



Murrindindi
Shire Council

Scheduled Meeting of Council

Minutes

Wednesday 27 April 2022
Yea Council Chambers
The Semi Circle
6:00 PM

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND COUNCILLORS' PLEDGE

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

The meeting will be opened with the Mayor reading the following 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 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 made available for public access on its website along with the official Minutes of this meeting.

2.2 Apologies and Request for Leave of Absence

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

Present:

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

In attendance:

Chief Executive Officer: Livia Bonazzi
Director Corporate and Shared Services: Michael Chesworth
Director Community Engagement: Shivaun Brown
Director Assets and Development: Vito Albicini
Manager Governance and Risk: Tara Carter
Manager Development Services: Natalie Stewart
Coordinator Planning: Cameron Fraser
Senior Planner: Clara Gartland

2.3 Disclosure of Interest or Conflict of Interest

Cr S Carpenter declared a General conflict of interest in Agenda item 5.1 being the Grants and Contributions Program - March Allocations due to her being an Executive Member of the Rotary Club of Yea Board.

Cr J Walsh declared a Material conflict of interest in Agenda item 4.2 being the Planning Application - Amendment to Application 2020/103 - 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton due to his wife being an Executive Member of a Committee which receives sponsorship from the applicant.

2.4 Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of Council held on 23 March 2022.

RESOLUTION

Cr S McAulay/ Cr E Lording

That Council confirm the minutes of the 23 March 2022 Scheduled Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Minutes of the Unscheduled Meeting of Council held on 13 April 2022.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr I Gerencser

That Council confirm the minutes of the 13 April 2022 Unscheduled 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

Jack Russell spoke about the Road Management Act and risks.

Lynette Clifford spoke against the Planning Application - Amendment to Application 2020/103 - 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton on the Agenda (item 4.2 on the Agenda).

Angelina Bell spoke in support of the Planning Application - Amendment to Application 2020/103 - 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton on the Agenda (item 4.2 on the Agenda).

Mark Hollis spoke in support of Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit on the Agenda (item 4.1 on the Agenda).

Darren Tardio spoke in support of Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit on the Agenda (item 4.1 on the Agenda).

Ken Deacon spoke in support of Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit on the Agenda (item 4.1 on the Agenda).

Steph Born spoke in support of Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit on the Agenda (item 4.1 on the Agenda).

Ms Livia Bonazzi, CEO read a submission on behalf of Fiona Mackey against Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit on the Agenda (item 4.1 on the Agenda).

3.2 Questions of Council

Nil.

4 REPORTS - ASSETS AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORATE

4.1 Planning Application - 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton - Tanglewood Music Festival 5 Year Permit

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Application, Title, Event Plan [4.1.1 - 71 pages] Attachment 2 - Medical Operations Plan and Schedule of Structures [4.1.2 - 104 pages] Attachment 3 - Waste Management Plan and Traffic Management Plan [4.1.3 - 51 pages] Attachment 4 - Security Management Plan and Risk Management Plan [4.1.4 - 123 pages] Attachment 5 - Emergency Management Plan [4.1.5 - 100 pages] Attachment 6 - Noise Management Plan and Accoustic Report [4.1.6 - 40 pages] Attachment 7 - Previous VCAT Decisions [4.1.7 - 25 pages] Confidential Attachment 1 - Objections (distributed to Councillors separately) Confidential Attachment 2 - Submissions of support (distributed to Councillors separately) Confidential Attachment 3 - Response to submissions combined (distributed to Councillors separately)
Presenter	C Fraser, Coordinator Planning
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision
Land	969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton 3712 (LOT: 1 TP: 342881, LOT: 2 TP: 342881, Parish of Thornton)
Proposal	Use and development of land for the purpose of a place of assembly (music festival) annually for 5 years
Applicant	Tanglewood Festival – Born Rhythm Entertainment
Zoning:	Farming Zone
Overlays	Bushfire Management Overlay (Part)(Not in proposal area)
Triggers	Clause 35.07-1 – Use of land in the Farming Zone for a Place of Assembly Clause 35.07-4 – Buildings and Works associated with a Section 2 Use in the Farming Zone Clause 52.29-2 - Access to land in a Transport Zone

Locality Plan



Executive Summary

An application has been received for the use and development of land for a Place of Assembly (music festival) annually for five years under the provisions of the Murrindindi Planning Scheme. The proposed event is the Tanglewood Music and Arts Festival which has operated from the site on four previous occasions.

Up to 3000 people will be accommodated on the site throughout the duration of the festival which will run between 30 December and 2 January annually.

The two allotments included in the proposal have a total area of approximately 167 hectares and are generally surrounded by private land. Access to the site is available from the northern boundary on the Goulburn Valley Highway.

The land is relatively clear of vegetation and contains scattered paddock trees. The site is primarily used for agriculture however does contain a single dwelling and agricultural shedding.

The land is in the Farming Zone and partially affected by the Bushfire Management Overlay. The area within the Bushfire Management Overlay is not proposed to be used as part of the proposal.

The application has been broadly advertised to all adjoining and nearby properties within 3 kilometres of the site. 130 submissions have been received of which 12 were objecting to the proposal, 118 were supportive of the proposal and 1 submission was withdrawn. Submissions have been received from a number of people who were not directly notified.

Additional notifications were given to EPA, GBCMA and Agriculture Victoria who have consented to the proposal. Local police have also been notified. The application was referred under Section 55 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* to CFA and Department of Transport who have both consented to the proposal subject to conditions.

This report recommends that a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit be issued for the use and development of land for a Place of Assembly (music festival) annually for five years. The application is presented to Council due to the number of objections.

RESOLUTION

Cr S McAulay / Cr D Gallagher

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to grant a planning permit for the use and development of land for the purpose of a place of assembly (music festival) annually for 5 years at 969 Goulburn Valley Highway Thornton 3712 (LOT: 1 TP: 342881, LOT: 2 TP: 342881, Parish of Thornton), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. This permit allows five events to be held over five consecutive years from 30 December to 2 January, subject to satisfactory compliance with condition (2) below. In the event that an alternative date is required to be used written notice must be provided to the Responsible Authority at least 6 weeks prior to the proposed date. Once a new date is approved by the Responsible Authority, notice will be provided to all properties within a 5 kilometre radius by the Responsible Authority. The establishment of the site for the purpose of the event and re-instatement of the site after the event may occur outside the dates specified above, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 2. The consecutive annual events may only proceed upon satisfactory compliance with the conditions of the permit for the previous events to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
- 3. Music from the event may occur between the following hours on the following dates:**
 - 30 January – 3pm and midnight**
 - 31 December – 10am to 6am 1 January**
 - 1 January – 10am to 11:00pm**

or alternative dates with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.

