



## STRATHBOGRIE SHIRE COUNCIL


Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Strathbogrie Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 25 September 2018 at the Euroa Community Conference Centre commencing at 5.00 p.m.

<b>Chair:</b>	Amanda McClaren (Mayor)	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
<b>Councillors:</b>	John Mason (Deputy Mayor)	(Seven Creeks Ward)
	Debra Bower	(Lake Nagambie Ward)
	Malcolm Little	(Hughes Creek Ward)
	Kate Stothers	(Honeysuckle Creek Ward)
	Alistair Thomson	(Mount Wombat Ward)
	Graeme (Mick) Williams	(Seven Creeks Ward)
<b>Officers:</b>	Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	
	Phil Howard - Director, Innovation and Performance (DIP)	
	David Roff - Group Manager, Corporate and Community (GMCC)	
	Jeff Saker - Group Manager, Community Assets (GMCA)	

### **BUSINESS**

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners  
*'I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting.  
I pay my respects to their Elders, past and present'*
3. Apologies
4. Disclosure of Interests
5. Petitions
6. Reports of Council Officers
  - 6.1 Climate Change
  - 6.2 Infrastructure
  - 6.3 Private Enterprise
  - 6.4 Public Institutions
  - 6.5 Housing and Recreation
  - 6.6 Tourism
  - 6.7 Organisation
7. Urgent Business
8. Closure of Meeting to the Public to consider matters listed for consideration in accordance with Section 89(2)(d) of the Local Government Act 1989

9. Confirmation of 'Closed Portion' Decision/s



Steve Crawcour  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

20 September 2018

An audio recording of this meeting is being made for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting, as per Local Law No. 1 - Meeting Procedure (2014) or as updated from time to time through Council Resolution

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## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.7 ORGANISATION**

#### **6.7.1 Proposal to Declare Public Highway - Receiving / Hearing of Submissions**

##### **Author and Department**

Group Manager, Community Assets / Community Assets Directorate

##### **Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report**

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

##### **Summary**

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 17 July 2018, Council resolved to undertake a section 223 submissions process calling for submission in relation to a proposal to formally declare a road reserve to be Public Highway in accordance with section 204(1) of the Local Government Act 1987 (the Act).

A public notice was published on 25 July 2018, with 25 August 2018 as the closing date for submissions.

One submission was received. The submitter did not request to address Council in support of their written submission.

##### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council, in relation to the Proposed Declaration of Public Highway, resolves to: -**

- 1. Receive the submission.**
- 2. Consider and determine the submission at the Ordinary Council meeting on Tuesday 16 October 2018.**

##### **Background**

Council has received a request from a Nagambie landowner and developer, (Councillors have been previously provided with a copy of correspondence), to lease part of a subdivisional road reserve which abuts their land (refer attached plan).

The landowner's intention would be to utilise the land in the road reserve to accommodate traffic generated within his development, and to exclude public access to the leased part of the road reserve.

The road reserve was created as part of a subdivision in 1872, refer attached plan of subdivision. It provides access to the rear of the subdivisional allotments which otherwise front High Street.

6.7.1 Proposal to Declare Public Highway  
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

The road has potential to support the further development of land in the area by way of: -

1. Continued access to the rear of the allotments.
2. Through access to either Vickers Road or Nook Road.
3. Providing access for emergency services vehicles or alternative emergency routes.
4. Accommodating drainage or utility services to support further development, and
5. Providing access for service utilities, e.g., garbage collection required for further development.

An inspection of the road reserve carried out on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018 has revealed the existence of some fencing across the reserve and some drainage pipe, and other material, stockpiled on the land.

The land forming part of the original subdivision abutting the road reserve from High Street is zoned General Residential, and has the potential for further subdivision.

A section of the road reserve at the Vickers Road end abuts an approved subdivision proposal. The developer intends to construct a footpath within the road reserve to connect a new reserve, within the subdivision, to the Nagambie Recreation Reserve.

**Alternative Options**

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action. No feasible alternatives have been identified.

**Risk Management**

The author of this report considers that there are no significant Risk Management factors relating to the report and recommendation.

**Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan**

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

**Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP) / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications**

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act requirements.

**Financial / Budgetary Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no capital or recurrent budget considerations.

