

**Strathbogie Shire Council
PERFORMANCE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

INTRODUCTION TO THE PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

The Victorian Government is of the view that it is reasonable to expect all councils to collect and publish performance information. Local government authorities must develop performance accountability mechanisms which allow for a consistent approach in the collection and reporting of information regarding financial performance, operating costs and community satisfaction. Without comparable figures, a great deal of benefit of measuring performance is lost.

Section 132 of the Local Government Act 1989 states that Council must prepare a Performance Statement, and the Performance Statement must include Key Strategic Activities (KSA) and performance targets and measures specified in the budget for that financial year. The Performance Statement must also include actual results achieved for that financial year having regard to those performance targets and measures.

The use of performance indicators by local government is a significant first step towards achieving:

- An improved capacity to objectively measure council performance leading to a better set of relationships between state and local government
- Better informed local communities

Performance Statement
For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

Note	Performance Measures	KSA Targets 2012/13	Actual	Achieved Yes/No
	1. A sustainable community that responds effectively to the challenges of climate change Climate Change			
1	- Complete stage 1 of the survey and design for the Violet Town flood mitigation works	31-Mar-13	Incomplete	No
2	- Complete the Euroa office energy retro-fit	30-Jun-13	Incomplete	No
	2. A safe, connected infrastructure network that responds effectively to community needs Infrastructure			
3	- Review Council's Asset Management Plan	31-Dec-12	Complete	Yes
4	- Complete landfill capping works at the Violet Town Landfill	31-May-13	Incomplete	No
5	- Redevelop Violet Town waste transfer facilities on site	31-May-13	Complete	Yes
	3. An environment which provides opportunity and support for sustainable investment Private Enterprise			
6	- Complete a shire wide Economic Development Master Plan	31-Mar-13	Incomplete	No
7	- Complete the Nagambie main street strategy and design post by-pass	30-Apr-13	19-Mar-13	Yes
	4. A community that has access to a comprehensive range of services which respond to its diverse needs Public Institutions			
8	- Conduct four meetings of the Strathbogle Health Consortium	30-Jun-13	Complete	Yes
9	- Investigate the establishment of the Nagambie Emergency Response Facility	30-Nov-12	Incomplete	No
	5. A progressive and diverse destination offering a committed, participative community that has access to a broad range of recreational and cultural activities in a liveable, safe and nurturing environment Housing & Recreational			
10	- Design, build and complete stage 1 of the Avenel Recreation Reserve	31-May-13	Complete	Yes
11	- Design, build and complete Euroa Memorial Oval Reserve multi-use facilities	31-May-13	Incomplete	No
	6. A desirable destination which attracts visitors to enhance the economic and recreational opportunities for our community Tourism			
12	- Design and construct Seven Creeks Park multi-use facility which includes a visitor information centre, amenities and café	30-Jun-13	Incomplete	No
	7. An organisation which meets the community's needs and expectations with responsive, innovative customer service and management Organisation			
13	- Develop and implement a new website including workshops to develop Council's brand	31-Dec-12	31-Jul-12	Yes
14	- Implement statewide MECC (Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre) Central software program	30-Sep-12	14-Sep-12	Yes

Performance Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2013

Note	Explanations
1	Stage 1 of the survey and design for the Violet Town flood mitigation works completed after target date. Final claim from contractor dated 14 May 2013.
2	Project subject to external funding. Grant application unsuccessful, project not progressed. \$21,000 is provided in the 2013/14 Budget for commencement of the project. Work to be progressed regardless of external funding outcomes.
3	An Asset Management Plan is a core competency of the MAV STEP Asset Management Program. Council was one of only 14 of 79 Councils in Victoria to complete the program.
4	Violet Town landfill capping works deferred pending further advice from the Environment Protection Authority.
5	Violet Town transfer station completed. Final claim from contractor dated 22 October 2012.
6	Economic Development Master Plan completed after target date. Final claim from contractor dated 9 May 2013. Plan has been available for public comment. Proposed adoption by Council 20 August 2013.
7	Plan adopted by Council 19 March 2013.
8	Four meetings of the Strathbogie Health Consortium were conducted. Meetings were held on 6 July 2012, 30 November 2012, 1 February 2013 and 5 April 2013.
9	Council is currently negotiating a potential transfer of land for the purpose of establishing a multi-purpose facility for ambulance, fire and police services. Negotiations are expected to be concluded by 31 December 2013.
10	Stage 1 of Avenel Recreation Reserve completed by 25 February 2013. Final claim from contractor dated 25 March 2013.
11	Euroa Memorial Oval Reserve project subject to external funding. Grant application unsuccessful. Included in budget for year ending 30 June 2014.
12	Project subject to external funding. Grant application unsuccessful. Council has provided \$250,000 in its 2013/14 Budget for a rescope facility which will include public toilets, information centre and café. The revised project is not dependent on external funding, however opportunities will be sought to leverage additional funds which would enable enhancement of the project.
13	The new website was implemented on 31 July 2012. Branding workshop held 12 February 2013.
14	First incident report input to "Crisisworks" system 14 September 2012.

CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the Strathbogie Shire Council in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2013 is presented fairly in accordance with the Local Government Act 1989.

The statement outlines the performance targets and measures set out in relation to the achievement of the Key Strategic Activities in respect of that year described in Council's budget and describes the extent to which the Key Strategic Activities were met in that year having regard to those targets and measures.

As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars in the Performance Statement to be misleading or inaccurate.



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Cr Debra Swan
Councillor



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Cr Colleen Furlanetto
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Date 25 September 2013



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Councillors, Strathbogie Shire Council

The Performance Statement

The accompanying performance statement for the year ended 30 June 2013 of the Strathbogie Shire Council which comprises the statement and the certification of the performance statement has been audited.

The Councillors' Responsibility for the Performance Statement

The Councillors of the Strathbogie Shire Council are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989* and for such internal control as the Councillors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

As required by the *Local Government Act 1989*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the performance statement based on the audit, which has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require compliance with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and that the audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the performance statement. The audit procedures selected depend on judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the performance statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, consideration is given to the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the performance statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the overall presentation of the performance statement.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Independent Auditor's Report (continued)

Independence

The Auditor-General's independence is established by the *Constitution Act 1975*. The Auditor-General is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which his powers and responsibilities are to be exercised. In conducting the audit, the Auditor-General, his staff and delegates complied with all applicable independence requirements of the Australian accounting profession.


Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the performance statement of the Strathbogie Shire Council in respect of the 30 June 2013 financial year presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Performance Statement

This auditor's report relates to the performance statement of the Strathbogie Shire Council for the year ended 30 June 2013 included both in the Strathbogie Shire Council's annual report and on the website. The Councillors of the Strathbogie Shire Council are responsible for the integrity of the Strathbogie Shire Council's website. I have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the Strathbogie Shire Council's website. The auditor's report refers only to the subject matter described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from this statement. If users of the performance statement are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited performance statement to confirm the information contained in the website version of the performance statement.

MELBOURNE
25 September 2013


John Doyle
Auditor-General