- 4. Public access to the site may only occur between 30 December to 2 January (inclusive) unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.**
- 5. Noise generated from the use hereby permitted for normal operating hours must not exceed 96 dB(A) on the main stage and 92 dB(A) on Stage 2, measured at 30 metres from front of the stage, and for late night (after 10pm) noise levels must not exceed 89 dB(A) on the main stage and 86 dB(A) on Stage 2 measured at 30 metres from front of the stage as detailed in the noise management plan. Should a complaint be received about the noise level, the sound engineer must check levels and adjust accordingly**
- 6. Between the hours of 3am and 6am on 1 January the amplification to all speakers must be reduced. The amplification must be reduced to such a level that they do not exceed 60db at 63Hz on all residential boundaries.**
- 7. Within 3 months of the conclusion of each event an acoustic report by an independent sound and acoustics engineer must be submitted to the Responsible Authority. Such report must include:**
 - a. Results of the engineer's noise measurements and observations made during attendance;**

- b. Results of the unattended noise monitoring data;
- c. Verification regarding whether the event complied with the relevant Planning Permit conditions;
- d. Noise contour mapping over the broader and surrounding area, based on measurements and observations made during the event; and
- e. Recommendations to minimise noise impacts at future events.

This report will be used to determine whether the event occurred in compliance with the conditions of this permit to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

- 8. No more than 3000 patrons and 750 Event Staff may be permitted on the site at any one time to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:
- 9. Patrons are only permitted on the site between the hours of 9am on the 30 December and 5pm on the 2 January or alternative dates with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
- 10. Prior to the commencement of each event hereby permitted the management plans shall be updated and submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. Once approved, all relevant management plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application but must be updated to form the final version of the plans, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The management plans must include:
 - a. Event Management Plan
 - b. Noise Management Plan
 - c. Emergency Management Plan
 - d. Waste Management Plan
 - e. Traffic Management Plan.

The event must be managed in accordance with the endorsed management plans at all times to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

- 11. Activities on the final day of the festival and the pack down must not cause annoyance to people beyond the site.
- 12. All food providers are to comply with relevant Food Act legislation requirements to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority
- 13. A final list of all food vendors must be submitted to the responsible authority at least 7 days prior to the event
- 14. All temporary food premises must meet the requirements of Chapter 3 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Standard 3.2.3 – Food Premises and Equipment. Requirements
- 15. Waste water generated from mobile food vendors cannot be discharged onto the ground, lawns, into portable public toilets or storm water drains
- 16. All temporary structures erected on the site including all promotional or directional signage and all waste must be removed at the completion of the event to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The site must be re-instated including any areas of disturbed ground to be re-vegetated, no later than two weeks after the completion of the event on the land, to the satisfaction of the

Responsible Authority. A post-event site condition report must be submitted to the Responsible Authority to demonstrate compliance with this condition, no later than 4 weeks after the completion of the event on the land

- 17. Any structures that are permitted to remain on the site must be stored within existing sheds and not be visible from outside the site**
- 18. A public address system must be installed throughout the site to advise patrons of any emergency on the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 19. The subject land must be kept neat and tidy at all times and its appearance must not, in the opinion of the Responsible Authority, adversely affect the amenity of the locality**
- 20. The owner/operator must ensure that litter is not deposited beyond the boundaries of the premises to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 21. Outdoor lighting must be designed, baffled and located to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority such that no direct light is emitted outside the boundaries of the subject land**
- 22. The parking of all vehicles must be confined to designated parking areas within the site as set out on the endorsed plan and no vehicles associated with the event may be parked on any public land, including the road reserve, to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.**
- 23. Ticketing and vehicle search areas must be located within the property boundaries and laid out in such a way that provides for any vehicle queuing to take place within the subject site to minimise any impacts on traffic flow along the Goulburn Valley Highway.**
- 24. The use hereby permitted shall not cause nuisance or injury to, or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality, by reason of the transportation of materials, goods and commodities to and from the land, the appearance of any building, works, or materials on the land, the emission of noise, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, dust, waste water, waste products, grit, oil or the presence of vermin or otherwise**
- 25. Appropriate number of toilets are to be supplied to the number of people proposed at the events at various locations across the site so that patrons have close access across the site to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 26. Disability access portable toilets are to be made available to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 27. If a urinal facility is to be provided, it must be an appropriate and approved system to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 28. Portable toilets and showers must be set back 60 metres from waterways to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 29. No wastewater can be directed or disposed of within a waterway or within the subject site**

30. Event staff and security are to ensure that no persons related to the event including all staff or patrons are to enter into adjoining properties without the owner's prior consent

31. Within 6 weeks after each event, an event report must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. This report must demonstrate compliance with all conditions on this permit.

Department of Transport (Head, Transport for Victoria)

32. Prior to the commencement of the use, the access is to be constructed to the satisfaction of and at no cost to the Head, Transport for Victoria in accordance with VicRoads guideline drawing GD4010 Typical Access to Rural Properties to cater for a 12.5m single unit truck as detailed in Table 2 - Access Setout Details as shown on the guideline drawing.

33. Within 14 days post the event, an event summary must be prepared to the satisfaction of and at no cost to Head, Transport for Victoria. This summary must provide observations of traffic patterns at its peak periods on event day including patron numbers and outline the effectiveness of traffic management measures in place.

34. Ticket sales provisions are to be located at the Information Station as identified on the site plan appended to the application. Ticket sales will not be permitted at the subject site access with Goulburn Valley Highway.

35. The event days will be in accordance with the Security Management Plan appended to the application.

Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority

36. The proposed parking area, camping area, generators, toilet facilities, stages, food stalls, market areas and any other temporary structures are set back a minimum of 30 metres from the bank of the designated waterways.

37. Any works associated with crossings of the designated waterways will require a Works on Waterways Permit (issued by the Goulburn Broken CMA).

Country Fire Authority

38. The Conditions contained below are required to be complied;

- a. The event organiser is to engage a suitably qualified risk management practitioner that to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority has recognised qualifications and experience to conduct a full risk assessment and response plan meeting Australian Standard 4360 in the following areas (but not limited to):
 - Assessments of fire and other emergencies within the site and external threats impinging on the site
 - Risk treatments to mitigate identified risks
 - Develop and emergency management plan based on the treatment strategy
 - Identification of the area(s) for assembly of event patrons. In the event of an emergency to the satisfaction of the CFA
 - Assembly areas, vehicular traffic, parking or paths of access and egress are not to impinge on responding CFA vehicles or the operational requirements of CFA

- Event plans for the site are to be developed using a guide document, 'Event Management – Planning Guideline for Event Managers'
- Any identified fire fighting resources and personnel are to be available at the site and available for use during set-up, duration and demobilisation of the event.

b. A draft copy of the Emergency and Fire Management Plans are to be submitted to;

- CFA District 22
- North East Region.

Not less than three (3) months prior to any proposed event (annually) to provide opportunity for comment to the Responsible Authority.

c. A finalised draft copy of the Emergency and Fire Management plans are to be submitted to;

- CFA District 22
- North East Region.

Not less than six (6) weeks prior to any proposed event (annually) to provide opportunity for comment to the Responsible Authority.

d. A Site Fire Ban is to be imposed for this event prohibiting patrons (and other persons) from any activities which produce a naked flame or ignition source for the total duration of the event.

