

**Strathbogie Shire Council
PERFORMANCE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

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

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Note	Performance Measures	KSA Targets 2012/13	Actual	Achieved Yes/No
	1. A community that has equitable access to a range of quality services which respond to its diverse needs and supports the wellbeing of our communities (Community Wellbeing).			
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design in consultation with VicRoads a suitable drop off / pick up area in Anderson St Euroa (Euroa Primary School). 	31-Dec-13	4-Dec-13	Yes
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with Euroa Rotary / Euroa Citizens Band to design and construct a Sound Shell at Euroa Band Hall. 	28-Feb-14	On going	No
	2. To promote and foster sustainable development in our natural and built environment (Environment).			
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a Shire Wide Sustainable Development Reference Group. 	30-Nov-13	17-Jun-14	No
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce an Organic Household Waste Service. 	31-Jan-14	On going	No
	3. To ensure prudent, transparent and strategic financial planning which results in sound legacy for the future (Financial).			
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Relocate Nagambie Shire Depot to Industrial Estate. 	31-Mar-14	28-Nov-13	Yes
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Rating Strategy. 	31-Oct-13	Incomplete	No
	4. A Shire that builds trust and recognises community needs through transparent, accountable and democratic decision making (Governance).			
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduce an online system for improved community engagement. 	30-Nov-13	Oct-13	Yes
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review Council's Communication Strategy. 	30-Sep-13	On going	No
	5. Encourage investment and development into the Shire by having a responsive and proactive business development culture. (Industry, Business and Investment).			
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop online and hard copy methods for self-service enquiry and resolution for Planning Applications. 	31-Mar-14	Complete	Yes
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a working group for strategic planning on branding and marketing and development of Nagambie High Street retail area. 	30-Nov-13	On going	No
	6. Ensure the Shire's infrastructure enhances efficiency for people and freight movement, service delivery and community amenities (Infrastructure).			
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design, develop and apply for funding for a new library in Violet Town. 	31-May-14	21-Mar-14	Yes
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to support the Euroa Recreational Committee of Management for the redevelopment of Euroa Memorial Oval. 	31-Jan-14	23-Oct-13	Yes
	7. A desirable and safe destination that supports the development of tourism and hospitality enterprises that drive economic growth across our Shire (Tourism and Hospitality).			
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a tourist map of all the horse studs in Strathbogie Shire in partnership with North East Thoroughbreds. 	30-Apr-14	Deferred	No
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide RV friendly car parking signage. 	31-May-14	13-Jun-14	No

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Note	Explanations
1	Design of the project has been completed in line with the KSA target.
2	Council has successfully progressed this project with Euroa Rotary/ Euroa Citizens Band. The scope of the project has changed. Negotiations have been finalised with Euroa Memorial Oval Committee to relocate the George Hunter Room verandah from Memorial Oval to the Euroa Band Hall as an alternative to the original sound shell proposal. Works on the George Hunter Room, which will enable the removal of the existing verandah will commence on 25 August 2014.
3	The Sustainable Development Reference Group was appointed by Council at its meeting of 17 June 2014.
4	Council has conducted an organic household waste pilot program, undertaken community consultation, specifically in relation to the pilot project outcomes and a broader survey of general community attitudes to the proposed service. In order to achieve improved service outcomes, Council's waste management contract arrangements, including organic household waste, have been reviewed and will be aligned with those of neighbouring municipalities seeking to participate in a shared services arrangement. The common date for alignment of contracts is 1 July 2015.
5	The depot relocation has been completed in line with the KSA target.
6	Review of the Long Term Financial Plan and Rating Strategy completed but not finalised within KSA timeline.
7	Introduced use of social media for community engagement. Facebook account established in February 2013 and Twitter account established in October 2013.
8	As a consequence of a recent organisation restructure and related amalgamation of Communications and other business units, Council's Communications Strategy is to be replaced with a broader Community Relations Strategy. Development of the new strategy is under way and is expected to be completed by 31 October 2014.
9	Council uses the State Government Victoria online planning application , SPEAR.
10	The working group will be established in conjunction with the High Street, Nagambie redevelopment project. The first stage of the project is scheduled for completion around September 2015.
11	Council has submitted a funding proposal under the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program 2014. An allocation of \$145,000 has been made for Council's contribution to the project in its 2014/15 budget.
12	Council, with the support of the Euroa Recreational Committee of Management, has prepared and submitted a funding proposal to RDV for the redevelopment of Euroa Memorial Oval.
13	Consultation with industry has identified potential areas of concern. Deferred pending further consideration.
14	Signs supplied 13 June 2014.

CERTIFICATION OF PERFORMANCE STATEMENT

In our opinion, the accompanying performance statement of the Strathbogje Shire Council in respect of the financial year ended 30 June 2014 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.

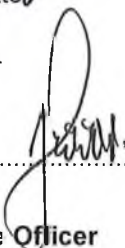
As at the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstance which would render any particulars in the Performance Statement to be misleading or inaccurate.



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Debra Swan
Councillor
Date 23/09/2014



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Colleen Furlanetto
Councillor
Date 23/09/2014



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Steve Crawcour
Chief Executive Officer
Date 23/09/2014

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