



## STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STRATHBOGIE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT THE EUROA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTRE COMMENCING AT 5.00 P.M.

**Councillors:** Debra Swan (Chair)  
Colleen Furlanetto  
Malcolm Little  
Patrick Storer  
Robin Weatherald  
Graeme (Mick) Williams

**Officers:** Steve Crawcour - Chief Executive Officer  
David Woodhams – Director, Corporate and Community  
Phil Howard – Director, Sustainable Development

#### **BUSINESS**

1. Welcome
2. Acknowledgement of Traditional Land Owners  
*'In keeping with the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting today. We recognise indigenous people, their elders past and present'.*

3. Apologies

Councillor Alister Purbrick  
Roy Hetherington - Director, Asset Services  
Peterson Asante – Acting Director, Asset Services  
Gary Abley – Manager, Organisational Development

4. Disclosure of Interests

Nil

#### **EXCERPT FROM MEETING PROCEDURE LOCAL LAW NO. 1**

##### ***CONDUCT OF PUBLIC***

##### **52. VISITORS**

- (1) Visitors must not interject or take part in debate.
- (2) Silence shall be preserved in the gallery at all times.
- (3) If any visitor is called to order by the Chairperson and again acts in breach of this Local Law, the Chairperson may order that person to be removed from the gallery.

**53. CALL TO ORDER**

Any person who has been called to order, including any Councillor who fails to comply with the Chairperson's direction, will be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: \$500

**54. REMOVAL FOR DISRUPTION**

The Chairperson has discretion to cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction under the provisions of this Local Law.

- 5. Reports of Council Officers
  - 5.1 Climate Change
  - 5.2 Infrastructure
  - 5.3 Private Enterprise
  - 5.4 Public Institutions
  - 5.5 Housing and Recreation
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## 5. **REPORTS**

### 5.7 **ORGANISATION**

#### 5.7.1 **Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement**

##### **Author & Department**

Director, 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 Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement 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 statements.

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

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. **Approve *in principle*, with minor amendments, the Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement for the 2012/2013 financial year which were endorsed at the internal Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 18 September 2013.**
2. **Authorise Councillors Swan and Furlanetto to sign the Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement on behalf of, and with the full authority of, the Council; and**
3. **Authorise Cathy Fitzpatrick, Manager-Strategic and Financial Accounting, to certify the 2012/2013 Financial and Standard Statements.**

39/13 **CRS FURLANETTO/WILLIAMS** : *That the Recommendation be adopted, subject to the inclusion of wording underlined in Recommendation 1.*

**CARRIED**

### 5.7.1 Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement (cont.)

#### **Background**

The Auditor-General's service provider conducted an audit of Council's 2012/2013 financial statements during August / September 2013.

The Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement were presented at the Audit Committee meeting held on 18 September 2013 with the Auditor General's service provider addressing the meeting. At the time that this report was prepared, Council was awaiting final Victorian Auditor General Certification. No change to the Financial Statements, Standard Statements or Performance Statement is anticipated.

The Audit Committee recommendation from that meeting was:

*"That the Financial Report, Standard Statements and Performance Statement, and Management Letter, for the year ended 30 June 2013, be endorsed by the Audit Committee for presentation to Council for adoption."*

The Financial Statements show that Council returned a surplus of \$1.85 million for the year ended 30 June 2013 compared to a budgeted surplus of \$0.47 million.

The value of assets under Council's control has increased from \$222 million at 30 June 2012 to \$225 million at 30 June 2013 and is a result of capital works for the year and asset revaluations of \$3.3 million.

#### **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 2013 as issued by the Department of Planning and Community Development.

#### **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.

5.7.1 Approval of Financial Statements, Standard Statements and Performance Statement (cont.)

**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**

Nil.

***THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING CLOSED AT 5.09 P.M.***

Confirmed as being a true and accurate record of the Meeting

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Chair

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Date