This ban prohibits the following;

- Naked flames of any kind regardless of cause or source
- Use of any "open flame" equipment including gas cookers, gas lights, barbeques or tea candles
- Use of unauthorised "portable" generators, quad bikes or motorbikes
- Unauthorised" Fire Twirling" and like activities undertaken by patrons or others.

e. Food vendors, display stalls, market stalls and other providers are to have their stalls/tents/vans or other temporary or permanent structures within a distance of not less than six (6) metres of each other or may have a lesser distance where the event organiser has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority that fire spread between stalls will not occur.

f. Each food vendor, stall holder or other provider is required to get an individual CFA Schedule 14 / Fire Danger Period and/or Section 40 / Total Fire Ban Day permit (no blanket or group permit for these operators are to be issued).

g. Access and egress routes are to be clearly marked to a width of not less than six (6) metres and are to meet the following conditions;

- Roads must be constructed to a standard so that they are accessible in all weather conditions and capable of accommodating a vehicle of 15 tonnes for the trafficable road width

- The average grade must be no more than 1 in 7 (14.4%) (8.1 degrees) with a maximum of no more than 1 in 5 (20%) (11.3 degrees) for no more than 50 metres
 - Dips must have no more than 1 in 8 (12%) (7.1 degrees) entry and exit angle.
- h. Car parking areas, vehicular routes, camping areas and emergency assembly areas, (i.e., the entire event area as designated on the Event Site Plan) are to maintain the vegetation to the following conditions to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority:**
- Grass must be no more than 100mm in height
 - Leaf litter must be less than 10mm deep
 - There must be no elevated fuel on at least 50% of the area. On the remaining 50% the elevated fuel must be at most sparse, with very little dead material.
- i. This fuel reduction must be completed 3 weeks prior to the event date and maintained in this state until the conclusion of the event.**
- j. Camping areas are to be structured in 20 metre squared blocks with 6m wide access roads provided between each camping block to be detailed in Campsite Map 2020 document.**
- k. There must be two (2) Emergency Assembly Areas. One situated on the northern side of the watercourse running through the event area. The second assembly area is to be located just north of the patron camping area adjacent to the small dam.**
- l. The small dam adjacent to patron camping area and the dam next to the car parking area (as indicated as quick fill / static water supply locations on the Event Site Plan) must be full of water a minimum of one (1) week prior to the event through until the end of the event. Clear vehicular access must be maintained to these areas.**

The Event organiser is to provide their own fire suppression resources and equipment to be on site 24/7 for the duration of the event including bump in and bump out times.

This is to include bump in dates 26-29 December and bump out dates 02-05 January, or applicable event dates.

This will require a minimum of 2 Slip on Units (min 500 litres) to be crewed from 30th December through until the 3rd of January inclusive as per the Tanglewood Festival Fire Management Roster document, with one crewed slip on unit being available for the bump in / bump out periods specified above.

The event organiser is to provide the names and evidence of the firefighting qualifications of the engaged personnel to CFA by no later than 3 weeks prior to the event The firefighting resources are to be dedicated

resources for the fire response task & not numbers that are also part of the medical team. (CFA reserves the right to vary these requirements based on the seasonal outlook for each respective year which will be done through the Emergency Management Planning document review process listed at conditions 2 and 3).

m. There are to be no Fireworks / Pyrotechnics and/or Fire Performances at this event.

n. The Event Organiser is to appoint Safety Officers for the event, who have successfully completed the 'Safety Officer – In a Place of Public Entertainment', training that is available from Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade. Evidence of qualification to be provided to CFA.

39. The Emergency Management Plan (as amended) is to be adhered to and prior to the event a desk top exercise is to be conducted to ensure it is appropriate and functioning correctly.

PERMIT EXPIRY

40. This permit will expire if one of the following occurs:

- a. No event is held within two years of the date of this permit
- b. The event is discontinued for two years
- c. The completion of the fifth event held under this permit or a timeframe of seven (7) years whichever comes sooner
- d. Satisfactory compliance with permit conditions as outlined in Condition 2 of this permit are not achieved.

A request for an extension of time may be made pursuant to Section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

CARRIED

CALL FOR A DIVISION

Division called by Cr E Lording

For: Cr D Gallagher, Cr I Gerencser, Cr J Walsh, Cr K Haslam, Cr S Carpenter and Cr S McAulay

Against: Cr E Lording

Cr J Walsh left the meeting at 7:31pm.

4.2 Planning Application - Amendment to Application 2020/103 - 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton

Attachment(s) Attachment 1 - Application documents [4.2.1 - 10 pages]
Confidential Attachment 1 - Submissions (distributed to Councillor separately)

Presenter C Gartland, Senior Planner

Approved by Director Assets & Development

Purpose For decision

Land: 3 Back Eildon Road, Thornton

Proposal: Amendment to Planning Permit 2020

Applicant: Bell Legal & Planning

Zoning: Township

Overlays: Floodway Overlay
Heritage Overlay

Triggers: Amendment to conditions of planning permit 2020/103

Locality Plan



Executive Summary

This application for an amendment to planning permit 2020/103 proposes to amend the current planning permit in regards to opening hours, patron numbers and allow for the inclusion of live music.

The site has planning approval for the use of the land for a café, a General Liquor License and a Notice of Decision to grant a Planning Permit has been issued for the use and development of the land for group accommodation.

The site is within the Township of Thornton. Thornton consists of a population of approximately 300 people (2016 census) and includes a butcher, general store, Rubicon Hotel-Motel, Goulburn River Lodge, a memorial hall, a caravan park, petrol station and a recreation reserve. The town is located on the Goulburn Valley Highway which is a major thoroughfare for tourists visiting Lake Eildon and the Rubicon Valley.

A planning permit is required for the use of the land for a café as it is in the Township Zone.

The application has been advertised to all adjoining landowners of the subject site. Five submissions objecting to the proposal were received from adjoining and nearby residents which generally relate to amenity impacts and carparking.

The café is situated on a busy through road within close proximity to the centre of town which is associated with amenity and traffic impacts. It is not considered that the extension of hours or patrons will impact on the amenity of for nearby residents.

It is considered that the additional hours and patron numbers will allow for greater access to dining services for both residents and tourists. The proposal aligns with encouraging business expansion and employment opportunities.

On balance the proposal meets the objectives of the Planning Policy Framework, Zone and Overlay controls.

It is recommended that Council resolve to issue a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit in accordance with the Officer Recommendation.