**Economic Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

6.7.1 Proposal to Declare Public Highway  
- Receiving / Hearing of Submissions (cont.)

**Environmental / Amenity Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

**Community Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community other than those described elsewhere in this report.

**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

**Legal / Statutory Implications**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council, other than those identified.

**Consultation**

The proposed Section 223 process has provided an opportunity for the community to consider the matter and respond to Council.

**Attachments**

- Submission
- Site Plan – Road to be proposed as Public Highway
- Original Subdivisional Plan

## Submission

20 August 2018

Dear Jeff,

Please find our submission to your proposal of a public highway that abuts 61 Vickers Road, Nagambie as outlined in the Public Notice you forwarded to ourselves on the 25 July 2018.

We are concerned over the orientation of the subsequent houses that will be built on the adjoining subdivision allotments, in the future, were this road to go ahead.

Subsequently we are writing to confirm that the access the road will bring to the subdivisional allotments will be restricted to the rear of the properties as outlined. It is our understanding that the front of these properties that abut ours will face inwards towards the centre of the subdivision and not outwards over our property.

The Public Notice does state that this is the case however we are concerned how this will be policed and monitored. We did not object to any of the conditions around the development of this subdivision as it was proposed however the declaration of this road may see property owners wishing to look outwards toward our allotment which we would strongly object to.

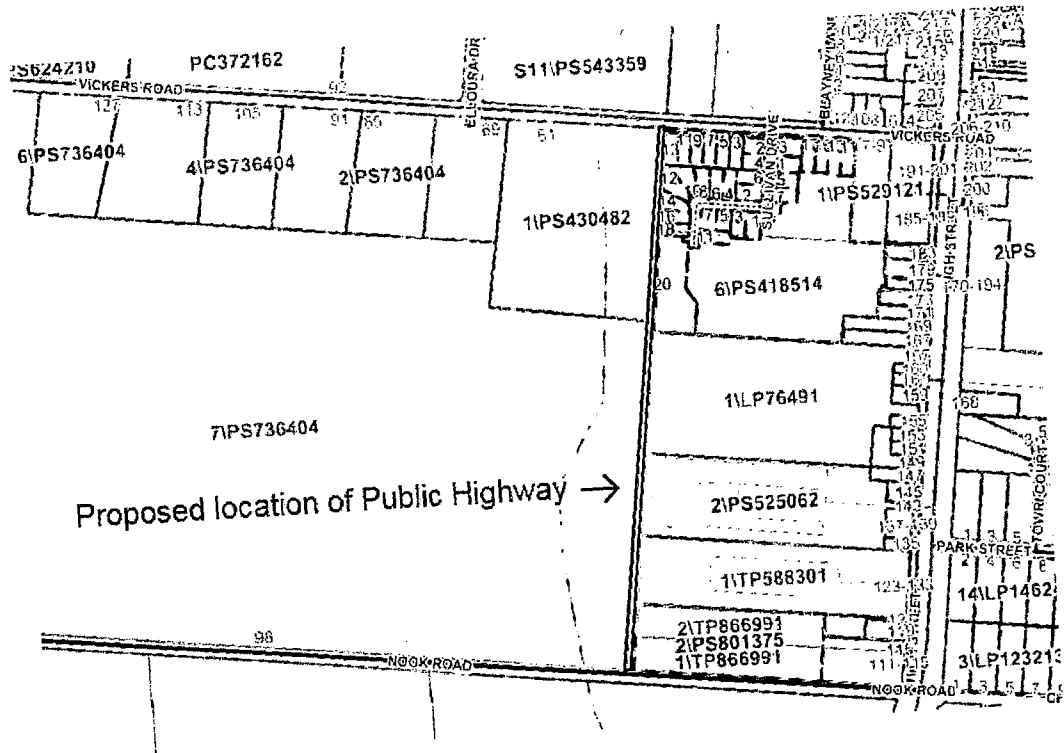
We are writing to request an assurance from the council that this will be the case and that it will be strictly adhered to in the course of this development.

