile to attend.

7.6 Cr Sandice McAulay

As 5 May draws closer, the reality of the irresponsible National Australia Bank closure and its impact on the community becomes clearer with the failure of the NAB ATM last week and the queue of people trying to do their banking and withdrawals within the bank. Council as Cr Gallagher has outlined has been pleased to be actively supporting the exploration of other options in partnership with the Alexandra Traders and community members to ensure essential banking continuity in Alexandra.

Last month I noted that I was looking forward to attending the Murrindindi Jos Expo at the Alexandra Football rooms. Wow what an exciting event – congratulations to the Murrindindi Food and Wine Inc on this hugely successful event. The club rooms were full of people networking, resource sharing and experts sharing industry insights. It was great to see the Alexandra Secondary College students soaking up all the available information as well as many other locals and businesses. I hope this is the first of many such valuable events for our community. Again, well done to all participants.

The Artwork on the Great Victorian Art Trail has now been fully installed. It is exciting to see and hear the commentary that the artwork is generating. Like so many artwork projects the responses are strong – people either liking or hating – and isn't that what art is about – the wider implication is that the people are taking the time to visit and walk along the Rail Trail in order to see this new project – hence achieving the goal of “Establishing the Great Victorian Rail Trail as a thriving recreational tourism experience that drives positive visitor economy outcomes for the destinations, businesses and communities associated with it”. In association with the completion of the artworks I have been advised that several people visiting Melbourne in the last few weeks have noticed several Art Trams wrapped in the “Ride High Country” – Victoria’s premier cycling destination artwork – and of course Murrindindi is showcased as part of this premier cycling and rail trail destination project.

I was once again honoured to attend the Marysville ANZAC Day commemorative ceremony. Thank you for the ongoing community passion that ensures the annual service is well managed and attended.

7.7 Cr Karine Haslam

Environmental Programs

- The Draft Climate Change Action Plan is now being implemented. Public consultation is due to start later this month.
- Recruiting for a replacement Project Officer, Environmental Programs will commence in April. This person will have a key role in the implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan.

Resource Recovery

- Regional tender for future waste services is complete. Council is preparing for public consultation on:
 - Waste collection and disposal services.
 - Recycling collection and recovery, this will include plastic film, soft plastics etc.
 - Glass collection and recovery, including local recycling options.
 - Food and Organics (FOGO) collection and processing. (High grade compost processing)
- Waste skip bins to service visitors is to be halted following severe problems this season.
- Don't forget free green waste until 30 April 2023. No limits. Only a few days left.

Eildon Easter Twilight Market

- Mother nature was not kind this Easter, unfortunately many events were cancelled throughout the shire, including the Eildon Easter Twilight Market. I know it was a big disappointment to many visitors.
- I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all the artists, stall holders, food and beverage vendors that had prepared for a very busy weekend. The time, effort, and cost sustained for a non-event is very unfortunate, understanding and support for your community is a credit to you.

Anzac Day

- I had the honour along with Neil Campbell to visit Darlingford Nursing Home in Eildon for their Anzac Day ceremony. It was a lovely tribute to the Anzacs.
- I also attended the Eildon ANZAC Ceremony at the Cenotaph. The weather was perfect which encouraged a great turnout. It was fantastic to see over two hundred people paying respect. It was especially heartening to see all ages participating. We were fortunate to have members of the Eildon CFA on parade, also Tim who is a serving member of the

22nd Engineer Regiment conduct the ceremony, this was followed by Leo Nicoloudis on trumpet, playing the last post and Reveille. It was very moving to have Leo playing live.

- I would also like to thank the Eildon RSL who provided a wonderful morning tea at the Eildon Information Centre, this was enjoyed by many.

Recreational Trail

It is very exciting to see the Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail progressing, it is not far off now and wonderful to see so many people are already using it. It will be a well-used asset when completed and will certainly encourage people to walk or ride in a safe and beautiful environment. This is certainly a good step towards overall wellbeing for our local and visiting community. Thank you, that's it from me.

7.8 Cr John Walsh - Mayoral Report

This month has been busy albeit one with Easter and Anzac Day as welcome breaks from the norm.

I attended the AGM of the Cathkin Cemetery Trust. That small group of volunteers are to be commended for the work they do in maintaining such a beautiful and historic site. It was regrettable that long serving Chairman, Les Ridd was unable to be there due to ill health but also pleasing that his prognosis was such that he will be able to soon resume his role.

Along with the CEO time has been spent meeting community representatives and advocating for changes to the way the water storage level in Lake Eildon is managed. The need for greater emphasis on contributing to flood mitigation is imperative and hopefully the Minister will respond positively to the request to have an immediate limit of 95% put in place pending the outcomes of the review of Lake level management being undertaken as a result of the October floods.