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr I Gerencser

That Council issue a Notice of Decision to Amend a planning permit for the Use of the land for a Cafe at 3 Back Eildon Road Thornton 3712 (LOT: 1 TP: 431776, Lot: 1 TP: 962705, Parish of Thornton), subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Prior to the commencement of the use, Lot: 1 TP: 431776 and Lot: 1 TP: 962705 must be consolidated.**
- 2. Prior to the commencement of works an amended site plan must be submitted and approved by the Responsible Authority. Such plan must be generally in accordance with the submitted plan but amended to show:**
 - a. The relocation of the carpark so it does not encroach by more than 10% on the Tree Protection Zone of the Elm tree at the front of the site**
 - b. Additional detail defining the area for the outdoor seating including any tables and chairs**
 - c. The location of staff parking.**
- 3. The layout of the site as shown on the endorsed plans, shall not be altered or modified without the consent in writing of the Responsible Authority**

- 4. The café may only be open to the public between the hours of 6:30am to 5:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 6:30am to 9:00pm Friday and Saturday, except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority.**
- 5. The café may only have a maximum of seventy-two patrons on site with a maximum of 36 patrons indoors and 36 patrons in outdoor seating areas at any one time unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority**
- 6. The use hereby permitted shall not cause nuisance or injury to, or prejudicially affect the amenity of the locality, by reason of the appearance of any building, works, or materials on the land, the emission of noise, light spill, vibration, smell, fumes, smoke, vapour, steam soot, ash, dust, wastewater, waste products, or otherwise**
- 7. All sewage and sullage waters shall be treated in accordance with the requirements of the Environment Protection Authority and the Council. All effluent shall be disposed of and contained within the curtilage of the land and shall not discharge directly or indirectly to an adjoining property, street or any water course, water storage or dam. Sufficient land shall be set aside and kept available for the purpose of effluent disposal**
- 8. All wastewater must be treated to minimum 20/30 standard and disposed of according to the supplied LCA Report No: A200505 and is to be contained on-site. Due to proximity of Goulburn River and Flood Overlay over land, treated wastewater disposal must be located in the area as per LCA**
- 9. Prior to the commencement of any works, including site works, the applicant shall obtain a septic tank permit from Council. Sewerage treatment must be by package treatment plant to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority**
- 10. All refuse and rubbish associated with the use allowed must be removed from the area at least once weekly, and more often if required by the Responsible Authority**
- 11. Prior to commencing construction, a suitable prepared engineering plan detailing the proposed driveway, earthworks and drainage, erosion and sediment control measures must be submitted to the Responsible Authority and receive its endorsement**
- 12. Prior to the increase in patron numbers from 36 to 72, works associated with the provision of driveway, drainage and car parking, detailed construction plans in accordance with the endorsed plan, AS 2890 Part 1 Off Street Car parking and AS 3500 Part 3 Stormwater Drainage and to the satisfaction of the relevant authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. The design and plans must be drawn to scale with levels and dimensions and prepared by a suitable qualified person. Works must be constructed prior to the increase in patron numbers.**
- 13. All stormwater and surface water discharging from the building and works must be conveyed to a point of discharge, approved by the relevant authority. No stormwater discharge from downpipes or overflow from storage tank and surface water shall be directed or caused to be directed in a concentrated form that will cause erosion and or adverse effects within the site or to adjoining land or properties**

14. The vehicular crossing which would be used for this development must be constructed or upgraded to the satisfaction of the responsible authority. Construction of the vehicular crossing must comply with the SD 260 of IDM for Urban Fringe Vehicle Crossings and should allow for a double driveway (6m at property line)
15. Car spaces, access lanes and driveways must be kept available for these purposes at all times and guest car parking must be confined to the designated parking area within the site, as set out on the endorsed plan. Signs to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be provided directing drivers to the area/s set aside for car parking and must be located and maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. The area of each sign must not exceed 0.3 square metres.
16. Live music may only be amplified between the hours of 11am and 5:30pm one Saturday per month unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority.
17. Prior to the extension of operating hours or increase in patron numbers a Landscaping Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. Once approved, these plans will be endorsed to form part of the permit. Such plan must show:
 - a) Screen planting along the North Western boundary for 30 metres from the northern corner of the subject site.
 - b) Screen planting along the southern boundary for 30 metres from the southern corner of the subject site.

Such planting must provide for screening between the subject site and the adjoining residential properties at 11 Back Eildon Road and 1322 Goulburn Valley Highway and must occur prior to the increase in patron numbers or extension of operating hours to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Planning Permit Expiry

This permit shall expire if the use commenced within two (2) years of the date hereof, or any extension of such period the Responsible Authority may allow in writing. A request for an extension of time may be made before or within 6 months after the permit expiry date, where the use or development allowed by the permit has not yet commenced, or within 12 months after the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit lawfully commenced before the permit expired.

Summary of changes to original Planning Permit

Recommended amendments to existing conditions

Condition 4

The café may only be open to the public between the hours of 6:30am to 5:30pm Sunday to Thursday and 6:30am to 9:00pm Friday and Saturday, except with the written consent of the Responsible Authority

Condition 5

The café may only have a maximum of seventy-two patrons on site with a maximum of 36 patrons indoors and 36 patrons in outdoor seating areas thirty-six patrons (including

~~indoor and outdoor seating areas~~) at any one time unless with the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority

Condition 12

~~Before construction works start~~ Prior to the increase in patron numbers from 36 to 72, works associated with the provision of driveway, drainage and car parking, detailed construction plans in accordance with the endorsed plan, AS 2890 Part 1 Off Street Car parking and AS 3500 Part 3 Stormwater Drainage and to the satisfaction of the relevant authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. The design and plans must be drawn to scale with levels and dimensions and prepared by a suitable qualified person

(Officers consider the original requirement of this condition to be satisfied)

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Recommended Additional Conditions

Condition 16 as follows:

Live music may only be amplified between the hours of 11am and 5:30pm one Saturday per month unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Responsible Authority.

Condition 17 as follows

Prior to the extension of operating hours to 9pm a Landscaping Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. Once approved, these plans will be endorsed to form part of the permit. Such plan must show:

- a) Screen planting along the North Western boundary for 30 metres from the northern corner of the subject site.
- b) Screen planting along the southern boundary for 30 metres from the southern corner of the subject site.

Such planting must provide for screening between the subject site and the adjoining residential properties at 11 Back Eildon Road and 1322 Goulburn Valley Highway and must occur prior to the increase in patron numbers to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

CARRIED

Cr J Walsh returned to the meeting at 7:42pm.

4.3 Contract 21/32 – Yea Caravan Park - Bridge Renewal - Stage 2 - Construction - 2021/2022

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Temporary Track Details - Typical Cross Section & Proposed Location [4.3.1 - 1 page] Confidential Attachment 1 - Yea Caravan Park Bridge Construction Contract Award (distributed to Councillors separately)
Presenter	V Albicini, Director Assets & Development
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint a contractor for CONT21/32 – The Renewal and Upgrade of the Yea Caravan Park Bridge over the Yea River, Court Street, Yea. This contract is a lump sum contract with construction planned to be completed by December 2022.

The tender for these works closed on the 20 December, 2021 at 3pm. One submission was received with the Tender price being greater than the project budget. Council sought additional funding from the funding agency, from Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) and Council's Infrastructure Reserves to support the delivery of the project.

A detailed evaluation process was undertaken in line with Council's Procurement Policy and against the tender evaluation criteria by a Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC).

Based on the evaluation undertaken, the TEC recommended that Tender 1 be awarded the CONT21/32 for the Renewal and Upgrade of the Yea Caravan Park Bridge over the Yea River, Court Street, Yea for the lump sum price of \$1,090,035.