Warm regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

### Site Plan – Road to be proposed as Public Highway



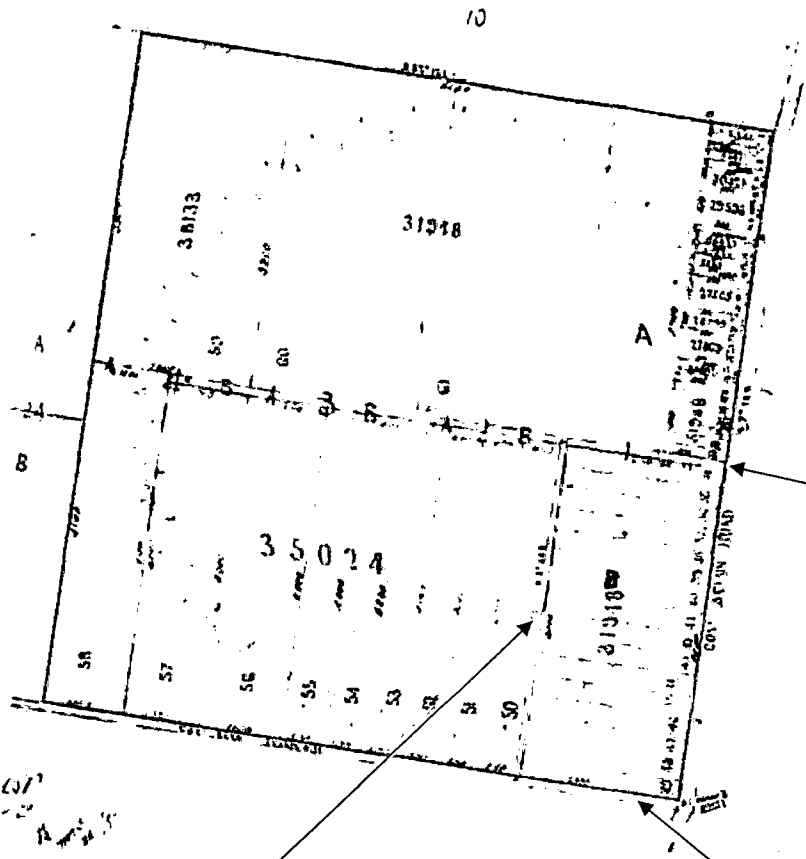


### Original Plan of Subdivision

## Titles Office Record of Subdivision

SCALE  
10 Ch = 100 m

Register Book Vol. 500 fol. 804



Original Subdivisional Road

Now Nook Road

Now Vickers Road

## **6.7.2 Four Vines Running Festival - Traffic Management / Road Closures**

### **Authors and Department**

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### **Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report**

The author of this report and officers/contractors providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

### **Summary**

The event organizer, Matthew Morris (Running Tours Melbourne) & Melanie Likos (Tour de Senses) are seeking Council, approval to conduct a Marathon event between Avenel and Mitchellstown on Sunday 4th November 2018. The marathon event goes through four vineyards – Fowles, Box Grove, Mitchelton and Tahbilk.

This proposed event will require Council's authorisation of a number of short-term full and part road closures of local Shire roads, under Section 207 and Schedule 11, Clause 10 (1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1989 "Power to place obstruction or barriers on a road temporarily".

The event would be managed by a professional traffic management company, who would close and the progressively re-open some roads as the event passes. More information on the website: <https://www.fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au/>

### **Proposed Road Closures**

<b>Town / Road</b>	<b>Direction of affected traffic</b>	<b>Time road will be closed</b>
<b>Avenel</b>		
Lambing Gully Road	Full road closure	6:40-6:46AM
Henry Street Service Lane	Full road closure	6:40-6:49AM
Hughes Street from Henry Street to Kent Street	Northbound closure	6:40-6:57AM
Aerodrome Road from Kent Street to Jessops Lane	North/Westbound	6:40-7:10AM
Jessops Lane and Burrows Lane from Aerodrome Road (near Avenel rail crossing) to Aerodrome Road (near Mangalore airport)	Full road closures	6:50-7:35AM

6.7.2 Four Vines Running Festival  
- Traffic Management / Road Closures (cont.)

Proposed Road Closures (cont.)