I have been on the selection panel for a new CEO for the Central Ranges Local Learning and Employment Network. The Network supports young people transition from school to work through a variety of programs across the three Shires of Murrindindi, Mitchell and Macedon ranges. The announcement of the new CEO will be made in the next week. The successful candidate will need to hit the ground running to be well positioned to support the State Government's ambition to expand vocational training for all students with a particular emphasis in our region on agricultural skills training. CRLLEN is also supporting early childhood education staff training within Macedon Ranges using a model which is being investigated for its suitability in Murrindindi Shire.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of facilitating the judging of the Citizen of the Year Awards. This year there was a great increase in nominations across all categories which I believe has justified the move from the busy pre-Christmas nominations period. The judges did not have an easy task but have come up with a list of very worthy winners who will be announced at the Volunteer Celebration dinners on 13th and 21st of May at Marysville and Kinglake respectively. I thank the judges for their work and also appreciated their suggestions on how the process can be improved in coming years.

7.9 Chief Executive Officer Report

Draft Budget Submissions

As of today, Council has received five submissions on the 2023/24 Draft Budget. Community members still have time to provide feedback on the draft budget. This can be by filling out a form through our website, or via email or letter to Council. Submissions are open until Sunday 30 April 2023.

Appointment of the Director Community Development

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Andrew Paxton as the Director Community Development. We were delighted with the level of interest and the calibre of applicants for this very important role which, following an internal organisational realignment, will lead the following key functions of Council:

- Community wellbeing and Engagement;
- Planning, Building and Community Safety;
- Economic Development; and
- Flood Recovery.

Andrew brings significant experience to our team and to Murrindindi, having held similar executive and management roles at Cardinia, Yarra Ranges and Knox Councils. He has a deep understanding of public land management through his advisory roles with Parks Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

More recently, Andrew was General Manager for the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust. Andrew's first day with us will be next Monday 1 May 2023. I would like to express my deep gratitude to Kate Siebert, who skilfully held the role of Interim Director Community Engagement over the past few months, helping us respond to the October Floods and the February grass fires, as well as setting up the Municipal Flood Recovery Committee.

Grant Funding

We have received \$20,000 from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change, through the Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management Grants Program, towards a project to promote good wastewater management to residents, landholders and service providers through an education and engagement program. This project is a high priority of the adopted Domestic Wastewater Management Plan. The total cost for the Murrindindi Domestic Wastewater Education and Engagement Program is \$35,000.

IDAHOBIT Day Flag Raising Ceremony

To celebrate IDAHOBIT Day, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination and Transphobia, Council is hosting its inaugural Pride Flag Raising Ceremony in Alexandra on Wednesday 17 May 2023 from 10.00 – 11.00 am. Outside the Alexandra Council offices. There is no need to register for this event.

Everyone is welcome to attend this event and show support for the LGBTQIA+ community and stand alongside us as we raise the Pride Flag. A free morning tea will be provided and you'll get the opportunity to hear from our guest speaker Tara Pedersen. Tara is an Alexandra local and member of Thornton-Eildon District Football & Netball Club, and will be speaking to us about the importance of flying the Pride Flag this IDAHOBIT Day. Council will also be celebrating IDAHOBIT Day and flying the Pride flag at our Kinglake and Yea Libraries.

8 RECORD OF COUNCIL BRIEFING SESSIONS

Purpose

For noting.

Executive Summary

This report presents the records of Council Briefing Sessions for 22 March 2023 to 19 April 2023, for Council to note.

The following summary details are for 22 March 2023 to 19 April 2023:

Meeting Name/Type		Council Pre-Meet		
Meeting Date:		22 March 2023		
Matters Discussed:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Application – 181 Switzerland Road, Ghin Ghin – Extractive Industry 2. Climate Change Action Plan 3. Contract 22/9 – Kerbside Waste and Recycling Collection and Processing Services – Contract Award 4. Contract 22/19 – Tree and Weed Services 2023-2029 5. Eildon Reserves Redevelopment deliberative panel recommendations 6. Grants and Contributions Program – March Allocations – Part A and Part B 7. Delegations and Authorisations (Planning and Environment Act 1987) 8. Biannual Audit and Risk Committee Report 9. Audit and Risk Committee Confirmation of Minutes 		
Councillor Attendees:		Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam, Cr S Carpenter, Cr D Gallagher, Cr E Lording, Cr S McAulay, Cr I Gerencser		
Council Officer Attendees:		L Bonazzi, T Carter, V Albicini, K Siebert, D Echeverry, N Stewart, C Fraser		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Yes				
Matter No.	Councillor making disclosure	Was a vote taken?	Did the Councillor leave the room?	When? Before or after discussion?
6. Part A	John Walsh	No	Yes	Before
6. Part A	Damien Gallagher	No	Yes	Before