RESOLUTION

Cr E Lording / Cr K Haslam

That Council:

- 1. Accept the tender from CASA Projects Pty Ltd (Tenderer 1) for Alternative 1 and award CONT21/32 – Construction Contract – for the Renewal and Upgrade of the Yea Caravan Park Bridge over the Yea River, Court Street, Yea – for a lump sum Price of \$1,090,035 to complete all required works;**
- 2. Approve the allocation of \$50,000 as a contingency amount to be used for the delivery of this contract as detailed in this report;**
- 3. Note it will receive \$150,000 additional funding through the Federal Bridge Renewal Program increasing its funding contribution from \$330,000 to \$480,000 towards the project;**
- 4. Note it will receive \$150,000 funding contribution from Goulburn Valley Water (GVW) to assist in funding the project;**
- 5. Approve the reallocation of \$175,000 from the Infrastructure Reserve to assist in funding the project;**
- 6. Approve the reallocation of \$25,000 of savings from the Yarck Bridge Reconstruction project to assist in funding the project**
- 7. Note that Officers will seek a further funding contribution of \$25,000 through the Federal Bridge Renewal Program;**

8. Note that the total revised project budget after receiving all additional funding is \$1,160,000; and
9. Release the name of Tenderer 1 (CASA Projects Pty Ltd) into the Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of Council on 27th April 2022.

CARRIED

4.4 Contract 21/33 – Alexandra Youth Precinct – Tender Award

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Alexandra Youth Precinct - Updated Overview [4.4.1 - 1 page] Confidential Attachment 1 - Confidential Attachment 1 - Contract 21/33 - Alexandra Youth Precinct Upgrade 2021 2022 - Contract Award Report (distributed to Councillors separately)
Presenter	V Albicini, Director Assets & Development
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides the results of a tender process to appoint a contractor for CONT21/33 - Construction Contract for the upgrade of the Alexandra Youth Precinct.

The scope of the contract is to construct an upgraded playground facility at the Alexandra Rotary Park and Hec Ingram Reserve play precincts. This contract is a six (6) month lump sum contract with a schedule of rates for variation items.

Tenders were called on 16 March 2022 and two submissions were received. A detailed evaluation process was undertaken in line with Council's Procurement Policy and against tender evaluation criteria by a Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC).

Based on the evaluation, the TEC recommended Tenderer 1 be awarded Contract 21/33 for the upgrade of the Alexandra Youth Precinct for a lump sum price of \$1,624,950. It is further recommended that a contingency of \$60,000 be allocated for unforeseen variations over the six (6) month contract period.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr E Lording

That Council:

1. **Accept the tender from Warrandale Industries Pty Ltd (Tenderer 1) and award CONT21/33 for the upgrade of the Alexandra Youth Precinct – for a lump sum Price of \$1,624,950 to complete all required works;**
2. **Approve the allocation of \$60,000 as a contingency amount for the delivery of this project as detailed in this report;**
3. **Approve the allocation of \$174,189 from Infrastructure Reserve to assist in funding the project. This will increase the total project budget from \$1,550,000 to \$1,724,189; and**

4. Release the name of Tenderer 1 (Warrandale Industries Pty Ltd) into the Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of 27 April 2022.

CARRIED

4.5 Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail

Attachment(s)	Confidential Attachment 1 - Blue Gums to Eildon Recreational Trail Confidential Report (distributed to Councillors separately)
Presenter	V Albicini, Director Assets & Development
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides the results of a tender process to appoint a contractor for CONT22/2 – Blue Gums Caravan Park to Eildon – Recreational Trail.

The scope of the contract is to construct a shared user trail along Back Eildon Road on the road reserve between the Blue Gums Caravan Park and the Eildon Pondage. This is a lump sum contract with works to be completed by November 2022.

Tenders were called on 17 March 2022 and two submissions were received. A detailed evaluation process was undertaken in line with Council's Procurement Policy and against the tender evaluation criteria by a Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC).

Based on the evaluation undertaken, the TEC recommended that Tender 1 be awarded the CONT22/2 for the construction of recreational trail for the lump sum price of \$1,596,809.

RESOLUTION

Cr K Haslam / Cr I Gerencser

That Council:

1. accept the tender from Holman Vic Constructions Pty Ltd (Tenderer 1) (Subject to a financial check score returned of marginal or above) and award CONT22/2 – Blue Gums Caravan Park to Eildon – Recreational Trail – for a lump sum Price of \$1,596,809 to complete all required works
2. approve the allocation of \$46,191 as a contingency amount to be used for the delivery of this contract
3. release the name of Tenderer 1 (Holman Vic Constructions Pty Ltd) into the Minutes of the Scheduled Meeting of 27 April 2022.

CARRIED

4.6 Capital Works Report - Quarterly Report - March 2022

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Capital Works March Quarterly report - Financial [4.6.1 - 5 pages] Attachment 2 - Capital Works March Quarterly report - Comments [4.6.2 - 6 pages]
Presenter	V Albicini, Director Assets & Development
Approved by	Director Assets & Development
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the 2021/22 Capital Works Program (CWP) for the third quarter of the financial year, from 1 January to 31 March 2022. It also seeks Council's approval for funding adjustments previously reported during this period.

RESOLUTION

Cr I Gerencser / Cr S McAulay

That Council:

1. Note the quarterly report ending 31 March 2022 on the status of delivering the Capital Works Program
2. Agree to increase the lump sum amount in Contract 21/1 - Yea Recreation Reserve Lighting Upgrade from \$275,800 (excl GST) to \$382,714 (excl GST) to cover the, following additional items in the scope of works:
 - a. An increase in lighting intensity to 200 Lumens (Night game options), included upgrading underground cabling
 - b. Connection & commissioning of electronic scoreboard
 - c. RACV Solar integration connections
 - d. Rectification of non-compliant pavilion cabling
 - e. Relocation of older decommissioned oval lighting to the tennis courts
 - f. Upgrade to control system to automate.
3. approve the proposed funding adjustments as outlined by Table 2 below:

Project	Expenditure Previous Quarter	Total Current Expenditure	Status
Gravel Road Resheets	\$405,041	\$965,283	Ongoing
Eildon Playspace	\$102,270	\$113,535	Ongoing
Sealed Road Renewal	\$4,891	\$190,601	Ongoing
William Street Alexandra – Pathway Upgrade	\$108,550	\$158,620	Ongoing
Closed Yea Landfill rehabilitation	\$3,163	\$173,354	Ongoing
IT Hardware	\$20,968	\$139,918	Ongoing

Yea Recreation Reserve lighting upgrade	\$156,628	\$201,530	Works now complete Approved variation works yet to be invoiced.
Passenger Vehicles	\$226,367	\$272,929	Ongoing
Major Plant & Machinery	\$308,953	\$518,598	Ongoing

CARRIED

Cr E Lording left the meeting at 7:55pm due to ill health.

Cr S Carpenter adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm for a 10 minute break.

Cr S Carpenter resumed the meeting at 8:04pm.

5 REPORTS - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

Cr S Carpenter left the meeting at 8:09pm.
 Cr D Gallagher took the position of Chair.

5.1 Grants and Contributions Program - March Allocations

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

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present Council with the March 2022 Grants and Contributions Program applications and variations for noting and endorsement.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr I Gerencser

That Council:

1. Endorse the following variations recommended by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel:

Application	Original Grant Awarded	Variation Request
BGE20/21028Round3 – Parklife – InstaHome	\$20,000	Timing change
CPE20/21026Round2 – Upper Goulburn Landcare Network – Connecting through compost	\$4,948	Timing change
CS20/21012Round2 – Bev Aisbett – Meeting Little IT	\$5,000	Timing change

2. Endorse the following allocations recommended by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel:

3.