<b>Mangalore</b>		
Aerodrome Road from Burrows Lane to Doherty Road	Westbound closure	6:55-8:10AM
Doherty Road from Aerodrome Road to Stock Route at Hughes Creek	Southbound closure	7:05-8:25AM
Doherty Road from Stock Route at Hughes Creek to approx. 300m north of Hughes Creek	Southbound traffic	7:05-9:30AM
<b>Nagambie</b>		
Newnhams Road from Stock Route to Mitchellstown Road	Full road closure	7:30-10:10AM
Mitchellstown Road from Goulburn Valley Freeway to Mullers Road	Eastbound closure	7:40-10:30AM
Mitchellstown Road from Mullers Road to Northwood Road	Eastbound closure	7:00AM-11:05AM
Mullers Road from Mitchellstown Road to Oneills Road	Southbound closure	7:00AM-12:40PM
Oneills Road from Mullers Road into Tahbilk	Westbound closure	7:00AM- 1:00PM

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council approve the short term full and partial road closure of the roads as per the above detail on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018, allowing Running Tours Melbourne to conduct a full and half marathon event as per attached Traffic management plans and road closure documents.**

**Background:**

Council (Events and Infrastructure departments) have been working with Melbourne Running Tours, to devise a suitable Traffic Management Plan for the proposed Marathon event '4 Vines Festival' to be held around Avenel and Nagambie on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

6.7.2 Four Vines Running Festival  
- Traffic Management / Road Closures (cont.)

The marathon event comprises of both full marathon (42km) and half marathon (21km) lengths.

The full marathon would start at Fowles Winery in Avenel at 6.00am, and is proposed to utilise the following Shire roads:

- Lambing Gully Road
- Henry Street
- Hughes Street
- Aerodrome Road
- Jessops Lane
- Burrows Lane
- Doherty Road
- Stock Route underpass under Goulburn Valley Freeway (Council / Vicroads responsibility)
- Newnhams Road
- Mitchellstown Road
- Northwood Road
- Mullers Road
- ONeils Road

The half marathon would start at Tahbilk Winery at 7.00am and is proposed to utilise the following Shire roads:

- Mitchellstown Road
- Northwood Road
- Mullers Road
- ONeils Road

- The anticipated road closures would be from 6.00am. Roads would be able to be re-opened by the race sweeper as soon as the race passes through.
- The following roads would require longer duration road closures as both half and full marathons will be utilizing these roads:
  - Mitchellstown Road – between Mullers Road and Northwood Road
  - Mullers Road – between ONeils Road and Mitchellstown Road ONeils Road
  - Northwood Road – between Mitchellstown Road and approx. 700m south
- Prior to, and on the day of the event, the organisers will implement VicRoads approved variable message signs on Mitchellstown Road to inform road users of the proposed temporary road closures and altered traffic flow / detour conditions.
- Prior to, and on the day of the event, the organisers will implement appropriate coreflute notification signs on Aerodrome Road, Mitchellstown Road, ONeils Road, Northwood Road and Mullers Road to inform road users of the proposed temporary road closures and altered traffic flow / detour conditions.
- Prior to the event, the organisers will place local newspaper advertisements to inform the public of the proposed road closures.
- VicRoads & VicPol have already provided “in-principle” approval for this event to take place

6.7.2 Four Vines Running Festival  
- Traffic Management / Road Closures (cont.)

- Running Tours Melbourne have been liaising with Tahbilk & Mitchelton Wineries, Mangalore Airport and GoNagambie to speak to businesses and provide them with details of the event.
- One way vehicle movement may be possible via traffic control each side of the bridge over the Goulburn River (Matt confirmed traffic controllers will be located at all necessary locations between to the west of the GV Freeway to enable vehicle movements, whenever lulls in competitors permit, between 6.00 am and 12.45pm)
- The full marathon route has two rail crossings. Running Tours Melbourne will contact ARTC, VicTrack and V/Line to ascertain exact time of train crossings. They will adjust start times to ensure safe passage for participants. They will also have course marshals at these points, and should a train come through, participants will be stopped. This will be part of the event briefing and race rules.

For the half marathon course, first runners would finish about 8:15AM based on a 6:00AM race start at Tahbilk, most runners would be finish by 9:15AM (2hr15 Half Marathon), after that would be a few stragglers.

For the marathon course, first runners would finish about 9:45AM based on a 7:00AM race start at Fowles, most runners would be finish by 11:30AM (4hr 30 Marathon).