Meeting Name/Type		Briefing Session & Open Community Meeting		
Meeting Date:		29 March 2023		
Matters Discussed:		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Annual Budget 2023/24 2. Open Community Meeting from 5.00 pm 		
Councillor Attendees:		Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam (Virtual for Briefing only), Cr S Carpenter, Cr D Gallagher, Cr E Lording (Community Meeting only), Cr S McAulay		
Council Officer Attendees:		L Bonazzi, T Carter, V Albicini, K Siebert, D Echeverry, C Nickels-Beattie		
Conflict of Interest Disclosures: No				

Meeting Name/Type	Briefing Session
Meeting Date:	5 April 2023
Matters Discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning Scheme Review Presentation (external) 2. Road Asset Management Plan – Advisory Group Terms of Reference Update 3. Council Pre-Meet for 5 April Special Meeting (Draft Annual Budget 2023/24 and Instrument of Delegation to the Chief Executive Officer)
Councillor Attendees:	Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam, Cr S Carpenter, Cr D Gallagher, Cr E Lording, Cr S McAulay, Cr I Gerencser
Council Officer Attendees:	L Bonazzi, T Carter, V Albicini, K Siebert, N Stewart (V), E Kubeil, C Nickels-Beattie, D Echeverry
Conflict of Interest Disclosures: No	

Meeting Name/Type	Briefing Session			
Meeting Date:	12 April 2023			
Matters Discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Grants and Contributions - Policy and Process review 2. Local Development Strategy Update 3. Break O'Day Road Briefing 4. Planning Application - 287 Smiths Road Toolangi - Place of Assembly - weddings, including camping - Multiple objections 5. Planning Application - 399 Maintongoon Road, Maintongoon - Helicopter maintenance facility including helipad - Multiple objections 6. Planning Application - 26 Hannas Road Strath Creek - Leisure and Recreation - Sport and Recreation Facility - Multiple objections 7. Planning Application - 181 Switzerland Road Ghin Ghin - Multiple objections 8. Planning Application – High Street Yea Median Strip Outdoor Shelter 			
Councillor Attendees:	Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam, Cr S Carpenter, Cr D Gallagher, Cr I Gerencser			
Council Officer Attendees:	L Bonazzi, T Carter, V Albicini, K Siebert, S Coller, C Hamill, A Milestone, P Bain, J Carns, N Stewart (V), C Fraser (V)			
Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Yes				
Matter No.	Councillor making disclosure	Was a vote taken?	Did the Councillor leave the room?	When? Before or after discussion?
8.	Cr S Carpenter	No	Yes	Before

Meeting Name/Type	Briefing Session			
Meeting Date:	19 April 2023			
Matters Discussed:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rating Strategy Review – Introduction and process overview 2. Inquiry into the 2022 Flood Event in Victoria 3. Capital Works Program Review – March 2023 4. Break O'Day Road Bridge – Alignment 5. Planning Application - 181 Switzerland Road Ghin Ghin 6. Multiple objections 7. Development Services Monthly Report 8. Childcare service and infrastructure review 9. Grants and Contributions Program - April Allocations 			
Councillor Attendees:	Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam, Cr S Carpenter, Cr D Gallagher, Cr S McAulay, Cr I Gerencser			
Council Officer Attendees:	L Bonazzi, T Carter, V Albicini, K Siebert, S Collier, C Fraser, P Bain, J Carns, N Stewart, C Nickels-Beattie, L Harrison (V), C Hamill			
Conflict of Interest Disclosures: Yes				
Matter No.	Councillor making disclosure	Was a vote taken?	Did the Councillor leave the room?	When? Before or after discussion?
8.	Cr K Haslam	No	Yes	Before

Council Plan/Strategies/Policies

This matter is consistent with the *Council Plan 2021-2025 Transparency, Inclusion and Accountability* strategy to “maintain transparent, inclusive and accountable governance practices”.

Relevant Legislation

This report supports the *Local Government Act 2020* overarching governance principles, in particular “the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured”.

Financial Implications and Risk

There are no financial or risk implications.

Conflict of Interest

Any conflicts of interest are noted in the records of Council Briefing Sessions tables listed above.

RESOLUTION

Cr S Carpenter / Cr I Gerencser

That Council receive and note the records of Council Briefing Sessions for 20 March 2023 to 21 April 2023.

CARRIED

9 SEALING REGISTER

File Reference	Date Seal Affixed	Description of Documents	Signatures of Persons Sealing
SF/123	6 April 2023	S11A - Instrument of Appointment & Authorisation (Planning and Environment Act 1987) March 2023	Livia Bonazzi Cr John Walsh

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr S Carpenter
That the list of items to which the Council seal has been affixed be noted.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 8:44 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS



CHAIRPERSON

Cr J Walsh