Application	Amount
CS-21/22-008 - Yea CWA - Units Beautification Program	\$3,300

3. Note the following allocations made by the Grants and Contributions Assessment Panel under delegation:

4.

Application	Amount
FR-21/22-016 - Rotary Club of Yea – Yea Railway Reserve hire	\$50
CS-21/22-010 – Koori Kids - NAIDOC Week School Initiatives	\$500

CARRIED

Cr S Carpenter returned to the meeting and resumed position of Chair at 8:15pm.

6 REPORTS - CORPORATE & SHARED SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1 Borrowing Policy

Attachment(s)	Attachment 1 - Policy Borrowings 2022 DRAFT [6.1.1 - 3 pages]
Presenter	M Chesworth, Director Corporate & Shared Services
Approved by	Director Corporate & Shared Services
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report is to seek Council's endorsement of the revised Borrowings Policy (policy), which ensures that Council borrowings are well managed and in accordance with legislative requirements.

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr J Walsh
That Council adopt the revised Borrowings Policy as shown 6.1.1.

CARRIED

6.2 Finance Quarterly Report March 2022

Attachment(s)	1. Attachment 1 - Finance Quarterly Report March 2022 [6.2.1 - 4 pages]
Presenter	M Chesworth, Director Corporate and Shared Services
Approved by	Director Community Engagement
Purpose	For decision

Executive Summary

This report provides the quarterly financial report for the period ending March 2022.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr K Haslam
That Council receives the Quarterly Financial Report to 31 March 2022

CARRIED

6.3 Council Plan 2021-2025 Quarterly Performance Report - 1 January

Attachment(s)	Council Plan 2021-2025 - Quarterly Performance Report - 31 March 2022 [6.3.1 - 43 pages]
Presenter	M Chesworth, Director Corporate & Shared Services
Approved by	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 2022 period in delivering Council's Priority Action Plan 2021/22 and Council Plan 2021-2025.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr I Gerencser
That Council note the Council Plan 2021-2025 Progress Report – 1 January to 31 March 2022 as contained in Attachment 6.3.1.

CARRIED

7 COUNCILLOR AND CEO REPORTS

7.1 Notices of Motions

Nil.

7.2 Cr Karine Haslam

I will keep my report short as it has been a long meeting.

This month has been a very busy one. With the combination of School Holidays, Easter, and the Anzac Long weekend, there has been an influx of family, friends and visitors to our shire. This has been fantastic for our local businesses. It is exactly what is needed after the devastating ongoing effects of Covid.

In Eildon, the first week of school holidays, was, a little quieter than expected, but that certainly changed with the Easter Weekend. Mother Nature played her part beautifully, with absolutely perfect weather, with the exception of Easter Monday.

The Eildon Easter Twilight Market was extremely busy with over 4,000 visitors enjoying, local food/drinks also a great selection of artisan products. There was a variety of great live music including Paul Ray & his students. This is a great example, of giving our youth, the opportunity, to gain much needed experience, exposure and confidence within the music industry, in a friendly and safe environment. Thanks go to Paul Ray, for his ongoing support, mentoring and encouragement, also to Murrindindi Shire Youth Services, and the Vic Govt. FreeZa program, for their contributions. It is certainly a worthy project. We have an incredible depth of talent within our shire and this is a great platform for them. The night ended with a spectacular Firework Display. I heard a lovely comment I thought I would share – Who would have thought little Old Eildon Town could put on such a display. This is encouraging and I do believe there is renewed confidence that Eildon will Shine again.

There was also the Eildon Carnival @ the Footy Oval. This was the first time in a long time since Eildon, has seen a carnival. It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying all the activities and food vans throughout the holiday period. Events like these certainly give our visitors something to do, and encourages longer stays in our shire which is great for all businesses.

It was terrific to see so many people participate in the Anzac Day ceremonies in Eildon. Once again, perfect weather. It was lovely to have Eildon Primary School students, Ava Carr, Jasmin Hunkin, and Chloe Sundstrom lay wreaths on behalf, of the Eildon Primary School, The Hon Cindy McLeish and the Hon Helen Haines who were unable to attend.

There is a lot of excitement around Eildon, with the Eildon Community Plan well underway. Many ideas and suggestions are being presented and discussed. Also the derelict Billabong has been purchased by a local and work has already started to get this back in shape to reopen in the near future. Certainly a positive for Eildon.

It is great news to see a tenderer has been appointed for the work on the Blue Gums Caravan Park to Eildon Recreational Trail. Also, that it has come within budget, and no additional Council Funding is required. We look forward to the works being started. This will be a great asset for Eildon and hopefully the beginning of linking Eildon – Alexandra with a recreational trail in the future.

7.3 Cr Ilona Gerencser

Tourism:

I am pleased to inform you that submissions have been closed for the Art Installation. We received a total of 22 submissions, which will now be assessed. Successful artists will be informed in due course.

ANZAC day:

I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Kinglake for the magnificent effort put in, at very short notice, to facilitate the Dawn Service in Kinglake. I would also like to acknowledge the effort of the many community members who also put their hand up to assist. Thank you also to Dr Helen Haines and the Hon Cindy McLeish for the beautiful wreaths. Thank you also to the students from Kinglake Central PS who assisted me in placing the wreaths on the memorial. The service was beautifully presented and well attended.

I would also like to thank the Lions Club of Kinglake for organizing the service at 10am at the Community Centre. Thank you to the students from Kinglake PS for assisting in placing the wreaths. Another well attended and fantastic example of what a wonderful community we have. The presentation of a book on Anzacs by Kinglake West Primary School to our local library was very much appreciated and has been passed on.

I always feel honored to attend the services and I give thanks to Service Men, Women and animals that make up our armed forces and provide us with safe places we now call home.

7.4 Cr Eric Lording

Cr Lording had left the meeting due to ill health so his report was not read.

It was with great pleasure that I attended 4 Anzac Day Services this year.

First, the Glenburn Dawn Service at 6AM. Some 97 people attended, bagpipes and all. It was a great turnout for such a small town. I had the honour of being the MC for the service and I attended in my old Airforce Uniform. Readings were done by some of the young members who were at the age of the enlisting Diggers. A sobering thought. Afterwards we had a delightful breakfast in the Glenburn Hall.

Then it was off to Terrip Terrip as a guest presenter. But on the way I passed through Yarck and stopped to join the Yarck Anzac Day Ceremony and watched fellow Councillor John Walsh lay a wreath. I counted some 66 people attending.

Then on to Terrip Terrip with John Walsh. The whole area must have turned out for the mid-day Ceremony. It was a very friendly group that greeted us, and could not have made us feel more welcome. I gave a short talk on my time in the RAAF and spoke about the great technical training to degree level that is available to enlisted youths. John and I laid wreaths, mine being from the Honourable Cindy McLeish. I gave a sword salute since being in full uniform. It was well received. The great day was capped off by John and I being asked to judge the Anzac Biscuits competition.