**Alternative Options:**

The author and other officers providing advice in relation to this report have considered potential alternative courses of action. No feasible alternatives have been identified

**Risk Management:**

The organiser of this event have provided Council with detailed event management and traffic management plans, a thorough risk assessment and evidence of the required public liability insurance policies. The relevant officers within Council have assessed all of this submitted documentation and determined that all of the required measures are in place for this event to take place safely.

**Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan:**

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

**Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP) / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications:**

The author of this report considers that the report is consistent with Best Value, National Competition Policy and Competition and Consumer Act requirements.

**Financial / Budgetary Implications:**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no capital or recurrent budget considerations.

6.7.2 Four Vines Running Festival  
- Traffic Management / Road Closures (cont.)

**Economic Implications:**

This event will attract a significant number of people to Nagambie, both from within the local community and also from further afield. This influx of patrons attending this event will provide significant economic benefits to many local businesses.

**Environmental / Amenity Implications:**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

**Community Implications:**

- Some local residents may experience minor vehicular transit delays as a result of the proposed altered traffic conditions
- Access to Mangalore Airport, Mitchelton and Tahbilk wineries will be limited until late morning. A letter of their approval of the event and road closure times is attached.

**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006:**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

**Legal / Statutory Implications:**

The author of this report considers that the recommendation has no legal or statutory implications which require the consideration of Council, other than the exercise of powers under the Local Government Act 1989.

**Consultation:**

- This matter will require Council consideration and community consultation.
- Residents along the route will be notified with letter drops.
- Notification of this event and road closures will be advertised in the local media.
- There will also be VMS (Variable Message Signs) and appropriate corflute advisory signage placed at strategic locations in order to inform people in the lead up to the event.

**Attachments**

- Overall Traffic Management Plan
- Letters of support
- Draft letter to residents

## Overall Traffic Management Plan

The screenshot displays a Google My Maps interface for a traffic management plan. The map shows a network of roads: Wattlevale Rd, Middle Ln, Mulberry Ln, Mulberry Dr, and Chavis Rd. Key locations are marked with pins: Tabbik Winery, Tabbik, and Tabbik Lagoon WR. A sidebar on the left, titled 'Four Vines Courses and Site Plans', lists 67 views and includes options like 'Add layer', 'Share', and 'Preview'. A list of checkboxes allows for toggling various map features: Direction markers, Half Marathon Course Markers, Start & Finish Lines, Marathon Course Markers, People - Course Marshalls, 5km Course Markers, 10km Course Markers, and Finish Line Site. The 'Base map' option is also visible. The map data is attributed to ©2018 Google. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and system tray information including the time 3:44 and battery level +21.

Letters of support



19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

I am writing to express Tahbilk Winery's support of the Four Vines Running Festival as organised by Matthew Morris and Melanie Likos for Sunday 4 November.

Tahbilk understands that there will be traffic controls in place leading into Tahbilk and will liaise with the organisers to ensure that traffic management is reasonable and controllable.

I am looking forward to the event as it looks to drive tourism into the Goulburn River and Strathbogie regions.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B Minchinton".

Bruce Minchinton

Tahbilk Wine Club & Cellar Door Operations Manager





Running Tours Melbourne

ATT: Matthew Morris

Dear Matthew,

I am writing to express Mitchelton Winery's support of the Four Vines Running Festival as organised by Matthew Morris and Melanie Likos for Sunday 4 November.

Mitchelton understands that there will be traffic controls in place leading into Mitchelton and will liaise with the organisers to ensure that traffic management is reasonable and controllable.

I am looking forward to the event as it looks to drive tourism into the Goulburn River and Strathbogie regions.

Kind regards,

**Sarah Bolitho**  
**Sales Manager**  
Mitchelton  
470 MITCHELLSTOWN RD  
NAGAMBIE VIC 3608  
AUSTRALIA

## Draft letter to residents



Running in aid of:



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Four Vines Running Festival  
8C Stadium Circuit  
Mulgrave VIC 3170  
hello@fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au

September 30, 2018

Dear Resident

### **NOTICE OF UPCOMING ALTERED ROAD CONDITIONS IN YOUR AREA**

The Four Vines Running Festival is a community running event being held between Avenel and Nagambie on Sunday 4 November 2018. The event, raising funds for the Children First Foundation features six running events: marathon, half marathon, 10km, 5km, 2km kids run and a dash for cash. For more information about the Children First Foundation visit <http://childrenfirstfoundation.org.au/>

The event will be based at Tahbilk Winery. The marathon will start at Fowles Wine in Avenel and run through Avenel to Tahbilk via Box Grove Vineyard and Mitchelton Wines. The half marathon will start and finish at Tahbilk and visit Mitchelton on essentially an out and back course. All other events are entirely on the Tahbilk property including the finish line festival with food & wine, live music and kids entertainment.

This purpose of this letter is to inform you that a number of roads in your area will be under traffic control consisting of altered road conditions and/or temporary closures on the morning of Sunday 4 November 2018. The roads that are affected and expected times that runners will moving through each road are as follows. Set up of traffic controls may commence earlier than the times specified.

**In the event of an emergency**

If during the event, an emergency arises please do not hesitate to contact 000 as with any other emergency. Please inform the operator of altered road conditions in the area. Traffic control will allow any emergency vehicle through and we'll manage the runners around this.

**On the morning of the event**

- Traffic control and the event committee will set up the course between 5:00am and 7:00am

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- At 6:45am from Fowles and Tahbilk, an official vehicle with hazard lights will drive the course to ensure the course is clear.
  - Events will commence at Fowles and Tahbilk, both at 7:00am. A cyclist will ride ahead of the race leaders.
  - An official will be employed to run or walk behind the last runner to ensure the race is moving. Following this, traffic control will begin to pack up.
  - We anticipate to reopen roads sooner than stated and have no intention to have roads closed or affected unnecessarily.

Should you need to use the road to exit or enter your property on the morning, please let us know or speak to one of our traffic controllers in the area on the day and they will be able to assist you to safely move your vehicle. Alternatively, for residents in Avenel, as only the northbound lane is affected, parking on the southbound side of the road is an option too.

If you have any queries or concerns about this please contact Matt Morris on 0430472975 or [hello@fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au](mailto:hello@fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au)

If you are a keen runner, then we would love to invite you along to join in one of our events. You can choose from a marathon, half marathon, 10km, 5km or a 2km kids race. At the Tahbilk finish line there are food & wine, a pop up pub, live music and kids entertainment. To join us head to [www.fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au](http://www.fourvinesrunningfestival.com.au) and use the discount code RCA10.

Attached to this letter is a course map to show you visually which roads are affected. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and we apologise in advance if these changes in road conditions may affect your Sunday morning.

Regards

Matthew Morris & Melanie Likos  
Four Vines Running Festival  
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### **6.7.3 Adoption of 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report**

#### **Author & Department**

Group Manager, Corporate and Community / Corporate and Community Directorate

#### **Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report**

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

#### **Summary**

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council pass a resolution giving its approval to the Annual Financial Report prior to formal submission to the Auditor-General Victoria and the Minister. The Act further requires that Council must authorise two Councillors to approve the Report.

Draft copies of the Annual Financial Report have been circulated to Councillors with this report for their consideration, and are tabled for information purposes.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

##### **That Council:**

- 1. Notes the Recommendation of the Audit Committee;**
- 2. Approve *in principle* the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report;**
- 3. Authorise Councillors McClaren and Williams to sign the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report;**
- 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Crawcour, to make minor amendments to the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report, if required, and brief Council if amendments are made;**
- 5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, Steve Crawcour, to certify the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report;**
- 6. Upon receipt of the Auditor's Certified Report, submit the Annual Report to the Minister and make the Annual Report available for public inspection.**

#### **Background**

The Victorian Auditor-General's Office has completed the external audit of the 2017/2018 Financial Report.

The Annual Financial Report consisting of the Financial Statements and Notes (refer Appendix A) has been prepared in accordance with relevant legislation, applicable Australian Accounting Standards and other related accounting guidelines.

### 6.7.3 Adoption of 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report (cont.)

The Audit Committee, at its meeting on Friday 14 September 2018, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989, having reviewed the Annual Financial Report consisting of the Financial Statements and Notes, was expected to have recommended that Council adopt the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report on an "in principle" basis, and this will be reported on verbally to the Council meeting.

The Victorian Auditor-General's certification is anticipated in late September 2018.