Then the following day Councillor Damien Gallagher and I attended an Anzac Day Service at Kellock Lodge in Alexandra. It was a beautiful day with a short but meaningful service including the flag raising. We all got a rousing clap from both patients and staff, which was wonderful.

All in all, a very fulfilling series of Anzac Day Ceremonies.

7.5 Cr John Walsh

With respect to the Corporate and Governance Portfolio, I would like to remind everyone that the draft Budget for 2022-23 is out for community comment. We look forward to comments and suggestions. With our ability to raise funds being limited to a level below the real increases in our costs it is imperative that the community looks closely at the way we have endeavored to balance the competing demands for maintenance of services and new projects. The time for submissions ends on 13 May 22.

Within Koriella Ward, I want to thank the Alexandra RSL for organizing and presenting the Yarck Anzac Day Wreath laying ceremony. It was very well attended and provided a good chance for reflection as well as catching up with friends. I also thank the Terip Terip Community for their invitation and the excellent way in which they marked Anzac Day with a wonderful mix of reverence, camaraderie, a bbq, desserts and Anzac biscuits. A very enjoyable occasion.

7.6 Cr Sandice McAulay

Emergency management

I am pleased to report that the Municipal Emergency Management Plan has been updated as per the first year of the Council Plan and the subsequent actions are on track to be completed this Financial Year.

Council is building a trailer for use in setting up Emergency Relief Centres during emergencies which will include a generator and all supplies needed. A supplementary grant is being sourced as original costings have increased significantly during the pandemic.

The Annual review of fire and Emergency Plans including the Pandemic Plan are almost complete. Well done to officers for their consistent work in this area.

Of special note this month I would like to report that Council is continuing to advocate for better internet and mobile phone connection across the Shire. Currently, our business team is asking businesses if they are having issues with mobile and internet connectivity issues that is impacting their businesses. Businesses are being asked to provide feedback on “the Loop” (<https://theloop.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/dindi-business-hub/>)

Community Assets

Council is currently developing an Asset Plan in line with the LG Act requirements. The Plan will present the 10 year funding needs to manage Council assets at current levels of service. The Plan will align with the Long Term Financial Plan. In future it will be the means for Council to discuss the cost of managing Council’s assets with the Community.

This Council Asset Management Plan will allow the setting of the standards of service levels relating to Renewal, Upgrade, Expansion and Disposal. This plan will relate to all fixed infrastructure and buildings.

The Council’s 2021/22 Unsealed road re-sheeting program has now been completed. This year an impressive re-sheeting of 15,307km of unsealed roads has been completed in Cathedral, Eildon, Koriella and Redgate Wards. Well done Team!

A number of key Capital works projects are progressing that include the Alexandra Youth Precinct, Yea Caravan Bridge Upgrade and The Blue Gum to Eildon Recreational Trail projects with a total value \$4.8M.

Please note that Council is having difficulty in sourcing Contractors to deliver the Capital Works Program. The current demand for contractors across the state has impacted many of our contracts resulting in low response to projects and significant increases in costs. This is impacting on the delivery of the Program

Out and About:

It has been wonderful to see the Community resume close to normal activity with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Businesses in Marysville and the Triangle are reporting close to normal patronage and takings following the recent school holiday and Easter break. The warm dry weather has also been supportive particularly to Tourism businesses as well as our farming community in the Shire.

Finally I was once again honoured to attend the Marysville Lions ANZAC Day March and Ceremony and to be able to lay a wreath on behalf of Council to recognise all who have served and to those who have shaped the identity of our nation both in conflict and in peacekeeping operations around the world.

7.7 Cr Damien Gallagher

Alexandra has been alive with visitors enjoying the experience of Murrindindi Shire in the Autumn. Alexandra's Rotary Club hosted the traditional Easter Art Show, ably led with incredible community support, by Melinda Jackson. And Carpark Art, Rustic Simplicity and Marian Rennie's *Sculpture at Acheron* display rounded out some must-see exhibitions for discerning art lovers. The Alexandra Easter Fair in Rotary Park returned in 2022. The fair is offered by the Alexandra District Traders and Tourism Association with proceeds contributing to the provision of local visitor information services. Many people contribute to the event but I'd like to acknowledge in particular, the six Alexandra Secondary College students who volunteered their Easter Sunday to welcome visitors and collect donations on the day.

To portfolio and external committee matters:

Council is seeking applicants aged 12-25 for the 2022 Youth Leadership Program. The free program which is about setting and achieving personal goals, building confidence, and making a difference, is made possible through funding by the Victorian Government's Engage! initiative.

The Eildon Community Planning Project is well under way. The next instalment, tomorrow evening at 7:00PM at Eildon Primary School (multi-purpose room) will be a community conversation discussing Access and Activation for the Pondage and Lake. In late March, on your behalf and alongside Cr. Gerencser, I had the privilege of acknowledging the Kinglake Primary School leaders of 2022. School captains Hunter Roberts and Matilda Geere are worthy leaders.

On the Victorian Government's Department of Transport proposal to significantly alter the Route 684 bus service from Eildon/Alexandra to Southern Cross Station, Council is preparing a letter to the Minister for Public Transport, Ben Carroll. Council's communication will:

- highlight some fundamental flaws in the community engagement process which have impeded the community's opportunity to have their concerns heard;
- articulate community concerns of loss of amenity; and
- pose the question as to how a determination of 'low patronage' was made to trigger this course of action.

A number of opportunities have been available to the community to hear from Federal Election candidates for the seat of Indi. The next such forum will be held in the Alexandra Town Hall on 29 April from 7:00PM. The opportunity to pose questions to the candidates and to consider their response is one I endorse. Council too has been taking the opportunity to engage with candidates, to pursue the community's advocacy priorities, and to understand their respective commitments to residents, businesses, and visitors to Murrindindi Shire.

Finally:

In this week of ANZAC commemorations: Lest we forget the price of our freedom. Thank you to those amongst us who have served, those lost, and those who returned maimed or disturbed. Lest we forget.

7.8 Cr Sue Carpenter - Mayoral Report

Being your Mayor is a role that I am enjoying. I have learnt so much about what services and support we give to the communities spread across the Shire. Part of my role takes me out of my comfort zone and being a guest on 774 ABC radio with Virginia Trioli was one of those times. Never the less I did my best to let the listeners know what a great place we live in, and tried to answer the questions and concerns that were put to me by talk-back callers who coincidentally all came from Kinglake.

A Strategic planning conference was held with my fellow Councillors and the Executive. This gave us the opportunity to get together and look at our strengths, and in what areas we can improve our delivery. I believe it is important to reflect on our performance and assess what we can do better for the best outcomes for the shire communities. The conference was a constructive exercise and I am sure that we are all listening to the concerns and issues that are raised, and working for the betterment of our residents, businesses, and visitors.

Our CEO and I attended the Hume region Local Government Network forum in Wangaratta. This was an opportunity to meet with all 12 CEO's and mayors in our district and discuss the issues and concerns that we share, and what strategies we can, or are using to address these issues.

I chaired a meeting of the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee recently. The role of the committee is the setting of key performance indicators (KPIs), performance management, and to support the Chief Executive Officer to fulfil their duty to lead the Murrindindi Shire Council organisation in an effective manner.