#### **Discussion**

The Annual Financial Report is prepared strictly in accordance with the applicable Australian Accounting Standard which includes the Australian equivalent to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). These Standards require the preparation of five mandatory statements. These statements include –

- "Comprehensive Income Statement" (Operating – Accrual Statement). This comprises non-cash items such as Depreciation and cost of goods (assets) sold, and excludes Capital Expenditure and Transfers to and from Other Reserves.
- "Balance Sheet" which lists Councils' assets and liabilities. It indicates the overall financial position of Council.
- "Statement of Changes in Equity". This indicates movement in Council's Reserve Funds.
- "Statement of Cash Flows". This indicates all cash expended and received for all activities during the financial year.
- "Statement of Capital Works" which details Council's capital works expenditure for the financial year. It sets out the expenditure on creating or buying property, infrastructure, plant and equipment by each category of asset.

For the 2016/2017 financial year, Council is also required to prepare two "Budget Comparison Notes" with variance explanations to the 2017/2018 Annual Budget. These being –

1. Income and Expenditure
2. Capital Works

The following analysis of the 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report is at a macro level, which reflects the nature of the Report's disclosures. It is not designed nor intended to be used as a Management report that provides details of programs, or resultant variances. No analysis has been provided for the Statement of Changes in Equity.

### 6.7.3 Adoption of 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report (cont.)

#### 1. Income Statement

The operating result represents the accrual accounting treatments, which includes the non-cash items of depreciation and cost of goods (assets) sold, but excludes expenditure on Capital items, loan proceeds and loan principal repayments and transfers to and from other reserves.

For the year ended 30 June 2018, Council reported a net surplus of \$856,363, which was affected principally by grant revenue received in advance, reduced borrowing costs and contributed assets. An additional provision of \$3.7 million for rehabilitation of the Violet Town landfill has been provided for in arriving at this result.

#### 2. Balance Sheet

Council's Balance Sheet indicates that Council's overall financial position and its cash and liquidity position is sound and within acceptable financial parameters.

Council's cash position as at 30 June 2018 was represented by cash on hand and investment of \$14.08 million. This represents a decrease in cash holdings of \$.364 million during the 2017/18 financial year. A number of capital works will be carried over into the 2018/19 financial year.

The value of Council's property, infrastructure, plant and equipment non-current assets as at 30 June 2018 is \$286.7 million, a similar figure to that as at 30 June 2017, due primarily to the revaluation of Council's property and infrastructure assets and the acquisition of assets as part of Council's capital works program.

Council's end-of-year working capital ratio is 2.81:1, which is greater than the target ratio of 1.5:1. This ratio is used to assess Council's ability to meet current commitments and is derived by dividing current assets by current liabilities.

#### 3. Cash Flow Statement

Cash flow is favorable primarily due to under expenditure in capital works as a result of a number of projects carried forward to 2017/2018.

#### 4. Statement of Capital Works

Council completed \$10.189 million worth of projects for 2017/2018, an increase of 54% over the previous year as carried over works from 2016/17 were completed and flood recovery works (externally funded) were undertaken.

A number of projects will be carried forward to the 2018/29 year.

### 6.7.3 Adoption of 2017/2018 Annual Financial Report (cont.)

#### **Risk Management**

Council has addressed any risks associated with the preparation of the reports by applying accepted accounting standards, where applicable.

#### **Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan**

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

#### **Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP) / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications**

The statements have been prepared using the Local Government Model Report 2015 as issued by Local Government Victoria.

#### **Financial / Budgetary Implications**

The financial results are shown in the statements.

#### **Economic Implications**

The report has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

#### **Environmental / Amenity Implications**

The report has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

#### **Community Implications**

The report has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

#### **Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**

The report does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

#### **Legal / Statutory Implications**

The proposal is consistent with sections 131 and 132 of the Local Government Act 1989 which, amongst other things, requires the Council to “certify the statements in their final form”.

#### **Consultation**

Council staff and Council's external auditor, the Victorian Auditor-General's Office and Council's Audit Committee have been consulted as part of the preparation of these reports.

#### **Attachments / Tabled Document/s**

- Appendix A: Annual Financial Report 2017/2018 (separately circulated)

**6.7.4 Adoption of Performance Statement 2017/2018 and Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018**

**Author& Department**

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**Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest in relation to advice provided in this report**

Officers providing advice in relation to this report do not have a direct or indirect interest, as provided in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

**Summary**

The Local Government Act 1989 requires that Council pass a resolution giving its approval to the Performance Statement 2017/2018 and Governance and Management Checklist prior to formal submission to the Auditor-General Victoria and the Minister. The Act further requires that Council must authorise two Councillors to approve the Report.

Draft copies of the Performance Statement 2017/2018 and Governance and Management Checklist have been circulated to Councillors with this report for their consideration, and are tabled for information purposes.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopt, in principle, the –
  - a) Performance Statement 2017/2018.
  - b) Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018.
2. That Council authorise Councillors McClaren and Williams to sign the 2017/2018 Performance Statement.

**Background**

Under Section 131 of the Local Government Act 1989, the Annual Budget 2017/2018 included a list of prescribed indicators of service performance, financial and sustainable capacity performance required by regulations to be reported against in the performance statement. The Performance Statement represents an independent certification of Council's results against the prescribed indicators. In addition, Section 131 requires Council to report on Council's assessment against the prescribed governance and management checklist for 2017/2018.

**Discussion**

This is the fourth year of operation of the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF). There is a comparison between 2014/2015, 2015/2016 ,2016/2017 and 2017/18 with comments detailing any variances. All data was collected according to the Local Government Act 1989 and Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014.



6.7.4 Adoption of Performance Statement 2017/2018 and Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018 (cont.)

Subject to Council adopting the recommendation in this report, the Performance Statement will be forwarded to the Victorian Auditor-General for certification. It is also a statutory requirement for Council to include the Performance Statement in the Annual Report 2017/2018.

**Risk Management**

Council has addressed any risks associated with the preparation of the reports by applying accepted accounting standards, where applicable.

**Strategic Links – policy implications and relevance to Council Plan**

The report is consistent with Council Policies, key strategic documents and the Council Plan.

**Best Value / National Competition Policy (NCP) / Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (CCA) implications**

The statements have been prepared using the Local Government Model Report 2016 as issued by Local Government Victoria.

**Financial / Budgetary Implications**

The financial results are shown in the statements.

**Economic Implications**

The report has no significant economic implications for Council or the broader community.

**Environmental / Amenity Implications**

The report has no significant environmental or amenity implications for Council or the broader community.

**Community Implications**

The report has no significant community or social implications for Council or the broader community.

**Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006**

The report does not limit any human rights under the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.

**Legal / Statutory Implications**

The proposal is consistent with sections 131 and 132 of the Local Government Act 1989 which, amongst other things, requires the Council to “certify the statements in their final form”.

**Consultation**

Council staff and Council’s external auditor, the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office and Council’s Audit Committee have been consulted as part of the preparation of these reports.

6.7.4 Adoption of Performance Statement 2017/2018 and Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018 (cont.)

**Conclusion**

The Chief Executive Officer and two Councillors are required to sign the Performance Statement (refer Appendix A – separately circulated). It is recommended that Council adopt, in principle, the Performance Statement, shown as Appendix A.

The Chief Executive Officer and one Councillor are required to sign the Governance and Management Checklist (refer Appendix B – separately circulated). It is recommended that Council adopt, in principle, the Governance and Management Checklist, shown as Appendix B.

**Appendices**

- Appendix A: Strathbogie Shire Council Performance Statement 2017/2018
- Appendix B: Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018

**Tabled Document/s**

- Strathbogie Shire Council Performance Statement 2017/2018
- Governance and Management Checklist 2017/2018

7. URGENT BUSINESS

8. CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC TO CONSIDER MATTERS LISTED FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 89(2) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

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CRS ..... -

That Council, in conformance with Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989, resolve to close the meeting to members of the public for the purpose of considering items relating to:-

- Ground(s) under section 89(2):  
89(2)(d) Contractual Matters

C.P. 1 Contract No. 18/19-07 ~ Evaluation Report  
- Operation and Management of Euroa Swimming Pool

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CRS ..... -

That Council open the meeting to members of the public and resume normal business.

9. CONFIRMATION OF 'CLOSED PORTION' DECISION/S

*Closed Portion Decision/s -*

RECOMMENDATION

CRS ..... -

That the decision/s of Council's 'Closed Portion' considerations be confirmed.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT ..... P.M.**