Murrindindi Shire Council Business Advisory committee continues to meet monthly and gives business operators the opportunity to discuss their concerns with the council. I urge any businesses that wish to become involved to make contact with the council.

Councillors have been updated on the progress of the Great Victorian Rail Trail Art Installation project that is being jointly coordinated by Mansfield, Mitchell and Murrindindi shires. This exciting project will deliver art installations strategically placed along the entire length of the trail. Visitation and use of the trail is sure to increase once the project is completed and economic benefits will flow to our communities as a result.

For those interested in sculptures, I encourage you to visit the way-farer sculptures that have been installed on the hill behind the pioneer reserve and council library and community service centre in Yea. These 7 sculptures done by local artist Darren Gilbert have been installed by Yea Rotary club. They depict historic buildings in the town. If you stand behind each individual piece, you can see through to that actual building.

The Easter break saw lots of visitors to our shire and it is encouraging to see businesses having more success than they were able to last year.

I continue to have weekly chats local radio UGFM on Saturday mornings where I am able to inform listeners of shire matters and local events.

The Councillors met with Helen Haines Federal member for Indi, Labour candidate Nadia David, and plan to meet with all the major candidates in the upcoming Federal election to advocate to the federal government to address the needs that are most relevant to Murrindindi Shire.

We had a visit last week from Mary-Anne Thomas Victorian Government Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Regional Development who met with Portfolio Councillors and Council Officers. Minister Thomas announced that \$400,000 is to be granted as Local Development Strategy funding for the Murrindindi Shire communities affected by the transition away from Victoria's commercial native timber harvest.

This initial funding is for the development of a strategy to assist affected communities to transition away from native forest harvesting into new and sustainable forestry projects and other suitable initiatives.

LDS funding acknowledges the economic impact of the transition on local supply businesses and the many directly impacted Murrindindi families connected with harvest, haulage and road construction operations, foresters, scientists, and forest managers. Murrindindi Shire Council is committed to prepare, in partnership with our community, a sound local strategy for the next chapter for the sector. Subsequent funding will be sought to implement the strategy once developed.

I Attended Anzac Day ceremonies at Strath Creek and Yea. Both ceremonies were very well attended, with bigger crowds than I have ever seen before.

The community at Strath Creek organized a moving service with local resident Steven Ballinger MBE giving the very insightful address about his extensive experiences on both bomb disposal, and the search and discovery of fallen soldiers from the battle-fields in past conflicts. There was also some terrific singing of popular tunes from the Second World War, followed by a great morning tea with home-made Anzac biscuits and lamingtons.

Yea also had a wonderful service, starting with a procession of the Yea and High-country Pipes and Drums. Children from all three Yea schools were involved in the service and wreath laying. The address was given by Flight Lieutenant Liam Barrack, representing the NZ Defence Force, and members of the local group, The Four-Fathers and Gracie Neville sang beautifully.

The service was organized by the Rotary Club of Yea with assistance from the RSL. Rotary put on a sausage sizzle at the railway park after the service, and congratulations to them for all their efforts in making the commemoration of Anzac Day such a successful event for the Yea community.

I had the great pleasure of conducting a citizenship ceremony for 4 lovely young people who wished to become Australian citizens. Congratulations to them all for choosing to call Australia home.

Finally I would like to congratulate the council officers for putting together the Draft Budget for the next financial year

We believe the 2022/2023 Budget will deliver much-needed, and expected services for our residents and business owners, while also allowing us to deliver on the promises we made to our community in our 2021-2025 Council Plan. The budget reflects both our past success and confidence in our ability to attract grant funding to our Shire to build a better future for all of us. The Budget shares costs fairly across the board, by including those who use services pay for them. It is a fair and financially-responsible budget that will deliver for our community.

7.9 Chief Executive Officer Report

It has come to my attention that Mr Russel did submit three questions of Council, before the meeting tonight, as per our meeting procedure. Unfortunately they were overlooked in the preparation of the agenda due to an administrative error, and I was not aware of this. We will ensure the questions are tabled at the next Council meeting and I will advise Mr Russel accordingly and I will extend my apologies.

COVID-19:

I'd like to provide a brief update on the latest changes to the COVID-Safe plan, which came into effect last Friday night.

- Customers no longer need to be vaccinated to attend any of our libraries or service centres and there is no need to show vaccination certificates
- There is no requirement to check-in via the app or the manual sign in book (that includes staff)
- We are still performing extra cleaning of frequently touched surfaces
- Our staff don't need to wear masks but will continue to interact with customers from behind the Perspex screens at our centres wherever possible.
- People are encouraged to wear masks if they can't maintain a safe physical distance

There are 107 active cases in the shire as of today, with daily numbers hovering around the low twenties. Like most organisations some of our staff test positive from time to time and must isolate, but we have managed to keep all services operational.

Joint Program Funding:

Further to the announcement of the State Gov funding for the Local Development Strategy, I am pleased to advise that MSC has also been successful in receiving a grant from the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, with \$452k in funding to be awarded across three municipalities, under the Preparing Australian Communities Program.

These funds will allow us to engage an officer for a four-year term to work across Murrindindi, Mansfield and Strathbogie shires to develop local community resilience to the effects of emergencies by identifying and strengthening local community networks, which play an important role in recovery efforts from emergency events. At-risk communities will be able to identify and analyse their local emergency risks, develop Local Emergency Action Plans and enhance their ability to mitigate, avoid, withstand and/or recover from the increasing effects of bushfires, storms and floods.

Regional Circular Economy Plans:

The Victorian Government is developing Regional Circular Economy Plans (RCEP) across five regional areas – Murrindindi shire is included in the Goulburn Valley / North East region.

Through this process we are working with nearby regional councils, business groups /associations, the waste industry and Government agencies to identify and prioritise local circular economy opportunities. We are very keen to drive economic growth within our shire and over the course of three workshops we will endeavour to identify strategic opportunities across the regional recycling value chain.

Housing scheme to tackle housing affordability:

The State Government has announced its [Affordable Housing Rental Scheme](#) to help tackle housing affordability in Victoria. As a rural council we are particularly interested in this initiative, given that housing availability and affordability are a key issue in Murrindindi, and act as a brake on the economic output and prosperity of our community. This impacts all communities, whether it be young people not able to buy their own home, businesses unable to attract and retain key workers, or those who can't find a bed for the night.

Officers are keen to work with the Victorian Government to ensure that a portion of the 500 houses earmarked for regional Victoria are located in our shire, to support eligible Low and moderate income essential workers, including healthcare workers and carers.

8 ASSEMBLIES OF COUNCILLORS

Executive Summary

This report presents the records of assemblies of Councillors for 23 March 2022 to 20 April 2022, for Council to note.

RESOLUTION

Cr J Walsh / Cr I Gerencser

That Council receive and note the records of assembly of Councillors for 21 March 2022 to 22 April 2022.

CARRIED

9 SEALING REGISTER

RESOLUTION

Cr D Gallagher / Cr J Walsh

That the list of items to which the Council seal has been affixed be noted.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed at 8:56pm.

CONFIRMED THIS



CHAIRPERSON

Cr S Carpenter